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Dear All NFNL Junior Clubs,

Please take note of below and please utilise your runner to provide instructions to players if the rule is to come into effect during your game. Please also note the slight amendment in red.

11.11 MERCY RULE

11.11. Mercy Rule (Junior Competitions only)

11.11.1. When a team is 60 points or more in front of the opposing team, the mercy rule will come into play. This means that the trailing team will take a kick from their attacking centre half forward position (man on the mark stands on the centre square) **after every goal irrespective of which team kicks the goal. If the margin drops to under 60 points at any stage the mercy rule will no longer apply and normal playing rules will take effect.**

11.11.2. All players (both teams) must remain in their positions and on-ballers/wingers must stay behind the centre circle away from the kicker.

11.11.3. The ball must be kicked forward by the “attacking” player

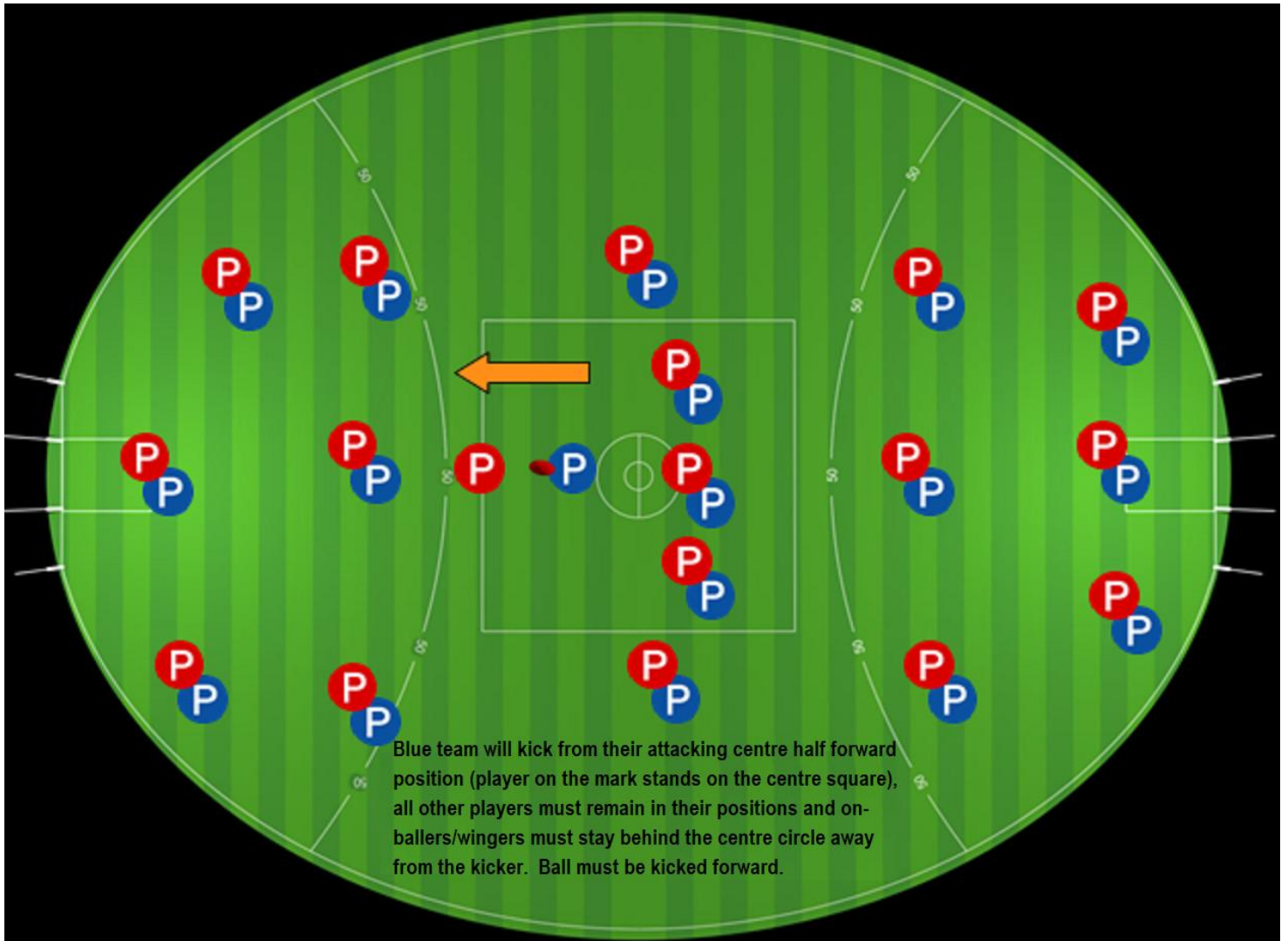
11.11.4. The mercy rule will apply for both home and away and finals matches.

11.11.5. The beginning of all quarters shall commence via a ball up regardless of whether the mercy rule is in effect.

In essence all midfield players(including wingers) must remain behind the centre circle when the free is taken at the attacking position of the centre square.



PLEASE NOTE EXAMPLE BELOW IS FOR AN 18 A SIDE GAME



Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SD'.

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