



## The Update – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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### LEAGUE CONTACTS

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(g) for Major Round matches the highest ranked team shall wear their home coloured short.

### Tribunal Report – From the Gavel

#### By Week By Division – Week 2 April 20th

Match Date	GRADE	CLUB	NAME	OFFENCE	CONDUCT	CONTACT	IMPACT	RESULT	MATCHES	PLUS # matches suspended
Division M1, 1R & C1										
Division M2, 2R & C2										
20-Apr	M2	Edwardstown	NORMAN, Carter	Rough Conduct	Careless	Body	Medium	MRP	3	1
Division M3, 3R & C3										
Division M4, 4R & C4										
Division M5, 5R & C5										



## Play HQ Outage / Sunday Mail

Its worth noting below if for no other reason the PHQ Outage on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> was not Adelaide Metro or South Australia but Nationwide. It's a big deal when the story below is published in all major papers.

The major provider of online local footy scores and stats has moved to assure clubs and supporters that an ill-timed outage from last weekend will not reoccur.

Last Saturday at 6pm, footy fans were unable to see the results from competitions across Australia due to a technical error on PlayHQ which lasted several hours and has been described as the worst outage in the company's history.

While club volunteers were still able to upload results, results weren't publicly available with many taking to social media to express their frustrations.

Now PlayHQ chief executive Tim Mackinnon has apologised for the issue but has vowed for a much smoother run this weekend.

"We are sorry. It was the worst outage in PlayHQ's history," he said.

"Indeed, we haven't had any outages for 395 days, including games over Easter weekend and last season with Victorian rural footy. We pride ourselves on our 99.9 per cent uptime, enterprise-level infrastructure, and modern codebase, which supports over 1 billion page views annually for over 2 million participants to see live scores, fixtures and stats.

"But on Saturday evening, people couldn't see their games and fixtures, and we appreciate that it would have been frustrating.

"Our team worked through the night to identify and fix the issue (our Play AFL app traffic wasn't caching correctly after a recent change to our app, which caused a spike in traffic which overwhelmed a core database that powered everything our participants see).

"1871 games ran on Sunday without any issues. We are confident it won't happen this weekend or ever — we have fixed caching error, increased the size of databases and optimised other services and processes."

After the outage, an AFL Victoria statement said it would know more "early in the week around the cause of the issue".

The governing body said it would go "through an incident report with PlayHQ".

The PlayHQ system was introduced to many local footy competitions across Australia at the beginning of the 2022 season.

Clubs in metropolitan Melbourne moved across to PlayHQ in the off-season along with local cricket competitions.

## Rule of the Week #1

### 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.
- 13.4 When a player has not played in the previous week of Minor Round matches, they must have played at least one match in the team prior to the bye.
- 13.5 determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

## Rule of the Week #2

### 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 Match Day Official of such offence(s) and the Match Day Official 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 4:00pm 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.

## Key Links

AFL Concussion Policy - [AFL Concussion Guidelines](#)

AdFL Rules and Regulations - [https://www.adelaidefooty.com.au/files/ugd/7209dc\\_7809a934dddf431789b3e28c373b7555.pdf](https://www.adelaidefooty.com.au/files/ugd/7209dc_7809a934dddf431789b3e28c373b7555.pdf)

AdFL Division Specifications - [https://www.adelaidefooty.com.au/files/ugd/7209dc\\_7679895828fa420aa028326ab996ff81.pdf](https://www.adelaidefooty.com.au/files/ugd/7209dc_7679895828fa420aa028326ab996ff81.pdf)

CFL Regs - <https://sanfl.com.au/communityfootball/community-football-rules-regulations/>

Laws of Australian Football - <https://play.afl/learning-resource/laws-game#article-0>

AdFL Umpire Fees - [https://www.adelaidefooty.com.au/files/ugd/7209dc\\_5c3a8e968b894637a7e8ee13f39caeb1.pdf](https://www.adelaidefooty.com.au/files/ugd/7209dc_5c3a8e968b894637a7e8ee13f39caeb1.pdf)

## Frequently Asked Questions

<https://www.adelaidefooty.com.au/faq-s>

## Archived Updates

For anyone, particularly newer Delegates or club officials, please see below.

<https://www.adelaidefooty.com.au/the-update>

## KEY DATES

2024		
	11 <sup>th</sup> May	Umpire Appreciation Round
	18 <sup>th</sup> May	Breakthrough Round
	8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Jun	King's Birthday Weekend - BYE ALL TEAMS
	5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Women's Medal Count – Digital (TBC)
	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Women's Grand Finals Division 3, 4 , 5 & 6
	24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Women's Grand Finals - Division 1, 1R, 2 & 2R
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Men's Medal Count – Digital (TBC)
	7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Men's Grand Finals - Division 7, 7R
	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Men's Grand Finals - Division 2-6, C2-C8
	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Men's Grand Finals - Division 1, 1R & C1