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applies to all matches of
the Adelaide Footy League
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Football have not been adopted or
modified by the
Adelaide Footy League's
Rules, Regulations, Policies, Directions
and Procedures.
See Appendix 15 for exceptions

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SECTION 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, GENERAL COMMITTEE, CLUB DELEGATES**1 INTERPRETATIONS**

- 1.1 **“Adelaide Footy League”** is the trading name of The South Australian Amateur Football League Incorporated.
- 1.2 **“AdFL”** means the Adelaide Footy league
- 1.3 **“Adelaide Footy League Women”** is the trading name of the Adelaide Footy League’s Womens competitions.
- 1.4 **“Affiliated League”** means a football league which has affiliated with SACFL under rule 9.4 of the SACFL Constitution.
- 1.5 **“AFL”** means the Australian Football League.
- 1.6 **“AFLW”** means the Australian Football League’s Womens competition
- 1.7 **“Associated Persons”** means any Official, Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer, Runner, player, member, employee, supporter or any other person associated with a Member Club
- 1.8 **“CEO”** means the Chief Executive Officer of The League.
- 1.9 **“Division”** means one of the groupings in which The League is divided for the purpose of competition.
- 1.10 **“Executive Committee”** means the committee appointed under Clause 13 of the SA Amateur Football League Constitution.
- 1.11 **“Investigation Committee”** means the committee appointed by The League under Clause 12 of the SAAFL Constitution.
- 1.12 **“Junior”** means players, or matches played by players, from the year in which the player turns thirteen (13) years of age.
- 1.13 **“Major Round”** means a series of matches played at the completion of The League’s Minor Round season to determine the premier Member Club in each Division of The League.
- 1.14 **“Match”** means the contest of Australian Football played between two teams.
- 1.15 **“Minor Round”** means a series of matches played prior to The League’s Major Round matches.
- 1.16 **“MRP”** means the Match Review Panel.
- 1.17 **“Official”** includes but is not limited to an Officer, Coach, assistant Coach, Trainer, Runner, employee or any other person performing any duties (paid or unpaid) for or on behalf of a Member Club or team.
- 1.18 **“Player”** means a person who is registered to play football with a Member Club.
- 1.19 **“Player Registration and Transfer Form”** means a form to be completed by a player seeking approval to transfer as a player from one Australian Football Club to another Australian Football Club.
- 1.20 **“Prescribed Penalty”** means a penalty offered to a player or official by the Match Review Panel without the player or official being required to attend a Tribunal hearing.
- 1.21 **“Registration”** means the act of registering a player to compete in the Adelaide Footy League.
- 1.22 **“Rules and Regulations”** means these Rules and Regulations.
- 1.23 **“SAAFL”** means the South Australian Amateur Football League.
- 1.24 **“SACFL”** means the South Australian Community Football League.
- 1.25 **“SANFL”** means the South Australian National Football League.
- 1.26 **“SANFW”** means the South Australian National Football League’s Womens Competition.
- 1.27 **“SANFL League Club”** means a League Club as defined in the SANFL Constitution.
- 1.28 **“The League”** means the South Australian Amateur Football League Incorporated and/or its trading name Adelaide Footy League.
- 1.29 **“Transfer”** means an approval to transfer a player from a Member Club or Affiliated League Club to another Member Club or Affiliated League Club.

1.30 **“Tribunal”** means the Tribunal appointed by The League under Clause 11 of the SAAFL Constitution.

1.31 **“Umpire”** means all of the Field, Boundary, Goal and Emergency Umpires officiating or at a match conducted by The League.

2 THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2.1 To the exclusion of the General Committee The League Executive Committee may

- (a) determine the remuneration of Umpires.
- (b) order from time to time the method of determining which team(s) may be relegated and which team(s) may be promoted.
- (c) consider allegations, complaints and protests arising from the playing of an unregistered player by a Member Club.
- (d) impose penalties prescribed by The League’s Constitution and these Rules and Regulations in respect of a Member Club or a member of a Member Club who willfully or negligently misleads an Officer of The League, the General Committee, The Executive Committee, the Investigation Committee, the Tribunal, the Tribunal Appeal Board or a Sub-Committee of The League in the performance of their duties.
- (e) receive, consider and implement as it sees fit, recommendations made by the Tribunal and/or Investigation Committee and/or the Tribunal Appeal Board.
- (f) require the attendance before it of such person as it may consider appropriate to enable it to determine any complaint, protest or dispute.
- (g) appoint Sub-Committees as it deems appropriate.
- (h) determine the cost to each Member Club to register the players of such Member Club for any year and the time for which such payments shall be made.
- (i) receive, investigate and determine an appeal lodged by a player in respect of a player transfer being refused.
- (j) prescribe the forms of The League to be used.
- (k) determine starting times for all matches of The League.
- (l) appoint representative team coaches of The League upon such conditions as it see fit.
- (m) appoint representative team selection committee(s) of The League as it sees fit.
- (n) direct a Member Club to appoint Umpires for any match of The League as it sees fit.
- (o) consider and determine applications to replay any match of The League.
- (p) determine the manner for awarding trophies and Certificates of The League.
- (q) fix remuneration of an employee of The League.
- (r) appoint Field, Boundary and Goal Umpires for any match of The League as it sees fit.
- (s) order the forfeit of a match for non-compliance with these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.
- (t) without previous charge, protest or complaint, initiate a meeting of the Investigation Committee should it consider an enquiry is justified in the interest of The League.
- (u) enquire into all charges, complaints, protests and allegations concerning Umpires, officials, Delegates, Member Clubs or players.
- (v) impose penalties including Fines listed hereunder if.
 - (i) a person who in the opinion of The Executive Committee gives false evidence at a hearing of a Tribunal and/or the Investigation Committee and/or the Tribunal Appeal Board.
 - (ii) a person who insults the Executive Committee or a person giving evidence at a hearing of a Tribunal and/or the Investigation Committee and/or the Tribunal Appeal Board and/or an investigation.
 - (iii) a person misbehaves at a hearing of a Tribunal, Appeal or Investigation.

- (iv) a person refuses to obey the direction of the Executive Committee or The League.
- (v) a person fails to comply with a request from the Executive Committee or The League.
- (w) delegate any football operational procedures in Clause 2 to The League's CEO
- (x) determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations.

3 THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

- 3.1 At a meeting of the General Committee, the General Committee may by ordinary Resolution alter or repeal any of the Clauses of these Rules and Regulations or may make new Rules and Regulations to the exclusion of or in addition to any of the Rules and Regulations made herein.
- (a) notice in writing of such ordinary Resolution shall be lodged with The League at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting of the General Committee at which the motion is to be put.
 - (b) The League shall give notice of such motion to each Member Club at least seven (7) days before the meeting of the General Committee at which the motion is to be put.
 - (c) a simple majority of the General Committee shall pass the motion.
- 3.2 A prior Resolution of a meeting of the General Committee shall not be repealed or amended within twelve (12) months from the time of the prior Resolution unless a meeting of the General Committee by Special Resolution of two thirds of the Delegates present and entitled to vote, resolve to repeal or amend such prior Resolution
- (a) a prior Resolution may be repealed or amended after twelve (12) months by way of a simple majority of the General Committee.

4 CLUB DELEGATES

- 4.1 A Member Club shall appoint a Delegate to attend meetings of the General Committee on the Member Club's behalf.
- 4.2 Should a Delegate of a Member Club fail to attend more than two (2) consecutive meetings of the General Committee, The League may stipulate such Member Club to appoint another Delegate.
- 4.3 Any Delegate of the General Committee unable to attend a meeting of the General Committee may appoint a replacement for a meeting provided The League is advised prior to the commencement of the meeting at which the replacement person is to attend.

SECTION 2

ADMISSION TO THE LEAGUE, the Competition Management Tool, PROMOTION AND RELEGATION, PREMIERSHIPS

5 CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE LEAGUE

- 5.1 Any club seeking admission to The League shall make its application for admission prescribed by The League to be received by The League not later than the thirty first (31st) day of August of the year preceding the year for which admission is sought.
- (a) The League shall only consider an application for admission from a club which has competed in a SACFL Affiliated League or Association
 - (i) within the previous twelve (12) months, and
 - (ii) has competed in a SACFL Affiliated League or Association for a minimum of three (3) consecutive seasons.
 - (iii) and is not under any form of suspension, disbarment or moratorium in any other Australian Football league or association.
- 5.2 The application shall include:

- (a) the names and addresses of the applicant club's office bearers and committee members.
 - (b) front and rear view of the proposed Home and Away playing uniform(s) of the applicant club.
 - (c) the location of the applicant club's oval(s) change rooms and club rooms and whether such oval(s) and facilities are shared or not and upon what basis and with whom.
 - (d) the number of teams, the applicant club desires to compete in The League.
 - (i) the minimum number of Senior Mens teams being two (2) and/or
 - (ii) the minimum number of Womens teams being one (1).
 - (e) a nomination of the Division(s) in which each team of the applicant club desires to compete.
 - (f) other information The League directs to form part of the applicant club's application.
- 5.3 An applicant club which is admitted to The League shall pay an affiliation fee as determined by The League.
- 5.4 for the purpose of considering an application for admission to The League, The League retains the right to examine and inspect the applicant club's records, oval(s), change rooms, clubroom and facilities.
- 5.5 the League may make any recommendations as it sees fit concerning such applicant club's oval(s), change rooms, clubrooms or facilities.
- 5.6 The League shall approve the applicant club's Home and Away playing uniforms.
- 5.7 the decision of The League shall be final in respect of whether the applicant club's application is accepted or rejected and there shall be no appeal against such decision.

6 RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE

- 6.1 Each current Member Club seeking renewal of its membership with The League for the next playing season shall make its application on the renewal form prescribed by The League and to be received by The League not later than the thirty first (31st) day of October of the year preceding the year to which renewal is sought and shall include
- (a) front and rear view photographs of the Member Club's proposed playing uniform(s).
 - (b) a nomination of the Division(s) in which the Member Club desires to complete.
 - (c) the number of teams the Member Club desires to field in The League shall be
 - (i) the minimum number of Senior Mens teams being two (2) and/or
 - (a) a current Member Club nominating only one (1) Senior Mens team shall be allowed to field one team for the following playing season only.
 - (b) should such Member Club not being able to field a minimum of two (2) Senior Mens teams in the following playing season The League retains the right to reject the Member Club's renewal of its membership of The League.
 - (ii) the minimum number of Womens teams being one (1).
 - (d) a fee as determined by The League which shall be deducted from the Member Club's scheduled fees for the forthcoming playing season.
 - (e) any other information The League may request to form part of a Member Club's application.
- 6.2 A Member Club making an application for an additional team(s) shall pay a fee to The League by no later than the thirty first (31st) January in the year to which the application is sought.
- (a) if a Member Club withdraws such additional team prior to the date determined by The League the fee shall be refunded in full to the Member Club.
 - (b) in the event a Member Club withdraws its additional team after the date determined by The League no part of the Member Club's fee shall be refunded.
- 6.3 for the purpose of considering an application for renewal of its membership to The League, The League retains the right to examine and inspect the Member Club's records, oval(s), change rooms, clubrooms and facilities.

- 6.4 The League may make recommendations as it sees fit concerning such Member Club's oval(s), change rooms, clubrooms or facilities.
- 6.5 a Member Club withdrawing a team or teams during the playing season shall pay part of or the total of their annual scheduled fees as The League sees fit.
- 6.6 a Member Club expelled or suspended shall lose all its rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations and shall not be entitled to any refund of monies paid save such expelled or suspended Member Club may make an application for admission to The League in accordance with Clause 6 of these Rules and Regulations.
- 6.7 A Member Club shall not participate in any aspect of The League whilst any of its Affiliation Fees are in arrears.

7 ONLINE SPORTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- 7.1 Each Member Club upon acceptance and/or renewal of its membership with The League shall enter information as directed by The League into the Online Sports Management System ("PlayHQ").
 - (a) The League may impose a Fine for failure to comply with such request.

8 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 8.1 Subject to Clauses 8.3(a) and 8.3(b) the Members Clubs Mens "A" Division teams occupying the lowest two positions on the Premiership Table shall be relegated to the Division below their current Division in the following playing season and
 - (a) the Member Clubs "B" Division teams shall also be relegated to the Division below their current Division in the following playing season.
 - (b) the Member Clubs "C" Division teams shall also be relegated to the Division below their current Division in the following playing season.
- 8.2 Member Clubs Mens "A" Division team playing in the Grand Final shall be promoted to the Division above their current Division in the following playing season provided
 - (a) no two teams from one Member Club shall be in the same Division in any one year.
 - (b) either of the Member Clubs "A" Division teams playing in the Grand Final may choose not to be promoted in the following playing season provided such an option has not been exercised by the Member Club in the previous playing season and the Member Club occupying either of the lowest two positions on the Premiership Table at the end of the Minor Round of matches in the Division above the Member Clubs to be promoted chooses to remain in the same Division for the following playing season provided such Member Club has not exercised this option in the previous playing season.
- 8.3 The League retains the right to ensure that the lowest Mens "A" Division has a minimum of eight (8) teams by the following methods where the League has
 - (a) sixty-nine (69) "A" Division teams the lowest "A" Division and Reserve Divisions will consist of nine (9) teams.
 - (b) sixty-eight (68) "A" Division teams the lowest "A" Division and Reserve Divisions will consist of eight (8) teams.
 - (c) sixty-seven (67) "A" Division teams the lowest "A" Division and Reserve Divisions will consist of eight teams and the second lowest "A" Division and Reserve Divisions will consist of nine (9) teams.
 - (d) Sixty-six (66) "A" Division teams the two (2) lowest "A" Division and Reserve Divisions will consist of eight (8) teams each.
- 8.4 A Member Clubs "B" Division team will follow the Member Clubs "A" Division.
- 8.5 The League retains the right to not

- (a) instigate Clause 8.2 if this would result in the third team “C’s” of a Member Club being promoted into a Division in which predominantly the first team “A’s” of other Member Clubs will be participating in the following playing season.
- (b) promote a Member Club team playing in a C Division Grand Final to the Division above their current Division.
- (c) relegate for the following season a team which finished in the lowest two places in the current season even if a position is available.

8.6 A Members Clubs Womens Divisions promotion and relegation will be determined by The League.

9 METHOD OF DETERMINING PREMIERSHIP TABLES

- 9.1 Subject to the discretion of The League to make such recommendations as it deems fit the method of determining the Premiership in every Division shall be as follows
- (a) each Member Club shall play every other Member Club twice in Divisions where there are ten (10) teams
 - (i) in a Division of more or less than ten (10) teams The League shall determine the program in such Division.
 - (b) Premiership Points shall be counted, two points for a win, one point for a Draw and two points for an opposition forfeit.
 - (c) a percentage of the points scored for and against each team shall be determined.
 - (d) if at the end of the Minor Round of matches two or more teams have obtained the same number of Premiership Points their position on the Premiership Table shall be determined by the percentage in accordance with Clause 9.1(c).
 - (e) if there is an exact tie for a position then the points for and against in matches played between such tied teams during the Minor Round shall determine the final positions of the teams.

SECTION 3 PLAYER REGISTRATION, CLEARANCES, APPS, SALARY CAP

10 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS (CLEARANCE)

- 10.1 A player shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) years of age to be registered with The League.
- 10.2 Subject to these Rules and Regulations no player shall be permitted to play for a Member Club unless they first complete the details and sign a Player Registration and Transfer Form (Appendix 1) to become a registered player of The League.
- 10.3 A player desiring to register as a player of The League and whom
- (a) has played an official match in any other Australian Football league or association or Member Club within the last twenty-four (24) months and was over the age of fifteen (15) at the time of such registration and/or
 - (b) has played with or was registered with a club prior to or at the same time, or ever played in the South Australian National Football League (“SANFL”), shall request and obtain a transfer from the other league or association or Member Club where such player was previously registered.
- 10.4 A player who is required to obtain a transfer shall complete and sign in their own handwriting a Player Registration and Transfer form and if such player is under eighteen (18) years of age the transfer application shall be also signed by a parent or guardian of the player.
- 10.5 A Player Registration and Transfer Form shall be lodged into the Competition Management Tool prior to a player playing a match in The League.

- 10.6 All transfer applications shall be lodged into the Competition Management Tool during the following periods
- (a) the month of November in the year prior to which the transfer application is sought.
 - (b) the first (1st) day of February to the thirtieth (30th) day of June in the year in which the transfer application is sought.
- 10.7 A transfer shall be accepted or declined through the Competition Management Tool within six (6) clear business days inclusive of the date from when the transfer was requested.
- 10.8 Should the releasing Member Club not respond to the transfer request within the time specified in Clause 10.7 the player shall be deemed to have been transferred in accordance with Clause 10.3.
- 10.9 Where it is not possible for a player to obtain a transfer because the club, league, association or previous Member Club with which the player was last registered has ceased to exist, The League may authorise the transfer of such player.
- 10.10 Should a player wish to withdraw their transfer application, the player shall complete the Player Withdrawal of Transfer Form (Appendix 2).
- (a) when refusing the player's transfer the Member Club shall submit this form to The League within six (6) clear business days from the date the transfer application was submitted.
- 10.11 A transfer sought by a player from a club, league or association apart from a Member Club, shall comply with the Rules and conditions as specified in the South Australian Community Football League ("SACFL") Transfer Regulations, in particular Regulations 8 – 17 inclusive (Appendix 3).
- 10.12 A player registered with a Member Club in either the current or previous year and who is transferred to another league, association or Member Club in the current year shall only be transferred back to the original Member Club within the current year, unless the original Member Club agrees to such other transfer.
- 10.13 A player who has no financial indebtedness or contractual obligation to their previous Member Club shall not be refused a transfer.
- (a) if a player's indebtedness to a Member Club is player subscriptions the amount owing shall only apply to the player's year prior to the year in which the player seeks a transfer.
 - (b) a player who played only one (1) match for a Member Club in the year previous to the year in which the player seeks a transfer shall be exempt from paying any outstanding subscriptions from the previous year when applying for a transfer to another Member Club.
 - (c) a player who played two (2) or three (3) matches for a Member Club in the year previous to the year in which the player seeks a transfer shall not be refused such transfer provided the player pays fifty percent (50%) of their outstanding subscriptions owing to a Member Club from their previous year with such Member Club.
 - (d) the only recognised contractual obligation by The League is the SACFL Playing Contract form (Appendix 4).
- 10.14 Services Required is acceptable as a valid reason for refusal of an application for transfer between Member Clubs only when a player has played a minimum of one match for the Member Club during the current playing season.
- 10.15 A player refused a transfer by a Member Club may appeal in writing to The League which may investigate, hear and determine such appeal and retains the right to permit the registration of such player despite the fact no transfer has been obtained.
- 10.16 A player refused a transfer by another league or association or Member Club shall not be eligible to apply for registration in The League in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.

- 10.17 A player whom does not require a transfer shall become registered with The League when the player has registered into the Competition Management Tool prior to the player's first match with the player's new Member Club.
- 10.18 A player under suspension or disqualification imposed by another league or association shall be eligible for registration as a player of The League but shall be ineligible to play in The League until such disqualification or suspension has
- (a) expired within the league or association from which the player seeks the transfer or
 - (b) been suspended or
 - (c) been annulled by such other league or association.
- 10.19 A player's contract will not be valid until
- (a) the player's contract is lodged with The League
 - (b) the player's registration has been entered into the Competition Management Tool
 - (c) the transfer request has been approved.
- 10.20 A player shall be registered with only one Member Club at any given time.
- 10.21 It is the responsibility of the Member Club to keep all original Player Registration and Transfer forms and supply such records within forty-eight (48) hours if requested by The League.
- 10.22 It is the responsibility of a Member Club to ensure each player meets The League's Code of Behaviour (Appendix 5) standards.
- 10.23 If a player and/or Member Club lists incorrect information on the player's Player Registration and Transfer form or incorrect information into the Competition Management Tool, such player shall be deemed to be unregistered and The League may impose a penalty and/or Fine to the offending player and/or the Member Club.
- 10.24 A player or Official who has been suspended for a total of twelve (12) matches or more shall have their registration to play or officiate within The League withdrawn but may request a transfer to any other league or association at the completion of their suspension.
- 10.25 A player who has had their registration to play or officiate within The League withdrawn as per Clause 10.24 may apply in writing to The League for reinstatement three (3) years from the date of their registration being withdrawn.
- 10.26 The League retains the right to withdraw or rescind a player's or officials registration or transfer.
- 10.27 The League may impose a penalty including but not limited to
- (a) a Fine and/or
 - (b) the loss of Premiership Points and/or
 - (c) the loss of the score kicked by a Member Club in a match if it plays a player
 - (i) whom is unregistered or
 - (ii) whom is not transferred or
 - (iii) whom is suspended or
 - (iv) whom played under an incorrect name or
 - (v) whom was not eligible to play in the Major Round
- 10.28 A Member Club may refuse a transfer for a player if three (3) Mens players have previously transferred from such Member Club to the same destination Member Club in the current playing season except where
- (a) both Member Clubs agree on the transfers or
 - (b) the player has previously played twenty-five (25) or more Mens matches for the Member Club applying for such transfer or
 - (c) the player has played less than four (4) matches in the previous playing season for the source Member Club.

- 10.29 A Member Club may refuse a transfer for a player if two (2) Womens players have previously transferred from such Member Club to the same destination Member Club in the current playing season except where
- (a) both Member Clubs agree on the transfers or
 - (b) the player has previously played twenty (20) or more Womens matches for the Member Club applying for such transfer or
 - (c) the player has played less than four (4) matches in the previous playing season for the source Member Club.
- 10.30 A Player Registration and Transfer Form shall be lodged into the Competition Management Tool and approved in full by the source club, source league or association, the destination club, The League and the player seeking registration prior to the player playing in a match of The League.

11 APPROVED PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (APPS)

- 11.1 Member Clubs shall comply with the Approved Player Points system (APPS) Rules and conditions as specified in the SACFL Regulations in particular Regulation 31.
- 11.2 The Player Points System for a team shall be in accordance with the guidelines set out in Appendix 3 of the SACFL Regulations.
- 11.3 A Member Club shall not field a Mens “A” Division team in any match of The League where the team’s Total Points Rating exceeds fifteen (15) points in a Minor Round match and seventeen (17) points in a Major Round match.
- 11.4 Before playing a match for a Member Club a Mens player shall complete Section 1(b) – the Player Point Rating – at the bottom of the Player Registration and Transfer Form and such form be made available upon request by The League.
- (a) a player whom attended the school associated with a Member Club for three (3) years or more from the year in which the player turns thirteen (13) years of age shall be given a base rating of zero (0) points.
 - (b) such school-Member Club association shall be determined by The League.
- 11.5 Except in instances where Points Deductions or Exemptions may apply, a player who has played the majority of their matches for the Mens team of a Member Club who then transfers to another Member Club shall be allocated three (3) points regardless of which Division the player has either been transferred to or from within The League.
- 11.6 For the purpose of the SACFL’s Appendix 3 Clause 6.5 ruling regarding the child of a Member Club Life Member, The League’s interpretation of a Life Member of a Member Club is a person who played a minimum of one hundred and fifty (150) Senior matches for the same Member Club or has given ten (10) years unpaid off field service to the same Member Club.
- (a) The League in its absolute discretion may instigate an investigation it considers appropriate to determine the Life Membership qualifications of a Member Club person.
- 11.7 The League accepts no responsibility for a Member Club which may self-assess a player’s Approved Player Points System value which is subsequently determined to be incorrect.

12 SALARY CAP

- 12.1 Player Payments within The League will be in accordance to the SACFL Regulation 31 Total Player Payments except for variations to the SACFL Regulation Total Player Payments Key Areas (Appendix 6)
- (a) the Total Player Payments is to be no more than three thousand dollars (\$2,500.00) for each Minor Round or Major Round match in which a Member Club is participating.
 - (b) a maximum Player Payment per match is four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per player.

- (c) there is no provision for a Marquee Player payment.
- (d) there are no Player Payments for Representative matches played.

SECTION 4 SANFL PLAYERS, BYE ROUND, STATE TEAMS, AND WOMENS DIVISIONS

13 BYE ROUND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 13.1 A player who plays in a Division in a round when their Member Club has other Divisions with the bye in that same weekend, shall not be eligible to play in a lower Division which had the bye in the following weekend of matches unless the player has played the majority of their matches in the current season in such lower Division.
- 13.2 A player who plays in a team which then has a bye in the following Minor Round shall not play in the lower Division in the following week of Minor Round matches unless the player has played the majority of their matches in the current season in such lower Division.
- 13.3 When a Member Club's Senior teams are playing on different days within the same round of matches of The League a player may only play in multiple matches on the same day.

14 SANFL & SANFLW PLAYERS PLAYING IN ADELAIDE FOOTY LEAGUE

- 14.1 A player who is registered in accordance with Clause 10.2 and whom plays for a team competing in the SANFL or SANFLW shall not require a transfer to resume playing for the Member Club to whom they are registered provided they have previously been transferred to their Member Club from their immediate last Australian Football club.
- 14.2 A player whom is listed on a SANFL club's 1 - 35 player list in the current playing season shall submit permission from their SANFL club to The League in writing prior to the player playing for their Member Club.
- 14.3 When a registered player of a Member Club plays a league, reserves or womens match for an SANFL club which then has a bye in the following SANFL Minor Round, the player shall not play in the round for the player's Member Club or for any other Member Club unless the player has played a combined minimum total of either twenty five (25) Senior and Junior Mens matches or twenty (20) Womens matches with such Member Club or such player attended the school associated with a Member Club for three (3) years or more from the year the player turned thirteen (13) years of age
 - (a) the player shall submit permission from their SANFL club in writing to The League prior to playing for their Member Club.
 - (b) a Junior player is deemed as a player who played from the year in which they turned thirteen (13) years of age.
- 14.4 On a SANFL bye round players playing in the SANFL Under 18's may play with their Member Club in any Division after advising The League in writing and receiving approval from The League prior to the player playing for their Member Club.
- 14.5 An SANFL state match when the SANFL clubs do not play is considered as a SANFL bye.
- 14.6 A player who plays a SANFL or SANFLW match cannot play in a match of The League within five (5) clear days of playing such SANFL or SANFLW match except where a Permit has been granted by The League.

15 STATE AND REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

- 15.1 A player selected to represent The League in State and/or Representative matches shall be released from the Member Club to which they are registered.

16 WOMENS DIVISIONS

- 16.1 A player who desires to compete in a Senior Womens match shall be a minimum of 15 years of age.
- 16.2 The approved size four (4) football shall be used for all Womens matches of the League.
- 16.3 A player who has competed in an AFLW match in the previous twelve months (12) will be ineligible for selection in a Members Clubs team in The League.
- 16.4 A Member Clubs Womens Divisions promotion and relegation will be determined by The League.
- 16.5 A player who played in the SANFLW competition in the current season shall continue playing in The League only once the player's SANFLW team's season has been completed if:
- the player has played less than nine (9) matches in the SANFLW in the current season and/or
 - the player has played a minimum of two (2) matches in a competition of The League in the current season prior to the completion of the SANFLW minor rounds
- 16.6 The Last Possession rule shall be used in all Womens Divisions.
- 16.7 In games where the "last possession" rule applies, the following shall occur when the football passes out of bounds:
- if the football is kicked over the boundary line on the full without being touched, the "out of bounds on the full" signal shall be given by the Boundary Umpire by extending both arms horizontally from the shoulder. The Field Umpire will then award the appropriate free kick.
 - if the football bounces before the boundary line after being kicked or handballed and then proceeds completely over the boundary line without being touched by any player, the "out of bounds" signal shall be given by the Boundary Umpire by raising one arm vertically with an open hand above the head. The Field Umpire will then award a free kick for last possession, indicating the signal which is also used for "deliberate out of bounds". The Boundary Umpire shall then indicate to the Field Umpire where the football crossed the boundary line to enable the Field Umpire to place the player on the mark.
 - if the football proceeds completely over the boundary line after being touched by any player, the "out of bounds touched" signal shall be given by the Boundary Umpire by raising one arm vertically with an open hand above the head and the back of the raised hand tapped three times. The Field Umpire will then signal and call for the football to be thrown back into play by the Boundary Umpire.
 - if the Field Umpire has any doubt of the ball being touched or if there was a clear kick or handball, the Field Umpire and the Boundary Umpire should consult. If there remains any doubt after such discussion, a throw-in should result by the Boundary Umpire.

SECTION 5 MATCH DAY, RESULTS PROCEDURE, ACCREDITATION, CROWD CONTROL, INSURANCE, FINES

17 MATCH DAY OFFICIAL

- 17.1 A minimum of one (1) Match Day Official who shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age shall be appointed by each Member Club for every match of The League and whom shall be responsible for the following
- shall wear the official Match Day attire as prescribed by The League for the duration of the match being played.
 - attend the Umpire's Room twenty (20) minutes prior to the commencement of the match and introduce themselves to the officiating Umpires.

- (c) escort the Umpire(s) on to the field for the commencement of the match, off the field at the half time break, on to the field for the commencement of the third quarter and off the field at the completion of the match.
 - (d) ensure a Match Day Official, or the Captain of the team in the match being played, are the only persons who may approach a Field Umpire(s) at quarter, half, or three quarter time breaks in regard to an issue their Member Club would like addressed.
 - (e) advise the opposing Member Club Match Day Official that The League may be notified of a person(s) connected with their Member Club for bad language, abusive, aggressive or threatening behaviour.
 - (f) ensure spectators are kept behind the spectator defined line or fence.
 - (g) ensure Member Club Coaches and officials keep within their defined area.
 - (h) ensure alcohol is not consumed in the defined non-alcohol consumption areas.
 - (i) ensure no alcohol or drinks in glass are taken onto the playing field at any time.
 - (j) ensure no Member Club officials, players or supporters enter the Umpire's Room without the Umpire's permission.
- 17.2 For a Major Round match each participating Member Club shall be responsible for supplying two (2) Match Day officials.
- 17.3 The League may impose a Fine to a Member Club found guilty of breaching the responsibilities as listed in Clauses 17.1 and 17.2.

18 MATCH DAY HOME CLUB FORMS

- 18.1 The Field Umpire(s) shall provide the following on the Match Day Paperwork App within one (1) hour of the completion of the match;
- (a) their Best and Fairest Votes.
 - (b) any Category "A" red card report.
 - (c) any Category "B" yellow card report.
 - (d) the Field Umpire's Report form.
- 18.2 If the Match Day Paperwork App is unable to be completed, all Match Day paperwork is to be hand delivered to The League by 10.00am on the Monday proceeding the match and should include
- (a) the Team Sheet from both competing teams.
 - (b) the Field Umpire's Best and Fairest Votes.
 - (c) one official scorecard.
 - (d) Interchange Card.
 - (e) the Field Umpire's Report form.
 - (f) any Category "A" red card report.
- 18.3 All Match Day paperwork completed on the Match Day Paperwork App is to be retained by the Home Member Club until the 1st November of each playing season including the following
- (a) the Team Sheet from both competing teams.
 - (b) one official scorecard.
 - (c) Interchange Card- unless this has been taken by a Field Umpire as per Clause 18.2(d)
 - (d) The Field Umpire's Report Form.
- 18.4 A Fine may apply to the Member Club for not supplying the required Match Day forms to The League as listed in Clause 18.3.

19 MATCH RESULTS PROCEDURE

- 19.1 When a match is played on a Friday or Saturday each Member Club in every Division shall enter into the Competition Management Tool before 6.00pm on the Saturday of that round for publication in the Sunday Mail
- (a) The Home Club shall enter
 - (i) quarter by quarter and final scores of the match played.
 - (ii) their teams goal kickers.
 - (iii) their teams five (5) best players.
 - (b) The Away Club shall enter
 - (i) their teams goal kickers.
 - (ii) their teams five (5) best players.
- 19.2 When a match is played on a Sunday each Member Club which played in any Division shall enter into the Competition Management Tool before 6.00pm Sunday all information as listed.
- (a) The Home Club shall enter
 - (i) quarter by quarter and final scores of the match played.
 - (ii) their teams goal kickers.
 - (iii) Their teams five (5) best players.
 - (b) The Away Club shall enter
 - (i) their teams goal kickers.
 - (ii) their teams five (5) best players.
- 19.3 The League may impose a Fine to a Member Club for failure to supply such Saturday and/or Sunday match results.

20 COACH'S AND TRAINER'S ACCREDITATION

- 20.1 The appointed Coach of a team of a Member Club shall attain a minimum level of Coaching Accreditation as determined by The League prior to coaching a match of The League.
- 20.2 If an appointed Coach continues to coach having not obtained the necessary accreditation as prescribed by The League a penalty or Fine may be imposed by The League upon the unaccredited Coach and/or the Coach's Member Club.
- 20.3 A Member Club Trainer shall have a current Senior First Aid, CPR Certificate and Level 1 Sports Trainers accreditation at the commencement of the current playing season.
- 20.4 If an appointed Trainer has not obtained the necessary accreditation as prescribed in Clause 20.3, The League may impose a penalty or Fine upon the unaccredited Trainer and/or the Trainer's Member Club.

21 CROWD CONTROL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 21.1 The Code of Behaviour (Appendix 5) details The League's expected standards of behaviour from Member Clubs, officials, players and supporters.
- 21.2 A Member Club shall be held responsible for the conduct and the behaviour of any Member Club Official, Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer, Runner, player, member, employee, supporter or any other person associated with their Member Club ("Associated Person(s)") at matches in which their teams are participating.
- 21.3 A Member Club shall be liable to a penalty and/or Fine imposed by The League for a breach of The League's Code of Behaviour or for misconduct or misbehaviour by their Associated Person(s) at, during or after a match of The League.

22 OFFICIAL FOOTBALL

- 22.1 All footballs used in all matches of The League shall be the football designated as the official football of The League.
- (a) All footballs used for Womens matches shall be size four (4)

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 A Member Club shall comply with the insurance requirements as directed by The League.

24 FEES AND FINES

- 24.1 A Member Club shall pay their scheduled fees in four (4) instalments due and payable by 30th April, 31st May, 30th June and 31st July each year.
- 24.2 Umpire's fees for Member Club matches played shall be invoiced separately by The League.
- 24.3 A Member Club may apply to The League in writing for alternative payment methods which shall be considered by The League provided the application is lodged no later than 7 days prior to the due Member Club payment date.
- 24.4 The League may impose a Fine on a Member Club, official or player for breaching or failing to comply with The League's Rules and Regulations and/or in accordance with the Fines List (Appendix 9).
- 24.5 The League, the Executive Committee, the Tribunal or the Investigation Committee may impose a Fine and/or a penalty listed or otherwise on the Fines List to a Member Club, official, Coach or player for breaching or failing to comply with these Rules and Regulations and/or The League's Constitution.
- 24.6 A financial penalty may be imposed by The League on an outstanding scheduled fee or Fine as determined by The League.
- 24.7 A Member Club failing to pay a scheduled fee, Fine or other payment for which the Member Club is liable by the due date as determined by The League may be deemed unfinancial and any or all teams of such Member Club may be suspended by The League until the monies owed are paid.
- 24.8 A Member Club which is deemed unfinancial may not be permitted to participate in further matches of The League including Major Round matches.
- (a) when such situation occurs the team which the unfinancial Member Club was due to play shall be awarded the match.
- 24.9 An unfinancial Member Club's re-nomination for the following playing season shall not be accepted by The League until any outstanding amount(s) is paid.
- 24.10 A Member Club may appeal a Fine issued by The League subject to:
- (a) the appeal being lodged with The League on the Appeal Of Fine Issued form (Appendix 8) within seven (7) days of the date of the Fine being issued and signed by the President or Chairman of the Member Club forwarding the appeal.

SECTION 6 PLAYER'S UNIFORMS, LOGOS, GUERNSEY CLASHES**25 PLAYER'S UNIFORM(S)**

- 25.1 Upon The League approving the type and style of the uniform(s) of the Member Club, this uniform(s) shall be deemed to be the registered uniform(s) of the Member Club.
- 25.2 A player participating in a match of The League shall wear the uniform of their Member Club as approved by The League.
- 25.3 The playing number(s) shall be securely fixed to the back of all player's guernseys for all matches of The League.

25.4 The League may impose a Fine to a Member Club for each player infringing any provisions of Clauses 25.2 and/or 25.3.

26 CHANGE OF CLUB'S PLAYING UNIFORM

26.1 A change to a Member Club's uniform, or an additional new uniform(s), shall be approved by The League.

26.2 When a Member Club desires to change or add a new uniform(s) such Member Club shall supply The League artwork of the front and the rear view of their proposed new uniform(s) including shorts and socks prior to the twenty eighth (28th) of February of the upcoming playing season.

26.3 The League shall determine the Member Club's proposed uniform(s) changes and/or additional uniform(s).

26.4 No player shall wear a cap or hat during the course of a match.

26.5 undershorts may be worn by a player providing that the material is of a neutral beige colour and does not display any sponsors advertising.

27 LOGOS ON CLUB'S PLAYING UNIFORM(S)

27.1 A Member Club guernsey shall be badged with the approved logo of The League and The League's sponsors logos.

(a) The League logo - Adelaide Footy League - shall be 90mm x 65mm in diameter and the top of the logo be positioned 75mm below the shoulder join on the front right side of the guernsey

(b) the reverse logo is to be substituted on dark coloured guernseys.

(c) The League Sponsor logo shall be 85mm x 50mm in size and the top of the logo be positioned 170mm below the shoulder join on the front right side of the guernsey.

(d) further logos as prescribed by The League are to be placed together side by side near the bottom left corner of the front of the guernsey with the combined area not exceeding 81 cm².

27.2 A maximum of a further two Member Club logos not exceeding 81 cm² each may be placed on the front left chest area of the guernsey in similar positions to The League and The League Sponsor logo.

27.3 A logo on the front of a guernsey may be placed at the same height as the largest logo on the back of the guernsey but shall not exceed 240 cm² in size.

27.4 A logo on the back of a guernsey may be placed under the guernsey playing number but shall not exceed 60 cm² in size.

27.5 A logo on the back of a guernsey may be placed above the guernsey playing number but shall not exceed 150mm x 40mm in size.

27.6 Member Club football shorts shall incorporate the following

(a) an identical vertical panel on both sides of the shorts

(i) the vertical panel shall consist of two (2) 1 cm wide vertical stripes both of the same mono-colour either side of a 5 cm stripe the same colour as the short.

(ii) the logos on the vertical side panel on both sides of the shorts in the following order from the top of the shorts

(a) the shorts suppliers logo not exceeding 9 cm² in size.

(b) The League logo – Adelaide Footy League – shall be 24 cm² in size

(c) the Clubs logo not exceeding 9 cm² in size

(b) two (2) Member Club sponsors logos are permitted on the front legs of a player's shorts each not exceeding 64 cm².

(c) two (2) Member Club sponsors logos are permitted on the rear legs of a player's shorts each not exceeding 64 cm².

27.7 Member Club football socks shall incorporate

- (a) the approved supplier logo placed on both sides of the sock centred half way up the sock from the start of the ankle not including the turn down or foot not exceeding 12 cm² in size.
- (b) The Leagues logo is to be placed above the suppliers logo measuring 12 cm² in size.
- (c) the Member Clubs logo is to be placed under the suppliers logo not exceeding 12 cm² in size.

28 PLAYING UNIFORM CLASHES

- 28.1 A Member Club shall have a uniform design approved by The League to differentiate it from all other Member Club's uniforms.
- 28.2 In the event of The League determining a clash of uniforms of two Member Clubs playing each other in a match of The League the following shall apply
- (a) the Member Club designated as the Away team shall change its guernsey for such match so as to remove the clash.
 - (b) the Member Club designated as the Home team shall wear their licensed colour other than white shorts as approved by The League.
 - (c) the Member Club designated as the Away team shall
 - (i) for Mens teams wear their licensed white shorts as approved by The League.
 - (ii) for Womens teams wear their licenced alternative coloured shorts as approved by The League.
 - (d) for Major Round matches the highest ranked team shall wear the shorts of their choice.
- 28.3 A Fine may be imposed upon a Member Club for each player infringing a provision of Clause 28.2.
- 28.4 Should a dispute arise as to a determination made pursuant to Clause 28.2 a decision shall be obtained from The League.
- 28.5 Should a Member Club have a guernsey clash such Member Club may hire a set of guernseys from The League
- (a) a fee shall be invoiced to the Member Club for the loan of the guernseys.
 - (b) all guernseys shall be clean and dry when returned to The League no later than the Tuesday afternoon following the match in which they were used.
 - (c) the Member Club shall be invoiced for the cost of a replacement guernsey(s) or cleaning or guernsey repairs if required.

SECTION 7 UMPIRE APPLICATIONS, UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS, UMPIRE'S DUTIES

29 UMPIRE APPLICATIONS

- 29.1 An Umpiring Manager shall be appointed by The League.
- 29.2 Applications for The League and Member Club appointed Field Umpires, Boundary Umpires and Goal Umpires shall be on the form prescribed by and available from The League.
- 29.3 All Umpires making application to The League shall consent to being subject to a Police Check.
- (a) The Police Authority to Access Person History Information form shall be supplied when such application to The League is made.
- 29.4 Applications made in accordance with Clauses 29.2 and 29.3 shall be forwarded to the Umpiring Manager for consideration.

30 UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

- 30.1 A Member Club shall supply a Field, Boundary and/or Goal Umpire(s) when directed by The League.

- (a) a Field Umpire shall have the same powers accorded to them as if they were appointed by the Umpiring Manager.
 - (b) failure to supply such Umpire(s) as directed shall result in a Fine being imposed to the Member Club.
- 30.2 Field Umpires supplied by a Member Club shall remain in their Member Club's back half of the playing field for the duration of any match of The League.
- 30.3 Unless approved by the Umpiring Manager Field Umpires shall be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age and Boundary and Goal Umpires shall be a minimum of fourteen (14) years of age.
- 30.4 The Umpiring Manager shall appoint and allocate Umpires for matches conducted by The League.
- 30.5 An Umpire appointed by the Umpiring Manager shall not appoint a substitute to fill their match duties unless authorised by the Umpiring Manager.
- 30.6 An Umpire appointed by the Umpiring Manager whom is unable to fulfil their match duties shall notify the Umpiring Manager before noon on the day prior to the match to which they were appointed.
- 30.7 Should a Field Umpire appointed by the Umpiring Manager or a Member Club appointed Umpire fail to appear at a match ten minutes prior to the appointed starting time of the match the two Captains shall in consultation and mutual agreement with an appointed Field Umpire of The League at the ground agree upon terms for the match to proceed.
- (a) the Field Umpire(s) agreed upon shall have the powers accorded to them as if they were appointed by the Umpiring Manager.
 - (b) in the event of no agreement being reached by the two Captains and an appointed Field Umpire of The League at the ground, the Home Member Club Match Day Official shall appoint a replacement Field Umpire(s) and the match shall proceed.
 - (c) should both Field Umpires fail to arrive, the match may proceed with only one Field Umpire provided the two Captains agree on the choice of such sole Field Umpire.

31 UMPIRE'S DUTIES

- 31.1 The Field Umpire(s) officiating in a match conducted by The League shall be listed on each Member Club's Team Sheet prior to the commencement of play.
- 31.2 Field Umpires shall provide reports of matches on the forms provided by and in the manner prescribed by The League.
- 31.3 The officiating Umpires shall have the powers to advise and make recommendations to The League of matters pertaining to the conduct of matches with particular reference to
- (a) the condition of an oval where a match of The League is played.
 - (b) the condition of the football(s) provided by a Member Club for use during the match.
 - (i) the Field Umpire(s) may reject a football considered by them to be unfit for play.
 - (c) the playing field being correctly line marked as per Clause 36.19.
 - (d) the condition of goal and behind posts including padding.
 - (e) the condition of the goal Umpire flags.
 - (f) all officiating Umpire's attire.
 - (g) absence or quality of a player's guernsey number(s).
 - (h) the incorrect uniform or attire of players and Member Club officials.
 - (i) an extraordinary late commencement of a quarter of a match.
 - (j) such other powers or conditions as prescribed by The League.
- 31.4 Each Field Umpire officiating in a match of The League shall at the end of each match choose the names of those players who were in their opinion the best and fairest, second best and fairest and third best and fairest players in the match.

- 31.5 Information relating to Clauses 31.2 and 31.4 shall be forwarded to The League on the Field Umpire's Report form on the Match Day Paperwork App to be completed by a Field Umpire at the end of each match of The League.
- 31.6 If the Match Day Paperwork App is unable to be completed by a Field Umpire, all Match Day Paperwork is to be hand delivered to The League by 10:00am on the Monday proceeding the match.
- 31.7 The Umpiring Manager shall consider the match reports of all Umpires.
- 31.8 Field Umpires shall notify The League of any Category "A" reports before 10.00am on the Monday proceeding the match.

SECTION 8**DELAYED/INCOMPLETE MATCH, HEAT PROCEDURE, UNSAFE WEATHER, AMBULANCE, OVAL LIGHTING****32 DELAYED OR INCOMPLETE MATCH**

- 32.1 If by mutual agreement of the two Captains, it is impractical or unsafe for a match to commence within the reasonable scheduled start time for reasons beyond the control of either team the result of such match shall be determined by The League.
- 32.2 When a match is delayed prior to half time for greater than sixty (60) minutes then such match is to be abandoned as at the commencement of the delay and the result shall be recorded as a Draw.
- (a) the delay time is actioned by a Field Umpire informing the Interchange Steward to take note of the time of the commencement of the delay.
- 32.3 When a match is delayed after half time for greater than sixty (60) minutes then such match is to be abandoned and the score shall remain as the final score of the match.
- 32.4 A match may recommence after a delay of less than sixty (60) minutes and the following shall apply
- (a) when there is no match to follow on the same playing field, the match shall be extended to three (3) hours duration or by mutual agreement of the two Captains the match may be extended past this time.
- (i) when there is a match to follow on the same playing field the match shall be completed at least five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the following match except when the match is an A Division match then the match may be extended for thirty (30) minutes past the scheduled starting time of the following match.
- 32.5 When a match is limited in its completion time the two Captains may by mutual arrangement alter the length of the quarters and breaks to give equal time kicking to each end provided
- (a) the first two quarters are of equal length duration or
- (b) last two quarters are of equal length duration and
- (c) the minimum duration of a quarter is ten (10) minutes.
- 32.6 When the two Captains cannot agree the Field Umpire(s) shall make the final determination.
- 32.7 When a team is directed to recommence play by the Field Umpire(s) but refuses, such team shall be deemed to have forfeited the match.

33 HEAT PROCEDURE

- 33.1 When the Adelaide metropolitan forecast temperature of the day of competition is 40°C or over, as specified by radio station 5AA at 8.00am on the morning of the match, all matches of The League scheduled for the day shall be cancelled.
- 33.2 In Senior matches affected by Clause 33.1

- (a) if another match or matches were played on a Friday or a Sunday in the same round as cancelled Saturday matches there shall be no Premiership Points or scores allocated for any matches played in this round.
 - (b) there shall be no Umpire's votes allocated for The League's Best and Fairest.
 - (c) a Category "A" or a Category "B" report by an Umpire from a match played shall still be lodged by the reporting Umpire(s) to The League.
 - (d) if a cancelled match which had been scheduled to be played either prior to or after a Saturday round of matches which were played may be re-scheduled provided both Member Clubs agree to the new time and location.
 - (e) if a match is not played in a round which Saturday matches were played, each team which did not play, and which do not re-schedule to play such match shall be awarded one Premiership Point and their cancelled match shall be deemed a Draw.
 - (f) a cancelled match shall not be counted in a player's total of matches played in The League.
- 33.3 When the forecast temperature of the day of competition is 38°C – 39°C, as specified by radio station 5AA at 8:00am on the morning of the match, the Heat Procedure shall apply.
- 33.4 The Heat Procedure also applies for trial matches involving a Member Club.
- 33.5 The Home Member Club shall be responsible to initiate the following Heat Procedure process
- (a) the start of the Reserves or curtain raiser match is to be moved back 10 minutes to a 12.05pm start.
 - (b) the second match to start at its normal time of 2.15pm.
 - (i) if a match has been programmed to be played prior to the Reserves or curtain raiser match the match is to be moved back fifteen (15) minutes to a 10.00am start.
 - (c) the Home Member Club's Timekeeper shall sound the siren at the fifteen (15) minute mark of each quarter to allow a two (2) minute break for players to take fluids and cool down.
 - (d) the Timekeeper shall sound a warning siren after one (1) minute 30 seconds and a second siren after one (1) minute 45 seconds and play shall recommence exactly two (2) minutes after the break commenced.
 - (e) play shall recommence in the same location where it ceased at the onset of the break.
 - (f) during the two (2) minute break a non playing Coach is not permitted to enter the playing field.
- 33.6 If a subsequent cool change arrives after the Heat Procedure has been initiated, the match being playing may revert to normal playing Rules providing the two Captains agree to such terms.
- 33.7 On days when the Heat Procedure is applied the deadline for Member Club's the Competition Management Tool responsibilities shall be 5.45pm.

34 UNSAFE WEATHER, AMBULANCE ON OVAL

- 34.1 In the case of weather deemed by the two Captains and/or the Field Umpires as a threat to the safety of Member Club players or it is impractical for the match to proceed with an ambulance being prolonged on the playing field before or during a match of The League, the procedure taken shall be as detailed in Clause 32 herein.

35 OVAL LIGHTING

- 35.1 The League may program night matches.
- (a) a Member Club desiring to host a night match shall have their oval lighting comply with the Australian Standard (AS 2560.2.3) Sports Lighting and ensure their oval's minimum reading is 100 lux.

- (b) 100 lux is the minimum requirement suitable for competition at local club level as prescribed by the AFL under their Preferred Facility Guidelines for State, Regional and Local facilities.
- 35.2 if a section of or a complete light tower ceases to operate before or during a night match of The League which in the opinion of the two Captains adversely affects the playing conditions of such match the procedure taken shall be as detailed in Clause 32 herein.

SECTION 9**MATCH AND INTERCHANGE RULES, FILMING, OFFICIALS ON OVAL, PLAYER COUNT, FORFEITS****36 MATCH RULES**

- 36.1 The Laws of Australian Football applies to all matches of The League except where certain Laws of Australian Football have been adapted or modified by The League's Rules, Regulations, Policies, Directions and Procedures.
- (a) the exceptions that have not been adopted are listed in Appendix 15
- 36.2 All matches of The League including Major Round matches shall commence at the time and venue stipulated by The League with the exception of Clauses 46.20 (c) and 46.22 (c).
- (a) a change to match dates and/or start times as programmed by The League shall be agreed between Member Clubs.
 - (b) both Member Clubs shall notify The League at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date of such match or within twenty-four (24) hours after a Major Round match has been programmed by The League.
- 36.3 A Member Club may request an entrance fee donation but may not enforce such fee upon a person attending a match of The League.
- 36.4 A Member Club may impose a car park fee for entry into the Member Club grounds.
- 36.5 The quarter time, half time and three-quarter time intervals shall be for a duration specified by The League.
- 36.6 The starting and duration times for matches shall be specified by The League.
- 36.7 Each Member Club in every Division shall provide a suitable Sherrin football.
- 36.8 Each Member Club in every Division shall provide a Timekeeper.
- (a) The Home club shall provide a suitable table and two (2) chairs for the use of the Timekeepers
 - (i) Such table and chairs shall be positioned where possible a minimum of three (3) metres clear from either clubs coaching areas
 - (ii) The Home club Timekeeper shall remain in the official position for the duration of the playing time of the match.
 - (b) the two timekeepers shall remain together throughout each quarter.
 - (c) the Home timekeeper shall record the quarter by quarter scores of the match.
- 36.9 In a match where time on is added a Timekeeper is to add time on when the following occur
- (a) when indicated by a Field Umpire - raised hand and whistle blown - there is a delay in play.
 - (b) when a Boundary Umpire signals the football is out of bounds - raised hand and whistle blown.
 - (c) after a goal or behind is scored as indicated by a Goal Umpire.
- 36.10 In a match where time on is added a Timekeeper is to cease time on when any of the following occur
- (a) a Field Umpire indicates - raised hand and whistle blown - play has restarted.
 - (b) it is obvious to the Timekeeper play has restarted.
 - (c) the Boundary Umpire throws the football back into play.
 - (d) a Field Umpire restarts play by throwing the football up in the centre of the playing field after a goal has been scored or after the football is kicked back into play after a behind has been scored.

- 36.11 Time-on may be initiated in matches where time-on is not played at the direction of both the officiating field umpires.
- 36.12 The Home Member Club shall provide a suitable siren, horn or bell.
- 36.13 The Home Timekeeper shall sound the siren or horn at the times and on the number of occasions as stipulated in the annual Handbook of The League.
- 36.14 The Home Member Club shall provide an Interchange Steward whom shall be positioned in close proximity to the interchange area for the duration of the match and shall wear the official Interchange Steward attire as prescribed by The League for the duration of the match being played.
- 36.15 The Home Member Club shall supply accessible coach's boxes.
- 36.16 The Home Member Club shall provide a stretcher and a cervical collar to be placed in a safe position and which is accessible to both teams near the boundary line at the interchange area.
- 36.17 Each Member Club shall provide goal flags of white material not less than 50 cm square.
- 36.18 The Home Member Club shall have suitable goal posts and behind posts fixed in their proper positions with suitable protective padding at a minimum height of 2.5 metres from the bottom of each post and with a minimum of 35 millimetres thickness affixed to such goal and behind posts.
- 36.19 The Home Member Club shall have their playing field(s) properly line marked including:
- (a) an interchange area which shall be fifteen (15) metres wide and where possible be centralised between the two coach's boxes on the boundary line of the playing field.
 - (b) a centre circle three metres in diameter and an outer circle ten (10) metres in diameter which shall be located in the middle of the centre square.
 - (c) a line drawn in the shape of an arc at each end of the playing surface to show the distance to the centre of the goal line. This distance is to remain constant throughout the arc and dependent upon the size of the oval be between 35 and 50 metres.
 - (i) the arc shall not intersect with the centre square line.
 - (d) both goal squares with two lines nine (9) metres in length joined by a line six point four (6.4) metres in width.
 - (e) a clearly marked line or an oval fence to ensure spectators are kept to a minimum of three (3) metres from the boundary line.
- 36.20 The Home Member Club shall supply a scoreboard attendant for any match of The League.
- 36.21 A Member Club is required to enter a Team Sheet for their team(s) into the Competition Management Tool before noon on the day preceding the match to be played and to supply a Team Sheet to an officiating Field Umpire and the opposing team prior to the commencement of the match to be played listing the following
- (a) the names and guernsey numbers of the players in the team.
 - (b) the names of the Captain and Vice-Captain.
 - (c) the name of the Coach(s), Runner(s) and Team Manager.
- 36.22 A Member Club team shall consist of between fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) players who may be on the playing field at any one time during a match of The League with no more than three (3) interchange players for Minor Round matches.
- (a) a Member Club participating in C Divisions may field up to twenty-five (25) players including a maximum of seven (7) interchange players in a match of The League.
 - (b) a Member Club participating in a Womens Division may field up to twenty-four (24) players including a maximum of six (6) interchange players in a match of The League.
 - (c) for a Major Round match the number of interchange players each team in Divisions 1 to 7 is permitted to play is four (4).

- (d) for a Major Round match the number of interchange players each team in C Divisions permitted to play is seven (7).
 - (e) the two Member Club's Team Managers shall confirm with each other at the half time break of the match being played all players listed on the two Team Sheets are in attendance at the venue and are attired in official playing uniform. If a player listed on either Team Sheet does not meet these requirements, the player's name shall be removed from the Field Umpire's copy of the Team Sheet and the player may not be replaced and shall be deemed not to have played in the match.
- 36.23 The Home Member Club is to complete the Australian Football National Risk Protection Scheme Match Day Checklist electronically and have it confirmed by an Away Member Club official.
- 36.24 Two Runners may be used by a Member Club in a match of The League provided only one Runner is on the playing field at any one time.
- (a) A Runner shall be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age.
- 36.25 If both Runners from the one Member Club are on the playing field at the same time while a match is in progress, a Field Umpire may send one Runner from the playing field without replacement for the remainder of the match.
- 36.26 A maximum of three (3) Drinks Carriers per participating team may be on the playing field at the same time in a match of The League while play is in progress.
- (a) a Drinks Carrier shall be a minimum of twelve (12) years of age.
- 36.27 In a match of The League Member Clubs shall ensure the Runner(s), Trainer(s), Drinks Carrier(s), Interchange Steward and Member Club appointed Umpires wear the appropriate match attire as prescribed by The League (Appendix 9).
- 36.28 A player or Official shall not officiate in any official position in a match of The League unless permission is obtained from The League prior to such match being played
- (a) while they are under a suspension from playing or officiating.
 - (b) if they have been suspended for a total of twelve (12) matches or more.
- 36.29 If a Member Club has more than one team playing in The League, all registered players of such Member Club shall except as is otherwise provided in these Rules and Regulations be eligible to play in a team of the Member Club in the same round.
- 36.30 A Member Club player shall not play for another club prior to or after a match of The League in any one round with the exception of Junior and school matches.
- 36.31 Both participating Member Clubs shall agree for more than two matches to be played on the same oval on the same day unless The League instigates Clause 46.16.
- 36.32 Alcohol, bottles or a drink in a glass are not permitted to be taken onto the playing field at any time during a match of The League.
- 36.33 A player of the defending team may bring the football being used at the time back into play once the Goal Umpire has signalled a behind has been scored.
- 36.34 The League may implement special Match Day Rules as it sees fit.

37 FILMING OF MATCHES

- 37.1 All "A" Division matches shall be filmed by The Leagues official filming providers at the cost to the Member Clubs.
- 37.2 Where the majority of Member Clubs in a Division other than an "A" Division request the filming of all their matches in the current season then all matches shall be filmed at the cost of the Members Clubs in such Division.
- 37.3 All vision filmed by The Leagues official film providers remains the property of The League.
- 37.4 Filming any part of the playing field and/or play during a match of The League is permitted subject to

- (a) a Member Club and/or “Associated Persons” shall not permit, aid, engage, employ or reward (whether monetary or otherwise) any person or persons to video, live stream or transmit via radio, television, film or internet or any other format of transmitting, producing or reproducing footage of a match or part of a match of The League for commercial gain by the Member Club and/or “Associated Persons” without such Member Club and/or “Associated Persons” receiving express approval in writing from The League.

38 INTERCHANGE RULES

- 38.1 A fifteen (15) metre section of the boundary line of the playing field shall be marked clearly by the Home Member Club as the interchange area and where possible be centralised between the two (2) coach’s boxes on the boundary line of the playing field.
- 38.2 The Interchange Steward shall record on the interchange card:
- (a) Category “A” and/or Category “B” report(s).
 - (b) an interchange breach.
 - (c) a player sent from the playing field under the Blood Rule.
 - (d) a player removed from the playing field by stretcher or ambulance
- 38.3 A player may leave the playing field while play is in progress and be replaced unless sent off under a Category “A” offence or for a second Category “B” offence in the match being played through the interchange area unless
- (a) the player exits across any part of the boundary line on a stretcher.
 - (b) the player exits across any part of the boundary line of the playing field other than the interchange area accompanied by a Member Club official who is officiating in the match being played
 - (i) these officials are either a Match Day Official or a Runner or a member of the training staff, one of whom shall signal to the Interchange Steward by raising an arm while standing alongside the player as the player exits the playing field.
- 38.4 The interchange area is the only area a player may enter the playing field when play is in progress.
- 38.5 When a player does not enter the playing field through the interchange area the Interchange Steward and/or Field Umpire shall report the circumstance, including the score at the time, to The League.
- (a) The League may impose a Fine and/or penalty as it deems appropriate.

39 RUNNERS, TRAINERS, DRINKS CARRIERS ON OVAL

- 39.1 The Coach or a Member of the Club’s coaching staff of a team playing a match in The League may not act in the capacity of a Field, Goal or Boundary Umpire, or as a Match Day Official, an Interchange Steward, a Runner, Trainer, Team Manager or Drinks Carrier during such match unless permission has been obtained from The League prior to the match being played.
- 39.2 A Runner(s), Trainer(s) and/or Drinks Carrier(s) shall vacate the playing field immediately they have provided their role to a player(s).
- 39.3 A Runner, Trainer or Drinks Carrier in breach of Clause 38.1 or 38.2 may be sent from the playing field by the Field Umpire(s) for the remainder of the match and shall not be replaced.
- 39.4 A free kick from the position the person was sent off shall be awarded to the opposing team if a Field Umpire instigates Clause 38.3.

40 COUNTING OF PLAYERS

- 40.1 The Captain or acting Captain of a team may at any time during a match request a Field Umpire count the number of players of the opposing team who are on the playing field.

- 40.2 Where such a request is made the Field Umpire shall stop play and signal time-on at the first available opportunity and call into line within the centre square the players of both teams who are at the time on the playing field and count the number of players.
- (a) time-on may be initiated in matches where time-on is not played if this is the desire of either of the officiating Member Club Timekeepers.
- 40.3 Where the team has more than the permitted number of players on the playing field the following conditions shall apply
- (a) a Field Umpire shall instruct both Goal Umpires to record the scores of both teams at the time of the player count.
- (b) upon completing the count, the Field Umpire(s) shall ensure each team has the permitted number of players on the field prior to recommencing the match.
- (c) a Field Umpire shall award a free kick to the Captain or acting Captain of the opposing team which shall be taken at the centre circle or where play was stopped, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending team.
- (d) a twenty five (25) metre penalty shall then be imposed from the position where the free kick was awarded.
- (e) the Field Umpire shall report the details of the player count to The League by 10.00am on the Monday following the match.
- (f) The League shall determine whether the offending team shall lose all points which it had scored in the match up to the time of the count or vary the scores of the match and/or impose such other penalty it deems appropriate.
- 40.4 Where a count reveals the opposing team has the correct permitted number of players on the playing field the following shall apply
- (a) a Field Umpire shall award a free kick to the Captain or acting Captain of the opposing team which shall be taken at the centre circle or where play was stopped whichever is the greater penalty against the offending team.
- (b) a twenty five (25) metre penalty shall then be imposed from the position where the free kick was awarded.
- (c) if a Field Umpire is of the opinion the request was made primarily to delay play or such request did not have sufficient merit, the Field Umpire may report the Captain or acting Captain who requested the count for Time Wasting as a Category "A" offence.

41 FORFEITS

- 41.1 A Member Club not able to field a minimum of fourteen (14) players suitably attired in playing uniforms within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled start time of a match shall be deemed to have forfeited such match unless a later start time is agreed upon by both Captains of the teams participating in such match.
- 41.2 A Member Club forfeiting a match of The League in which it is involved shall notify The League not later than noon on the day preceding such match.
- 41.3 A Member Club forfeiting a match and not giving the notice specified in Clause 41.2 may be imposed a Fine by The League which may include the cost of fees for Umpire(s) appointed by The League and any other applicable costs including costs incurred by the opposing Member Club as deemed fair and reasonable by The League.
- 41.4 A Member Club may only forfeit their lowest Division team(s)
- (a) failure to do so shall result in the forfeiting team(s) and any of the same Member Club teams playing in any Divisions lower in the same round losing any premiership points obtained and their

score in such matches and shall be debited with sixty (60) points “against” in the Premiership Table in all applicable Divisions.

- 41.5 In the event of a Member Club forfeiting a match, the match will be awarded to the opposing team and the Member Club receiving the forfeit shall be credited with two (2) Premiership Points and the Premiership Table in such Division will be adjusted after all teams within the Division have played each other once and the average points margin shall be awarded “against” the forfeiting club and the Member Club receiving the forfeit shall be awarded the average points “for”.
- 41.6 The Member Club awarded the match by forfeit may enter a Team Sheet into the Competition Management Tool prior to noon on the Monday following the scheduled match listing the players whom would have played in such match had the forfeited match been played and the match shall count for the purpose of player qualification for the Major Round in the same playing season.
- (a) no other match forms are required to be sent to The League from such match.
- 41.7 The League may in its absolute discretion impose a Fine, suspend or withdraw from the competition a team or the Member Club which forfeits three matches or more during a playing season and may deem such Member Club to be ineligible for a refund of fees or subscriptions, either paid or due to be paid to The League.
- 41.8 In the event a B Division team forfeits a match of The League the Member Club in which the B Division team is affiliated with may be advised a further forfeit of the B Division team may result in the A Division team also forfeiting with the result of two (2) Premiership Points and a ten (10) goal win to the teams receiving the forfeit.
- 41.9 When a Member Club has received a forfeit from the opposing Member Club and has a lower Division team playing on the same weekend only the following players shall be eligible to play in the lower Division match
- (a) was selected in the lower Division prior to the forfeit or
- (b) played in the lower Division in the previous match or
- (c) played at least three (3) matches in the lower Division in the current playing season.

42 TWENTY-FIVE METRE PENALTY

- 42.1 A twenty-five (25) metre penalty may be enforced by a Field Umpire(s) where the Umpire deems it to be applicable.
- 42.2 A twenty-five (25) metre penalty shall be enforced by a Field Umpire as a result of a player count as per Clauses 40.3 and 40.4.

SECTION 10 STRETCHERS, PROHIBITED ITEMS, BLOOD RULE

43 USE OF A STRETCHER

- 43.1 When a stretcher is required for a player the following procedure shall apply
- (a) upon being advised or noticing a player requires a spinal board and/or stretcher, a Field Umpire shall stop play at the earliest opportunity and unless medical staff consider it unsafe to do so the player shall be removed from the playing field on the stretcher by the shortest and most direct route.
- (b) a team may replace the injured player with a player listed on its Team Sheet who shall enter the playing surface via the interchange area.
- (c) the replacement player may enter the playing field as soon as the injured player is placed on the stretcher or as directed by a Field Umpire.

- (d) the Field Umpire(s) shall recommence play only after the player on the spinal board and/or stretcher has left the playing field.
- (e) a player whom has been removed from the playing field on a stretcher shall not resume playing for a period of twenty (20) minutes from the time the player left the playing field.
- (f) The twenty (20) minutes of playing time is a continuous twenty (20) minutes on the Interchange Steward's watch or clock.
 - (i) there is no stopping of the twenty (20) minutes on the clock for time on as signaled by the Field Umpire(s).
- (g) after such twenty (20) minute period the player may be interchanged with another player provided due consideration is taken into account in regard to the player's health and safety to resume playing in the match.
- (h) time on may be initiated in matches where time on is not played if this is the desire of either of the officiating Member Club Timekeepers or a Field Umpire.
- (i) when a spinal board and/or stretcher is brought on to the playing field but is not used by the player, Clauses 43.1 (e) and 43.1 (f) do not apply.

44 PROHIBITED ITEMS ON OVAL

44.1 Players shall not wear during a match

- (a) any form of jewellery or
- (b) boot studs, plates/cleats or any protective equipment - other than protective equipment approved by The League - unless the Field Umpire(s) is satisfied the item does not constitute a danger or increased risk of injury to other players competing in the match or
- (c) protective equipment which has previously been approved by The League but if the Field Umpire(s) believe such equipment has during the match become dangerous or increased the risk of injury to other players.
- (d) Fingernails and/or fingernail extensions shall not protrude past the tip of the players fingers.

45 BLOOD RULE

45.1 When a Field Umpire(s) becomes aware of a player with active bleeding on the person or the player's uniform the Umpire shall stop play and simultaneously raise their arms crossed above their head directed at the Interchange Steward and send the player from the playing field.

45.2 Active bleeding means the existence of an injury or wound which continues to bleed

- (a) active bleeding shall not include minor bleeding from a graze or scratch which has stopped and may be readily removed from a player or any part of their playing uniform.

45.3 The player with active bleeding shall immediately leave the playing field at the nearest boundary line or the interchange and shall be recorded by the Interchange Steward.

45.4 A player sent from the playing field under the Blood Rule may be replaced immediately.

45.5 The replacement player shall enter the playing field as soon as possible after the Field Umpire has raised their arms crossed above their head signifying a player is leaving the playing field under the Blood Rule.

45.6 The replacement player shall immediately proceed to the same location of the player they are replacing

- (a) the replacement player upon entering the playing field may only proceed to a different location if approved by the opposing team's Captain.

45.7 A Field Umpire(s) shall not restart play until the replacement player is in position.

45.8 If the player with active bleeding is about to have a kick as a result of a mark or free just prior to being sent from the playing field, the nearest player to the player with active bleeding at the time of the player's departure is to take the kick, not the replacement player.

- 45.9 When a Field Umpire is of the opinion a player is not actively bleeding but the player has blood on any part of their body or uniform shall at the first available opportunity signal and direct the player to obtain treatment and play shall continue after the signal is given.
- 45.10 The player may remain on the playing field but shall at the earliest opportunity in the case of blood being on any part of their uniform have the piece of uniform removed and the cause of any bleeding - if any - treated and covered so all blood is contained.
- 45.11 If after receiving treatment, the Field Umpire is of the opinion blood is still appearing on any part of the player's body or uniform the player is deemed to be actively bleeding and Clause 45.1 shall apply.
- 45.12 A player may be reported by a Field Umpire for a Category "A" misconduct offence if the player refuses to promptly obey the direction of the Field Umpire to leave the playing field.
- 45.13 A player awarded a mark or free kick after the Field Umpire has signalled the quarter of football has come to an end may kick the football even though such player may be actively bleeding.
- 45.14 The player shall not re-enter the playing field or take any further part in the match unless
- (a) the cause of such bleeding has stopped.
 - (b) the injury is securely bound to ensure all blood is contained.
 - (c) any blood stained article of the player's uniform has been removed or replaced.
 - (d) any blood on any part of the player's body has been thoroughly cleansed and removed.

SECTION 11**PERMITS, MAJOR ROUND, PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS****46 PERMIT COMMITTEE**

- 46.1 The League shall appoint a Permit Committee.
- 46.2 The Permit Committee shall have the power to issue a Permit to a player whether registered or not to participate in a match conducted by The League on such conditions as it deems appropriate.
- 46.3 No Permit to play in The League shall be issued to a player playing in another league or association where the league or association has a bye round on the same weekend except those made in Clause 14.

47 MAJOR ROUND

- 47.1 A Member Club listed in bold in Clauses 46.7 and 46.9 may apply to The League to host a Mens Division 1 to Division 7 Major Round Match ("Home Final" or "Final") excluding a Preliminary or a Grand Final on their Home oval or an available neutral oval of their choice.
- (a) a Member Club's Home Final request to The League is not applicable for a Member Club's Reserves or "C" Division team.
- 47.2 The Member Club shall fulfil The League's minimum requirements including but not limited to
- (a) The League shall receive a Member Club's payment for the right to host a Home Final before noon on the Wednesday of the week of the match to be played.
 - (b) the ground surface of their oval shall be in a reasonable condition.
 - (c) the change rooms shall have reasonable facilities for players, Umpires and Trainers.
 - (d) reasonable facilities are provided for spectators.
 - (e) ensure there is a scoreboard and a scoreboard attendant for all matches played on the day.
 - (f) fulfil The League's obligations to its Major Sponsors.
 - (i) the Member Club shall be sponsored by SABC.
 - (ii) the venue shall exclusively supply SABC products on the day.
 - (iii) pay a fee as determined by The League for the Home Final rights for a Mens Division 1 to Division 7 Qualifying or Elimination or Semi Final.

- 47.3 A Major Round match shall be programmed by The League to be played on a neutral oval when a Member Club chooses not to request either a Home Final or a Final to be played on a neutral oval of their choice or when a Member Club's application has been rejected by The League.
- 47.4 The League shall endeavour to match teams from the same Member Club to play at the same venue.
- (a) a minimum of one (1) match shall be played before a Mens "A" Division Major Round match.
 - (b) preference shall be given to a Mens "B" Division team to play such earlier match.
- 47.5 Member Clubs shall be notified by The League of their confirmation to host a Home Final.
- 47.6 A Final Four system shall be played at the end of the Minor Round in a Division comprising eight (8) teams or less.
- (a) an eight (8) team Division Major Round program may be changed at the discretion of The League.
- 47.7 Where a Final Four system is played the following programme shall be used:
- (a) in the first week of the Major Round the team finishing third at the completion of the Minor Round shall play the team finishing fourth in the First Semi Final and the team finishing first shall play the team finishing second in the Second Semi Final.
 - (b) in the second week the winner of the First Semi Final shall play the loser of the Second Semi Final in the Preliminary Final
 - (i) the winner of the Second Semi Final shall have a bye.
 - (c) in the third week the winner of the Preliminary Final shall play the winner of the Second Semi Final in the Grand Final.
 - (d) the winner of the Grand Final shall be the Premiership winner in the Division.
 - (e) The League may at its discretion schedule both (a) and (b) on the same weekend
- 47.8 A Final Five system shall be played at the end of the Minor Round in Divisions comprising nine (9) teams or more
- (a) A nine (9) teams Division Major Round system may be changed at the discretion of The League.
- 47.9 Where a Final Five system is played the following programme shall apply.
- (a) in the first week of the Major Round the team finishing second at the completion of the Minor Round shall play the team finishing third in the Qualifying Final and the team finishing fourth shall play the team finishing fifth in the Elimination Final
 - (i) the team finishing first at the completion of the Minor Round shall have a bye.
 - (b) in the second week the loser of the Qualifying Final shall play the winner of the Elimination Final in the First Semi Final and the winner of the Qualifying Final shall play the team finishing first at the completion of the Minor Round in the Second Semi Final.
 - (c) in the third week the winner of the First Semi Final shall play the loser of the Second Semi Final in the Preliminary Final
 - (i) the winner of the Second Semi Final shall have a bye.
 - (d) in the fourth week the winner of the Second Semi Final shall play the winner of the Preliminary Final in the Grand Final.
 - (e) the winner of the Grand Final shall be the Premiership winner in the Division.
- 47.10 Should a Draw occur in any Major Round match the following shall apply
- (a) teams shall break for five minutes at the completion of the drawn match and swap ends.
 - (b) the competing teams shall play five minutes of extra time in each direction.
 - (c) the extra time shall be played including time on if the drawn match had been played with time on.
 - (d) if at the end of the extra time played the scores remain drawn the teams shall swap ends and play five minutes of extra time in each direction.

- (e) if at the end of the second extra time played the scores remain drawn the match shall be determined by the first team to score.
 - (f) the winner of the toss of a coin by the two Captains shall determine which direction the teams shall kick in the last extra time played.
- 47.11 The League retains the right to change a Major Round match venue during the week preceding the match.
- 47.12 Officials of The League may carry out an inspection of the oval, change rooms, Umpire’s Room, scoreboard and any other facilities and advise Member Clubs the venue may not be suitable for a Major Round match to be played.
- 47.13 A Draft for Major Round matches and oval locations shall be listed on The League’s website by 3.00pm on the Monday prior to each week of Major Round matches.
- (a) the official confirmation of Major Round matches and oval locations shall be posted on The League’s website on the following day – Tuesday - by 3.00pm
- 47.14 Each Member Club is required to provide two Match Day Officials per Major Round match.
- 47.15 During Major Round matches the number of interchange players each team is permitted to play are
- (a) Divisions 1 to 7 – four (4).
 - (b) Division 1 to 6 Reserves – four (4)
 - (c) Division 7 Reserves, C Divisions – seven (7).
 - (d) Womens Divisions – six (6).
- 47.16 Both participating Member Clubs in a lowest Division scheduled Major Round match shall agree for more than two matches to be played on the same oval on the same day except when one Member Club has three (3) Senior teams playing on the same day.
- (a) in such situation The League retains the right to programme these three (3) matches, and this Division’s Grand Final, to be played on the same oval on the same day.
- 47.17 For a Major Round match each participating Member Club is to enter into the Competition Management Tool a Team sheet including a maximum of two (2) emergencies by noon on the Friday prior to the scheduled match.
- 47.18 For a Major Round match the Home Member Club is to produce copies listing the two participating Member Club’s players and their guernsey numbers and these lists made available to spectators at the match.
- 47.19 Alcoholic drinks are not permitted to be taken into a Major Round venue.
- 47.20 For the first week of the Major Round the highest ranked qualifying team at the end of the Minor Round
- (a) shall have their choice of shorts, guernseys, coach’s box and change room.
 - (b) shall supply the Interchange Steward, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant.
 - (c) may apply to play their Major Round match on their Home ground or to be played on a neutral ground of their choice subject to availability.
- 47.21 The winning Second Semi Final team becomes the highest ranked team and shall for the Grand Final
- (a) have their choice of shorts, guernseys, coach’s box and change room.
 - (b) supply the Interchange Steward, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant.
- 47.22 The losing Second Semi-Final team becomes the highest ranked team and shall for the Preliminary Final
- (a) have their choice of shorts, guernseys, coach’s box and change room.
 - (b) supply the Interchange Steward, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant.
- 47.23 The League shall determine where a Major Round match is played when two or more Member Clubs request to play a Home Final on the same oval of their choice.

- 47.24 Any Member Club applying to host a neutral Final shall fulfil The League's minimum requirements including but not limited to
- (a) the ground surface shall be in a reasonable condition.
 - (b) the change rooms shall have reasonable facilities for players, Umpires and Trainers.
 - (c) reasonable facilities provided for spectators.
 - (d) ensure there is a scoreboard and a scoreboard attendant for all matches played on the day.
 - (e) fulfilling The League's obligations to its Major Sponsors.
 - (i) the Member Club shall be sponsored by SABC.
 - (ii) the venue shall exclusively supply SABC products for this event.
- 47.25 Where applicable, admission fees for neutral ground Major Round matches shall be determined by The League.
- 47.26 A Member Club participating in a Major Round match shall be entitled to have thirty-five (35) persons per team admitted at no cost if there is an Entry Fee at such match.
- 47.27 A Premiership winning Member Club shall submit a photograph of their winning team to The League as directed.
- (a) The League may impose a Fine for failure to supply such photograph.

48 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MAJOR ROUND

- 48.1 The following conditions shall apply for players to be eligible to participate in the Major Round of The League in any year:
- (a) The minimum number of matches a player shall have been selected in any Senior team of a Member Club where a Division season consists of
 - (i) less than ten (10) rounds then the minimum is two (2) Minor Round matches are to be played by the player.
 - (ii) between ten (10) and fourteen (14) rounds then the minimum is three (3) Minor Round matches are to be played by the player.
 - (iii) more than fourteen (14) rounds then the minimum is four (4) Minor Round matches are to be played by the player.
 - (b) if a player competes in two (2) Minor Round matches on the same weekend the higher Division match shall be the only match considered in relation to Major Round eligibility
 - (c) a player may play in a lower Division in the Major Round provided the player has played the majority of their matches in the current season in such lower Division.
 - (d) if a SANFL Under 18 player played for their Member Club when such player's SANFL club had a bye, this match shall not be included as a match in eligibility for participating in the Major Round
 - (e) a Junior player shall be eligible to play in any Senior Division of The League provided such player has played a minimum of two (2) Minor Round matches in the team the player is seeking selection.
 - (f) There is free interchange of players between consecutive Divisions playing in the same round of matches.
 - (g) There is no free interchange of players between non-consecutive Divisions playing in the same round of matches.
 - (h) A player may be promoted from a lower Division team to play in a higher Division team for any Major Round match.
 - (i) A player shall not play in a lower Division Major Round match after having played in a higher Division match in the same Major Round of matches or on the same weekend.
- 48.2 The following conditions shall apply for a player when the player's Member Club's higher Division team is no longer playing in the Major Round.

- (a) a player may return to the lower Division for the remainder of any Major Round matches provided such player played the majority of their Minor Round matches for the season in the lower Division.
 - (b) a player whom has not participated in a Major Round match for their Member Club shall have played a minimum of one match for their lower Division team during the Minor Round to play in the Member Club's lower Division's Major Round matches.
 - (c) notwithstanding Clauses 47.6 (a) and 47.6 (b) a player may continue to play in the Member Club's lower Division team in the following Major Round match(es) if such player played in the Member Club's lower Division team in the previous weekend's Major Round matches.
- 48.3 A player may apply to The League to play in any Major Round match of The League after playing a Final in another league or association including SANFL in the same playing season including SANFL Under 18's.
- 48.4 A Member Club may make a Permit application to The League for a player for the Major Round in accordance with Clause 48.
- 48.5 A request for a player Permit shall be submitted on the Application For A Permit For A Player To Play In The Major Round form (Appendix 10) and lodged with The League no later than noon on the Thursday prior to the day on which the player seeking a Permit desires to play.

SECTION 12 MATCH REVIEW PANEL, RED AND YELLOW CARDS, REPORTS, MELEE, COMPLAINTS

49 MATCH REVIEW PANEL

- 49.1 A Match Review Panel ("MRP") shall be appointed by The League.
- 49.2 The MRP shall be responsible for assessing the merits of
- (a) a Category "A" Report.
 - (b) a Category "A" Complaint
- 49.3 The MRP may in its sole discretion
- (a) dismiss a Category "A" report.
 - (b) Dismiss a Category "A" Complaint.
 - (c) offer a reported player or official a Prescribed Penalty or a Pre-Tribunal Penalty.
 - (d) refer a Complaint in relation to an incident whose conduct is considered a Category "A" reportable offence to
 - (i) the Tribunal or
 - (ii) the Investigation Committee
 - (e) .
- 49.4 When a Prescribed Penalty or a Pre-Tribunal Penalty offered by the MRP is rejected by a player or official the report shall be referred to the Tribunal.

50 POWER TO MAKE A CATEGORY "A" REPORT

- 50.1 An officiating Umpire or an Official of The League may make a Category "A" report in a match or trial match of The League.
- (a) The Officials of The League appointed each year by The League shall be
 - (i) a member of the Executive Committee.
 - (ii) an official Umpire Observer of The League.
 - (iii) on the Umpire's Coaching staff.
 - (iv) an Umpire at the ground to which they have been appointed to Umpire by the Umpiring Manager.
 - (v) a person appointed by The League.

- 50.2 A person with the exception of an officiating Umpire with either current or past affiliation with a Member Club is unable to act as an Official of The League in a match in which such past or current Member Club is participating.
- 50.3 An Official of The League reporting a player for a Category “A” offence shall approach the Field Umpire(s) only at the next available break in play - including when a goal has been scored - to inform the Field Umpire(s) of such report.
- 50.4 Only an officiating Field Umpire may impose a send-off for a Category “A” offence.

51 CATEGORY “A” REPORTABLE OFFENCES

- 51.1 A Category “A” offence is when the offence is to cause a player to be reported by an Umpire or an Official of The League as defined in Clause 49.1.
- 51.2 If a Category “A” report is made by a Field Umpire the player shall be sent from the playing field for a minimum of ten (10) minutes of playing time or greater up to the maximum of the remainder of such match as determined by the reporting Field Umpire
- (a) the reporting Field Umpire shall notify the Interchange Steward by holding up a red card indicating the player has been reported for a Category “A” Offence
 - (b) the player may be replaced after ten (10) minutes of playing time
 - (i) the ten (10) minutes of playing time is a continuous ten (10) minutes on the Interchange Steward’s watch or clock.
 - (ii) there is no stopping of the ten (10) minutes on the clock for any time on as signaled by the Field Umpire(s).
 - (c) either or both participating team Runners may approach the reporting Field Umpire only during a break in play – including when a goal has been scored - to request the duration of the send-off for the Category “A” offence.
 - (d) the Field Umpire(s) shall inform either or both the reported player’s Runner and the opposing team’s Runner the amount of send-off time imposed.
- 51.3 A Goal or Boundary Umpire or an Official of The League who makes a report for a Category “A” offence shall inform the Field Umpire(s) of the report at the next available break in play - including when a goal has been scored - after the incident causing the report
- (a) it is the Field Umpire(s) decision as to whether such reported player is to be sent from the playing field and for what duration of time such player is to remain off the playing field.
- 51.4 Any of the following types of conduct is considered a Category “A” reportable offence
- (a) Intentionally or carelessly
 - (i) striking another person.
 - (ii) kicking another person.
 - (iii) kneeling another person.
 - (iv) stomping on another person.
 - (v) charging another person.
 - (vi) engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable.
 - (vii) bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that player has their head down over the football.
 - (viii) head-butting an opponent or making contact to an opponent using the head.
 - (ix) eye-gouging an opponent or making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the eye region of an opponent.
 - (x) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the face of an opponent.
 - (xi) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an injured player.

- (xii) scratching another person, or
 - (xiii) tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg.
 - (b) intentionally making contact with or striking an Umpire.
 - (c) attempting to make contact with or strike an Umpire.
 - (d) carelessly making contact with an Umpire.
 - (e) spitting at or on an Umpire.
 - (f) spitting at or on another person.
 - (g) attempting to strike another person.
 - (h) attempting to kick another person.
 - (i) attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg.
 - (j) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language.
 - (k) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language.
 - (l) behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire.
 - (m) disputing a decision of an Umpire.
 - (n) use of an obscene gesture.
 - (o) engaging in time wasting.
 - (p) engaging in an act of staging.
 - (q) engaging in a Melee, except where a player's sole intention is to remove a player from the same team from the incident.
 - (r) wrestling another person.
 - (s) wrestling another person.
 - (t) pinching another person.
 - (u) interfering with a player kicking for goal.
 - (v) intentionally shaking a goal or behind post when another player is preparing to kick or is kicking for goal or after the player has kicked for goal and the football is in transit.
 - (w) failing to leave the playing surface when directed to do so by an Umpire.
 - (x) wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Clause 36, or
 - (y) engaging in any other act of misconduct or serious misconduct.
- 51.5 The Field Umpire(s) shall send the Category "A" offending player from the playing field immediately or the Field Umpire(s) may allow play to continue before effecting the send-off if the Umpire believes this is an advantage to the non-offending team.
- 51.6 If a player committing a Category "A" offence refuses to leave the playing field to the satisfaction of the Field Umpire(s), the Field Umpire(s) may report the offending player's Member Club to The League.
- 51.7 A player who has already been reported for a Category "A" offence who is then reported for a Category "A" or "B" offence in the same match shall be sent from the playing field by the Field Umpire(s) for the remainder of the match but may be replaced after ten (10) minutes of playing time.
- 51.8 A Category "A" report is to be made on the official interchange card by the Interchange Steward stating the playing number, the time the player was sent from the playing field and the quarter in which the report was made.
- 51.9 A Category "A" report shall be detailed by the Field Umpire(s) on The Match Day Paperwork App.
- 51.10 A report made by a Field Umpire(s) made in accordance with Clauses 50.1 or 50.3 hereof shall be lodged with The League by 10:00am on the Monday following the match from which the report was made.
- 51.11 Any officiating Umpire from the match in which the report was made shall so far be as reasonably practicable comply with the requests of The League to appear before the Tribunal and/or the Investigation Committee.

51.12 The MRP may nominate certain Category “A” reportable offences as a Prescribed Penalty offence and the player or official may accept the Prescribed Penalty if offered by the MRP.

- (a) when a Prescribed Penalty offered by the MRP is rejected by a player or official the matter shall be referred to the Tribunal.
- (b) a player may plead guilty and accept a Prescribed Penalty only once during the playing season.
- (c) a maximum of three (3) players from a Member Club may plead guilty and accept a Prescribed Penalty during the playing season.
- (d) any further Category “A” Reports from the Member Club for the remainder of the playing season will be referred to the Tribunal.

51.13 The Prescribed Penalty offences list and penalties are as follows:

- (a) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language, or an obscene gesture to a person(s) other than an officiating Umpire - 1 match.
- (b) engaging in time wasting - 1 match.
- (c) throwing or pushing another player after the player has taken a mark, disposed of the football or after otherwise out of play - 1 match.
- (d) engaging in a Melee, except where a player’s sole intention is to remove a team mate from the incident - 1 match.
- (e) attempting to trip another player by hand or arm - 1 match.
- (f) intentionally shaking a goal or behind post when another player is preparing to kick or is kicking for goal or after the player has kicked for goal and the football is in transit - 1 match.
- (g) wrestling another player - 1 match.
- (h) failing to leave the playing field when directed to do so by a Field Umpire - 1 match.
- (i) wearing boots, jewellery or other equipment prohibited under Clause 43 of these Rules and Regulations - 1 match.
- (j) an act of misconduct - 1 match.
- (k) engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable - 2 matches.
- (l) attempting to strike another player - 2 matches.

51.14 A Member Club bye or a match lost by forfeit in any Division shall not be included as a match served in a player suspension.

52 CATEGORY “B” ORDER OFF RULE

52.1 A Category “B” offence is when a minor misconduct is committed by a player which in the opinion of a Field Umpire(s) does not warrant a Category “A” report but the player shall be sent from the playing field for ten (10) minutes of playing time and may be immediately replaced.

52.2 The Field Umpire(s) shall notify the Interchange Steward by holding up a yellow card indicating the player has been sent off for a category “B” offence.

52.3 The ten (10) minutes of playing time is a continuous ten (10) minutes on the Interchange Steward’s watch or clock.

- (a) there is no stopping of the ten (10) minutes on the clock for time on as signalled by the Field Umpire(s).

52.4 A player who is issued a second Category “B” offence in the same match shall be sent from the playing field by the Field Umpire(s) for the remainder of the match but may be replaced after ten (10) minutes of playing time.

52.5 A player who is issued two (2) Category “B” yellow cards in the same match shall be suspended for one match.

- 52.6 A Category “B” offence shall only be made by a Field Umpire umpiring the particular match.
- 52.7 The Field Umpire(s) shall send the Category “B” offending player from the playing field immediately or the Umpire may allow play to continue before effecting the send-off if the Umpire believes this is an advantage to the non-offending team.
- 52.8 If a player committing a Category “B” offence refuses to leave the playing field to the satisfaction of the Field Umpire(s), the player may be reported for a time wasting or a misconduct Category “A” offence.
- 52.9 A Category “B” report shall be made on the official interchange card by the Interchange Steward, stating the player’s guernsey number, the time sent from the playing field and the quarter in which the report occurred.
- 52.10 A Category “B” report shall be detailed by the Field Umpire(s) on The Match Day Paperwork App.
- 52.11 A player sent from the playing field for three (3) Category “B” offences during any one Minor Round playing season shall incur a two (2) match suspension for the following two (2) matches of The League
- (a) these two (2) games suspension are not included in such player’s accumulative suspended games total in The League.
 - (b) such player shall still be eligible to win a Best and Fairest (medal) award in The League.
- 52.12 The League shall advise the player’s Member Club when the suspension subject to Clause 51.11 is to be instigated.
- 52.13 The accumulation of Category “B” offences begins at the start of the Minor Round each playing season and ceases at the end of the Minor Round in the same playing season.
- 52.14 A Member Club or player may appeal against a Category “B” offence
- (a) such appeal shall be lodged to The League in writing within two (2) days of the match played.
 - (b) a \$200 fee shall be lodged with the appeal.
 - (c) the appeal shall be heard by the Tribunal.
 - (d) The \$200 lodgement fee shall be forfeited if the original decision is confirmed but reimbursed if the appeal is upheld.

53 MELEE

- 53.1 During a match of The League if three (3) or more players continue to wrestle, fight or aggressively conflict with each another after instructions from a Field Umpire(s) to cease such confrontation and which in the opinion of the Field Umpire(s) the incident is likely to bring the match being played into disrepute or prejudice the interests or reputation of The League either or both Member Clubs may be reported for an Engaging In A Melee offence.
- 53.2 Officiating Field Umpires appointed by The League in which the match is being played or Officials of The League may report a Member Club for an Engaging In A Melee offence.
- 53.3 The Field Umpire(s) or an Official of The League shall inform the Interchange Steward of such offence(s) and the Interchange Steward shall acknowledge the Engaging In A Melee details have been received and understood.
- (a) if a player or players are sent from the playing field for an Engaging In A Melee offence either or both Member Clubs may be liable for a Fine.
- 53.4 The Umpire(s) or Official of The League shall inform The League of the incident by 10.00am on the Monday following the match.
- 53.5 Fines for Engaging In A Melee offence in the same year are as follows
- (a) First (1st) offence – \$250 Fine.
 - (b) Second (2nd) offence - \$500 Fine.
 - (c) Third (3rd) offence - \$1000 Fine.
 - (d) Fourth (4th) offence – referred directly to the Tribunal.
- 53.6 The League and/or Tribunal shall retain the rights to impose a further Fine and/or penalty upon a player or Member Club Official or Member Club.

- 53.7 The penalties as listed in Clause 53.5 may be doubled during Major Round matches of The League.
- 53.8 If a Member Club is issued a second Engaging In A Melee offence in the same Division in the same year's Major Round, the Member Club shall be referred directly to the Tribunal.

54 DISCRIMINATION, RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION

- 54.1 A person shall not act towards or speak to another person in a manner, or engage in conduct which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person on any basis, including but not limited to, a person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, special ability/disability - including without limitation, disease or illness - or sexual orientation, preference or identity.
- 54.2 In the event a person hears what they interpret to be a racist remark such person may lodge a complaint in writing to The League advising of what was said, by whom and at whom it was directed.
- 54.3 The League may investigate such complaint as it deems fit.
- 54.4 A person who exhibits racist behaviour shall be liable to a penalty The League may impose including a Fine and/or loss of Premiership Points in the Division the player's team participates in or in all Divisions in which such Member Club participates.

55 CATEGORY "A" COMPLAINTS

- 55.1 A Member Club may lodge a complaint in relation to an incident in a match played in The League whose conduct is considered a
- (a) Category "A" reportable offence.
 - (b) Prescribed Penalty offence.
- 55.2 A Complaint lodged under Clause 54 shall
- (a) be lodged with The League by 5.00pm on the Monday following the match
 - (b) be made to The League in writing by a Member Club.
 - (c) contain all facts relevant to the matter which is being referred as well as the relief sought by the referring party.
 - (d) be accompanied by a payment of \$500 inclusive of GST with \$250 being refunded in the event the relief being sought by the referral party is satisfied.
- 55.3 The Match Review Panel shall deal with such complaint.
- 55.4 A complaint in respect of a matter relating to a match played in The League lodged after the deadline shall only be considered at the discretion of The League.

56 GENERAL COMPLAINTS

- 56.1 A Member Club or person may lodge a complaint to The League in writing within seven (7) days in respect of a matter relating to an aspect of The League or a match played in The League not dealt with under Clause 54.
- 56.2 The League, the Executive Committee, the Tribunal or the Investigation Committee shall deal with such complaint.
- 56.3 A complaint in respect of a matter relating to an aspect of The League or a match played in The League lodged after seven (7) days shall only be considered at the discretion of The League.

SECTION 13 TRIBUNAL, APPEAL BOARD, INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE, ANTI-DOPING CODE**57 THE TRIBUNAL**

- 57.1 Shall meet at the time and place as directed by The League.
- 57.2 The Tribunal Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members of The League's Tribunal Panel shall be persons not having a current official position in a Member Club
- (a) when possible, each Tribunal shall be constituted by three (3) members of The League's Tribunal Panel
 - (b) two (2) Tribunal members shall comprise a quorum of the Tribunal.
- 57.3 The Tribunal shall have the power to hear and determine any report or charge laid by an Umpire, Official of The League or other authorised official of The League including an investigation or a matter referred to it by The League in respect of any breach of these Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution of The League.
- 57.4 The Tribunal shall
- (a) have the power to require the attendance of any person or persons before it at any time it deems fit.
 - (b) at its absolute discretion admit or reject any evidence given or tendered at the hearing of such report and/or adopt and pursue any procedure which it considers appropriate and proper.
 - (c) at its absolute discretion adjourn from time to time the hearing of any report or investigation.
 - (d) have the power to make recommendations to The League concerning a matter arising from a hearing of the Tribunal.
 - (e) forward to The League a report detailing the offences heard and determined by it.
- 57.5 Subject to Clause 57.4 the Tribunal may deem no report shall be heard and determined by the Tribunal unless the following conditions are complied with
- (a) the report shall be in writing on the Report By Umpire form or by entering the full details into the Match Day Paperwork App and shall set out the substance of the report, the player's guernsey number and wherever possible the name of the player reported.
 - (b) The Report by Umpire form shall be signed by the Field Umpire(s) and any other Umpire(s) except where the report is submitted via the Match Day Paperwork App or an Official of The League making the report and submitted to The League.
 - (c) any one of the President or Chairman or Secretary or Football Director of the Member Club to which the reported player(s) or official(s) belong are the only persons permitted to approach the Field Umpire(s) or other reporting official at the end of the match from which the report(s) has arisen to obtain the relevant report(s) details.
- 57.6 Notwithstanding a non-compliance with any one or more of the conditions specified in these Rules and Regulations the Tribunal may in its absolute discretion dispense with the compliance of such conditions and proceed to determine any report provided such dispensation does not prejudice any player called before the Tribunal.
- 57.7 The Umpire(s) or an Official of The League either signing the Report by Umpire form or lodging the report via the Match Day Paperwork App, the Advocate of the player's Member Club and any witnesses shall attend the Tribunal at the time and place directed by The League.
- (a) The League may impose a Fine to a Member Club if their Advocate and/or the reported player fail to attend the Tribunal.
 - (b) the reporting Umpire(s) may request anyone to attend the Tribunal as a witness.

- (c) the offended player involved in a Category “A” report may request to attend the Tribunal hearing relating to such report or if directed to attend by The League.
- 57.8 Should the reported player or a required Member Club official(s) as requested by The League not appear before the Tribunal at the time and place directed by The League the Tribunal shall have the power to hear and determine the report in the player’s absence or adjourn such hearing and/or fine the player(s), official(s) or Member Club.
- 57.9 Should the Umpire(s) or an Official of The League signing the report not appear before the Tribunal at the time and place directed by The League, the Tribunal shall have the power to dismiss the report or adjourn such hearing.
- 57.10 In determining a report the Tribunal shall have the power to
- (a) dismiss the report.
 - (b) find a report not proven.
 - (c) find a report proven and reprimand any player(s) or official(s).
 - (d) find a report proven and suspend any player or official for any period.
 - (e) find a report proven and impose on any player or official or Member Club a Fine for each report proven.
 - (f) find a report proven and impose upon a player or official a suspension for any period or suspend such period of suspension upon the player or official undertaking to be of good behaviour for any period specified by the Tribunal.
 - (g) suspend for any period or impose a Fine on any player whom while playing under a suspended suspension in accordance with Clause 56.10(f) is found guilty by the Tribunal of a further charge during the period of such suspended suspension.
 - (h) find a report not proven but if in the opinion of The League a player has committed a breach under these Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution, The League may deal with such other breach in accordance with the provisions set out herein as if such breach were the report being determined and to this effect may amend, alter or substitute any report in place of the original report.
- 57.11 The Tribunal shall retain the rights to impose a Fine and/or penalty or an additional penalty upon any person or Member Club who or which
- (a) fails to have a Member Club Advocate represent the reported player(s) or official(s) at the Tribunal hearing.
 - (b) knowingly gives false evidence to the Tribunal at any Tribunal hearing.
 - (c) before, at, or after any Tribunal hearing insults, abuses or assaults the Tribunal or any member thereof or any person giving evidence at such hearing or whom in the opinion of the Tribunal is guilty of misconduct at a Tribunal hearing.
 - (d) refuses or neglects to obey an order of the Tribunal.
- 57.12 Should a Member Club include on its Team Sheet a player under suspension as a result of an order of the Tribunal during the player’s suspension such Member Club shall be liable to a Fine and/or loss of all Premiership Points accrued in the particular Division or in all Divisions in which such Member Club participates as from the date the suspension was implemented.
- 57.13 The Tribunal and/or The League shall have the power to call before it a player who has been reported for a Prescribed Penalty offence as listed in Clause 50.13.
- (a) the Tribunal shall in such case have the power to hear and determine the report and to impose a penalty as described in Clause 56.10.
- 57.14 A suspended player whose full or part of suspension is to be served during the Major Round shall serve such suspension in the Division in which they were reported.
- 57.15 A bye is not counted as a match of The League for a suspension to be served.

57.16 A person disqualified or suspended for six (6) matches or more at a single Tribunal hearing may appeal against such disqualification or suspension to the SACFL in accordance with Regulation 11.1 of the SACFL Regulations.

58 TRIBUNAL APPEAL BOARD

58.1 An appeal lodged under Clauses 58.4 or 58.5 shall be heard and determined by a Tribunal Appeal Board (“the Board”).

58.2 Each Board shall be constituted by three (3) members, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Tribunal, and the other two appointed by The League. None of the members of the Tribunal or the Investigation Committee involved in the decision which is the subject of the appeal can be a member of the Board.

58.3 The members of the Board shall not have any current or past affiliation with any Member Club involved in the appeal and a paid employee of The League cannot be a member of the Board.

58.4 A Member Club player or official suspended by the Tribunal may appeal to The League against the decision of the Tribunal if

- (a) the person was suspended by the Tribunal for a period of six (6) matches or more and
- (b) the person has the permission of their Member Club in writing to appeal and
- (c) the person’s appeal is accompanied by a fee of \$500 - inclusive of GST - which shall be refunded if the appeal is successful.

58.5 A Member Club may appeal in writing to The League against a decision of the Tribunal imposing a penalty upon the Member Club provided the appeal is accompanied by a fee of \$500 - inclusive of GST - which shall be refunded if the appeal is successful.

58.6 An appeal can only be brought under Clauses 58.4 and/or 58.5

- (a) with respect to the issue of guilt
 - (i) if it is alleged there has been an error by the Tribunal in the application of The League’s Rules and Regulations, or
- (b) with respect to the issue of penalty
 - (i) if it is alleged the penalty imposed by the Tribunal was manifestly excessive.

58.7 An appeal should be in writing setting out in full the basis of the appeal and shall be received by The League not later than two (2) days following the decision by the Tribunal against which the appeal is brought.

58.8 Subject to any other matters set out in this Rule the Board may regulate any proceedings brought before it in such manner as it decides.

58.9 The Board is not bound by the rules of evidence nor by the practices and procedures applicable to courts of record but may inform itself on any matter in such manner as it decides.

58.10 An appeal is to proceed by way of a review of the evidence before the Tribunal and not by way of a rehearing.

58.11 At the hearing of an appeal from a decision of the Tribunal fresh evidence may not be presented without leave of the Board.

- (a) The Board shall not grant such leave unless the Board is satisfied
 - (i) the evidence could not by reasonable diligence have been obtained prior to the end of the hearing before the Tribunal and
 - (ii) the evidence is of such a character if considered with other evidence which was given before the Tribunal, the Tribunal would have reached a different result.

58.12 Each Board has the power

- (a) to affirm, reverse or vary the decision which is the subject of the appeal.

- (b) to increase or decrease the penalty imposed by the Tribunal.
- (c) to adjourn its proceedings at and to such time and place as it shall deem fit and
- (d) to recommend to postpone, delay or defer the penalty imposed by the Tribunal pending the determination of the appeal.

58.13 The Board is not obliged to give reasons for a decision made by it under Clause 58.12.

58.14 Subject to Clause 58.12 a player lodging an appeal against a suspension imposed by the Tribunal may not participate in a match of The League until their appeal has been heard and determined by the Board.

59 INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

59.1 The League shall appoint an Investigation Committee prior to the start of each playing season.

59.2 The Investigation Committee shall have the power to hear and determine any matter referred to it by The League.

59.3 The Investigation Committee shall comprise a quorum of not less than two persons none of whom have any current or past affiliation with a Member Club involved in the investigation.

59.4 The Investigation Committee shall have the power to:

- (a) hear and determine any investigation so initiated.
- (b) dismiss the matter.
- (c) find a matter not proven.
- (d) find a matter proven and reprimand, suspend or Fine a Member Club(s) player(s) or official(s).
- (e) summon a person to appear before it and give evidence.
- (f) admit or reject evidence which it may be given.
- (g) adjourn proceedings to a time and place deemed fit.
- (h) adopt or pursue a procedure considered convenient and proper for the disposal of any matter.
- (i) sustain or dismiss an application brought before it upon grounds as it in its absolute discretion may determine.
- (j) refuse to investigate a matter brought before it for investigation if it determines in its absolute discretion such matter is trivial.
- (k) alter or delete as it sees fit the result of a match played.
- (l) direct a person(s) to attend a meeting at its own discretion.
- (m) refer matters as it deems fit to The League, or the Tribunal or the Executive Committee.
- (n) initiate an investigation into a Tribunal decision or penalty.

59.5 The Investigation Committee shall retain the rights to impose a penalty or Fine upon a person or Member Club who or which:

- (a) knowingly gives false evidence to the Investigation Committee or
- (b) before, at or after a meeting of the Investigation Committee insults, abuses or assaults a member of the Investigation Committee or a person giving evidence at such hearing or
- (c) in the opinion of the Investigation Committee is guilty of misconduct at a meeting or
- (d) refuses or neglects to obey an order of the Investigation Committee or
- (e) fails to be present at an Investigation Committee meeting as requested by the Investigation Committee.
- (f) it deems appropriate.

59.6 The President or Chairman and Member Club Advocate are required to attend an investigation involving their Member Club and are permitted to bring relevant people in regard to the alleged incident(s).

59.7 A referral under Clause 57 shall

- (a) be made to The League in writing by a Member Club.

- (b) contain all facts relevant to the matter which is being referred as well as the relief sought by the referring party.
 - (c) be accompanied by a payment of \$250 - inclusive of GST - which will be refunded in the event the relief being sought by the referral party is satisfied.
- 59.8 The decision of the Investigation Committee on a matter referred to it or an investigation carried out by it will be final and binding and there will be no avenue of appeal to another Tribunal or body whether judicial, quasi-judicial or otherwise.

60 ANTI-DOPING CODE

- 60.1 A Member Club and its officials are bound by the Australian Football League (AFL) Anti-Doping Code under Clause 21 of the Laws of Australian Football.
- 60.2 The AFL is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code (WADA).
- 60.3 WADA is the international organisation responsible for fighting doping in sport.
- 60.4 The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) is responsible for implementing the AFL's Anti-Doping Code at all levels of competition.
- 60.5 ASADA's responsibilities for investigations extend to The League.
- 60.6 A Member Club player or official does not have to be tested to breach the Code and receive a sanction.
- 60.7 Penalties under the AFL Anti-Doping Code may be up to four (4) years and prevent a person from performing any role in a Member Club including playing, coaching or being a support staff member.
- 60.8 Such sanctions may include participation in any event, game or activity managed by a Member Club.

SECTION 14 MEDALISTS, MERIT AWARDS, LIFE MEMBERSHIP

61 BEST AND FAIREST

- 61.1 A medal shall be awarded every year to the Best and Fairest player in every Division.
- 61.2 Medal winners are determined by the Field Umpire(s) voting as described in Clause 31.4.
- 61.3 In the event of a tie by the highest vote winning players in a Division all tied players shall receive the same medal.
- 61.4 A player guilty of a Category "A" offence shall be ineligible to win a Best and Fairest award in the playing season in which such player was found guilty.

62 MERIT AWARDS

- 62.1 The League shall award Merit Certificates to persons who have made a significant contribution to their Member Club and/or to The League (Appendix 11)
- 62.2 Certificate Of Merit award nominations shall be submitted on the form prescribed by The League (Appendix 12)

63 PLAYER LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 63.1 To be awarded Player Life Membership of The League a player shall play 150 Senior matches in The League.

64 LEAGUE LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 64.1 A Member Club may present to The League or The League may present to the General Committee a nomination for a person they regard has rendered conspicuous and/or distinguished service to The League to be elected a Life Member of The League.

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- 64.2 The nominated person shall have given a minimum of fifteen (15) years significant contribution to The League and shall not have been a paid employee in any aspects of The League in such person's fifteen (15) years.
- 64.3 The nomination of a person for Life Membership of The League by a Member Club shall be in writing and signed by the proposer and seconder.
- 64.4 The General Committee shall ratify a Life Member nomination by a two-thirds majority of Member Clubs.

Appendix 1



SANFL COMMUNITY FOOTBALL Player Registration & Transfer Form

SECTION 1 – PLAYER REGISTRATION

I hereby apply for registration with the _____ Club in
the _____ League/Assoc and will comply with the
rules set down by the Club/League/Association and the SANFL.

I hereby apply for a transfer from the _____ Club with which I was previously registered.

Given Names:	Surname:	Date of Birth:
Road/Street:	Suburb/Town:	Post Code:
Home phone:	Mobile:	Email Address:

SECTION 1a – PLAYING HISTORY DECLARATION

Have you been a registered player with any other Australian Football club? **YES/NO**

If yes, please list your playing history below. You must state which League/s and Club/s you played with and the amount of games played in each grade.

Season	League/Assoc	Club	Grade/Division	Games Played

Are you a contracted player of any Club? **YES/NO**

Are you currently under suspension or have a suspended sentence against you? **YES/NO**

Have you previously played with a club in the League/Assoc. you are making application to be transferred to: **YES/NO**

If yes, please complete previous club: _____

I declare that the above particulars are, to the best of my knowledge, and belief, true and correct.

Signature of player: Date:

Signature (Club Official): Name:

If player is under the age of 18 – Parent/Guardian signature is required.

Signature: Parent/Guardian Date:

SECTION 1b – PLAYER POINT RATING

If a player or official of a Club is found guilty of providing false or misleading information in this declaration then such player or official may be liable to penalties including deregistration, suspension and/or a fine not exceeding \$2000.00. The player's club may also be liable to a fine not exceeding \$2000.00 and/or the loss of premiership points in the Senior "A" grade team.

Club Points allocation	0	1	2	3	4	5
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SECTION 2 – OFFICE USE ONLY

<i>League Points allocation</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5
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Appendix 2



PLAYER WITHDRAWAL OF TRANSFER FORM

GUIDELINES

The player’s registered Club must submit this form to its affiliated league when refusing the transfer within the six (6) clear business day timeframe.

PLAYER TO COMPLETE

SECTION ONE - To be completed (BLOCK LETTERS) and signed by the player:-

I, *{Player’s full name}* Date of Birth: / /

Of *{Address}*

{Suburb} *{State}*.....*{P/Code}*.....

Wish to **withdraw** my application to transfer to the Football Club

In the Football League / Association.

And wish to **remain** a registered player with the Football Club

In the Football League / Association.

Home Phone: Work Phone:

Mobile: Email:

I declare that all information provided is true and correct.

Signed: Date:

NB: Deliberately providing misleading information may result in immediate penalties against the player and/or the Club.

CLUB TO COMPLETE

SECTION TWO - To be completed (BLOCK LETTERS) and signed by the club President / Secretary (or delegated representative) the player wishes to remain at:-

On behalf of the football club, I declare the above particulars are, to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

Name: *{Please Print}* Position: *{President /Secretary}*

Signature: Date:

(Penalties shall apply to any Club that lodges a false Player Withdrawal of Transfer Form).

Appendix 3

8. Clearance of Players

- 8.1 Subject to these Regulations and the AFL Interstate Player Transfer Regulations, a player desiring to register as a player of an Affiliated League Club who:
- 8.1.1 has been registered as a player in any other football league or association anywhere in Australia; and/or
- 8.1.2 has played with or was registered with any Affiliated League Club prior to, or at the same time as he was registered football with an SANFL League Club regardless of when this may have been ;

Services required is acceptable as a valid reason for refusal of a transfer between clubs only when a player must be granted an approval to transfer (“Clearance”) from the Affiliated League Club with which such player was previously registered, before being eligible for registration to play football for another Affiliated League Club.

- 8.2 A Clearance must be obtained by way of an application for Clearance by the player which must be made on a SANFL Community Football Player Registration and Transfer Form approved by the Committee from time to time.
- 8.3 A Player Registration and Transfer Form must be signed by the player in his own handwriting, and if such player be under eighteen (18) years the clearance application shall be endorsed by the player’s parent or guardian, and delivered to the Secretary of the Club which he desires to play (‘the Transferee Club’). Upon receipt of the Clearance Form the Secretary of the Transferee Club must immediately note the date of its receipt, enter it onto the Footyweb IT System and complete the form where applicable.

The Appointed League/Club Official of the League who has requested the clearance application (“the application”) electronically must keep a record of the original application that has been signed by the player making application and produce a copy of such original application on demand from the Appointed League Official of the recipient League and/or SANFL Community Football by no later than 5pm on the next business day following such request.

- 8.3.1 The Secretary of the forwarding League shall keep such application for a period of 24 calendar months. Clearance applications submitted electronically must contain the following information;
- Players Name
 - Address
 - Date of Birth
 - Player Registration number
 - Club the player desires to be cleared from and it’s Affiliated League,
 - Club the player wishes to be registered with and it’s Affiliated League.

8.4 Timing for Clearances

- 8.4.1 A Clearance Form can not be lodged with the Secretary of the Affiliated League in which the player wishes to play before February 1st and after June 30th in the year in which the application for Clearance is made.
- 8.4.2 The granting or refusal of a Clearance can not be notified by the Affiliated League from which the Clearance is sought after July 8th in the Financial Year in which the application is made.
- 8.5 A Clearance can only be obtained during the period from February 1st to the July 8th both inclusive in each calendar year during which period the following provisions will apply:
- 8.5.1 If a Clearance in respect of an application for a Clearance by a player from a Club of an Affiliated League (“the transferring League”) to a Club of another Affiliated League to which the player desires to transfer (“the Receiving League”) within six (6) business days inclusive of dispatch, by the Transferring League, the Receiving League may advise the Transferring League by telephone, facsimile or email, of its intention to register the player concerned. All telephone calls, facsimile messages and emails of this nature must be recorded.
- 8.5.2 An Affiliated League which grants a Clearance under this Regulation 8 must immediately inform the Club of the

Affiliated League in which the player was last registered that it has granted such Clearance.

- 8.5.3 If an allegation is made that an Affiliated League has granted or caused the granting of a permit or Clearance which is not in accordance with these Regulations, such allegation must be referred to the Investigation Committee for investigation and determination. If such allegation is found to be proven the Investigation Committee may fine the Affiliated League concerned an amount not exceeding \$1,000.00.
- 8.5.4 A dispute relating to the bona fides of any telephone, facsimile or email advice in accordance with Regulation 8.5.1 must be referred to the Investigation Committee for determination.

Services required is acceptable as a valid reason for refusal of a transfer between clubs only when a player:

- 8.5.5 The determination of any dispute referred to it under Regulation 8.5.4 must be made by the Investigation Committee within 21 days of receipt of the complaint by that Committee and when made will be binding on all parties concerned.
- 8.5.6 Services required is acceptable as a valid reason for refusal of a transfer between clubs only when a player has played a match for their club during the current season.
- 8.5.7 Should a player wish to withdraw their transfer application, the player must complete the Player Withdrawal of Transfer form (Appendix 10). The player's registered club must submit this form to its affiliated league when refusing the transfer within the six clear business days from the date the Transfer Application was loaded.

9 Clearance – Cannot Be Refused

9.1 Financial Indebtedness and Contractual Obligation

A player of an Affiliated League Club to who has no financial indebtedness (applies to Subscriptions for the players previous season played only) or contractual obligation to that Club must not and cannot be refused a Clearance on any grounds.

The standard SANFL Community Football Leagues Playing Contract, in a form approved by the Committee from time to time; will be the only contract recognised in the instance of any appeal where 'Contractual Obligation' is given as the reason for any refusal of a Clearance.

Clubs refusing a player transfer due to contractual obligation must supply a copy of such contract to their Affiliated League by no later than 5:00pm on the next business day

(Refer Appendix 6)

9.2 Player who has not played for 24 months

These regulations shall not apply to players who have not played competition football for the previous twenty-four (24) months. The player must satisfy the league that he or she has not played for a period of 24 months and can apply for registration to play after July 1. This can be verified via AFL FootyWeb

10. Appeals where Clearance is refused

10.1 Club to Club within the same League

10.1.1 A player registered with an Affiliated League Club who is refused a Clearance from a Club of the Affiliated League in which he is registered to another Club in the same Affiliated League, may appeal against that refusal to the League Independent Tribunal of that Affiliated League.

10.1.2 Such appeal must be directed by the player to the League Independent Tribunal through the Secretary of that Affiliated League by the Secretary of the Affiliated League Club to which the player has sought a Clearance.

10.2 League to League within the same Zone

- 10.2.1 A player registered with an Affiliated League Club who is refused a Clearance from that Affiliated League Club in to a Club of another Affiliated League within the same Zone, may appeal against that refusal to the Zone Independent Tribunal of that Zone.
- 10.2.2 Such appeal must be directed to the Zone Independent Tribunal through the member of the Regional Football Advisory Council from that Zone by the Secretary of the Affiliated League to which the player has sought the Clearance.

10.3 League to League outside Zone

- 10.3.1 A player registered with an Affiliated League Club who is refused a Clearance to a Club of an Affiliated League outside of the Zone from which he desires a Clearance, may appeal to the Permit Tribunal.
- 10.3.2 Such appeal must be directed to the Permit Tribunal by the Secretary of the Affiliated League to which the player is seeking the Clearance by forwarding the appeal to the Affiliated Leagues Manager or other person nominated by the SANFL for that purpose by post, facsimile or email.
- 10.3.3 A player of an Affiliated League Club cannot appeal against an application for Clearance which is refused after July 8th in any year.

10.3A Transfers between Clubs – Limit

- 10.3A.1 Subject to Regulations 10.3A.2 and 10.3A.3, an Affiliated League Club may refuse a Clearance for a player if three (3) male players or three (3) female players have previously transferred from the Club with which the player is currently registered ('the Current Club') to the same Affiliated League Club ('the Transferring Club') in the current season.
- 10.3A.2 The Current Club and the Transferring Club may, if both Clubs agree, determine that Regulation 10.3A.1 will not apply.
- 10.3A.3 A player who has previously played 25 or more matches for the Transferring Club shall not be included for the purposes of Regulation 10.3A.
- 10.3A.4 Community Football retains the right to withdraw or rescind a player's registration or transfer in the instance where it is deemed 10.3A.1 is being breached via transfer processes between leagues

10.3 Appeal Procedures

- 10.3.1 An appeal by a player against a refusal to grant a Clearance must be made in writing, signed by the player and lodged, together with a further Clearance Form completed and signed by the player, with the relevant person provided for in Regulations 10.1, 10.2 or 10.3 as the case may be.
- 10.3.2 The player must at the time of lodging his appeal pay to the Secretary of the Affiliated League from which the Clearance was sought, a fee of \$1,000.00 or such other amount as the Committee may prescribe from time to time and the Secretary receiving the fee must acknowledge receipt of it to the player. The Secretary of the Affiliated League concerned will not be obliged to proceed with the appeal until such prescribed fee has been received.
- 10.3.3 If an appeal made under Regulation 10.4.1, is successful the relevant Appeal Tribunal may determine that the up to 100% of the fee paid under Regulation 10.4.2 can be refunded to the player, and may also determine that the Club which refused the Clearance to the player will be liable to pay a fee not exceeding \$1,000.00 to the SANFL Community Football.

- 10.3.4 If the Club which is liable to pay the fee determined by the Appeal Tribunal under Regulation 10.4.3 does not do so within seven (7) days of the decision by the Appeal Tribunal, each of the teams of that Club shall lose all premiership points gained in football matches played whilst that fee remains unpaid.
- 10.3.5 If an appeal made under Regulation 10.4.1 is unsuccessful, the relevant Appeal Tribunal may determine in its absolute discretion that any amount up to the whole of the fee paid under Regulation 10.4.2 may be retained and paid to the SANFL Community Football.
- 10.3.6 In making any determination under Regulation 10.4.3 the relevant Appeal Tribunal may take into account any matter relating to the appeal including without limitation, but in particular, as to whether or not the appeal was frivolous or vexatious.
- 10.3.7 An appeal against the refusal of a Clearance must be lodged in accordance with this Regulation 10 within seven (7) clear days of receipt of notification by the player concerned that the Clearance was refused.
- 10.3.8 An appeal to the League Independent Tribunal under Regulation 10.1 or Zone Independent Tribunal under Regulation 10.2 must be heard within seven (7) clear days of notice of the appeal being lodged with the relevant Affiliated League Secretary or member of the Regional Football Advisory Council as the case may be.
- 10.3.9 An appeal to the Permit Tribunal under this Regulation 10.3.2 must be heard within a maximum of fourteen (14) days of the notice of appeal being lodged with the relevant person at the SANFL, except with consent of all parties including the Affiliated Leagues, the Affiliated League Clubs and player involved.
- 10.3.10 The costs of an appeal to the Zone Independent Tribunal or to the Permit Tribunal must be determined by the member of the Regional Football Advisory Council for that Zone and must be paid:
- 10.3.10.1 By the Affiliated League Club to which the player desires to transfer if the appeal is unsuccessful; or
- 10.3.10.2 By the Affiliated League Club from which the player sought a transfer, if the appeal is successful
- 10.3.10.3 within seven (7) days of being notified by the relevant Council member.
- 10.3.11 Expenses to be included in the costs of an appeal under Regulation 10.4.10 include the reasonable costs of travelling, accommodation and meals.
- 10.3.12 Except as set out in this Regulation 10 a player who is refused a Clearance may appeal once only in any season against a refusal to grant a Clearance. If a player is refused a Clearance and is unsuccessful with his appeal and subsequently makes application for a Clearance to another Affiliated League Club, he will subject to this Regulation 10 have a right of appeal against a refusal of the subsequent application for Clearance.

11. Player disqualification or suspension – Appeal to League Commissioners

- 11.1 A person disqualified or suspended by a Tribunal of an Affiliated League for six (6) matches or more in the team for which he was playing or officiating when charged or reported, may appeal to the League Commissioners against such disqualification or suspension on one or more of the following grounds:
- 11.1.1 With respect to the issue of guilt:
- 11.1.1.1 That there was an error of law; or
- 11.1.1.2 That the decision was so unreasonable that no Tribunal acting reasonably could have come to that decision having regard to the evidence before it
- 11.1.2 With respect to the issue of penalty:

11.1.2.1 That the sanction imposed was manifestly excessive

11.2 Lodgement of Notice of Appeal

Such appeal must be directed to the League Commissioners by the Secretary of the Affiliated League in which the person is registered by forwarding the appeal to the General Manager Football Operations or such other person as may be nominated by the SANFL within 28 days of such disqualification or suspension being imposed. In the case of an appeal under Regulation 11 the notice of appeal must be accompanied by payment to the League by the appellant of:

11.2.1 The sum of \$2,500 towards the costs of the appeal, which sum will not be refundable in any circumstances; and

11.2.2 The further sum of \$1,500 which shall be dealt with in accordance with Regulation 11.9

11.2.3 Copies of all photographs, video recordings, drawings, diagrams and other documents used or tendered by the Appellant at the relevant Tribunal hearing, which the Appellant intends to use or rely upon at hearing of the appeal by the League Commissioners

11.3 Time for Hearing of Appeal

Upon receipt of Notice of Appeal, the General Manager Football Operations or other person nominated by the SANFL under Regulation 11.2 must:

11.3.1 Fix the date, time and place for the hearing of the appeal as soon as practicable

11.3.2 Advise all parties interested in the appeal in writing of those particulars

11.4 Attendance

11.4.1 An appellant must attend and appear before the League Commissioners at the date, time and place fixed for the hearing of the appeal. Where an appellant fails to attend the Appeal may be heard and determine the appeal in the Appellant's absence

11.5 The appellant and respective league may be represented by legal practitioners who may attend and appear at any hearing before the League Commissioners **Procedure and Evidence**

11.5.1 League Commissioners to Regulate its Own Procedure

Subject to any other matters set out in this Regulation 11, the League Commissioners may regulate any proceedings brought before it in such a manner as it decides

11.5.2 Rules of Evidence

The League Commissioners are not bound by the rules of evidence nor by the practices and procedures applicable to Courts of record, but may inform itself on any matter in such manner they decide

11.6 Obligations of SANFL Community Football Appeals

11.6.1 Natural justice and other obligations The League

Commissioners must:

11.6.1.1 Provide any person whose interest will be directly and adversely affected by its decision with a reasonable opportunity to be heard

11.6.1.2 Hear and determine the matter before it in an unbiased manner; and

11.6.1.3 Make a decision that a reasonable body could honestly arrive at

11.7 Decision of League Commissioners

11.7.1 On the hearing of an appeal, where the League Commissioners determine that one or more of the grounds set out in Regulation 11.1 have been established it may:

11.7.1.1 If the appeal is against a finding of guilt, may uphold, quash or modify the decision of the Tribunal and/or make any other decision which the Tribunal could have made;

11.7.1.2 If the appeal is against the imposition of a penalty, the League Commissioners may affirm, increase, decrease or vary the penalty imposed by the Tribunal and/or any other penalty which the Tribunal could have imposed;

11.7.1.3 Make such orders and give such directions as it thinks fit.

11.7.2 The decision of the League Commissioners on any appeal will be final and binding upon the League all Clubs and all persons who are subject to and bound by these Regulations. After a decision has been delivered by the League Commissioners the matter which was the subject of that decision cannot be reheard nor can the decision be rescinded or altered

11.8 No Obligation to Give Reason

The League Commissioners are not obliged to give reasons for a decision made by them under Regulation 11

11.9 Appeal Fee

For the purposes of this Regulation 11, an appeal is successful if, and only if the League Commissioners determine that one or more of the grounds set out in Regulation 11.1 has been established:

11.9.1 Successful Appeal

11.9.2 Where an appeal is successful, the payment made under Regulation 11.2.2 must be refunded on receipt by the League of an appropriate tax invoice

11.9.3 Unsuccessful Appeal

11.9.4 Where an appeal is not successful, the payment made under Regulation 11.2.2 will not be refunded, unless the matter involves a monetary sanction and the League Commissioners determine that it would be manifestly unjust and unfair not to refund the whole or part of such payment in which case, the whole or such part of such payment as the League Commissioners may determine will be refunded on receipt by the League of an appropriate tax invoice

11.10 Costs

Each party to an appeal must bear his/its own costs in relation to the appeal

11.11 Appeal may be Abandoned

- 11.11.1 Subject to Regulation 11.11.2 an appellant may abandon an appeal before the commencement of any hearing of an appeal by giving written notice to the General Manager Football Operations on behalf of the League Commissioners
- 11.11.2 Where an appellant abandons the appeal during the conduct of the appeal, the payment made under regulation 11.2.2 will not be refunded

11.12 Validity of Appeal and Hearings

- 11.12.1 Where there is any procedural irregularity in the manner in which an appeal has been brought, the League Commissioners may still hear and determine the appeal unless it is of the opinion that the irregularity has caused or will cause injustice if the appeal is heard
- 11.12.2 Subject to Regulation 11.3.1 any procedure or requirement regulating the function of the League Commissioners is directory in nature and a decision of the League Commissioners is not invalid because the League Commissioners have not observed that procedure or requirement

11.13 Public Comment and Criticism

- 11.13.1 A person who is subject to these Regulations must not:
- 11.13.1.1 Publicly comment on the contents of any Notice of Appeal before the determination of an appeal by the League Commissioners
- 11.13.1.2 Make any public criticism of a decision of the League Commissioners or of any member of the League Commissioners or any matter touching or concerning the League Commission or a determination made by it.
- 11.13.1.3 Any breach of Regulation 11.13 will be referred to the League Commissioners for consideration of an appropriate penalty

11.14 Exhaust Internal Appeal

A person who is subject to and/or bound by these Regulations must exercise his/her right of appeal under this Regulation 11 and have any appeal heard and determined by the League Commissioners before commencing any proceedings or becoming a party to any proceedings in a court of law. If proceedings are subsequently commenced in a court of law the person or club instigating the appeal must meet their own legal costs as well as those incurred by the league.

11A SANFL COMMUNITY FOOTBALL APPEAL FOR INADEQUATE SANCTION

- 11A.1 Notwithstanding any Rule or Regulation of any Affiliated League, an Affiliated League Club may submit a complaint (the Complaint) to the Community Football Manager in relation to:
- an unreasonable tribunal acquittal ruling or;
- 11A.1.2 a manifestly inadequate penalty as a result of a tribunal hearing or;
- 11A.1.3 an early guilty plea penalty or the offer and acceptance of a prescribed penalty Or 11A.1.4 the failure to charge for an offence
- (the Decision)
- In respect of a player or official who has offended the Rules of Football.
- 11A.2 The Complaint must be:-

- 11A2.1 in writing addressed to the Community Football Manager and copied to the Clubs Affiliated League.
- 11A2.2 be issued within a period of 7 days after the Decision or failure to charge after the offence was committed.
- 11A2.3 set out the facts in respect of the Complaint.
- 11A2.4 accompanied by the sum of \$250.00 payable to the Community Football League towards the costs of reviewing the Complaint.
- 11A.3 The Community Football Manager will refer the Complaint to the SANFL Integrity Officer who will investigate all matters relating to the Decision.
- 11A.4 Within 7 days of the Complaint the SANFL Integrity Officer shall report his findings to the Community Football Manager provided however that if the SANFL Integrity Officer reasonably requires additional time to complete the investigation the Community Football Manager shall grant an additional 7 days for the investigation to be completed.
- 11A.5 The Community Football Manager shall decide within 7 days of receipt of the SANFL Integrity Officers report if an Appeal shall be lodged against the Decision and if an Appeal is to be lodged, shall advise the victim players Affiliated Club, the Affiliated League from which the Decision was made and the offending player or official of his intention to Appeal and require that the Club pay the sum of \$500.00 to the Community Football League towards the costs of the appeal within 2 days of such notification which sum may be repaid if the Appeal is successful and if so directed by the SANFL Tribunal.
- 11A.6 Upon payment of the amount of \$500.00 by the Club the appeal by the Community Football Manager shall be instituted to the SANFL Tribunal by forwarding a Notice of Appeal to the General Manager Football Operations or such other person nominated by the SANFL within 7 days of notification to the parties referred to in Regulation 11A.5 and the Appeal shall be on one or more of the grounds set out in Regulation 11.1.1 of these Rules and/or with respect to the issue of penalty, that the sanction imposed was manifestly inadequate.
- 11A.7 The Notice of Appeal must set out:-
- 7.1 The grounds of Appeal; and
 - 7.2 must be accompanied by
 - 7.2.1 A written report of the proceedings from the Affiliated League Tribunal (if any):-
 - 7.2.2 The report and any statements obtained by the SANFL Integrity Officer.
 - 7.2.3 The material referred to in Regulation 11.2.3.
 - 7.2.4 A written report from the Affiliated League on the circumstances leading to the acceptance of and any guilty plea or acceptance a prescribed penalty by the offending player.
- 11A.8 Regulations 11.3 – 11.14 shall apply mutatis mutandis except as follows:-
- 8.1 A reference in Regulation 11.9 to Regulation 11.1 shall be a reference to Regulation 11A.6.
 - 8.2 A reference in Regulations 11.9.1, 11.9.2 and 11.11.2 to Regulation 11.2.2 shall be a reference to Regulation 11A.5.
- 11A.9 The SANFL must in addition to the matters referred to in Regulation 11.3 forward to the Affiliated Clubs, Affiliated League and the offending player a copy of the material referred to in Regulation 11A.7 within 7 clear business days of the institution of the Appeal.
- 11A.10 In addition to the attendees referred to in Regulation 11.4, subject to any direction of the SANFL Tribunal the offending player and his Club and any legal representative of the offending player, official or Club and any victim player who is in the matter the subject of the Decision must attend the hearing of the Appeal and if the offending player or the victim player fails to attend the Appeal may be heard and determined in his or their absence.

12. Playing Without Clearance or Permit

- 12.1 An Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League which has grounds for believing that a player has played football with a team of an Affiliated League Club without having obtained any necessary transfer or permit required by these Regulations may report the same to the Investigation Committee through the Secretary of the relevant Affiliated League. Upon receipt of such report the Investigation Committee must notify the player, Affiliated League Club and Affiliated League concerned of such report, conduct any investigation deemed necessary, and may impose any penalty authorised by these Regulations.
- 12.2 A player who plays with a team of an Affiliated League Club without having first been granted the necessary Transfer or permit required under these Regulations will be liable to a fine of \$1,000.00 and disqualification for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months.
- 12.3 A fine imposed on a player under Regulation 12.2 must be paid to the Community Football Committee within seven (7) days of the fine being imposed by the Investigation Committee. If the player defaults paying the fine within seven (7) days imposed by the Investigation Committee, then the club is liable to pay the fine to the Community Football Committee. The Club shall lose all Premiership Points gained whilst the fine remains unpaid.
- 12.4 The Investigation Committee may impose any one of the following penalties on the Affiliated League and Affiliated League Club in which a player referred to in Regulation 12.1 played:
- 12.4.1 Censure
- 12.4.2 A fine not exceeding \$2,000.00 which must be paid to the SANFL Community Football.

and in addition may recommend, the disaffiliation of that Affiliated League to the SANFL Community Football.

13. Playing Without Clearance (SANFL League Clubs)

- 13.1 A player desiring to transfer from an SANFL League Club to an Affiliated League Club must not play for the Affiliated League Club until such time as he has obtained a Clearance from the SANFL Club with which he was last registered and any transfer fee payable under the SANFL Regulations has been paid.
- 13.2 If a player plays for an Affiliated League Club in breach of Regulation 13.1 such breach must be referred to the Investigation Committee for investigation and determination.
- 13.3 In the event of a breach of Regulation 13.1, the Investigation Committee may impose penalties equivalent to those referred to in Regulation 12.2 and 12.4 on the Player, Affiliated League Club and Affiliated League respectively.

14. Clearances Other**14.1 Player under 15 years**

- 14.1.1 A player under the age of fifteen (15) years on January 1st in any Financial Year, will not be required to obtain a Clearance from the Affiliated League Club with which he was last registered to be eligible for registration as a player with another Affiliated League Club.
- 14.1.2 A player may only transfer without Clearance under Regulation 14.1.1 once in any Financial Year. Any subsequent transfer in that Financial Year must be approved by:
- 14.1.2.1 The League Independent Tribunal if the player desires to transfer to another Club within the same Affiliated League, or
- 14.1.2.2 The Zone Independent Tribunal if the player desires to transfer to a Club of a different Affiliated League

within the same Zone; or

- 14.1.2.3 The Investigation Committee if the player desires to transfer to a Club of an Affiliated League in another Zone.

14.2 Player of Disbanded Club

14.2.1 Subject to Regulation 20 a player of an Affiliated League Club which disbands (“the Disbanded Club”) will be entitled to be registered as a player of another Affiliated League Club without obtaining a Clearance provided that the player is not disqualified or suspended.

14.2.2 A player referred to in Regulation 14.2.1 can not be registered to play with another Affiliated League Club unless that Affiliated League Club has obtained written notification that the Disbanded Club has been disbanded:

14.2.2.1 From the Secretary of the Affiliated League of which the Disbanded Club was a member; or

14.2.2.2 If the Affiliated League of which the Disbanded Club was a member has also been disbanded, from the member of the Regional Football Advisory Council from the Zone of which that Affiliated League formed part.

15. Playing with Two Clubs

15.1 Subject to Regulation 15.2, a player may be registered to play football with only one Affiliated League Club at any one time, unless the player is under the age of fifteen (15) years on January 1st in the current year. The player may dual register with a second club in a different Affiliated League via a type two (2) permit on Sporting Pulse, with the approval of both Leagues. In any particular case, if one of the two leagues does not agree then an application can be brought to an independent panel to determine the issue. Applications are to be lodged with the nominated representative from the SANFL.

A player who is over the age of fifteen (15) years and under the age of eighteen (18) years on January 1st in the current year may dual register with a second club in a different Affiliated League via a type two (2) permit on Sporting Pulse, with the approval of both Leagues. In any particular case, if one of the two leagues does not agree then an application can be brought to an independent panel to determine the issue.

15.2 Applications are to be lodged with the nominated representative from the SANFL.

15.3 Any permit granted under Regulation 15.2 will apply for junior football only.

15.4 Any player granted a permit under Regulation 15.2 shall only represent one (1) club on any given weekend.

15.5 In the event of a breach of Regulation 15.4, the Investigation Committee may impose penalties equivalent to those referred to in Regulation 12.2 and 12.4 on the Player, Affiliated League Club and Affiliated League respectively.

15.6 An Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League which has grounds for believing that a player is registered to play football for more than one Affiliated League Club at the same time may report the same to the Investigation Committee through the Secretary of the Affiliated League concerned. Upon receipt of such report the Investigation Committee must notify the Player, Club and Affiliated League concerned of such report, conduct any investigation deemed necessary and may impose any penalty authorised by these Regulations.

15.7 Subject to Regulations 15.1 and 15.2, a player who is registered to play football with more than one Affiliated League Club at the same time will be liable to a fine of \$1,000.00 which must be paid to the Affiliated League Club with which the player

was first registered and the player must be deregistered by the Affiliated League Club with which he was second registered until he obtains a Clearance from the Club with which he was first registered.

- 15.8 A player who has played in his home clubs “B” grade team the previous week or in his last game for his home club or is not selected in the “B” grade team for that week due to the home club having excess numbers will be able to play for another “B” grade team within the same or a neighbouring Affiliated League via a type two (2) permit if the team has a lack of numbers to field a team. This type of permit is available to be used for the minor round season.

15.8.1 Any type two (2) permits under regulation 15.3 must be approved by all Affiliated Leagues and Clubs involved.

16. Temporary Permits

16.1 Transfer in Employment

16.1.1 A player who:

16.1.1.1 Is registered to play football with an Affiliated League Club (“**the Home Club**”); and

16.1.1.2 Is temporarily transferred in his employment by his current employer from the locality of his Home Club to a branch of his employer’s business in another locality (“**the new place of employment**”); and

16.1.1.3 Has been in the employment of his current employer for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding his temporary transfer of employment; and

16.1.1.4 The new place of employment is more than 100 kilometres from the home ground of his Home Club; and

16.1.1.5 Is not disqualified or suspended from playing football;

- 16.2 may be granted a permit to play football for another Affiliated League Club (“**the New Club**”) by the Affiliated League of which the New Club is a member.

16.2.1 A permit issued under Regulation 16.1.1 will be limited to the period of the transfer in employment and will also be subject to Regulation 16.2.2.

16.2.2 An application for a permit under Regulation 16.1.1 must be approved by the Affiliated League Club and the Affiliated League with which the player is currently registered before the permit can be issued.

16.3 Student attending Educational Institution

- 16.3.1 A player not referred to in Regulation 15 who is required to temporarily change his usual place of residence in order to attend a secondary or tertiary Educational Institution within the State of South Australia may obtain dual registration via a type two (2) permit on Sporting Pulse, to play football with an Affiliated League Club in an Affiliated League in the vicinity of that Educational Institution, with the approval of both Leagues. In any particular case, if one of the two leagues does not agree then an application can be brought to an independent panel to determine the issue. Applications are to be lodged with the nominated representative from the SANFL.

Subject to him not being disqualified or suspended, a player who obtains a Clearance and is registered to play football with a Club other than his Home Club under Regulation 16.3.1 may be granted a temporary permit to play for his Home Club during periods of vacation or study leave, provided that such permit is issued by the Affiliated League of which his Home Club is a member, and the issue of such permit is approved by the Affiliated League and Affiliated League Club with which the player is currently registered.

- 16.3.2 For the purposes of this Regulation 16.3 the term “Home Club” means the Affiliated League Club with which the

player was registered to play football before he obtained the Clearance and become registered to play football with another Affiliated League Club under Regulation 16.3.1.

16.4 Temporary Return to Home Club

16.4.1 A player who:

16.4.1.1 Has been registered to play football with an Affiliated League Club (“**the Home Club**”);
and

16.4.1.2 Has transferred his employment to a place which is more than 150 kilometres from the home ground of his Home Club (“**the new place of employment**”); and

16.4.1.3 Has, with the approval of his Home Club, obtained a Clearance to play football for an Affiliated League Club situated in the vicinity of his new place of employment; and

16.4.1.4 Because of the conditions of his employment is able to return to or near his place of residence (“**Original Residence**”) when he played for his Home Club;

may subject to Regulations 16.4.2, 16.4.3 and 16.6 be granted a permit, to play football for his Home Club by the Affiliated League of which his Home Club is a member.

16.4.2 A permit issued under this Regulation 16.4 will be limited to the period or periods of time when the player is able to return to his Original Residence because of the conditions of his employment.

16.4.3 The approval of an application for a permit under Regulation 16.4.1 is subject to the approval of the Affiliated League Club and the Affiliated League with which the player is currently registered to play football.

16.5 Promotion of Football

The Regional Football Advisory Council may with the approval of the Committee grant a permit to a player of an Affiliated League Club to play football for a team of another Affiliated League Club if in its absolute discretion it determines that it is in the best interests of an Affiliated League and/or football generally.

The granting of such permit can only be made on the following conditions:

16.5.1 It must in the best interests of football generally and made for the promotion of football in a specific Affiliated League or Leagues;

16.5.2 It must for one game only;

16.5.3 A permit under this Regulation 16.5 must not be granted for a player to play football for the same Affiliated League Club more than once in any Season;

16.5.4 The granting of the permit will be subject to the conditions contained in Regulation 16.6 to the extent that they are applicable

16.6 Fly In/Fly Out (Drive in Drive out) Employment

16.6.1 Employees who consistently relocate to country locations on a “Fly in-Fly out” or “Drive in Drive Out” employment basis will be permitted to play with a Club in the district of their temporary residence without the need to obtain a transfer from their original Club. Work should be under FIFO type arrangements under the following bylaws:

- 16.6.2 On the request of the League, a player must supply a certificate from their employer certifying that they are employed on a “Fly in-Fly out” arrangement and a copy of their work schedule.
- 16.6.3 These players will be permitted to play with their secondary Club using the Local Interchange Permit in the Footyweb Registration System. This permit will be valid for a season or a part thereof and will expire at the end of the season.
- 16.6.4 These players will be eligible to play in final round matches in both competitions providing they satisfy the qualifying number of games in each.
- 16.6.5 A player may play in only one affiliated League on any one weekend.
- 16.6.6 Players are only required to play with their secondary Club on those weekends they are in their temporary location on their normal “Fly in-Fly out” employment schedule.
- 16.6.7 Should the employment of the “Fly in-Fly out” arrangement cease, the Local Interchange Permit will also cease and the player, if remaining at their temporary location, must seek a clearance from their original Club before being permitted to continue playing with their secondary Club. Such application can be made at any time during the season.
- 16.6.8 Should a player be employed on a “Fly in-Fly out” basis but desire to transfer to another Club/League, the player must seek the permission of their secondary club to have their Local Interchange amended.

16.7 Provision Relating to all Permits under Regulation 16

The following provisions will apply to the issue of all permits under this Regulation 16:

- 16.7.1 A player applying for a permit must do so on the Affiliated Leagues Temporary Permit Form approved by the Committee;
- 16.7.2 The permit will apply in Minor Round games only and will not enable a player to qualify for a Finals Series;
- 16.7.3 Subject to Regulation 16.5.2 a permit will be restricted to a maximum period of four weeks and a player will not be granted more than four temporary permits in any one season.
- 16.7.4 Consecutive temporary permits may be granted subject to the lodging of a new Affiliated League Temporary Permit Form at the completion of each period of four weeks.
- 16.7.5 A player must not use more than two Temporary Permit Forms for the one change of locality.
- 16.7.6 A player granted a permit under this Regulation 16 shall remain a registered player of the Affiliated League Club with which he is registered and shall at all times, irrespective of his place of residence, remain eligible to play with that Club.

17. Transfer Fees

- 17.1 An Affiliated League Club must not request or receive a transfer fee as consideration for the transfer of a player who desires a transfer from an Affiliated League Club to another Affiliated League Club regardless of whether or not those Clubs are within the same Affiliated League or in different Affiliated Leagues.
- 17.2 An allegation of a breach of this Regulation 18 must be referred to the Investigation Committee for investigation and determination.
- 17.3 An Affiliated League Club which commits a breach of this Regulation 17 is liable to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.00 or such other amount as the Committee may determine.
- 17.4 Whilst there is any agreement in force between the Committee, on behalf of the Affiliated Leagues, and the SANFL relating to payments to be made to Affiliated Leagues by way of compensation for players drafted to an AFL Club (**‘transfer fees’**):-

- 17.4.1 Each Zone Advisory Council may decide on the way in which any transfer fees are divided within its Zone provided that a minimum of 40% for the total of any transfer fees received by an Affiliated League must be paid to the Affiliated League Club with which the drafted player was first registered.
- 17.4.2 The Affiliated League Club which receives a share of such transfer fee must apply those monies in or towards the development of junior football or in respect of such other matters related to football as the Committee determines.

Appendix 4

**SANFL COMMUNITY FOOTBALL - STANDARD PLAYING CONTRACT****NAME, CLUB AND LEAGUE**

This Contract is made by: ('the Player')

Of: Football Club ('the Club')

An affiliated club of the: Football League ('the League')

Affiliated with: SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE. ('State Football Body')

VALIDITY PERIOD

Valid until: / / OR end of the season

PLAYER PAYMENTS

(strike through where not applicable)

Per senior match won: \$ Per senior match lost or drawn: \$

Per non-senior match won: \$ Per non-senior match lost or drawn: \$

Incentives: \$ for

Deductions from match pay: Annual subs: \$ Other: \$

Coaching (if applicable): \$ for

Other payments: \$ for

Other in-kind benefits: To the value of \$ for:

TOTAL VALUE OF PAYMENTS AND BENEFITS: \$ per season

DATE FOR PAYMENT Weekly Monthly Other (describe):**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

(strike through where not applicable)

 I volunteer in the football and other Club activities as a hobby or pastime. Any services I provide to the Club are provided as a hobby or pastime. I do not rely on the above payments (if applicable) for my regular personal income. I have (if applicable) submitted a 'statement by a supplier' to the Club (available at <https://www.ato.gov.au/forms/statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-abn/>)

(Note: It is the responsibility of the Player to satisfy themselves that the above acknowledgements are true and correct. Players are encouraged to obtain their own tax advice in respect of the payments they receive in connection with AFL football).

By signing this Contract, Player and Club confirm they will comply with all applicable rules, regulations and policies including the National Player Transfer Regulations, National Deregistration Policy and applicable State Football Body rules.

SIGNED By the Player: / /

Date:

(or legal guardian where Player is under 18 years of age)

For the Club: /..... /.....
 Date: /..... /.....
 Position:
 President | Secretary | Treasurer | Football Manager

Terms & Conditions of SANFL Community Football - Standard Playing Contract

1. OPERATION OF THIS CONTRACT

- 1.1 The Player and the Club acknowledge and agree that this Playing Contract does not commence operation or have binding effect until such time as the Player becomes registered with the Club.
- 1.2 The Player agrees not to enter into any agreement or understanding to play Australian Football with any other club or team other than the Club from the date of this Playing Contract until the conclusion of the Term or the Player's application for registration with the Club being declined. The Player shall use reasonable endeavours and do all things reasonably required by the Club to enable the Player to become a registered Player of the Club.

2. WARRANTIES

- 2.1 The Player warrants to the Club that the Player has, prior to entering into this Playing Contract, notified the Club of any suspension that will limit the Player's ability to be selected to play Australian Football for the Club.
- 2.2 Each of the Club and the Player warrants to the other of them that it understands and will comply with its obligations under the SANFL Community Football Rules and Regulations, in particular regarding Player Payments.

3. PLAYER OBLIGATIONS

The Player shall for the Term:

- 3.1 Play Australian Football for the Club to the best of the Player's skill and ability in each match in which the Player is selected.
- 3.2 Attend all training sessions and team meetings of the Club.
- 3.3 Obey all reasonable directions of the Senior Coach, President, and Secretary of the Club.
- 3.4 Play in all Australian Football matches in which the Player is selected to play or as otherwise directed by the Club unless a duly qualified Medical Practitioner rules the Player unfit to play.
- 3.5 Comply with all reasonable requirements of the Club relating to preparation for matches, attendance at social functions, behaviour and dress.
- 3.6 Not play or train for Australian Football with any other Club or team (save for a South Australian representative team or the League representative team) without first obtaining the consent in writing of the Club.
- 3.7 Do everything reasonably necessary to obtain and maintain the best possible physical condition so as to render the most efficient service to the Club and to submit from time to time and as and when required by the Club to a complete a thorough medical fitness test and examination.
- 3.8 Not engage in any dangerous activity which in the opinion of the Club may affect the Player's ability to perform the Player's obligations under this Contract without first obtaining the consent in writing of the Club.
- 3.9 During league matches, wear only such items of playing apparel as may be approved of or prescribed by the League and to the extent that the same are not inconsistent therewith, the Club.
- 3.10 Not comment on a matter which the Club has notified the Player is a matter upon which Players of the Club are not to comment publicly.

4. PLAYER PAYMENTS

- 4.1 The Club shall make the Player Payments to the Player in accordance with the Schedule attached to this Playing Contract.
- 4.2 The Player agrees that the Club is entitled to set off any monies which may at any time be payable by the Player to the Club on any account against the Player Payments.

5. DISPUTE

In the event of a dispute arising between the parties during the term of this Playing Contract or following its termination, the matter may be referred for determination by a nominee of the League. A request for determination by an aggrieved party shall be made in writing to the other party and shall contain a precise statement of the issue in dispute and all relevant facts giving rise to the dispute. The League may adjudicate upon any dispute in accordance with its rules in force at the time.

6. TERMINATION

This Contract may be terminated by:

- 6.1 The Club, if the Player is in breach of any of the Player's obligations hereunder and the breach has not been remedied after a period of 14 days following notice in writing by the Club to the Player requiring the breach to be remedied.
- 6.2 The Player, if the Club is in breach of any of its obligations hereunder and the breach continues has not been remedied after a period of 14 days following notice in writing by the Player to the Club requiring the breach to be remedied.

The Player, immediately by notice in writing given to the Club upon his name being included, in accordance with the Rules of the AFL, on the official list of players of any team competing in the AFL competition.

7. PLAYER MOVEMENT TO SANFL / AFL

The Player will remain contracted to the Club until the expiration of the Term. It is noted and agreed by all parties to this Contract that any SANFL and or AFL Playing Contract will take precedence over this Playing Contract and that the rules and regulations of the AFL or SANFL will be adhered to.

8. WAIVER

A waiver by any party of any of the terms and conditions of this Contract in any one case shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of such term or condition for the future or for any other or subsequent breach.

9. STATUTORY DECLARATION

The attached statutory declaration must be signed by the player and witnessed by an authorised witness in order for this player declaration to be valid and enforceable.

Note: Any person who wilfully makes any declaration by virtue of this Part, knowing that declaration to be untrue in any material particular, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable, upon conviction thereof, to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding four years - Oaths Act 1936, s27(1).

STATUTORY DECLARATIONState of South Australia - *Oaths Act 1936*

I / We,

[full name of Player]

of

[address of Player]**Do solemnly and sincerely declare that,****the SANFL Community Football Standard Playing Contract as attached hereto and the terms and conditions contained therein are true and are an accurate record of the agreement between the named Club and me, as the Player, or if entered into by me as the legal guardian of the Player with me on behalf of the Player, and which includes the following:**

- **Name, Club and League**
- **Validity Period**
- **Player Payments**
- **Date for Payment**
- **Acknowledgements**

And I / We make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1936.¹

Declared at _____

in the State of South Australia, this _____ day of

_____ 20_____

.....
Signature of person making this declaration [to be signed in
front of an authorised witness]

Before me,

¹ Any person who wilfully makes any declaration by virtue of this Part, knowing that declaration to be untrue in any material particular, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable, upon conviction thereof, to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding four years - *Oaths Act 1936, s27(1)*.

.....
Signature of authorised witness

Appendix 5



SANFL COMMUNITY FOOTBALL - STANDARD COACHING CONTRACT

NAME, CLUB AND LEAGUE

This Declaration is made by: ('the Coach')
 Of: Football Club ('the Club')
 An affiliated club of the:Football League ('the League')
 Affiliated with: SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE..... ('State Football Body')

VALIDITY PERIOD

Valid until: / / OR end of the..... season

COACHING PAYMENTS

(strike through where not applicable)

Per season: \$ Per senior match: \$
 Incentives: \$ for
 Deductions from pay: Annual subs: \$ Other: \$
 Other payments: \$ for
 Other in-kind benefits: To the value of \$ for:

TOTAL VALUE OF PAYMENTS AND BENEFITS: \$..... per season

DATE FOR PAYMENT

Weekly Monthly Other (describe):

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

(strike through where not applicable)

- I volunteer in the football and other Club activities as a hobby or pastime.
- Any services I provide to the Club are provided as a hobby or pastime.
- I do not rely on the above payments (if applicable) for my regular personal income.
- I have (if applicable) submitted a 'statement by a supplier' to the Club (available at <https://www.ato.gov.au/forms/statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-abn/>)

(Note: It is the responsibility of the Coach to satisfy themselves that the above acknowledgements are true and correct. Coaches are encouraged to obtain their own tax advice in respect of the payments they receive in connection with AFL football).

By signing this Declaration, Coach and Club confirm they will comply with all applicable rules, regulations and policies including the Coaches Code of Conduct, the National Player Transfer Regulations, National Deregistration Policy and applicable State Football Body rules.

SIGNED By the Coach: Date: / /
 For the Club: Date: / /
 Position: President | Secretary | Treasurer | Football Manager (delete inapplicable titles)



Terms & Conditions of SANFL Community Football - Standard Coaching Contract

1. OPERATION OF THIS CONTRACT

- 1.1 The Coach and the Club acknowledge and agree that this Coaching Contract does not commence operation or have binding effect until such time as the Coach becomes registered with the Club.
- 1.2 The Coach agrees not to enter into any agreement or understanding to coach Australian Football with any other club or team other than the Club from the date of this Coaching Contract until the conclusion of the Term or the Coach's application for registration with the Club being declined. The Coach shall use reasonable endeavours and do all things reasonably required by the Club to enable the Coach to become a registered Coach of the Club.

2. WARRANTIES

- 2.1 The Coach warrants to the Club that the Coach has, prior to entering into this Coaching Contract, notified the Club of any suspension that will limit the Coach's ability to be selected as an official in Australian Football for the Club.
- 2.2 Each of the Club and the Coach warrants to the other of them that it understands and will comply with its obligations under the SANFL Community Football Rules and Regulations, in particular regarding Coaching Payments.

3. COACH OBLIGATIONS

The Coach shall for the Term:

- 3.1 Coach Australian Football for the Club to the best of the Coach's skill and ability.
- 3.2 Attend all training sessions and team meetings of the Club.
- 3.3 Obey all reasonable directions of the Board/President, and Secretary of the Club.
- 3.4 Maintain the relevant registration and accreditation with Coach.AFL at all times.
- 3.5 Comply with all reasonable requirements of the Club relating to preparation for matches, attendance at social functions, behaviour and dress.
- 3.6 Not play or train for Australian Football with any other Club or team (save for a South Australian representative team or the League representative team) without first obtaining the consent in writing of the Club.
- 3.7 During league matches, wear only such items of apparel as may be approved of or prescribed by the League and to the extent that the same are not inconsistent therewith, the Club.
- 3.8 Not comment on a matter which the Club has notified the Coach is a matter upon which members of the Club are not to comment on publicly.

4. COACHING PAYMENTS

- 4.1 The Club shall make the Coaching Payments to the Coach in accordance with the Schedule attached to this Coaching Contract.
- 4.2 The Coach agrees that the Club is entitled to set off any monies which may at any time be payable by the Coach to the Club on any account against the Coach Payments.

5. DISPUTE

In the event of a dispute arising between the parties during the term of this Coaching Contract or following its termination, the matter may be referred for determination by a nominee of the League. A request for determination by an aggrieved party shall be made in writing to the other party and shall contain a precise statement of the issue in dispute and all relevant facts giving rise to the dispute. The League may adjudicate upon any dispute in accordance with its rules in force at the time.

6. TERMINATION

This Contract may be terminated by:

- 6.1 The Club, if the Coach is in breach of any of the Coach's obligations hereunder and the breach has not been remedied after a period of 14 days following notice in writing by the Club to the Coach requiring the breach to be remedied.
- 6.2 The Coach, if the Club is in breach of any of its obligations hereunder and the breach continues has not been remedied after a period of 14 days following notice in writing by the Coach to the Club requiring the breach to be remedied.

7. WAIVER

A waiver by any party of any of the terms and conditions of this Contract in any one case shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of such term or condition for the future or for any other or subsequent breach.

8. STATUTORY DECLARATION

The attached statutory declaration must be signed by the coach and witnessed by an authorised witness in order for this coach declaration to be valid and enforceable.

Note: Any person who wilfully makes any declaration by virtue of this Part, knowing that declaration to be untrue in any material particular, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable, upon conviction thereof, to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding four years - Oaths Act 1936, s27(1).

Statutory declarations may only be witnessed by a JP, Commissioner for Taking Affidavits (any lawyer admitted to the Supreme Court) or Notary Public (for information: <https://www.agd.sa.gov.au/services-and-support/justice-peace-0>).



STATUTORY DECLARATION

State of South Australia - *Oaths Act 1936*

I / We,

[full name of Coach]

of

[address of Coach]

Do solemnly and sincerely declare that,

the SANFL Community Football Standard Coaching Contract as attached hereto and the terms and conditions contained therein are true and are an accurate record of the agreement between the named Club and me, as the Coach and which includes the following:

- **Name, Club and League**
- **Validity Period**
- **Coaching Payments**
- **Date for Payment**
- **Acknowledgements**

And I / We make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1936.¹

Declared at _____

in the State of South Australia, this _____ day of

_____ 20 _____

.....

Signature of person making this
declaration [to be signed in front
of an authorised witness]

Before me,

.....

Signature of authorised witness

¹ Any person who wilfully makes any declaration by virtue of this Part, knowing that declaration to be untrue in any material particular, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable, upon conviction thereof, to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding four years - *Oaths Act 1936, s27(1)*.

Appendix 6



CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Administrators/Member Club Officials

- Make sure coaches and officials are trained and acknowledged for their efforts.
- Set the example by ensuring all The League's Rules, Regulations and procedures are in place.
- Administer discipline in a just, fair and supportive manner.
- Be responsible for the conduct of your players, spectators and officials.
- Respect the rights and dignity of every person.
- Be aware of your legal responsibilities.

Coaches

- Treat all players with respect at all times.
- Refrain from any form of personal harassment or abuse.
- Do not ridicule players and provide feedback in a positive manner.
- Respect gender, ability, culture, background and religion.
- Abide by Umpire's decisions.
- Control your temper and don't use abusive language.
- Promote a climate of mutual support among your players and encourage them to respect one another.

Players

- Respect the rights and dignity of fellow players, Coaches, Umpires, officials and spectators.
- Abide by the Rules and respect the decision of Umpires.
- Conduct yourself in a responsible manner relating to language, temper and attitude.
- Refrain from any conduct which could be construed as harassment and bullying.
- Respect gender, ability, culture, background and religion.
- Control your temper and don't use abusive language.

Umpires

- Treat all participants with respect at all times.
- Umpires shall be impartial and maintain integrity in their relationship with other Umpires, players and spectators.
- Compliment and encourage all players and refrain from any personal abuse or harassment towards players.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect.
- Be consistent, objective and respectful when making your decisions.
- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.

Spectators

- Encourage players to play according to the Rules and official decisions.
- Do not ridicule Umpires, players or other spectators.
- Respect and abide by decisions of Umpires and officials.
- Respect rights and dignity of others.
- Do not use abusive language and refrain from any conduct which could be construed as harassment or bullying.
- Do not take any alcohol, bottles or glass onto the oval.

Appendix 7

SACFL REGULATION 31 – TOTAL PLAYER PAYMENTS KEY AREAS

Item	Description	Detail	Regulation
Match Payments	Total Player Payment Cap	Clubs can pay up to AdIFL \$2,500 per match including finals (cannot be accrued)	31.1
	No Marquee Player	Each team may have 1 marquee player paid no more than \$0 per match (Cannot be replaced unless approval is sort)	31.1.1.3
	Individual Player Payment	No individual player can be paid more than AdIFL \$400 per Match	31.1.1.5
	Senior Coach Payment	A Senior Coach will have any amount over \$20,000 per financial year included in the total player payment cap.	31.2.3.6.1 & 2
	All other Coach Payments	A player may be paid up to \$1,000 per annum for providing the head coaching service to any grade, other than the A Grade. Any payment to a player for performing any other coaching role with the Club, other than the Senior Coach or Head Coach, will be deemed to be a football payment in the total player payment cap	31.2.3.6.4 & 5
Incentives	Match Incentives	Up to a maximum of \$600 per Match including finals	31.2.3.5
	Accrued Incentives	Up to a maximum of \$300 of the \$600 per Match incentives can be accrued each Match	31.2.3.5.2
	Individual Incentives	Up to a maximum of \$150 incentive payment per Match can be paid to a Player	31.2.3.5.3
	Milestone Payments	Up to a maximum of \$500 per 50 A Grade games played for the same Club	31.2.3.14
	Representative Football	Up to a maximum of \$500 Association Game, \$500 Zone Carnival, \$1,000 State Game	31.2.3.13
	Up Front Payments	Clubs must not pay “sign on” or “up front” fees to Players	31.2.5
Exemptions	Superannuation	Any payment made in compliance with the super guarantee charge not included in the cap	31.2.3.8
	Employment	Market value employment wages within the Football Club which are prior approved by the Player Payment Committee, will not be included in the Cap.	31.2.3.11
	Meals & Apparel	After match meals up to \$30 and Club apparel	31.2.3.5.4
	Health Insurance & Income Protection	Any reimbursement or cost incurred by a Club for any premium paid in respect of an insurance policy will not be deemed a football payment	31.2.3.12
Travel (Air & Road)	Distance	Players can be paid 0.50c per km for each km greater than 100km round trip for Match Day only, up to a maximum of \$400 per player per match played	31.2.3.9
Reporting	31st of March	Provide the Zone Registrar with estimated yearly payments	31.2.6.1.1
	31st of October	Provide the Zone Registrar with end of season player payments	31.2.6.1.3
Rulings	Enquiries on Regulation 31 should be directed to SANFL Community Football Department (Integrity Officer, Community Football Manager, Operations Manager)		
Contracts	All players who receive \$100 or more must sign an approved Contract and lodged with Zone Registrar after CFL Contract		

Appendix 8

SACFL APPENDIX 4

APPROVED PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (“APPS”)

1. Purpose of the APPS

To encourage clubs to develop and retain local players, to minimise player movement and reduce player payments, whilst maintaining a healthy community football club. Any recruiting required should be conducted in accordance with and within the spirit and intent of these regulations and the best interests of Australian Football.

2. Objects of the APPS

The objects of the APPS are as follows:

- 2.1 Encourage the development and retention of local and junior players;
- 2.2 Encourage the recruitment of ex local players;
- 2.3 Encourage the loyalty of recruited players;
- 2.4 Assist in the equalisation of competitions;
- 2.5 Assist Regulation 31 in reducing player payments to sustainable levels; and
- 2.6 Encourage Clubs to develop and promote the game in their local community.

3. Affiliated League Implementation & Total Points Rating

Every Affiliated League is to adopt and implement an APPS system in order to achieve the objects.

Systems are to be developed by the Affiliated League and approved by the Community Football League (various examples of best case “Approved APPS Systems” are set out at the end of this Appendix);

- 3.1 A League is to implement a system and any such system should be based on, but not limited to:
 - 3.1.1 A sliding scale having regard for the premiership ladder in the previous season(s);
 - 3.1.2 Other local factors such as population, junior numbers / success, schools etc.
 - 3.1.3 A combination of all of the above.
- 3.2 Each Affiliated League Club will be allocated a “Total Points Rating of up to and including 13 points” for each Season based on the circumstances listed under Clause 3.1.
- 3.3 Each Affiliated League will be allocated a pool of two (2) points per Club to be distributed for the management of local issues provided that an Affiliated League Club must not be allocated more than 15 points without the prior approval of the Community Football Committee.

- 3.4 A Club may request an increase in their allocated points from an Affiliated League prior to June 30 in the current playing season. Any request under this clause 3.4 must be in the form of the *“APPS Club Application for Increased Points”* set out at the end of this Appendix and comply with the process approved by the Community Football Committee from time to time.

Any additional points awarded by the Affiliated League under this clause will be for the current season only.

- 3.5 An Affiliated League must consider any request made by a Club under clause 3.4 and may do any of the following:
- 3.5.1 If the request is for not more than 15 points, approve or reject the request in the Affiliated League’s discretion; or
 - 3.5.2 If the request is for more than 15 points:
 - 3.5.2.1 Approve a revised total of not more than 15 points;
 - 3.5.2.2 Reject the request; or
 - 3.5.2.3 Make a request under clause 3.6. If the request is approved by the SANFL Community Football, the Affiliated League may subsequently approve a request for more than 15 points.
- 3.6 An Affiliated League may apply to the SANFL Community Football for increased Total Points Rating for club/s in excess of 15 points for exceptional circumstances before June 30 in the current playing season. Any request under this clause 3.6 must be in the form of the *“APPS League Application for Increased Points”* set out at the end of this Appendix and comply with the process approved by the Community Football Committee from time to time.

4. Affiliated League Responsibilities

Each Affiliated League:

- 4.1 Any system implemented by an Affiliated League must be provided along with the allocation of points to Clubs to the Community Football League by 31 October in each year.
- 4.2 Must allocate points to each Affiliated League Club for the following season and in accordance with APPS regulations by 31 October in each year.
- 4.3 May allocate discretionary points in accordance with APPS regulations to manage local issues.
- 4.4 Must consider all applications from Clubs for the allocation of additional points in accordance with APPS regulations.
- 4.5 Must input Club and Player ratings into Footyweb once allocations have been made.
- 4.6 Must appoint an Independent APPS Committee of no less than three (3) members, of which no member shall hold an official role with an Affiliated Club within that Affiliated League and provide the person’s contact details to SANFL Community Football by 31 October in each year.
 - 4.6.1 The APPS Officer will:

- 4.6.1.1 Be the contact for Community Football in relation to matters related to the APPS and its implementation within the Affiliated League.
- 4.6.1.2 Approval the APPS system to be used by the Affiliated League.
- 4.6.1.3 Allocate APPS points to Clubs within the Affiliated League.
- 4.6.1.4 Have the authority to appoint a member from the Committee to allocate individual player points on the Committee's behalf.

5. Affiliated Club Responsibilities

Each Affiliated League Club:

- 5.1 Must ensure all player declarations in accordance with Clause 7 are completed and lodged with the Affiliated League in accordance with the APPS regulations.
- 5.2 Must ensure that on match days the Senior (A Grade) Team complies with the Total Player Points Rating (TPPR) allocated by the Affiliated League in accordance with APPS regulations.

(NB Clubs may recruit above their allocated points in any given season but must comply with TPPR for their Senior (A Grade) Team on match days)
- 5.3 May request an increase in allocated points provided that such request is made to the Affiliated League before June 30 in the current playing season and complies with the process approved by Community Football from time to time.

6. Basis of the APPS

The basis of the APPS is as follows:

- 6.1 An Affiliated League Club must not field players in its Senior (A Grade) Team in any game which exceed the total points which have been allocated to that Club under the Total Points Rating (Refer clause 3).
- 6.2 The points allocated to a player according to the APPS will only apply when playing in Senior (A grade) Teams.
- 6.3 "Junior Football" means a competition in which players must be over the age of 12 years and under the age of 18 years on a prescribed date in the calendar year in which that competition is conducted and includes the Sports Association for Adelaide Schools (SAAS) secondary school football competition.
- 6.4 "Junior Player" means a player under the age of 18 years who has played a minimum of 25 games from the year in which he turns 13 years of age with an Affiliated League Club or school affiliate of an Affiliated League Club, with which he is seeking registration.
- 6.5 Only competitions managed by the SANFL Community Football approved competition management tool (as referred to in Regulation 29A) is recognised for the purpose of establishing a player's APPS rating.

7. Player Points Rating

- 7.1 A player of an Affiliated League Club must, at the time of registration with their new club, complete and deliver to the Club a declaration in a form approved by the Affiliated League (“the Player Declaration”) which must:
- 7.1.1 Include complete details of the previous playing history (including games played at Clubs, numbers of Seasons and games played) of the player;
 - 7.1.2 Include an assessment by the player and the Club of the Player Points Rating of the player calculated under the APPS which has been adopted by the Affiliated League;
 - 7.1.3 Be signed by both the player and an official of the Club and lodged with the Club and with the Affiliated League.
- 7.2 For the purposes of a Player Points Rating a playing coach is classified as a player.
- 7.3 For the purposes of a Player Points Rating a players individual rating will be determined at the time of registration and will remain throughout the duration of the season.
- 7.4 For the purposes of determining a Players Points Rating a player must have played a minimum of five (5) matches in the previous two (2) seasons to attract a points rating greater than zero (0).

8. Player Point Allocation

Each player playing in the Senior (A grade) Team of a Club will be allocated a “Player Points Rating” as outlined below:

- 8.1 Each player selected to play in the Senior Team of a Club will be given a base rating of Zero (0) points with the exception of Junior Players who are selected in that team who, subject to clause 8.2, will be given a minus one (-1) rating.
- 8.2 A maximum minus two (-2) points can be claimed by a Senior (A Grade) Team in any Match regardless of the number of Junior Players selected in that team.
- 8.3 A player who is the child of a Club Life Member can be registered with that same club and that player will attract zero (0) points provided that the life membership of the Club by the parent has, subject to clause 8.3.1, been held for a period of not less than two (2) calendar years.
- 8.3.1 If the Club Life Membership is not awarded to the parent of the player referred to in Clause 8.3 at the Club’s Annual General Meeting, the calculation of the date for the purposes of Clause 8.3, will be the date of the Annual General Meeting following the date that Club Life Membership was awarded to the parent.
 - 8.3.2 For the purpose of this Regulation a player will only be a child of a Club Life Member if that player is recorded as a child of that Club Life Member on the player’s birth certificate.”
- 8.4 A player who is required to change their usual place of residence to attend a Tertiary Educational Institution and is enrolled as a full time student will receive a rating of one (1) point if they registered to play with an Affiliated League Club that has a direct affiliation with that Tertiary Educational Institution.

- 8.5 A player transferring from one Affiliated League Club to another Affiliated League Club and who is under 20 years of age on the 31st December in the previous calendar year and has played a combined total of more than twenty (20) games at SANFL Under 18, Reserves and/or League Level will attract an additional two (2) points.
- 8.6 Subject to clause 8.7, a registered player of an Affiliated League Club who has played a total of 25 or more games in a Senior (A Grade) Team or Reserves (B Grade) Team or Junior Football with that Affiliated League Club, who has previously transferred to a club of another League within Australia and returns to his original Affiliated League Club will have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).
- 8.6.1 A registered player of an Affiliated League Club who has played less than a total of 25 games (the 25 game qualification – Clause 8.6) in Junior Football Team with that Affiliated League Club and subsequently returns to that Affiliated League Club, the Player Points Rating at the start of the season will remain for the duration of that season regardless of the number of games played.
- 8.6.1.1 Subject to clause 8.6.1 a registered player of an Affiliated League Club will have a Player Points Rating of zero (0) in the following season, regardless of whether that player has played a total of 25 or more games in a Senior (A Grade) Team or Reserves (B Grade) Team or Junior Football with that Affiliated League Club.
- 8.6.2 A registered player who achieves 25 Matches (without transferring) for the same Affiliated League Club will reduce one (1) additional point the following season after achieving 25 Matches.
- 8.7 A player transferring from one Affiliated League Club to a Club of any Australian Football League or Association will retain the same player rating, if any, if he is transferred back to such Affiliated League Club in the same season.
- 8.8 In accordance with the criteria below, each player selected in a Senior Team who has had playing experience with another Club in Australia may be given a further points rating (in addition to any point or points given under clause 8 above) depending on the level of the competition or competitions in which he has previously played, the number of games played in that competition, the period of time since he previously played in that competition and/or any other criteria which may be approved by the Committee.
- 8.8.1 AFL Players
- A player who has played a majority of matches in the AFL in the previous two playing seasons – five (5) additional points, less any deductions or concessions as set out below: -
- 8.8.1.1 Deduct five (5) points if the player has returned to the Club of the Affiliated League for which he last played (including Junior Football) before playing for an AFL Club.
- 8.8.1.2 Deduct a further one (1) point for each full season since last playing for an AFL Club.
- 8.8.1.3 If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months or more before resuming as a player he will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).
- 8.8.2 State League Players (SANFL, AFL VIC, North East AFL, WAFL)

A player who has played a majority of matches for the Senior team for a Club or Clubs in any one of the above State League Competitions in the previous two playing seasons – four (4) additional points, less any deductions or concessions as set out below:

- 8.8.2.1 A player who is registered to play with a Club of an Affiliated League who returns to that Club of the Affiliated League will not attract any additional points irrespective of the number of games played in the Senior Teams of the clubs in any of the above State Leagues.
- 8.8.2.2 Deduct one (1) point if the player did not play a game for the Senior Team of a Club of any of the above State Leagues in the previous season.
- 8.8.2.3 If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months or more before registering as a player he will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

8.8.3 All Other League Players

- 8.8.3.1 A player who has played a majority of matches for the Senior (A Grade) Team of a Club or Clubs in any League, other than those detailed in sub-clauses 8.8.1 and 8.8.2 above, ('Other Leagues') and/or Reserves for a Team competing in the State League Competitions referred to in clause 8.8.2 above, in the previous two playing seasons – an additional three (3) points less any deductions or concessions as set out below.
 - 8.8.3.1.1 Deduct one (1) point for each full season since the player last played for the senior team of a Club in the Other League.
 - 8.8.3.1.2 If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months or more before resuming as a player he will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).
- 8.8.3.2 A player who has played majority of matches for the Reserves (B Grade) Team but has also played a minimum of five (5) A Grade matches in the previous two seasons and is transferring between clubs in different leagues the player will have points rating of one (1).
- 8.8.3.3 A player who has played a majority of matches for the Reserves (B Grade) Team but has also played any match in the Senior (A Grade) Team of a Club or Clubs in any Other League in the previous two playing seasons and is transferring from one Club to another Club within the same Affiliated League – will have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).
- 8.8.3.4 A player who has played a majority of matches for a Junior Team for a club in any other league and has also played a minimum of five (5) A Grade matches in the previous two playing seasons will have a points rating of two (2).

9. APPS General

- 9.1 In the case of a player who has played an equal number of games in two or more categories, the highest category (points) shall apply.

- 9.2 In the case of a player who plays matches in a competition predominantly conducted during the period March through until October who, in the same or following year, plays in a competition predominantly conducted during the period November through until the following February (***‘the Summer Competition’***), the Summer Competition shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining the Player Points Rating attributable to that player upon a subsequent transfer.
- 9.3 Any proposed amendments to the APPS must be submitted to the Community Football Manager for referral to the Community Football Committee 30 April in the current playing season for the Committee to consider implementing for the following season.
- 9.4 Amendments to the APPS for the following season will be communicated to all Affiliated Leagues and Clubs by no later than 31 August in the current season.
- 9.5 Affiliated Leagues that have divisional competitions will consider each division as a League for the purpose of implementing the APPS.
- 9.6 Due to the abandonment of season 2020 by many Leagues impacted by COVID-19 the following shall apply:
- 9.6.1 For season 2021 any club who actively participated in the 2020 season will receive the usual -1 point discount for any player retained who was also retained from the 2019 season to the 2020 season.
- 9.6.2 For season 2021 any player who transferred to a club prior to April 1st, 2020 will receive the usual -1 point discount if they are retained for the 2021 season.
- 9.6.3 For season 2021 any player that played on a COVID-19 permit or transferred clubs from April 1st, 2020 will retain their season 2020 player rating and will not receive any additional discount.
- 9.6.4 For season 2021 any player from an abandoned club or league who did not participate in season 2020 will retain their 2020, point rating for the 2021 season.
- 9.6.5 For any player transferring clubs in season 2021 or 2022 the following will apply:
- 9.6.5.1 For season 2021 a players point rating shall be determined by the balance of matches played in the 2018 and 2019 seasons.
- 9.6.5.2 For season 2022 a players point rating shall be determined by the balance of matches played in the 2019 and 2021 seasons.

Appendix 9

FINES LIST All Fines exclude GST

OFFENCE	FINE
MATCH DAY FINES	
For a breach of Rules & Regulations 36.33	Up to a Maximum of \$5,000
For not supplying a Field Umpire (where applicable)	\$500
For a team being incorrectly attired	\$250
For not supplying two (2) Match Day Officials for a Major Round match	\$200
For not having goal or behind posts padded at a Home match	\$100
For not supplying a suitable Sherrin football for any match of The League	\$100
For an Interchange Steward not wearing the official uniform of The League	\$100
For the Match Day Official not wearing the official MDO vest of The League	\$100
For a Club Field or Boundary or Goal Umpire or Runner being incorrectly attired	\$100
For not supplying an Interchange Steward at a Home match or in a Major Round match (where applicable)	\$100
For not supplying a Timekeeper at a Home match or in any Major Round match	\$100
For not supplying a Boundary or Goal Umpire (where applicable)	\$100
For not supplying a suitable siren or horn at a Home match	\$100
For not supplying an accessible Spinal Board and/or stretcher & Collar at a Home match	\$100
For not having the playing field clearly and/or correctly line marked for a Home match	\$100
For not supplying a Match Day Official at all matches (two in Major Round matches)	\$100
For not supplying a Team Sheet to the opposition Club and/or Field Umpire before the start of the match	\$100
For incorrect or not supplying Goal Umpire flags	\$100
For an on field drinks carrier or on field training staff member being incorrectly attired	\$100
For an individual player being incorrectly attired	\$50
ADMINISTRATION FINES	
For a Club engaging in a Melee (3 rd offence) in same playing season	\$1,000
For a Club engaging in a Melee (2 nd offence) in same playing season	\$500
For a Club engaging in a Melee (1 st offence) in same playing season	\$250
For the withdrawal of team(s) after the prescribed date set by The League	\$500
For not supplying a Premiership team photo for The League's Annual Report	\$250
For not providing a response to a request from The League by a due date	\$250
For not supplying any form(s) (e.g. Player Registration & Transfer Form) to The League within 48 hours of request	\$100
For not supplying Club Delegate's name to The League prior to first General Committee meeting each year	\$100
For a Club Delegate or Proxy not attending a meeting deemed compulsory by The League.	\$100
For a Club appointed Field Umpire failing to return Match Day paper work by noon Monday	\$100
The Competition Management Tool FINES	
For a Club not entering a Team Sheet in the Competition Management Tool as stipulated by The League	\$100
For a Club not entering scores or goal kickers or best players into the Competition Management Tool as stipulated by The League	\$100
For a Club not entering scores or goal kickers or best players into the Competition Management Tool as stipulated by The League – third and subsequent offences	\$200
TRIBUNAL AND PRESCRIBED FINES	
For a reported player not attending Tribunal	\$200
For a Club Delegate failing to attend a Tribunal with a reported player(s)	\$200
Tribunal	
For a Club's first offence of the playing season where a player is found guilty	\$100
Club – Second Offence	\$200
Club – Third Offence	\$500
Club – Fourth and subsequent offences	Tribunal
Prescribed	
For a Club's first offence of the playing season – a warning letter from The League	NO FINE
Club – Second and subsequent offence	\$100

The League, Executive Committee, Tribunal and the Investigation Committee may also impose a Fine not listed on the Fines List to a Member Club, official, coach or player for breaching or failing to comply with The League's Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution.

Appendix 11



MATCH ATTIRE OF OFFICIALS

In all matches Member Clubs shall ensure their officials wear the appropriate match attire as below:

MEMBER CLUB FIELD UMPIRE(S)

- Official green long or short sleeve collared shirt with Adelaide Footy League logo
- Dark shorts
- Dark socks
- Boots, sandshoes or runners
- Whistle

TRAINER(S)

- Either plain pink polo shirt with the word “**TRAINER**” on the back or official pink Adelaide Footy League “**TRAINER**” vest
- Logos of official Apparel Suppliers of The League only
- Plain dark shorts or plain dark or plain white long pants
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

MEMBER CLUB GOAL UMPIRE(S)

- Official green long or short sleeve collared shirt with Adelaide Footy League logo
- Dark long pants
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

RUNNER(S)

- Yellow top with the word “**RUNNER**” on the back.
- Plain dark shorts or plain dark long pants
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

MEMBER CLUB BOUNDARY UMPIRE(S)

- Official green long or short sleeve collared shirt with Adelaide Footy League logo
- Dark shorts
- Dark socks
- Boots, sandshoes or runners
- Whistle

DRINKS CARRIER(S)

- Plain pink polo shirt or plain pink t-shirt
- Plain dark shorts or plain dark long pants
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

INTERCHANGE STEWARD

- Official orange Adelaide Footy League “**INTERCHANGE**” vest

NO JEANS OR DENIM OR CARGO SHORTS OR BOARD SHORTS ARE ALLOWED TO BE WORN BY ANY PERSON ENTERING THE PLAYING FIELD WHILE A MATCH IS BEING PLAYED.

ONLY PLAIN DARK OR PLAIN WHITE SHORTS OR PLAIN DARK OR PLAIN WHITE LONG PANTS ARE TO BE WORN BY ANY MEMBER CLUB OFFICIAL ENTERING THE PLAYING FIELD WHILE A MATCH IS BEING PLAYED.

FINES SHALL BE IMPOSED FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE MATCH ATTIRE RULES.

Appendix 12



APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT FOR A PLAYER TO PLAY IN THE MAJOR ROUND

CLUB

PLAYERS NAME

DIVISION Date

This player has played the following matches throughout the current playing season.

ROUND ►	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Div									
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ROUND ►	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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	EF	QF	1 ST SEMI	2 ND SEMI	PRELIM				TOTALS
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We are seeking a Permit for the above player for the following reasons:

My name: _____

My title in Club _____ phone number: _____

Signed: _____

This form shall be lodged with The League before noon on the Thursday prior to the day on which the player seeking a Permit desires to play.

Appendix 13**CRITERIA FOR A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT****Club Nominees**

The League may award Certificates of Merit to volunteers who have served within Member Clubs of The League. Criteria for nominees are as follow. They

1. must be a Life Member of a Member Club
2. must have given a minimum of 10 years' service excluding playing or coaching
3. must not have been a paid employee of the Member Club during their years of service
4. must have made a very significant contribution to the Member Club
5. must be nominated by a Member Club on the Certificate of Merit Application Form and lodged with The League no later than 1st February each year

League Nominees

1. Nominees must have served as a volunteer for the promotion and/or the benefit of The League
2. Served The League for a minimum of 10 years
3. Be nominated by the Executive Committee

The League shall consider the application. Successful nominees will be presented with a Certificate of Merit and acknowledged in the Adelaide Footy League Annual Report.

**APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE LODGED AT THE LEAGUE OFFICE
NO LATER THAN 31st JANUARY EACH YEAR**

Appendix 14**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT APPLICATION FORM**

..... FOOTBALL CLUB

nominates the following person for a Certificate of Merit Award of The League.

Name of Nominee.....

Total Years of Service..... during the period to (e.g 1996 to 2017)

Is the nominee a Life Member of your Club? Yes No

Reason(s) for Nomination:

SIGNED

Name President/Chairman/Secretary/Other

Date

**APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE LODGED AT THE LEAGUE OFFICE
NO LATER THAN 31ST OF JANUARY EACH YEAR**

The League will consider the application. Successful nominees will be presented with a Certificate of Merit and will be acknowledged in the Adelaide Footy League Annual Report.

Appendix 15 LAWS OF AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL – RULES EXCEPTIONS LIST

7. INTERCHANGE

7.1 Interchange Steward – Appointment and Duties

A Controlling body may appoint two Interchange Stewards to officiate during a match

7.2 Procedure for Interchange

(a) unless Law 7.3 applies, the Players intending to interchange shall leave and enter the Playing Surface through the Interchange Area

(b) where a Player does not leave or enter the Playing Surface as specified under Law 7.2 (a), the Interchange Steward shall report the breach to a field Umpire and the following shall apply

(i) the field Umpire shall stop play at the first available opportunity

(ii) a Field Umpire shall award a Free Kick to the nearest Player of the Opposing Team; and

(iii) a Fifty Metre Penalty shall then be imposed from the position where the Free Kick was awarded.

For Adelaide Footy League

- 7.1 only one (1) Interchange Steward is required
- 7.1 (a) an Injured Player may leave any part of the playing arena providing such player is accompanied by a Club Official
- 7.1 (b) the Field Umpire reports any breaches to The League only

8. UMPIRES

8.2 Duties

8.2.2 Boundary Umpires

(b) When the boundary Umpire signals that the football is Out of Bounds, the field Umpire shall immediately sound a whistle to indicate that the football is out of play. When directed by the field Umpire, the boundary Umpire shall bring the football into play by throwing the football over their head towards the centre of the Playing Surface. The field Umpire may recall any throw-in by the boundary Umpire that in their opinion does not allow any opportunity for the football to be contested.

For Adelaide Footy League women's football only, the Last Possession Rule applies

13. CENTRE BOUNCES

13.1 Starting Positions

The following starting positions must be met within a reasonable time as set by the Controlling Body, before the field Umpire commences their approach to the Centre Circle to bounce or throw up the football to start a quarter or recommence play after a Goal has been scored:

(a) six Players from each Team are permitted in each area defined by the Boundary Line and the Fifty Metre arcs;

(b) of these six Players for each area referenced in Law 13.1(a), at least one Player from each Team is positioned within the Goal Square;

(e) one Player from each Team is positioned in each shaded area in Diagram 2

6-6-6 rule does not apply in the Adelaide Footy League

18. FREE KICKS

18.4 Ruck Contests

18.4.2 Number of Rucks

Each Team must have no more than one Ruck contesting any centre bounce, throw-up or boundary throw-in.

18.4.3 Free Kicks - Ruck Contests

A field Umpire shall award a Free Kick in a Ruck contest against a Player where the Player:

(a) who is not a Ruck, contests a throw-up or boundary throw-in

There is no ruck nomination rule in the Adelaide Footy League. More than one ruckman from a team can contest a ruck contest, except at the start of the quarter or after a goal

18.11 Deliberate Rushed Behinds

18.11.1 Spirit and Intention

Players shall be encouraged to keep the football in play.

18.11.2 Free Kicks - Deliberate Rushed Behinds

A field Umpire shall award a Free Kick against a Player from the Defending Team who intentionally Kicks, Handballs or forces the football over the Attacking Team's Goal Line or Behind Line or onto one of the Attacking Team's Goal Posts, and the Player:

(a) is greater than nine metres from the Goal Line or Behind Line;

- (b) is not under immediate physical pressure;*
- (c) has had time and space to dispose of the football; or*
- (d) from a Ruck contest, hits the football over the Goal Line or Behind Line on the full.*

18.11.3 Taking Free Kick

A Free Kick awarded under Law 18.10.2 shall be taken from the middle of the Goal Line if the football crossed the Goal Line or hit the goal post, or at the point where the football crossed the Behind Line.

There is no Deliberate Rushed Behinds rule used in the Adelaide Footy League

19. FIFTY METRE PENALTY

19.5 Local Conditions

A Controlling Body may reduce the distance of a Fifty Metre Penalty to 25 metres for the Matches played in the competition conducted by the Controlling Body.

The distance of 25 metres is used in the Adelaide Footy League

20. DISPOSAL AFTER MARK OR FREE KICK

20.4.2 Crossing the Goal Line or Behind Line

(a) In the event the Player from the Defending Team crosses the Goal Line or Behind Line and then elects or is called to play on:

- (i) the Player must re-enter the Playing Surface by crossing the same Goal Line or Behind Line; and*
- (ii) the Player must move in one direction off the line of The Mark in the process of re-entering the Playing Surface.*

(b) If the Player breaches Law 20.4.2(a)(i) or (ii), including being tackled, a Behind shall be registered.

(c) If the football hits either the goal or behind post after the Player disposes of the football, the Player shall be given the football again to recommence play.

20.4.3 Crossing the Boundary Line

(a) In the event the Player from the Defending Team crosses the Boundary Line and elects to play on through the Goal Line or Behind Line, a boundary throw-in shall result adjacent to the behind post.

(b) If the football hits either the goal or behind post after the defending Player disposes of the football, a boundary throw-in shall result adjacent to the behind post.

In all of the above scenarios in the Adelaide Footy League, the player is given another kick (i.e. no boundary throw-in or score)

20.5.2 Moving Off The Mark While a Player is Kicking for a Goal

If the Player standing The Mark moves off The Mark whilst a Player is in the act of Kicking for a Goal, the following shall apply:

(a) if a Goal is Kicked, the field Umpire shall signal 'All Clear' and a Goal shall be recorded; and

(b) if a Goal is not Kicked, the Player may elect to take another Kick, in which case the Player shall also be awarded a Fifty Metre Penalty.

There is no "Stand" rule in the Adelaide Footy League. A player standing the mark may move as long as they do not go over the mark.