



Following round three of the 2021 season, Modified Football Coordinators met to review the new rules. Please find clarification below:

Zoning

- The three zones are to be divided using straight lines across the oval, not curved.
- There is no such thing as “Off-side”. Players use the zone lines as a guide but need to manage themselves to stay within their own zone. On field coaches and umpires can also assist to remind players to remain in their zones.

Marking

- Under 8 players are required to make a “reasonable attempt” for a mark to be paid. To assist with interpretation, this should be a two-hand attempt.

Modified Tackle

- The modified tackle in Under 9 competition must be coached and umpired as per the training video here:
<https://sanfl.com.au/inside-sanfl/resources/u9-u12-tackling-modified-tackle/>

Holding the ball (U8s)

- Players should try to make a reasonable attempt to dispose of the ball within 4-5 seconds. Holding on to the ball for an unreasonable period will result in a call of “holding the ball” and a free kick being allocated to the opposition.

Match times and locations

- Home side coaches are reminded to contact the opposition team prior to the match to confirm match time and location.

Coaches and umpires are encouraged to discuss issues at the nearest quarter time break of the match.

Overall the new rules are working well and we thank you for your support.