



# RULES AND REGULATIONS

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The Laws of Australian Football applies to all matches of the Adelaide Footy League except where certain Laws of Australian Football have not been adopted or modified by the Adelaide Footy League’s Rules, Regulations, Policies, Directions and Procedures.

See Appendix 15 for exceptions.

All Member Clubs, existing or applying as a New Club as described in Clause 5 of the Regulations accept The Rules contained as described in The League’s Constitution and or Rules and Regulations which shall prevail in all circumstances over another League or Association, Tribunal or body whether judicial, quasi-judicial or otherwise including the Australian Football League, the South Australian National Football League and South Australian Community Football League.

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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 competition.
- 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 **“Competition Management Tool”** means Sports Management System.
- 1.10 **“Constitution”** means the Constitution of The League.
- 1.11 **“Division”** means one of the groupings in which The League is divided for the purpose of competition.
- 1.12 **“Executive Committee”** means the committee appointed under Clause 13 of the SA Amateur Football League Constitution.
- 1.13 **“Investigation Committee”** means the committee appointed by The League under Clause 12 of the SAAFL Constitution.
- 1.14 **“Junior”** means players, or matches played by players, from the year in which the player turns thirteen (13) years of age.
- 1.15 **“Lion”** means SABC or Lion Nathan.
- 1.16 **“Lion Nathan”** means SABC or Lion.
- 1.17 **“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.
- 1.18 **“Match”** means the contest of Australian Football played between two teams.
- 1.19 **“Member Club”** means one that participated in a competition of The League the season prior to the season it seeks affiliation and fielded a minimum of two (2) senior men’s teams, is not considered unfinancial, expelled or suspended from The League in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.
- 1.20 **“Minor Round”** means a series of matches played prior to The League’s Major Round matches.
- 1.21 **“MRP”** means the Match Review Panel.
- 1.22 **“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.
- 1.23 **“Player”** means a person who is registered to play football with a Member Club.
- 1.24 **“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.
- 1.25 **“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.
- 1.26 **“Registration”** means the act of registering a player to compete in the Adelaide Footy League.
- 1.27 **“Rules and Regulations”** means these Rules and Regulations.

- 1.28 **“SAAFL”** means the South Australian Amateur Football League.
- 1.29 **“SABC”** means South Australian Brewing Company, Lion Nathan or Lion.
- 1.30 **“SACFL”** means the South Australian Community Football League.
- 1.31 **“SANFL”** means the South Australian National Football League.
- 1.32 **“SANFLW”** means the South Australian National Football League’s Womens Competition.
- 1.33 **“SANFL League Club”** means a League Club as defined in the SANFL Constitution.
- 1.34 **“Sports Management System”** means Competition Management Tool.
- 1.35 **“The League”** means the South Australian Amateur Football League Incorporated and/or its trading name Adelaide Footy League.
- 1.36 **“Transfer”** means an approval to transfer a player from a Member Club or Affiliated League Club to another Member Club or Affiliated League Club.
- 1.37 **“Tribunal”** means the Tribunal appointed by The League under Clause 11 of the SAAFL Constitution.
- 1.38 **“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) appoint a Rules and Regulations Committee.
  - (b) determine the remuneration of Umpires.
  - (c) order from time to time the method of determining which team(s) may be relegated and which team(s) may be promoted.
  - (d) consider allegations, complaints and protests arising from the playing of an unregistered player by a Member Club.
  - (e) 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.
  - (f) receive, consider and implement as it sees fit, recommendations made by any of The League Officials listed as per 2.1.(e).
  - (g) require the attendance before it of such person as it may consider appropriate to enable it to determine any complaint, protest or dispute.
  - (h) appoint Sub-Committees as it deems appropriate.
  - (i) determine the cost to each Member Club to register the players of such Member Club for any year and the schedule for which such payments shall be made.
  - (j) receive, investigate and determine an appeal lodged by a player in respect of a player transfer being refused.
  - (k) prescribe the forms of The League to be used.
  - (l) determine the venue in which a match of The League is to be played as it sees fit.
  - (m) determine starting times for all matches of The League.
  - (n) consider and determine applications to replay any match of The League.
  - (o) determine the redaction and reallocation of the score and premiership points if applicable in a match in which a breach of these Rules and Regulations has occurred as it sees fit.
  - (p) appoint representative team coaches of The League upon such conditions as it see fit.
  - (q) appoint representative team selection committee(s) of The League as it sees fit.
  - (r) direct a Member Club to appoint Umpires for any match of The League as it sees fit.

- (s) determine the manner for awarding trophies and Certificates of The League.
- (t) fix remuneration of an employee of The League.
- (u) appoint Field, Boundary and Goal Umpires for any match of The League as it sees fit.
- (v) order the forfeit of a match for non-compliance with these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.
- (w) 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.
- (x) enquire into all charges, complaints, protests and allegations concerning Umpires, Officials, Delegates, Member Clubs or players.
- (y) impose penalties including Fines listed in Appendix 9 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 Officials of The League.
  - (v) a person fails to comply with a request from the Executive Committee or Officials of The League.
- (z) determine the playing uniform standards as it sees fit.
- (aa) appoint a Chair of the Tribunal
- (bb) appoint a Chair of the independent Match Review Panel.
- (cc) determine the penalty guidelines in which a Tribunal, Investigation Committee or Match review chair may refer as it sees fit.
- (dd) delegate any football operational procedure in Clause 2 to The League's CEO as it sees fit.
- (ee) determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

### **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 and or Alternate 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 A NEW CLUB 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 11:59PM on the thirty first (31<sup>st</sup>) 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 season prior to which the club seeks admission and or
- (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 to be approved by The League.
- (c) the location of the applicant club's oval(s), all 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 Men's teams being two (2)
- (e) a nomination of the Division(s) in which each team of the applicant club desires to compete.
- (f) any other information The League directs to form part of the applicant club's application to validate any claim to provide evidence of a sustainable football club as described in Clause 5.2 (d) (i) or as determined by The League.
- 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), all 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 League may at its discretion offer an Associate Membership to a nominating club.
- (a) Such Associate Member is ineligible to debate or vote on League business.
- 5.8 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 to the General Committee unless approved and convened under the direction of The League Executive Committee to which The League Executive Committee retains full discretion.



- 5.9 All Member Clubs, existing or applying as a New Club as described in Clause 5 of the Regulations accept The Rules contained as described in The League’s Constitution and or Rules and Regulations which shall prevail in all circumstances over another League or Association, Tribunal or body whether judicial, quasi-judicial or otherwise including the Australian Football League, the South Australian National Football League and South Australian Community Football League.

## **6 RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE**

- 6.1 A Member Club may only assume a right to apply as a Renewal of Membership should such club have participated in a competition of The League the season prior to the season it seeks affiliation, fielded a minimum of two (2) senior men’s teams, is not unfinancial, expelled or suspended from The League in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.
- (a) Each current Member Club seeking renewal of its membership with The League for the next playing season shall make its application as prescribed by The League and to be received by The League not later than 11:59PM on the thirty first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of October of the year preceding the year to which renewal is sought and shall include 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 Men’s teams being two (2) and/or
      - (a) a current Member Club nominating only one (1) Senior Men’s team shall be allowed to field one team only for the playing season in which it seeks affiliation.
      - (b) should such Member Club not being able to field a minimum of two (2) Senior Men’s teams in the following playing season The League retains the right to reject the Member Club’s renewal of its membership of The League.
  - (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.
  - (f) Any Member Club which fails to make such application by the time date specified in Clause 6.1 of these Regulations shall forfeit the right to make application for a Renewal of Membership of The League and in turn be required to apply as per the conditions set out in Clause 5 of these Rules and Regulations.
- 6.2 A Member Club making an application for an additional team(s) shall pay a fee to The League by no later than 11:59 PM of the thirty first (31<sup>st</sup>) 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 scheduled fees as The League deems fit.

- 6.6 A Member Club expelled or suspended may lose all its rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations and may not be entitled to any refund of monies from The League in accordance with Clause 6 of these Rules and Regulations.
- (a) Such Member Club may forfeit all its rights and privileges conferred by The League’s Constitution and these Rules and Regulations and may not be entitled to make an application for admission to The League in accordance with Clause 6 of these Rules and Regulations unless approved by the Executive Committee.
- 6.7 A Member Club shall not participate in any aspect of The League whilst any of its Affiliation Fees are in arrears.
- 6.8 A Member Club will be subject to The Behavioural Rating System as prescribed by The League.
- 6.9 All Member Clubs, existing or applying as a New Club as described in Clause 5 of the Regulations accept The Rules contained as described in The League’s Constitution and or Rules and Regulations which shall prevail in all circumstances over another League or Association, Tribunal or body whether judicial, quasi-judicial or otherwise including the Australian Football League, the South Australian National Football League and South Australian Community Football League.

## **7 ONLINE SPORTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

- 7.1 Each Member Club upon acceptance and/or renewal of its membership with The League shall enter information into the Online Sports Management System as determined by The League.
- (a) The League may impose a Fine for failure to comply with such request.
- 7.2 Any Online Sport Management system’s ability to circumnavigate these Regulations does not supersede or take precedence of approvals required as described in these Rules and Regulations to participate in a match of The League whether by Club, Team, Official or player.
- (a) The League may impose a Fine and or loss of score accrued in the match specific to a breach of this Regulation.

## **8 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION**

- 8.1 Subject to Clauses 8.3(a) and 8.3(b) the Members Clubs Men’s “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 Men’s “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 Men’s “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 Division” of a Member Club being promoted into a Division in which the first team “A’s Division” of other Member Clubs will predominate 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 by The League.
  - (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 Specific to Clause 7.2 of 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 (Appendix 1) 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 such periods determined by The League but not later 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 Calendar 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 calendar 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, Clauses 8 – 17 specifically Clause 16.4 (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 obligations 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 obligations by The League are the SACFL Playing Contract form (Appendix 4) and the SACFL Standard Coaching Contract (Appendix 5).

- 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 6) 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 is excluded from registration with The League
- (a) An ability to Register such player via the approved Online Sports Management system does not validate such player's Registration.
  - (b) The League retains the right to withdraw or rescind a player's or officials registration and or transfer.
- 10.26 The League retains the right to withdraw or rescind a player's or officials registration and 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 but not limited to
    - (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 a Minor Round match of The League
  - (vi) whom was not eligible to play in a Major Round match of The League.
- 10.28 The League may award the Premiership Points and Score to the opposing team as a result of any breach to Regulation 10.27 as it sees fit.
- 10.29 A Member Club may refuse a transfer for a player if three (3) Men’s 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 Men’s 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 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 Women’s 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.
- 10.31 A Player Registration and Transfer Form shall be lodged into the Competition Management Tool and approved in full by
- (a) the source club,
  - (b) source league or association,
  - (c) the destination club,
  - (d) The League and
  - (e) the player seeking registration prior to the player playing in a match of The League.
- 10.32 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

## **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 Rules set out in the extract (Appendix 7) and or Appendix 3 of the SACFL Regulations.
- 11.3 A Member Club shall not field a Men’s “A” Division team in any match of The League including Major Round matches where the team’s Total Points Rating exceeds fifteen (15) points.
- 11.4 Before playing a match for a Member Club a Men’s 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 Men’s 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 4, Clause 8.3 is the ruling regarding the child of a Member Club Life Member attracting zero (0) APPS Points, 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 (Appendix 8) will be in accordance to the SACFL Appendix 2 Total Player Payments except for variations to the SACFL Regulation Total Player Payments Key Areas (Appendix 7).
- (a) the Total Player Payments is to be no more than three thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$3,275.00) for each Minor Round or Major Round match in which a Member Club is participating.
- (b) a maximum Player Payment per match is six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650.00) per player.

## **SECTION 4 SANFL PLAYERS, BYE ROUND, STATE TEAMS, AND WOMEN'S 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.
- 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.

### **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 When a registered player of a Member Club plays a league, reserves or women's 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 Men's 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 twelve (12) years of age.

- 14.3 A Junior player is deemed as a player who played from the year in which they turned twelve (12) years of age.
- 14.4 A SANFL state match when the SANFL clubs do not play is considered as a SANFL bye.
- 14.5 A SANFL Split Round is considered a 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.
- 14.7 determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

## 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 WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

- 16.1 A player who desires to compete in a Senior Women's match shall be a minimum of 15 years of age.
- 16.2 The approved size four (4) football shall be used for all Women's 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 Club's Women's 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 once the player's SANFLW team's season has been completed if
  - (a) the player has played less than nine (9) matches in the SANFLW in the current season and/or
  - (b) the player has played a minimum of three (3) matches in a competition of The League in the current season prior to the completion of the SANFLW minor rounds.
- 16.6 determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

## 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
  - (a) shall wear the official Match Day attire as prescribed by The League for the duration of the match being played.
  - (b) 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 in any Division is played on a Friday or Saturday each Member Club shall enter into the Competition Management Tool before 6.00pm on the Saturday of that round of matches.
- (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 in any Division is played on a Sunday each Member Club 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 team's goal kickers.
    - (iii) their team's five (5) best players.
  - (b) The Away Club shall enter
    - (i) their team's goal kickers.
    - (ii) their team's five (5) best players.
- 19.3 When a match in any Division is completed after 5:30 pm on any day, each Member Club shall enter into the Competition Management Tool within one (1) hour of the completion of that match.
  - (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.
- 19.4 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 6) 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 Women’s 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 30<sup>th</sup> April, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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 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 (Appendix 19).
- 25.2 A player participating in a match of The League shall wear the uniform of their Member Club as determined by The League.
- 25.3 The playing number(s) shall be clearly displayed 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 Clause 25.
- 25.5 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

**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 prior to any wearing of such new uniform in any match, artwork of the front and the rear view of their proposed new uniform(s) including shorts and socks prior to the twenty eighth (28<sup>th</sup>) 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 skin colour or the same colour as the player's shorts and does not display any sponsor's advertising.
- 26.6 determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

**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 65mm x 90mm 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) A League Sponsor logo shall be placed in the front middle and shall be 81cm<sup>2</sup>.
  - (e) Any 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 84 cm<sup>2</sup>.
  - (f) Supplier logo to be placed near the bottom right corner of the front of the guernsey and shall not exceed 50cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 27.2 A maximum of a further two Member Club logos not exceeding 81 cm<sup>2</sup> 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 cm<sup>2</sup> in size.
- 27.4 A logo on the back of a guernsey may be placed above the guernsey playing number but shall not exceed 60 cm<sup>2</sup> in size.
- 27.5 A Member Club Sponsor logo on the back of a guernsey may be placed below the guernsey playing number but shall not exceed 240 cm<sup>2</sup> in size.
- 27.6 A League Sponsor logo on the back of a guernsey may be placed below the Member Club Sponsor logo as described in Clause 27.5 but shall not exceed 240 cm<sup>2</sup> in size.
- 27.7 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
      - (i) the shorts suppliers logo not exceeding 9 cm<sup>2</sup> in size.
      - (ii) the League logo – Adelaide Footy League – shall be 24 cm<sup>2</sup> in size.
      - (iii) the Clubs logo not exceeding 9 cm<sup>2</sup> in size.

- (b) One (1) Member Club sponsors logos are permitted on the front left leg of a player's shorts not exceeding 64 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- (c) One (1) Member Club sponsors logo is permitted on the rear left leg of a player's shorts each not exceeding 64 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- (d) One (1) League sponsors logo is permitted on the front right leg of a player's shorts not exceeding 64 cm<sup>2</sup> as The League sees fit.
- (e) One (1) League sponsors logo is permitted on the rear right leg of a player's shorts not exceeding 64 cm<sup>2</sup> as The League sees fit.

27.8 Member Club football socks shall incorporate

- (a) the approved supplier logo placed on both sides of the sock centred halfway up the sock from the start of the ankle not including the turn down or foot not exceeding 12 cm<sup>2</sup> in size.
- (b) the Leagues logo is to be placed above the suppliers logo measuring 12 cm<sup>2</sup> in size.
- (c) the Member Clubs logo is to be placed under the suppliers logo not exceeding 12 cm<sup>2</sup> in size.

## 28 PLAYING UNIFORM CLASHES & OTHER

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 Men's teams wear their licensed white shorts as approved by The League.
  - (ii) for Women's teams may wear their licensed home coloured shorts as approved by The League (Women's teams are not required to wear white shorts as described in Clause 28.2 (b)).for Major Round matches the highest ranked team shall wear their home coloured short.
- (d) for Member Club's Men's teams designated as the Home team shall wear their home coloured shorts as approved by The League.
- (e) black encompasses all dark colours including maroon, navy blue, royal blue, brown, red and green. (For avoidance of doubt, any colour other than white unless otherwise advised by The League.)
- (f) for Member Club's Men's team designated as the Away team shall wear their licensed white shorts as only approved by The League.
- (g) for Major Round matches the highest ranked team shall wear their home coloured short.

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 commercially laundered and a receipt must be produced when returned to The League no later than the Thursday 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.

- 28.6 In the absence of any pre-determined clash of playing guernseys, competing clubs may agree for the visiting team to wear an alternative playing guernsey as an away guernsey.
- (a) In the event of such agreement, all visiting teams are required to wear the same playing guernsey i.e. A, B and C if applicable.

## **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 and Working With Children (WWC) check.
- (a) The relevant 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.
- 29.5 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

### **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.
- 30.8 determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

### **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 36.20.
  - (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, 31.3 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.
- 31.8 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.
- 31.9 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

**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 Match Day Official 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.
- 32.8 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

**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 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

#### **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.
- 34.2 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

#### **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 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.
- (a) Any such player may only play in the lower Division match if the match is played prior to the higher graded match.
- 36.2 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.
- 36.3 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 47.20 (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.
- 36.4 A Member Club may request an entrance fee donation but may not enforce such fee upon a person attending a match of The League.
- 36.5 A Member Club may not impose a car park fee for entry into the Member Club grounds except for of a Major Round Match of The League.
- 36.6 The quarter time, half time and three-quarter time intervals shall be for a duration specified by The League.
- 36.7 The starting and duration times for matches shall be specified by The League.
- 36.8 Each Member Club in every Division shall provide a suitable Sherrin football.
- 36.9 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.
- 36.10 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.
- 36.11 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.
- 36.12 Time-on may be initiated in matches where time-on is not played at the direction of both the officiating field umpires.
- 36.13 The Home Member Club shall provide a suitable siren, horn or bell.
- 36.14 The Home Timekeeper shall sound the siren or horn at the times and on the number of occasions as stipulated in The Laws of Australian Football.

- 36.15 Each Member Club shall provide a Match Day Official whom shall be positioned in close proximity to the interchange area for the duration of the match and shall wear the official Match Day Official attire as prescribed by The League for the duration of the match being played.
- 36.16 The Home Member Club shall supply accessible coach's boxes.
- 36.17 The Home Member Club shall provide a stretcher and a cervical collar, both to be placed in a safe position and which are accessible to both teams near the boundary line at the interchange area.
- 36.18 Each Member Club shall provide goal flags of white material not less than 50 cm square.
- 36.19 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.
- 36.20 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.
- 36.21 The Home Member Club shall supply a scoreboard attendant for any match of The League.
- 36.22 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.
- 36.23 A Member Club men's 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) for a Major Round match the number of interchange players each team in Divisions 1 to 7 is permitted to play is four (4)
  - (c) for a Major Round match the number of interchange players each team in C Divisions permitted to play is seven (7).
  - (d) 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.

- 36.24 A Member Club women's team shall consist of between fourteen (14) and sixteen (16) players who may be on the playing field at any one time during a match of The League with up to eight (8) interchange players for Minor and Major Round matches.
- (a) a Member Club participating in a Women's Division may field up to twenty-four (24) players including a maximum of eight (8) interchange players in a match of The League.
  - (b) 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.
- 36.25 For all matches other than a Men's A division match or Women's A division match where a Reserves division runs parallel, each team shall play with an equal number of players (14-18 on the field) during the Minor Rounds
- (a) If a player leaves the playing field due to injury and there is no replacement player available, at the quarter, half time or three quarter time break, the said team's team manager should inform the opposing team manager that they are playing with less and that the opposing team is required to remove one of their players from the playing field to ensure the number of players on each team remains the same.
    - (i) Clause 36.23 shall not apply when a player is sent from the field in accordance with Clauses 51 or 52.
  - (b) A Men's team may field 18 players during a Major Round match regardless of the opposing Member Club's playing numbers.
  - (c) A Women's team may field 16 players during a Major Round match regardless of the opposing Member Club's playing numbers.
- 36.26 The Home Member Club is to complete the Australian Football National Risk Protection Scheme Match Day Checklist electronically or as required from time to time by The League's Insurer.
- 36.27-Only one (1) may be used by a Member Club in a match of The League
- (a) If an Umpire deems that a Runner is on the field for purposes outside of their function, the Umpire will blow the whistle and issue that Runner a warning.
    - (i) If the Runner is warned a second time, the Runner will receive a red card for the remainder of the match with no replacement and a free kick awarded to the opposition team from the centre circle or the position of the ball at the time of such warning determined by whichever is of the greater advantage.
- 36.28 A Runner shall be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age.
- 36.29 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.
- (a) A Drinks Carrier may only enter the field during a kick for goal and/or when the ball is being returned to the centre circle for the recommencement of play following a goal.
    - (i) Play will not resume until the Drink Carriers have left the field of play.
    - (ii) If an Umpire deems that a Drink Carrier is on the field for purposes outside of their function, the Umpire will blow the whistle and issue that Drink Carrier a warning.
    - (iii) If a Drink Carrier from the same team is warned a second time, the Drink Carrier will receive a red card for the remainder of the match and a free kick shall be awarded to the opposition team from the centre circle or the position of the ball at the time of such warning determined by whichever is of the greater advantage.
    - (iv) A Drink Carrier may deliver drink bottles in a hand-held carriage utility within the constraints described in Clause 36.29(a).

- (b) A Drink Carrier shall be a minimum of twelve (12) years of age.
- 36.30 In a match of The League Member Clubs shall ensure the Runner/Trainer(s), Drinks Carrier(s), Match Day Official and Member Club appointed Umpires wear the appropriate match attire as prescribed by The League (Appendix 12).
- 36.31 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.
- 36.32 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.
- 36.33 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.
- 36.34 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.
- 36.35 The League may implement special Match Day Rules as it sees fit.
- 36.36 The Last Possession rule shall be used in all Divisions of the League.
- 36.37 In games where the “last possession” rule applies, the following shall occur when the football passes out of bounds:
- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) 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.
- (e) in a match where Boundary Umpires are not appointed
- (i) the Field Umpires will signal out of bounds and make the appropriate adjudication.
- (ii) where a throw-in is required the Field Umpire will call a ball up clear of the boundary line.
- 36.38 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

### **37 FILMING OF MATCHES**

- 37.1 All “A” Division matches shall be filmed by The League’s 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 in such division shall be filmed at the cost of the Members Clubs.
- 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 written approval in writing from The League.
- 37.5 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

### **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 A Match Day Official shall record on the Interchange Card:
- (a) Category “A” and/or Category “B” report(s).
  - (b) an interchange breach.
  - (c) 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 Match Day Official 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 Match Day Official 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.
- 38.6 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

### **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, Match Day Official, 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 39.1 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 39.3.
- 39.5 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

**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 a Field Umpire or either of the officiating Member Club's 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.
- 40.5 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

**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 shall 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 shall 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”.
- (a) A forfeit is not considered a match played.
- 41.6 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.
- 41.7 In the event a team forfeits a match of The League the Member Club in which the team is affiliated with may be advised a further forfeit of the team may result in the team also forfeiting with the result of two (2) Premiership Points and the average winning margin against the forfeiting team to the team/s receiving the forfeit.
- 41.8 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) having played in the lower Division in the previous match or
- (b) having played at least three (3) matches in the lower Division in the current playing season or
- (c) has sought a Permit from The League.
- 41.9 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

## **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 stretcher (or spinal board), 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 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 Match Day Official'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.

##### 44.2 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

#### **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 Match Day Official 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 or as directed by The Umpire.

##### 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 No Permit to play in The League shall be issued to a player playing in another league or association of the current year except
- (a) those described in Clause 14 of these Regulations.
  - (b) for a player who plays in a Member Clubs affiliated junior team or a school team.
- 46.3 An ability to facilitate such permit via the approved Online Sports Management System does not validate such player's Registration or permit.
- 46.4 The League may impose a Fine and or loss of score accrued in the match specific to a breach of this Regulation.
- 46.5 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.
- 46.6 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. In the event such consideration is not provided for in these Rules and Regulations.
- 46.7 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

**47 MAJOR ROUND**

- 47.1 A Member Club listed in **bold** in Clauses 47.7 and 47.9 may apply to The League to host a 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”, or lower 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 and not affected by un-natural forces or risks.
- (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) shall meet the minimum requirements as specified by The League to Lion
- (ii) pay a fee as determined by The League for the Home Final rights for a 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 Men’s “A” Division Major Round match.
- (b) priority shall be given to a Men’s “B” Division team to play such earlier match to the highest ranked “A” Division team.
- 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 if affected by un-natural forces or risks.
- 47.13 A Draft for Major Round matches and oval locations shall be listed on The League's website by 5.00pm 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 5.00pm.
- 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) Women's 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 Alcoholic drinks are not permitted to be taken into a Major Round venue.
- 47.19 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 Match Day Official, 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.
- 47.20 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 Match Day Official, Timekeeper, and scoreboard attendant.
- 47.21 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 Match Day Official, Timekeeper, and scoreboard attendant.
- 47.22 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.
- 47.23 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.
- 47.24 Where applicable, admission fees for neutral ground Major Round matches shall be determined by The League.
- 47.25 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.
- 47.26 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.
- 47.27 The League and/or Tribunal and/or The Investigation Committee shall retain the rights to impose a further Fine and/or penalty upon a player or Member Club Official or Member Club for any offence incurred during the Major Round.
- 47.28 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

**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 three (3) Minor Round matches are to be played by the player.
    - (ii) between ten (10) and eighteen (18) 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.
    - (i) A forfeit is not considered a match played
    - (ii) Such consideration to 48.1 (c) is at the discretion of The League
  - (c) A player may play in a lower Division in the Major Round provided the player has played majority of their matches in the current season in such lower Division.
  - (d) 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.
  - (e) There is free interchange of players between consecutive Divisions playing in the same round of matches.
  - (f) There is no free interchange of players between non-consecutive Divisions playing in the same round of matches.
  - (g) A player may be promoted from a lower Division team to play in a higher Division team for any Major Round match.
  - (h) 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) notwithstanding Clauses 48.2 (a), 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 Member Club may make a Permit application to The League for a player for the Major Round in accordance with Clause 48.
- 48.4 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 13) 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.
- 48.5 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

**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.

- (a) The League Executive shall appoint a Chair of the MRP.
- (b) The Chair must not be an employee of 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 or
  - (iii) The League Executive Committee

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.

49.5 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

**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.

50.5 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

**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 50.1.

- 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 Match Day Official 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 Match Day Official’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) kneeing another person
    - (iv) charging an opponent
    - (v) engaging in rough conduct against an opponent
    - (vi) bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that player has their head down over the football
    - (vii) head-butting or making contact to an using the head
    - (viii) eye-gouging an opponent or making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the eye region of an opponent
    - (ix) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the face of another person
    - (x) scratching another person or
    - (xi) tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg
  - (b) stomping on another person
  - (c) intentionally making contact with or striking an Umpire
  - (d) attempting to strike an Umpire
  - (e) spitting on or at an Umpire
  - (f) behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire
  - (g) using abusive, insulting or obscene language towards or in relation to an Umpire
  - (h) unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an Umpire
  - (i) carelessly making contact with an Umpire
  - (j) disputing a decision of an Umpire
  - (k) spitting on or at another person
  - (l) attempting to strike another person
  - (m) attempting to kick another person
  - (n) attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg



- (o) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an injured player
  - (p) engaging in a Melee, except where a player's sole intention is to remove a player from the same team from the incident
  - (q) wrestling another person
  - (r) pinching another person
  - (s) engaging in an act of staging
  - (t) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language
  - (u) use of an obscene gesture
  - (v) engaging in Time Wasting
  - (w) interfering with a player kicking for goal
  - (x) intentionally shaking, climbing or otherwise interfering with a goal or behind post
  - (y) failing to leave the playing surface when directed to do so by an Umpire
  - (z) wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Clause 44 or
  - (aa) 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 Match Day Official 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 51.1 or 51.3 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 44 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's suspension.

51.15 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.

51.16 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

## **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 Match Day Official 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 Match Day Official'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 Match Day Official, 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 Minor Round match of The League shall incur a two (2) match suspension for the following two (2) matches of The League
- (a) these two (2) matches suspension are not included in such player’s accumulative suspended matches total in The League.
  - (b) such player shall still be eligible to win a Best and Fairest (medal) award in The League.
- 52.12 Any subsequent yellow card incurred in the current playing season including Major Round Matches will result in an automatic one (1) match suspension.
- 52.13 The League shall advise the player’s Member Club when the suspension subject to Clause 52.11 is to be instigated.
- 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.
- 52.15 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

### **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.

**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.
- 54.5 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

**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 55 shall
- (a) be lodged with The League by 4.00pm 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 55.
- 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 Executive Committee.
- 56.4 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

**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
- (a) shall be persons not having a current official position in a Member Club.
  - (b) when possible, each Tribunal shall be constituted by three (3) members of The League's Tribunal Panel.
  - (c) two (2) Tribunal members shall comprise a quorum of the Tribunal.
  - (d) may enquire if the reported person(s) and such person(s) Delegate are aware of The Tribunal Reference Manual (Appendix 17).
- 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) Only the Match Day Official of the Member Club to which the reported player(s) or official(s) belong is the only person 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 57.10(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 51.13.
- (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 57.10.
- 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 No person disqualified or suspended may appeal to the SACFL in accordance with Regulation 6 of the SACFL Regulations unless approved by The League.
- 57.17 A reported player must attend the Tribunal and the charge to be determined before playing another match of The League.
- 57.18 All Tribunal proceedings may be recorded by any means The League determines appropriate
- (a) The Tribunal may cease recording during the deliberation process.
  - (b) A player or club may only access such records in the event of such player being eligible to appeal or at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
  - (c) The League may discard any such recording or any proceedings at its discretion but no earlier than the approved timelines to appeal as described in Clause 58 of these regulations.
- 57.19 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

## **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 hearing the appeal.
- 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 \$1000 - 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 \$1000 - 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 to the Executive Committee
- (a) with respect to the issue of guilt
    - (i) Such club must demonstrate the full reasoning such allegations described in 58.6 (a) (ii) to be considered by any one of the League’s elected Counsel.
  - (b) with respect to the issue of penalty
    - (i) if it is alleged the penalty imposed by the Tribunal was manifestly excessive.
    - (ii) Such club must demonstrate the full reasoning such allegations described in 58.6 (a) (ii) to be considered by any one of the League’s elected Counsel.
- 58.7 An appeal specific to Clause 58.4 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 An appeal specific to Clause 58.6 (a) (i) should be in writing setting out in full the basis of the appeal and shall be received by The League not later than five (5) days following the decision by the Tribunal against which the appeal is brought provided the appeal is accompanied by a fee of \$1000 - inclusive of GST - which shall be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 58.9 Such application is to be considered by any one of the League’s elected Counsel.

- 58.10 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.
- 58.11 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.
- 58.12 An appeal is to proceed by way of a review of the evidence before the Tribunal and not by way of a rehearing.
- 58.13 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.
- 58.14 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.
- 58.15 The Board is not obliged to give reasons for a decision made by it under Clause 58.14.
- 58.16 Subject to Clause 58.14 a player lodging an appeal against a suspension imposed by the Tribunal may not participate in a match of The League until such player's appeal has been heard and determined by the Board unless determined by The Executive Committee.
- 58.17 The decision of the Tribunal Appeal Board on a matter referred to 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 including the Australian Football League, the South Australian National Football League and South Australian Community Football League unless approved by the League Executive Committee.
- 58.18 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

## **59 INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE**

- 59.1 The League may appoint an Investigation Committee to hear any matter brought before it at its discretion.
- 59.2 Such Investigation Committee shall have the power to hear and determine any matter referred to it by The League.
- 59.3 Such 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 Such 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 Such 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 including the Australian Football League, the South Australian National Football League and South Australian Community Football League unless approved by the League Executive Committee.
- 59.9 Determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.

## **60 ANTI-DOPING CODE**

- 60.1 A Member Club and its officials are bound by the Australian Football League (AFL) Anti-Doping Code.
- 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, match 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 a Certificate of Merit to persons who have made a significant contribution to their Member Club and/or to The League (Appendix 14)
- 62.2 Certificate Of Merit award nominations shall be submitted on the form prescribed by The League (Appendix 14)
- 62.3 A person shall only receive one (1) Certificate of Merit

**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.
- 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/Association 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.

**SECTION 1a – PLAYING HISTORY DECLARATION**

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

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: .....

**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**

**SECTION 1b – PLAYER POINT RATING**

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

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

**Appendix 2**



**Player Withdrawal of Transfer Form**

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.

GUIDELINES

**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 could result in immediate penalties against the player and/ or the club.**

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

**On behalf of the football club, I declare that the above particulars are, to the best of my knowledge true and correct. (Penalties will apply to any club that lodges a false Player Withdrawal of Transfer Form).**

Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Position: (President /Secretary) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_

## Appendix 3



### SACFL LEAGUE TRANSFER REGULATION

#### 11 Transfers of Players

11.1 Subject to these Regulations and any AFL Interstate Player Transfer Regulations, a player desiring to register as a player of an Affiliated League Club who:

- a) has been registered as a player in any other football league or association anywhere in Australia; and/or
- b) 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.

11.2 A Transfer must be obtained by way of an application for Transfer 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 as well as being approved via the online system. For the avoidance of doubt, both the application for Transfer in the approved form and the approval via the online system must be made before the transfer can be affective.

11.3 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 Transfer Form the Secretary of the Transferee Club must immediately note the date of its receipt, enter it onto the online system and complete the form where applicable.

- a) 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.
- b) The Secretary of the forwarding League shall keep such application for a period of 24 calendar months. Transfer 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.

#### 11.4 Timing of Transfers

A Transfer can only be obtained during the periods of:

- a) 12:01AM (AEDT) on 1 November and 11:59pm (AEDT) on 30 November during the calendar year preceding the relevant season; or
- b) 12:01am (AEDT) on 1 February and 11:59pm (AEST) on 30 June during the calendar year of the relevant season.

*(Please note that the transfer periods are not applicable to the Northern Territory Football League Competitions conducted by AFL NT).*

- ii) If a Transfer in respect of an application for a Transfer 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 in writing of its intention to register the player concerned. All written communication of this nature must be recorded.

- iii) An Affiliated League which grants a Transfer under this Regulation must immediately inform the Club of the Affiliated League in which the player was last registered that it has granted such Transfer.
- iv) 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.
- v) A Player wishing to withdraw their Transfer Request must do so in writing to the Source Controlling Body within six (6) calendar days from notification of the Transfer Request under Regulation 11.2.
- vi) For Avoidance of doubt, if a transfer request pursuant to the requirements outlined in 11.2 is approved by the Source Club before the Player Lodges a transfer withdrawal under section 11.4 (v) the Player is not eligible for a transfer withdrawal. Instead, the Player must reapply completing the approved Transfer Form as well as applying for a transfer in the online system.

### 11.5 SANFL Community Football Player Contract

- a) The Community Football Committee will from time to time approve a standard form contract for the provision of playing services by a Player to an Affiliated League Club ("SANFL Community Football Player Contract"). The SANFL Community Football Player Declaration is included in Appendix 5.
- b) An Affiliated League Club will not enter into a contract or agreement with a Player for the provision of playing services by the Player to the Club unless such contract or agreement is in the form of the SANFL Community Football Player Declaration.
- c) Any contract or agreement between a Player and an Affiliated League Club for the provision of playing services will not be binding on the parties unless and until the Player is registered via the online system as a Player of the Affiliated League Club, provided both parties have made reasonable endeavours and done all things reasonably required to enable the Player to become a registered Player of the Club in accordance with these Regulations.

### 11.6 Transfer Approval

- a) Notwithstanding the online system, a Club of an Affiliated League must meet all the requirements set out in Regulation 11 before a transfer is approved.
- b) A player or Club of an Affiliated League who does not follow the requirements set out in Regulation 11, may be subject to penalties outlined in Regulation 15 of these Regulations.

## 12 Transfer – Cannot Be Refused

### 12.1 Final Indebtedness Contractual Obligation

- a) 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 5)

### 12.2 Player who has not played for 24 months

- a) A Player who has not played a Match for a period of 24 Months or greater may submit a Transfer Request in accordance with Regulation 11.2 at any time and that Player's Source Club may not refuse the Transfer Request under any circumstances.

### 13 Appeals where Transfer is Refused

- a) Where a Player disputes a Transfer refusal, that Player and/or their Destination Club must use best endeavours to resolve the dispute with the Source Club.

#### 13.1 Club to Club within the same League

- a) A player registered with an Affiliated League Club who is refused a Transfer from a Club of the Affiliated League in which he is registered to another Club in the same Affiliated League but has complied with all Transfer Procedures outlined in Regulation 11, may appeal against that refusal to the League Independent Tribunal of that Affiliated League pursuant to Regulation 13.4.
- b) 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.

#### 13.2 League to League

- a) A player registered with an Affiliated League Club who is refused a Clearance to a Club of an Affiliated League from which he desires a Clearance but has complied with all Transfer Procedures outlined in Regulation 11, may appeal to the SANFL Tribunal.
- b) Such appeal must be directed to the SANFL Tribunal by the Secretary of the Affiliated League to which the player is seeking the Transfer by forwarding the appeal in writing and in accordance with Regulation 13.4 to the Affiliated Leagues Manager of or other person nominated by the SANFL for that purpose.
- c) A player of an Affiliated League Club cannot appeal against an application for Transfer which is refused after July 8<sup>th</sup> in any year.

#### 13.3 Transfers between Clubs – Limit

- a) Subject to Regulations 13.3 (b) and 13.3 (c), an Affiliated League Club may refuse a Transfer 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.
- b) The Current Club and the Transferring Club may, if both Clubs agree, determine that Regulation 13.3 (a) will not apply.
- c) A player who has previously played 20 or more matches for the Transferring Club shall not be included for the purposes of Regulation 13.3.
- d) Community Football retains the right to withdraw or rescind a player's registration or transfer in the instance where it is deemed that 13.3 (a) is being breached via transfer processes between leagues.

#### 13.4 Appeal Procedure - Transfer Refusal

- a) An appeal by a player against a refusal to grant a Transfer must be made in writing, signed by the player and lodged, together with a further Transfer Form completed and signed by the player, with the relevant person provided for in Regulations 13.1, or 13.2 as the case may be.
- b) The player must at the time of lodging his appeal pay to the Secretary of the Affiliated League from which the Transfer 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.
- c) If an appeal made under Regulation 13.4 (a), is successful the relevant Appeal Tribunal may determine that up to 100% of the fee paid under Regulation 13 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.
- d) If the Club which is liable to pay the fee determined by the Appeal Tribunal under Regulation 13.4 (c) 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 premierships points gained in football matches played whilst that fee remains unpaid.

- e) If an appeal made under Regulation 13.4 (a) 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 13.4 (b) may be retained and paid to the SANFL Community Football.
- f) In making any determination under Regulation 13.4 (c) 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.
- g) An appeal against the refusal of a Transfer must be lodged in accordance with this Regulation 13 within seven (7) clear days of receipt of notification by the player concerned that the Transfer was refused.
- h) An appeal to the League Independent Tribunal under Regulation 13.2 must be heard within seven (7) clear days of notice of the appeal being lodged with the relevant Affiliated League Secretary.
- i) Except as set out in this Regulation 13 a player who is refused a Transfer may appeal once only in any season against a refusal to grant a Transfer. If a player is refused a Transfer and is unsuccessful with his appeal and subsequently makes application for a Transfer to another Affiliated League Club, he will subject to this Regulation 13 have a right of appeal against a refusal of the subsequent application for Clearance.

#### 14. Transfer Fees

- a) Without limiting any applicable player payment or transfer rules enacted by a Controlling Body in respect of a competition, no Club or Controlling Body may directly or indirectly receive or pay any transfer fee or any other consideration in respect of a transfer.
- b) An allegation of a breach of this Regulation 14 must be referred to the Investigation Committee for investigation and determination.
- c) An Affiliated League Club which commits a breach of this Regulation 14 is liable to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.00 or such other amount as the Committee may determine.

#### 15. Playing Without Transfer or Permit

- a) 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 11 and 17 may report the same to SANFL Community Football. Upon Receipt of such report SANFL Community Football must notify the player, Affiliated League Club and Affiliated League concerned of such report and may impose a penalty to the offending Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League in its absolute discretion as outlined in Regulation 15.b.
- b) SANFL Community Football may impose any one or more of the following penalties on the Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League:
  - i) Censure
  - ii) A fine not exceeding \$2,000.00 which must be paid to the SANFL Community Football.
  - iii) In the case of an Affiliated League Club the reversal of the result of a Match including a Major Round Match and/or the suspension or disqualification of a Team or Teams of an Affiliated League Club and/or the loss of premiership points both retrospective and prospective.
  - iv) Suspension
- c) SANFL Community Football may offer an Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League an early guilty plea to any charge that is made pursuant to Regulation 15. (a).
- d) The Affiliated Club or Affiliated League who is charged with a penalty pursuant to Regulation 15 (b) may dispute the penalty that is imposed by SANFL Community Football, to the SANFL Tribunal.



**15.1 Playing Without Clearance (SANFL League Clubs)**

- a) 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.
- b) If a player plays for an Affiliated League Club in breach of Regulation 15.1 (a) such breach must be referred to the Investigation Committee for investigation and determination.
- c) In the event of a breach of Regulation 15.1 (a), the Investigation Committee may impose penalties equivalent to those referred to in Regulation 15 (b) on the Player, Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League respectively.

**Appendix 4**



**SANFL COMMUNITY FOOTBALL - STANDARD PLAYING CONTRACT**

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)

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

Coaching (if applicable): \$ ..... 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: Position: ..... Date: ...../...../.....  
 President | Secretary | Treasurer | Football Manager (delete inapplicable titles)

## 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 willfully 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 Player] of

\_\_\_\_\_

[Address of players]

**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**

**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.<sup>1</sup>**

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

\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Any person who willfully 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 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)

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

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 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**

**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.<sup>2</sup>**

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_

in the State of SouthAustralia, 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

\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> 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	Change	Clause
Match Payments	<b>Total Player Payment Cap</b>	Clubs can pay up to <b>\$3,275</b> per match including finals (cannot be accrued)	Increased from \$2,500 to \$3,275.	3 (a) (v)
	<b>Individual Player Payment</b>	No individual player can be paid more than <b>\$650</b> per Match.	Increased from \$500 to \$650.	3 (a) (vi)
	<b>Senior Coach Payment</b>	Senior Coaches (playing and non-playing) may be paid a maximum Coaching Fee of <b>\$20,000</b> per season. Any additional fee must be included in the playing cap up to <b>\$650</b> per match (refer 4.2)	Remains unchanged for 2024.	4.2
	<b>All other Coach Payments</b>	A player may be paid up to <b>\$1,000</b> 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.	Remains unchanged for 2024.	4.2
Incentives	<del>Match Incentives</del>	Regulation omitted, this was factored into the increase of Individual Player Payment to \$650 per Match.	Now deemed part of the match payments.	4 (b)
	<del>Accrued Incentives</del>	Regulation omitted and this was factored into the increase of Individual Player Payment to \$650 per match.	Omitted in its entirety.	4 (b)
	<del>Individual Incentives</del>	Regulation omitted, this was factored into the increase of Individual Player Payment to \$650 per Match.	Omitted in its entirety.	4 (b)
	<b>Milestone Payments</b>	Up to a maximum of <b>\$200</b> per <b>100 A Grade</b> games played for the same Club	Changed for 2024 season.	4.9
	<b>Representative Football</b>	Up to a maximum of <b>\$500</b> Association Game, <b>\$500</b> Zone Carnival, <b>\$1,000</b> State Game	Remains unchanged for 2024.	4.8
	<b>Up Front Payments</b>	Clubs must not pay “sign on” or “up front” fees to Players	Remains unchanged for 2024.	4.11
Exemptions	<b>Superannuation</b>	Any payment made in compliance with the super guarantee charge not included in the cap	Remains unchanged for 2024.	4.4
	<b>Employment</b>	Market value employment wages within the Football Club which are prior approved by the Player Payment Committee, will not be included in the Cap.	Remains unchanged for 2024.	4.7
	<b>Meals &amp; Apparel</b>	After match meals up to <b>\$50</b> and Club apparel	Increased from \$30 to \$50.	4 (f)
	<b>After Match Award Vouchers</b>	A Club may pay up to the value of <b>\$200</b> each week in vouchers as After Match Awards. This can be divided in any way by the Club as they deem necessary.	New Regulation for 2024.	4 (e)
	<del>Health Insurance &amp; Income Protection</del>	Regulation has been omitted for the 2024 season.	Removed in its entirety.	N/A
<b>Travel (Air &amp; Road)</b>	<b>Distance</b>	Players can be paid <b>0.85c</b> per km for each km greater than 100km round trip for Match Day only, up to a maximum of <b>\$500</b> per player per match played.  If Travel is over \$500 for an individual player, then the difference between \$500 and the higher amount must be included in the players individual payment and the weekly cap of \$3,275.	Increased km reimbursement and travel amount.	4.5/4.6

<b>Reporting</b>	<b>31st of March</b>	Provide the Zone Registrar with estimated yearly payments	Remains unchanged	5 (a)
	<b>31st of October</b>	Provide the Zone Registrar with end of season player payments	Remains unchanged	5 (b)
<b>Rulings</b>		<b>Enquiries on Regulation 31 should be directed to SANFL Community Football Department</b> (Integrity & Compliance Manager, Head of Community Football, Country Football Coordinator)		
<b>Contracts</b>		<b>All players who receive \$100 or more must sign an approved Standard Playing Contract and Statutory Declaration and lodge with Zone Registrar prior to playing.</b> <b>Contracts do not enter into force until the player has registered with the respective Affiliated League Club on the PlayHQ system.</b>		

## Appendix 8 SACFL Appendix 2 – Total Player Payments

### 1. Purpose of the Total Player Payments

To encourage clubs to develop and retain local players, minimise player movement and ensure player payments to be paid each match are at sustainable levels. 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 Total Player Payments

The objects of the Total Player Payments are as follows:

- a) Encourage the development and retention of local players.
- b) Encourage the recruitment of ex local players.
- c) Encourage the loyalty of recruited players.
- d) Assist in the equalisation of competitions.
- e) Ensure player payments are at sustainable levels.
- f) Encourage Clubs to develop and promote the game in their local community.

### 3. Committee to Determine Total Player Payments Limit

- a) The Committee must determine the maximum Total Player Payments to be paid each Match in each Financial Year. For the purpose of this Regulation, the expression “Total Player Payments each Match” means the maximum amount, which an Affiliated League Club may pay or provide to its Players by way of Football Payments each Match in a Financial Year and unless determined otherwise by the Committee, the Total Player Payments for each Match (including Minor Round and Major Round) that an Affiliated League Club participates in during:
  - i) In the 2016 Financial Year is four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) each match;
  - ii) in the 2017 Financial Year and onwards is three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) each Match;
  - iii) in the 2020 Financial Year and onwards the limit is zero (\$0.00) each Match;
  - iv) in the 2021 Financial Year and onwards the limit is two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) each Match.
  - v) in the 2024 and onwards the limit is three thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$3,275.00) each match.

[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (a)]

- vi) Any Player may be paid not more \$650.00 for a Match.

[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (b)]

- b) Where the Total Player Payments limit is not reached for each Match in which an Affiliated League Club participates, any amount under the limit for each Match that remains unpaid by a Club cannot be accrued during a Season.

**(The Committee must set a maximum Total Player Payments limit for all Leagues. Unless decided otherwise the maximum Total Player Payment is \$3,275.00 per Match from 2023 onwards with a limit of \$650.00 for a Player.)**

#### 4. Football Payments and Guidelines

a) **The Committee may issue Guidelines.**

The Committee may from time to time issue guidelines concerning the Total Player Payments and the value to be placed on any Football Payment.

b) **Football Payments**

The value of all or any part of any Remuneration paid or provided to a Player in a Financial Year under any contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding between an Affiliated League Club or any person or entity directly or indirectly associated with an Affiliated League Club (including without limitation any sponsor, supporter or supporter group of that Affiliated League Club) and a Player which relates to or is consideration for the playing of football or for the provision of support services by that Player to the Club or for any team of that Affiliated League Club in any Match, is or will be deemed to be a Football Payment for the purpose of these Regulations.

**(All payments made or promised to be made to a Player between the 1st November up to and including 31st October in any 12 months.)**

**(Relates to cash, goods, services or benefit in any form and including any payments made to a Club by a sponsor, Supporter Group etc and passed on to a player).**

##### 4.1 Deemed Football Payment

Without in any way limiting Clause 4 (b) the following payments paid to a Player by an Affiliated League Club or by an Associate of a Club or any supporter, supporter group of or any person or entity associated directly or indirectly with that Affiliated League Club are or are deemed to be or not to be (where specified) Football Payments as the case may be and as set out hereunder;

**(What are regarded as Football Payments for the purpose of the Total Player Payments).**

a) **Payments Made Under Contract**

All payments made to a Player by an Affiliated League Club under any contract of service which a Player may have with an Affiliated League Club which relate to or which are consideration for the playing of Football by that Player for any team of that Affiliated League Club in any minor round Match.

**(Payments made to a player who has a contract with his Club).**

b) **Match Payments**

All payments made to a Player by an Affiliated League Club arising out of the selection of a Player in which an A Grade or B Grade team of that Affiliated League Club is participant including without limitation payments made for Minor Round and Major Round Matches won and lost and all other bonus or incentive cash payments.

**(A payment to a player, whether contracted or not, who plays an A Grade or B Grade game with his Club during the minor and major rounds of a season.)**

c) **Board and Rent Subsidies**

Payments made, given or provided to or for the benefit of a Player by way of accommodation expenses, rental, rental subsidy or rental discount.

**(All board and rent subsidies to be included.)**

d) **Best and Fairest Payments**

The value of payments or benefits made or given in cash or kind to Players for post season Club Awards.

**(Cost of medals or trophies not included, but any cash or kind accompanying the medal or trophy must be included in the Total Player Payments.)**

**e) After Match Awards**

After Match Awards may only be in the form of vouchers and to a maximum of \$200 in respect of each Round of Matches, including Minor Round and Major Round and shall not be deemed to be Football payments. Any cash awards or vouchers totalling more than \$200 will be deemed a Football Payment.

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (c)]**

**f) In Kind Meals & Apparel**

Payments or benefits given to Players of lower grades or Junior grade matches as After Match Awards, club apparel given to any Player, or the costs of in-kind meals up to a value of \$50.00 per Match to any Player shall not be deemed to be Football Payments.

**4.2 Coaching Payment**

- a) Any Senior Coach shall receive not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the coaching services of the Senior team in a financial year.
- b) Any Senior Coach that receives payment for playing services in respect of any Match in which he plays that exceeds the \$20,000 coach fee limit shall be included as a Football Payment. Any Football Payment made to a Senior Coach must comply with clause 3 (a) (vi).
- c) Any Senior Coach that receives payment for coaching services of the senior team must enter into a Contract with the Affiliated League Club as required under clause 5 (i).
- d) 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.
- e) Notwithstanding clause 4.2 (d). All Remuneration paid to a Player who is also performing any other coaching role with a team of a Club, other than the Senior coach, will be deemed to be a Football Payment.

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (d)]**

**4.3 FBT**

All Fringe Benefits Tax payable by a Club in respect of any Football Payment.

**(Should the Club be liable for any FBT payment in respect of any benefit paid to a player, then that amount is to be included in the Total Player Payments.)**

**4.4 Superannuation**

The Superannuation guarantee charge paid by a Club on behalf of or for the benefit of a Player will not be deemed a Football Payment. Any amount paid above the statutory superannuation guarantee charge will be deemed to be a Football Payment.

**(Any payment or contribution made in compliance with the super guarantee charge to a Superannuation Fund on behalf of a Player is not to be included in the Total Player Payments. Any amount paid above the super guarantee charge will be deemed a Football Payment).**

**4.5 Travel**

No travel payments can be made where a player travels less than 100 km round trip to their playing Club.

Travel Payments can be paid at a rate of \$0.85 per kilometre for each kilometre travelled in excess of 100 km round trip from the Player's residence to and from their playing Club to a maximum amount of \$500.00 per Player for each Match.

**If travel is over \$500 for an individual player, then the difference between \$500 and the higher amount must be included in the players individual payment and the weekly cap of \$3,275.**

*The calculation of travelling distance will be determined by the ‘Cents per kilometre method’ prescribed by the ATO on their website <https://www.ato.gov.au/> or any other distance calculator notified by the Committee from time to time.*

*Each Affiliated League Club must nominate its Home Ground to be used for the purposes of any calculation under this Clause 4.5.*

*If a Player resides within 20kms of the Adelaide GPO then for the purposes of any calculation under this Clause 4.5, the Player’s residence shall be deemed to be the Adelaide GPO.*

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (e)]**

#### **4.6 Travel-Flights**

Total Player Payments relief will apply to Clubs for airfares for travel to play in Matches provided that such relief is limited to \$500.00 per Player per Match.

The Affiliated League Club must maintain records of all airfares purchased on behalf of a Player or for which a Player has been reimbursed.

If a Club claims relief under this Clause 4.6 then no amount may be claimed under Regulation 4.5 in respect of that same Player for the relevant Match.

**If travel is over \$500 for an individual player, then the difference between \$500 and the higher amount must be included in the players individual payment and the weekly cap of \$3,275.**

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (f)]**

#### **4.7 Employment and Services Actually Rendered**

- a) Where a Player is employed or provides services to a Club whether under a Player Contract, Employment Contract, or otherwise and the Player is paid an amount which in the reasonable opinion of the Integrity & Compliance Manager and the PPIC is in excess of the market value of the Player’s services or where a Player does not provide services consistent with the normal terms and conditions of such employment, the amount by which the payment is in excess of the market value of those services or the whole of the payment as the case may be, will be deemed to be a Football Payment.
- b) Payments of an amount up to \$5,000 made under Clause 4.7 (a) must be documented in a formal contract or agreement and submitted to the Integrity and Compliance Manager for approval prior to any payment made to a player. Any payments of an amount above \$5,000 must be documented in a formal contract or agreement and submitted to the PPIC through the Integrity & Compliance Manager for approval prior to any payment made to a player.

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (g)]**

#### **4.8 Payments made to Players selected for Representative Football**

Remuneration having a total value of \$500.00 for Association Representation, \$500.00 for Zone Representation and \$1,000.00 for State Representation or less paid to a Player will not be a Football Payment. The amount of any Remuneration paid to such Player in excess is prohibited and will be deemed to be a Football Payment.

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (h)]**

#### 4.9 Milestone Payments

Milestone Payments for the purpose of this Clause 4.9 means a payment to be paid to a Player upon the Player playing his 100th A Grade game with the Club and every 100 A Grade games played with the Club thereafter.

Remuneration paid to a Player on his achieving milestone games which have been agreed with the Club and exceed \$200.00 will be deemed to be a Football Payment PROVIDED HOWEVER the Player and Club may accrue a Milestone Payment in the following Milestone Game to any future Milestone Game.

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (i)]**

#### 4.10 Football Payments not to exceed Total Player Payments

Subject to any guidelines which may be issued by the Committee from time to time or in any particular case, neither an Affiliated League Club, Associate of a Club nor any person or entity directly or indirectly associated with an Affiliated League Club (including without limitation any supporter or supporter group of that Affiliated League Club) in any Financial Year shall give to or apply for the benefit of, or offer to give to or apply for the benefit of a Player any Football Payments or cause to offer to cause any Football Payments given to or applied for the benefit of all Players of the Affiliated League Club whether given or applied by the Affiliated League Club or by some other person or entity, which in total would exceed the Total Player Payments for that Affiliated League Club for that Financial Year, or a particular Match where the Total Player Payments is expressed as a limit for each Match, in which an Affiliated League Club participates. For the purposes of determining whether a Club has paid, given or applied any Football Payments in accordance with this Player Payment Appendix 2 in any Season it will be deemed that the maximum value of Football Payments which may be given or applied to a Player under any contract agreement or understanding has been so given or applied.

#### 4.11 Prohibition of “Up Front” Payments

##### a) Affiliated Clubs not to make “Up Front” Payments

An Affiliated League Club or an Associate of the Club, any person or entity directly or indirectly associated with an Affiliated League Club (including without limitation any supporter or supporter group of that Affiliated League Club) may not give to or apply for the benefit of, or offer to give to or apply for the benefit of a Player any Football Payment that is a lump sum payment in consideration for the Player entering into a contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding between the Affiliated League Club and the Player for the playing of Football by that Player for any team of the Affiliated League Club.

**(Clubs must not pay “Sign On” fees to Players).**

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (j)]**

##### b) Player Receiving Up Front Payment Prohibition

A Player shall not receive a payment from an Affiliated League Club or an Associate of the Club or any person or entity directly or indirectly associated with an Affiliated League Club (including without limitation any supporter or supporter group of that Affiliated League Club) in respect of an offer or benefit that is a lump sum payment in consideration for the Player entering into a contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding between the Affiliated League Club and the Player for the playing of Football by that Player for any team of the Affiliated League Club whether such payment is made prior to the application for registration by the Player to play for the Club or at the conclusion of players contract to play with the Club.

**(Players must not receive “Sign On” fee to play).**

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (k)]**

##### c) Other Up Front Payments Prohibited

In addition to the payment specified in clause 4.11 (a) and 4.11 (b) any payment received or paid to a Player in consideration of the Player playing Football prior to the first round of Matches or after the final Match of the Club



for that Season (other than those payments that are permitted under this 4.11 (c) is prohibited.

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (l)]**

## **5. Details of Player Contracts and Football Payments to be lodged**

For the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Appendix 2, each Affiliated League Club must complete and lodge with the Zone Registrar;

### **a) By 31 March in each calendar year a Memorandum which sets out:**

**full** details of all Football Payments promised or which are to be given or applied by that Club to or for the benefit:

- For that Affiliated League Club for that Financial Year, or a particular of Players of that Club during the then current Financial Year.
- **Full** details of all coaching fees promised or which are to be given or applied by that Club to or for the benefit of the coaches of that Club during the then current financial year.

**(Each Club is to lodge with the Zone Registrar the full details of all payments/benefits which have been or will be made to A Grade and B Grade players and coaches of that Club during the current Financial Year. This return to be lodged by 31 March each year.)**

### **b) By 31 October in each calendar year a Memorandum which sets out:**

- **full** details of all Football Payments which have been made to or which have been applied by that Club to or for the benefit of Players of that Club during the Financial year ending on 31 October in that calendar year.
- full details of all coaching fees which have been made to or which have been applied by that Club to or for the benefit of the coaches of that Club for the Financial Year ending on 31 October in that calendar year.

**(Each Club is to lodge with the Zone Registrar the full details of all payments/benefits which have been made to A Grade and B Grade Players and coaches during the Financial Year ending on October 31 in that calendar year.)**

### **c) At any time between 31 March and 31 October, in any Financial Yea, if so requested by the Integrity & Compliance Manager the Club shall within seven (7) days of the request provide a Memorandum which sets out:**

- **full** details of all Football Payments which have been made to or which have been applied by that Club to or for the benefit of Players of that Club during the current Financial Year for the period up to the date of the request.
- **full** details of all coaching fees which have been made to or which have been applied by that Club to or for the benefit of the coaches of that Club during the current Financial Year for the period up to the date of this request.

### **d) The Memorandum required to be lodged under Clause 5 (a) and Clause 5 (b) must be in the form prescribed by SANFL respectively to these Regulations or with such variations to them as the Committee may require.**

### **e) Club Statement -Football Payments**

When the Memorandum required under Clause 5 (b), is lodged it must be accompanied by a Club Statement made by the President or the Secretary of the Club lodging the Memorandum and signed by

two persons being either the President, the Secretary and/or the Treasurer. This Club Statement will be in the form of and contain the information required in the Form prescribed by SANFL.

**f) Affiliated League Clubs to Provide Audited Statement**

An Affiliated League Club must, within 30 days of receiving a written notice from the PPIC or the Zone Registrar to do so, provide to the PPIC and/or to the Zone Registrar as the case may be a statement, certified as being true and correct by a duly qualified auditor, of all Football Payments (including Deemed Football Payments) provided or agreed to be provided to all Players of that Affiliated League Club during the Financial Year or Years in respect of which that notice is given.

**(A Club must provide the PPIC and/or the Zone Registrar an Audited Statement of all Football Payments made to Players within 30 days of being requested to do so).**

**g) Auditors may Inspect Books**

An Affiliated League Club must permit the Integrity & Compliance Manager or a person appointed by the PPIC or by the Zone Registrar to have full and free access to all books, documents and other papers of that Affiliated League Club or any person or entity controlled by that Affiliated League Club which that person believes may be relevant to any matter relating to the Total Player Payments or any Football Payments (including Deemed Football Payments).

**(A Club must allow the Integrity & Compliance Manager or a person appointed by the PPIC or the Zone Registrar to have full and free access to all books relevant to matters of the Total Player Payments.)**

**h) Player to enter in Contract**

Any Player (including any Player that also provides coaching services) that is to receive any payment, benefit or allowance that is a Football Payment or payment or reimbursement for travel under Clause 4.5 or 0 (“Travel Payment”) exceeding \$100.00 per Match must, prior to receiving any such Football Payment or Travel Payment, enter into a contract with the Affiliated League Club. Each contract must be in the form of the Player Declaration set out in Appendix 6 to these Regulations.

**i) Coach to enter into Contract**

Any Coach (including any Player that also provides coaching services) that is to receive any payment, benefit or allowance that is a Coaching Payment must, prior to receiving any such Coaching Payment, enter into a contract with the Affiliated League Club. Each contract must be in the form of the Player or Coach Declaration set out in Appendix 6 and 7 to this Appendix.

**j) Player and Coach to sign Statutory Declaration**

Any Player or Coach (including any Player that also provides coaching services) that is to receive any payment, benefit or allowance that requires any player or coach to enter into a contract per Clause 5 (i) & (j), with an Affiliated League Club must also sign and submit a Statutory Declaration, declaring that the terms and conditions agreed to in the Coach or Player Declaration are a true and accurate representation of the agreement between the named parties.

**k) Clubs to lodge Contract**

- i. A Club must lodge with the Zone Registrar a copy of each and every Contract that it has entered into with a Player by the later of the day that is seven (7) days after the date on which the Contract is signed by the last of the parties to it or the day prior to the first Minor Round Match in the relevant Season.

**[Note: Penalty for breach of Clause 5 as set out in 9 (k)]**

**l) Zone Registrar**

SANFL must from time to time appoint a Zone Registrar who has and may exercise such powers as detailed in these Clause or as may from time to time be delegated to him by that Zone. The Zone Registrar must not be an officer, or employee of an Affiliated League or an Affiliated League Club of that Zone unless the relevant Zone includes more than fifty (50) Affiliated League Clubs in which case the Zone Registrar may be an employee of an Affiliated League.

**(SANFL must appoint an independent Zone Registrar.)**

**6. SANFL Community Football Player Payment Investigation Committee (“PPIC”)**

- a) The Committee must from time to time appoint an PPIC that has and may exercise such powers as detailed in these Regulations or as may from time to time be delegated to it by the Committee. The PPIC shall be comprised of not less than three (3) persons determined by the Committee provided that no member of the committee may be an officer or employee of an Affiliated League Club.
- b) The PPIC is empowered:
- i) To investigate:
    - such matters as may be referred to it by the Committee;
    - such matters which it may of its own volition decide to investigate;
    - refer such matters to the Integrity Manager to Investigate
    - concerning the compliance by Affiliated League Clubs, Associates of Affiliated League Clubs, Officials of Affiliated League Clubs, Players and Associates of Players, with this Appendix 2.
  - ii) To exercise such other powers as may be conferred on it by the Committee from time to time.
  - iii) The PPIC may, without limitation, exercise any power conferred on it whether by this Player Payment Appendix 2 or otherwise at such time or times and in such manner as it may decide, and may in the exercise of such power investigate any matter concerning compliance with this Player Payment Appendix 2 or at random without cause, or suspicion of any breach of this Player Payment Appendix 2.
  - iv) If after conducting an investigation the PPIC forms the opinion that any person or Affiliated League Club has or may have engaged in conduct in breach of any of the provisions of this Player Payment Appendix 2 the PPIC may lay a charge against the person or the Affiliated League Club.

**6.1 Clubs to do all things necessary to assist Zone Registrar and PPIC**

**a) Full and Free Access**

Each Affiliated League Club must permit the Zone Registrar and PPIC to have full and free access to such books, documents and other papers of that Affiliated League Club or any person or entity controlled by or associated with that Affiliated League Club as the Zone Registrar or PPIC believes may be relevant to any enquiries which he may make.

**(The Zone Registrar shall have access to the books of the Clubs to carry out enquiries relevant to the Total Player Payments.)**

**b) Copies**

Upon being so requested, an Affiliated League Club and/or a Player must provide the PPIC with true copies of such books, documents or other papers in the possession of or under the control of the Affiliated League Club or any person or entity controlled by the Affiliated League Club or the Player, as the

case may be or such other information and answer such questions as the PPIC deems appropriate and relevant to any enquiries made during the investigation process.

**(True copies of any books, documents etc are to be made available to the Zone Registrar or PPIC by the Club if requested.)**

***[Note: Penalty for breach of Clause 6 set out in 9 (I)]***

## **6.2 Payments by Sponsors, Supporters and other**

- a) Each Affiliated League Club must provide to the Zone Registrar full and complete details of all payments made:
- i) by or on behalf of or for the benefit of the Affiliated League Club to any Player or otherwise for the benefit of any Player;
  - ii) to any Players by sponsors, supporters (including supporter groups) or any person or entity associated directly or indirectly with the Club.

***[Note: Penalty for breach as set out in 9 (I)]***

## **6.3 Payments to be included if explanation unsatisfactory**

- a) The Zone Registrar or PPIC may seek an explanation from an Affiliated League Club as to the nature of any payments made or benefit provided to a Player by the person or entity associated directly or indirectly with that Affiliated League Club. In the event that the Affiliated League Club fails to explain the payment or benefit provided to the satisfaction of the Zone Registrar he may deem such payment or benefit to be a Football Payment to the Player for the purposes of these Regulations.
- b) Upon the Zone Registrar advising that Affiliated League that he has deemed any payment or benefit to be a Football Payment, that payment or benefit will be a Football Payment for all purposes of this Player Payment Appendix 2.

**(If a Club fails to explain to the Zone Registrar what a payment or benefit being made to a player is then the value of the payment or benefit will be included in the Total Player Payments.)**

## **6.4 Zone Registrar to report to Affiliated League**

- a) The Zone Registrar will report directly to each Affiliated League in the Zone for which he is appointed. He must not at any time divulge any information obtained by him in the course of his enquiries other than to the relevant Affiliated League except where he may be compelled to do so by order of a Court or Tribunal of competent jurisdiction.
- b) An Affiliated League may request, and the Zone Registrar must provide, any playing Contract that has been lodged with the Zone Registrar by an Affiliated League Club that participates in its competitions.

## **6.5 Zone Registrar to report to PPIC**

- a) The Zone Registrar will report directly to the PPIC. The Zone Registrar must refer any concern that the Zone Registrar has that a breach of this Appendix 2 has occurred. The Zone Registrar must divulge any information obtained by him in the conduct of his role to the PPIC.

## **6.6 No Breach of Statute**

- a) Each of the powers, requirements and obligations set out in this Appendix are to be read and construed so as to not infringe or breach any Statute or law and shall be limited or severed to the extent that any Statute or law requires. Nothing in this Appendix 2 shall or be deemed to:

- i) directly or indirectly require a person to quote that person's tax file number;
- ii) directly or indirectly require the production of a document or copy of a document on which a tax file number is recorded without allowing the person to whom the tax file number belongs the right to remove that number if he or she so wishes;
- iii) directly or indirectly require a person to quote another person's tax file number;
- iv) directly or indirectly require, authorise or permit a person to divulge or communicate another person's tax file number to a third party;
- v) directly or indirectly require a person to make a record of any taxation information relating to another person or divulge or communicate to another person any taxation information relating to a third person or otherwise made use of any taxation information relating to a third person or otherwise make use of any taxation information relating to another person where such information was disclosed or obtained in breach of a provision of the taxation law;
- vi) Directly or indirectly require any act, matter or thing which constitutes an offence under the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* and any amendment thereto and/or the *Privacy Act 1988*.

## **7. Breach of Player Payment (Appendix 2)**

### **PPIC to Investigate alleged Breach of Player Payments (Appendix 2)**

- a) Any breach of this Player Payment Appendix 2 by a Club, Player, Official or Person may be investigated by Integrity & Compliance Manager.
- b) As soon as practical, the Integrity & Compliance Manager shall investigate the matter and report, in writing, to the PPIC.
- c) For the purpose of conducting an investigation under this Regulation, a Person shall upon request by the Integrity & Compliance Manager:
  - i. fully cooperate with the Integrity & Compliance Manager;
  - ii. truthfully answer any questions asked by the Integrity & Compliance Manager; and
  - iii. provide any document, computer image, record, data in that Person's possession or control requested by the Integrity & Compliance Manager and as required pursuant to Clause 6.1
- d) A Person who fails to observe and comply with Clause 7 (c) or who provides any information or acts in a manner which is in respect false or misleading or likely to mislead shall be deemed to have been involved in conduct which is unbecoming or prejudicial to the interests of the SANFL and shall be liable to a sanction or penalty as set out in Clause 9 (o) and 9 (p).
- e) If after considering the report of the Integrity & Compliance Manager the PPIC determines that a Person has been involved in a breach of Player Payment Appendix 2 the PPIC shall:
  - i. charge that Person by completing a Notice of Charge in the form prescribed in the Schedule;
  - ii. lodge the Notice of Charge with the Committee;
  - iii. provide a copy of the Notice of Charge to the Person.
- f) The Committee shall consider the Charge and the report from the PPIC and the Integrity & Compliance Manager and advise the Person of the sanction or penalty to be imposed in respect of the offence for which the Person is charged.
- g) The Person charged may elect to plead guilty to the breach by lodging with the Committee a Notice accepting a plea of guilty to the Charge and accepting the sanction or penalty.
- h)

### **7.1 Salary Cap Commissioner (“SCC”) to Hear and Determine Alleged Breach of Appendix 2**

If the Person charged does not elect to accept a guilty plea, sanction or penalty in respect of the Charge, the Committee will refer the hearing of the alleged breach to the Salary Cap Commissioner (“SCC”) appointed pursuant to Rule 18.26A of the SANFL Regulations who shall hear and determine the alleged breach in accordance with the procedures and rules contained in this Clause 8.

### **8. Procedure and Rules relating to Hearing of a Charge alleging a breach of Player Payments Appendix 2.**

The following Procedure and Rules must be adopted and applied in relation to the hearing and determination of a charge made against an Affiliated League Club or a Player or Person alleging a breach of this Appendix:

#### **a) Notice of a Charge and Hearing**

Where a Charge is laid alleging a breach of Appendix 2 the General Manager must give notice of the charge to each person or Affiliated League Club charged. The General Manager must then fix a time, date and place of the hearing of the charge by the SCC and inform each person and/or Affiliated League Club charged of those particulars. Not less than seven (7) days’ notice of the time, date and place of the hearing must be given.

#### **b) Statement of Grounds**

- i) A Notice of a charge under Clause 8 (a) must be accompanied by a statement of the grounds for the laying of the Charge. A copy of the report of the PPIC on the matters the subject of the charge will be a sufficient statement of grounds for the laying of the charge;
- ii) The grounds for the laying of the charge will constitute sufficient reasons for the PPIC to declare the charge sustained unless the person or Affiliated League Club charged discharges the burden of proof referred to in Clause 8 (j)

#### **c) SCC may vary time and place of hearing**

The SCC may vary the time or place specified under Clause 8 (a) and the SCC must give to each Affiliated League Club or person charged at least seven (7) days written notice of any such variation.

#### **d) Hearing by SCC**

At the time and place referred to in the Notice of Charge or as varied under Clause 8 (c) the SCC must conduct a hearing into the matters subject to the charge.

#### **e) Hearing to be Informal**

The hearing of the charge by the SCC must be conducted with as little formality and technicality and with as much expedition as a proper consideration of the matters before it permit or require.

#### **f) Rules of Evidence not to apply**

The SCC is not bound by the Rules of Evidence and may inform itself of any matter relating to the charge in such manner as it thinks appropriate.

#### **g) Procedures at Hearing**

Subject to Clause 8 (h) the procedure to be adopted by the SCC at any hearing of a charge will be such as the SCC itself determines.

#### **h) Natural Justice**

At the hearing of any charge conducted by the SCC under this Appendix 2 the SCC must:

- i) give every Person or Affiliated League Club charged an opportunity to be heard;

- ii) allow the Person or Affiliated League Club charged to be represented by any person including a Legal Practitioner; and
- iii) hear and determine the charge before it in a fair and unbiased manner.

**i) Report to be Prima Face Evidence**

A report made by the PPIC will be prima face evidence of the matter or matters contained in that report provided that a copy of the report has been provided to the Person or Affiliated League Club charged prior to the commencement of the hearing.

**j) Onus of proof**

A Person or Affiliated League Club charged under this Regulation has the onus of establishing on the balance of probabilities that a matter or matters contained in the report made by the PPIC are and/or any other evidence presented in support of a charge is untrue or incorrect and that he / she / it did not engage in the conduct alleged in the charge.

**k) Actions of Affiliated League Club Personnel**

Any conduct engaged in:

- i) by a director, officer, Player, Person, servant or agent of an Affiliated League Club; or
- ii) by any other person at the direction or with the knowledge, consent, agreement or authorisation (whether express or implied) of a director, officer, Player, servant or agent of an Affiliated League Club;

shall be deemed for the purposes of this Appendix 2 to have also been engaged in by the Affiliated League Club unless the PPIC is satisfied that the conduct was not engaged in on behalf of, or for the benefit of, the Affiliated League Club and was not expressly or impliedly authorised by the Affiliated League Club.

For the purposes of this Clause 8 (k) “knowledge” includes reckless indifference as to whether the conduct in question was occurring or not.

**l) No False or Misleading Information**

An Affiliated League Club, Player or other Person to whom this Regulation applies must not provide or give any false or misleading information to the SCC at any hearing.

**m) Decision**

At the conclusion of its hearing the SCC may:

- i) declare the charge to be sustained and propose any penalty or sanction provided for under these Regulations, including reasons, for the consideration of the Committee; or
- ii) declare the charge dismissed; or
- iii) adjourn the hearing to a fixed date or indefinitely.

**n) SCC may grant relief**

If the SCC is satisfied that an Affiliated League Club, Player or other person who is in breach of or has failed to comply with this Appendix 2 has acted honestly and reasonably and having regard to all the circumstances of the case, ought fairly to be excused from liability, and/or any sanction or penalty which may be imposed under these Regulations, it may relieve that Affiliated League Club, Player or person either wholly or partly from that liability, sanction, or penalty on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.

**o) Player may be excused for Co-Operation**

The SCC may excuse a Player from liability or limit the Player's liability under these Regulations in consideration of a Player's co-operation and assistance in establishing a breach of these Regulations by any Affiliated League Club or an Associate of an Affiliated League Club, including without limitation any Director, officer, servant or agent of any Affiliated League Club with which the Player is or was previously registered.

**p) SCC not obliged to give reasons**

The SCC is not obliged to give reasons for any decision which it makes in relation to a charge heard under this Appendix 2.

**q) Decision of SCC to be final and binding**

- i) Subject to Clause 8 (q) (ii) the decision of SCC in relation to any charge referred to it under this Appendix 2 will be final and binding on the Affiliated League Club and all other Persons who are bound by and subject to these Regulations.
- ii) After the SCC has delivered its decision it cannot re-hear the matter which was the subject of that decision nor can it rescind or alter that decision unless evidence relating to the subject matter of the charge becomes available being evidence which was either not known or which could not reasonably have been obtained at the time of the hearing of the charge.

**9. Penalties for a Deliberate Breach of Player Payments Appendix 2.**

The following sanctions or penalties shall apply in respect of a breach of Appendix 2.

- a) For a breach of Clause 3 (a) (v) where a Club has exceeded the Total Player Payment for each Match a fine calculated as follows:
  - i) An amount equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$3,275.00 for each Match; and
  - ii) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach.

- b) For a breach of Clause 3 (a) (vi) in respect of a Player who receives more than \$650.00 for a Match:

**in respect of the club a fine:**

- i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$650.00 to each Player each Match; and
- ii) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach

**in respect of a Player:**

- iii) a fine that is equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$650.00 each Match; and
- iv) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach.
- v) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.

- c) For a breach of Clause 4 (e) in respect of after Match awards:

**in respect of a Club where a Club has paid more than \$200.00 on vouchers for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:-**

- i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the average sum of \$200.00 per Match; and



- ii) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach.
- d) For a breach of Clause 4.2 in respect of Coaching Payments:
  - In respect of a Club a fine:**
    - i) That is equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$20,000.00 to the Senior Coach; and
    - ii) An amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach
  - In respect of a Senior Coach where a Senior Coach as received more than \$20,000.00 during the Financial Year a fine:**
    - iii) That is equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$20,000.00; an
    - iv) An amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach.
    - v) Suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.
- e) For a breach of Clause 4.5 in respect of Travel payments:
  - in respect of a Club where a Club has paid more than the Prescribed Amount for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**
    - i) that is equal to the excess amount paid above the Prescribed Amount per Match; and
    - ii) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach.
  - in respect of a Player where a Player has received more than the Prescribed Amount for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**
    - iii) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the Prescribed Amount per Match; and
    - iv) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach.
    - v) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.
- f) For a breach of Clause 4.6 in respect of Travel/Flights payments:-
  - in respect of a Club where a Club has paid more than \$500.00 for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**
    - i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$500.00 per Match; and
    - ii) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach.
  - in respect of a Player where a Player has received more than \$500.00 for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**
    - iii) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$400.00 per Match; and
    - iv) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach.
    - v) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.
- g) For a breach of Clause 4.7 in respect of employment and services actually rendered:
  - in respect of a Club where a Club has paid in excess of the market value of the Player's services during the Financial Year a fine:**
    - i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the market value of the Player's services; and

- ii) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach.

**in respect of a Player where a Player has been paid in excess of the market value of the Player's services for the Financial Year a fine:**

- iii) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the market value of the Player's services; and
- iv) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach.
- v) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months

- h) For a breach of Clause 4.8 in respect of payments for representative Football:

**in respect of a Club where a Club has paid more than the amount prescribed in Clause 4.8 for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**

- i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the amount prescribed in Clause 4.8 per Match ; and
- ii) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach

**in respect of a Player where a Player has received more than the prescribed amount as set out in Clause 4.8 for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:-**

- iii) that is equal to the excess amount paid over prescribed amount as set out in Clause 4.8 per Match; and
- iv) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach.
- v) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.

- i) For a breach of Clause 4.9 in respect of milestone payments:

**in respect of a Club where a Club has paid more than the amount prescribed by Clause 4.9 for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**

- i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the prescribed amount in Clause 4.9 per Match; and
- ii) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach.

**in respect of a Player where a Player has received more than the prescribed amount as set out in Clause 4.9 for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**

- iii) that is equal to the excess amount paid over amount prescribed as set out in Clause 4.9 per Match; and
- iv) an amount up to \$1,000.00 for each and every breach.
- v) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.

- j) For a breach of Clause 4.11 (a) and 4.11 (c) by the Club there shall be:

- i) a fine calculated as an amount that is an equivalent amount of the payment or the value of the remuneration that represents the upfront payment; plus
- ii) an amount up to \$5,000.00 for each and every breach.

- k) For a breach of Clause 4.11 (b) and 4.11 (C) by the Player there shall be:

- i) a fine of an amount that is equivalent to the amount of the payment or the value of the remuneration that represents the upfront payment; and
  - ii) and an amount up to \$5,000.00;
  - iii) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.
- l) The penalty for failing to comply with Clauses 5, 6.1 and 6.2 is:
- For a club**
- for conduct that was deliberate or intentional and misrepresented the details of payments made or to be made by a Club, at the Committee’s discretion:
    - the removal of some or all of the Club’s APPS points in either or both of the following two (2) Seasons; and/or
    - the loss of or ineligibility to receive Premiership Points for past or future Matches of not more than an aggregate of twelve (12) premiership points for the A Grade team of the Club either in the Financial Year in which the breach has been committed or over the following three (3) Seasons.
    - A fine of up to \$5,000.00.
  - **for any other breach of 5 (including late lodgement of the Memorandum):**
    - for a first offence in any two (2) year period - \$250.00;
    - for each subsequent offence in any two (2) year period up to \$5,000.00.
  - **For a Player or Official**
    - A fine of not more than \$5,000.00; and/or
    - A period of deregistration not exceeding one (1) year as a Player or Official, as the case may be, as SCC shall determine in its discretion.
- m) A Player who fails to cooperate in respect of an investigation pursuant to Clause 7 (c) shall be suspended from playing until such time as the Player has cooperated with the investigator.
- n) A Person who fails to cooperate with the investigation pursuant to Clause 7 (c) shall be fined an amount up to \$5,000.00.
- o) In respect of any breach of this Appendix 2 in addition to the monetary penalty imposed by the SCC , at the Committee’s discretion, the Committee may impose a penalty or sanction as follows:
- i) the removal of any or all of the Club’s APPS points in either or both of the following two (2) Seasons; and/or
  - ii) the loss of or ineligibility to receive Premiership Points for past or future Matches of not more than an aggregate of twelve (12) premiership points for the A Grade team of the Club either in the Financial Year in which the breach has been committed or over the following three (3) Seasons.
- p) For any other breach where no monetary penalty has been prescribed in these Regulations a fine of:
- i) for a first offence in any two (2) year period - \$250.00;
  - ii) for each subsequent offence in any two (2) year period - an amount up to \$5,000.00.
- q) Any penalties incurred are to be paid to the Committee within 28 days of the Affiliated

League Club being notified of such penalties or otherwise negotiated with SANFL Community Football.

## 10. Definitions

For the purposes of this Player Payment Appendix 2 the following words shall have the following meaning unless the context requires otherwise:

**“Senior Coach”** means the senior coach of the Club’s “A” grade team and does not include assistant coaches, coaches of the (Reserve “B”) grade or any lower grade team or junior coaches.

There shall only be one Senior Coach of the Club whose duties must include developing and implementing the training and tactical playing regime for the Club and the taking of majority of training sessions, pre-game, half time and quarter time break addresses including overseeing the tactical processes on Match Day and is named the Senior Coach on Club records.

**“Employment Contract”** means a contract made between a Club and a Player who has entered into a Player Contract with the Club, or with an Associate of that Player, under which the Club has agreed to employ the Player or Associate of that Player in bona fide employment with the Club.

### Meaning of Remuneration

For the purposes of this Player Payment Appendix 2 Remuneration means any:

- advance;
- allowance;
- bonus;
- consideration;
- disbursement;
- expenditure;
- expense;
- financial benefit given or promised;
- fringe benefit;
- incentive;
- loan (other than a loan made on commercial terms at armslength);
- match bonus or incentive payment;
- money;
- payment;
- payment of insurance or other premium;
- reimbursement;
- remittance;
- restitution;
- reward;
- salary or wages;
- superannuation benefit;
- property or right of any description; or
- other advantage or benefit in any form whatsoever ; paid to a Player by a Club within the meaning of Player Payment Appendix 2.

For the purposes of Player Payment Appendix 2, it is irrelevant whether the Remuneration is paid to the Player within the meaning of these Rules under:

- a Contract of Service between the Player and a Club;
- an Agreement between the Player and any Associate of the Club or any third party; or
- Otherwise.

### Meaning of “Paid to a Player” or “Pay or provide to a Player” or “made to a Player”

In these Regulations wherever the expression “paid to a Player” or “Pay or provide to a Player” or “made to a Player” is used in the context of the payment of Remuneration, it includes Remuneration that is paid, provided, made to or given:

- to a Player;
- for the benefit of a Player;
- to, or for the benefit of, an Associate of a Player;
- to, or for the benefit of, a creditor of a Player;
- to, or for the benefit of, an agent for a Player;
- at, or by, the direction of a Player; or
- in any other circumstances declared by the PPIC, in its reasonable opinion, to be Remuneration that has been paid to a Player.
- For the purposes of this Player Payment Appendix 2, it is irrelevant whether the Remuneration is:
- directly or indirectly paid;
- in any form; or
- from whatever source.

### Meaning of “By a Club”

In these Regulations, wherever the expression “by a Club” is used in the context of the payment of Remuneration to a Player, it includes Remuneration that has been paid to a Player:

- by a Club;
- on behalf of a Club;
- by, or on behalf of, an Associate of a Club;
- by, or on behalf of, a Sponsor of a Club;
- by, or on behalf of, any other person or Entity associated or affiliated, whether directly or indirectly, with a Club, an associated Entity or a Club Sponsor;
- in any other circumstance whatsoever.

“Associate of a club” - Means and includes:

- a director, secretary, officer, sponsor or member of the Club;
- a body corporate which is related to the Club within the meaning of s 50 of the Corporation Law, and any director, secretary or other officer of a related body corporate;
- a partner of the Club or a partnership in which the Club is a member;
- a trustee of a trust estate where the Club, or another person who is an associate of the Club by virtue of another sub-paragraph of this definition, benefits or is capable (whether by the exercise of a power of appointment or otherwise) of benefiting under the trust, either directly or through any interposed companies partnerships or trusts;

### A corporation

- in which the Club, or a person who is an associate of the Club by virtue of another sub-paragraph of this definition, has a direct or indirect beneficial interest in shares in the corporation, or an entitlement thereto, where the nominal value of those shares is not less than 10% of the nominal value of all issued shares of the corporation falling within the same class;
- where the corporation is, or its directors are, accustomed, or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of the Club or of another person who is an associate of the Club by virtue of another sub-paragraph of this definition; or
- the Club is, or persons who are associates of the Club by virtue of another sub-paragraph of this definition are, in a position to cast, or control the casting of, more than 50% of the maximum number of votes that might be cast at a general meeting of the corporation.
- a sponsor of a Club or a Player;
- any person who is or was acting, or who proposes to act, on behalf of or in concert with the Club

**“Associate of a Player”** means and includes:

- any relative of the Player;
- the spouse or partner (legal or defacto) of the Player or any of his relatives;
- a corporation where:
- the Player or a person referred to in this Regulation has, or two or more such persons together have, a direct or indirect beneficial interest in shares in the corporation, or an entitlement thereto, where the nominal value of those shares is not less than 10% of the nominal value of all issued shares of the corporation falling within the same class;
- the corporation is, or the directors are, accustomed or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of the Player, or of another person or corporation who or which is an associate of the Player by virtue of another sub-paragraph of this definition; or
- the Player is, or person or persons who are associates of the Player by virtue of another sub- paragraph of this definition is or are, in a position to cast or control the casting of, more than 50% of the maximum number of votes that might be cast at a general meeting of the corporation.
- a body corporate which is related to a corporation referred to in this Regulation above within the meaning of s 50 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.
- a director, secretary or officer of a corporation referred to in this Appendix.
- a partner of the Player of any partnership which the Player or any person referred to in this Appendix is a member.
- a trustee of a trust estate where the Player, or another person who is an associate of the Player by virtue of another sub-paragraph of this definition, benefits or is capable (whether by the exercise of a power of appointment or otherwise) of benefiting under the trust, either directly or through any interposed companies, partnerships or trusts.
- any person who is or was acting, or who proposes to act, as agent for or who otherwise acts on behalf of or in concert with the Player.

**“PPIC”** means for the purpose of this Regulation SANFL Community Football Player Payment Investigation Committee.

**“Person”** means a person, Club, Player, Official, an Associate of a Club, corporation, senior coach, associate of a Player.

**“Integrity Manager”** means the SANFL Integrity Manager or such other person appointed by SANFL to conduct investigations of any breach of any SANFL Rule, Regulation or Policy.

**“the Committee”** means the Community Football Committee established pursuant to Rule 7 of the Constitution.

**“Premiership Points”** referred to in this Rule are calculated on the basis of two (2) Premiership Points being awarded for each win. If the Affiliated League permits the awarding of four (4) Premiership Points for a win, the Premiership Points in respect of past or future matches referred to in this Clause 9 shall be doubled.

**“SCC”** means the Salary Cap Commissioner appointed pursuant to Clause 7.1 and Rule 18.26A.

#### **Payment Limit alternative by Affiliated League**

Where an Affiliated League has determined that in respect of any maximum amount to be paid to a Player is less than the amount set out in these Regulations, these Regulations shall be modified by amending the Regulation to substitute the amount set by the Affiliated League and a breach by a Player or Person or a Club in respect of that Affiliated League’s maximum payment will be deemed to be a breach of these Regulations and shall be dealt with in accordance with this Player Payment Appendix.

## Appendix 9

### SACFL APPENDIX 3 – 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 Player Payments Regulations 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

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

Each Affiliated League must adopt an APPS System in accordance with clause 3.1. An Affiliated League may apply to the Community Football Committee for an alternative APPS system by no later than 30<sup>th</sup> November in the calendar year before the first Season in which it is to apply to that Affiliated League.

3.1 A League must implement the following system, subject to any alternative system approved by the Community Football Committee.

- 3.1.1 Number of wins to be calculated as a percentage of minor round games placed in the previous three (3) seasons.
- 3.1.2 A model as set out at the end of this Appendix, pursuant to clause 10.

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 Country Zone Committee and 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 Country Zone Committee and the Community Football Committee for increased Total Player Points Rating for club/s in excess of 15 points for exceptional circumstances. The Application must be forwarded to SANFL Community Football seven (7) days before the first round of matches in the relevant competition but only for exceptional and compelling circumstances.

#### **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 May adopt a Women's APPS system subject to approval by SANFL Community Football. Systems are to be developed and should be based on:
  - 4.2.1 A sliding scale having regard for the premiership ladder in the previous season(s);
  - 4.2.2 Other local factors such as population, junior numbers/success, schools etc.
  - 4.2.3 A combination of all of the above.
- 4.3 Must allocate points to each Affiliated League Club for the following season and in accordance with APPS regulations by 31 October in each year.
- 4.4 May allocate discretionary points in accordance with APPS regulations to manage local issues.
- 4.5 Must consider all applications from Clubs for the allocation of additional points in accordance with APPS regulations.
- 4.6 Must input Club and Player ratings into the Online System once allocations have been made.
- 4.7 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.
  - 4.7.1 The APPS Officer will:
    - 4.7.1.1 Be the contact for Community Football in relation to matters related to the APPS and its implementation within the Affiliated League
    - 4.7.1.2 Approve the APPS system to be used by the Affiliated League
    - 4.7.1.3 Allocate APPS points to Clubs within the Affiliated League
    - 4.7.1.4 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:

- a) Must ensure all player declarations in accordance with Clause 7 are completed and lodged with the Affiliated League in accordance with the APPS regulations.
- b) 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)

- c) May request an increase in allocated points to SANFL Country Zone Committee and Community Football Committee in excess of 15 points provided that such request is made to the Affiliated League seven (7) days before the first round of matches in the relevant competition but only for exceptional and compelling circumstances.

## 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 20 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 29) 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 twenty (20) 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 20 games (the 20 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 20 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 20 Matches (without transferring) for the same Affiliated League Club will reduce one (1) additional point in their third (3) season after achieving 20 Matches.
- 8.6.3 For the purposes of implementation of Clause 8.6, matches counted **does not** include trial, internal and representative games.

- 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 (from their last game to the time of registration) 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 (from their last game to the time of registration) 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 (from their last game to the time of registration) 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.

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.

9.2 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.

9.3 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.

9.4 Affiliated Leagues that have divisional competitions will consider each division as a League for the purpose of implementing the APPS.

## Appendix 10

**FINES LIST (All Fines exclude GST)**

OFFENCE	FINE
<b>MATCH DAY FINES</b>	
For a breach of Rules & Regulations 37.4	Up to a Maximum of \$5,000
For a breach of The League's Concussion policy	Up to a Maximum of \$5,000
For not supplying an accessible Spinal Board and/or stretcher & Collar at a Home match	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 a Match Day Official 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 a Match Day Official 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 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
<b>ADMINISTRATION FINES</b>	
For a Club engaging in a Melee (3 <sup>rd</sup> offence) in same playing season	\$1,000
For a Club engaging in a Melee (2 <sup>nd</sup> offence) in same playing season	\$500
For a Club engaging in a Melee (1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>The Competition Management Tool FINES</b>	
For a Club not entering a Team Sheet in the Competition Management Tool as stipulated by The League	\$200
For a Club not entering scores or goal kickers or best players into the Competition Management Tool as stipulated by The League	\$200
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	\$500
<b>TRIBUNAL AND PRESCRIBED FINES</b>	
For a reported player not attending Tribunal	\$200
For a Club Delegate failing to attend a Tribunal with a reported player(s)	\$200
<b>Tribunal</b>	
For a Club's first offence of the playing season where a player is found guilty	As per BRS
Club – Second Offence	As per BRS
Club – Third Offence	As per BRS
Club – Fourth and subsequent offences	To Tribunal
<b>Prescribed</b>	
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, 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 12



### 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

#### MATCH DAY OFFICIAL

- Official Adelaide Footy League 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 13**



**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
Div									
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	EF	QF	1 <sup>ST</sup> SEMI	2 <sup>ND</sup> SEMI	PRELIM				TOTALS
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**We are seeking a Permit for the above player for the following reasons:**

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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 14****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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 League 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 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY EACH YEAR**

Appendix 15



**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 .....

<p align="center"><b>APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE LODGED AT THE LEAGUE OFFICE NO LATER THAN 31<sup>ST</sup> OF JANUARY EACH YEAR</b></p>
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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 16

### RULES EXCEPTION LIST

#### LAWS OF AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

#### 7. INTERCHANGE

##### 7.1 Match Day Official – Appointment and Duties

A Controlling body may appoint two Match Day Officials 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 Match Day Official 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) Match Day Official 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 the Last Possession Rule applies across all divisions.

#### 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**

Appendix 17



# ADELAIDE FOOTY LEAGUE

## TRIBUNAL REFERENCE MANUAL

The Laws of Australian Football apply to all matches of the Adelaide Footy League except as modified by the Adelaide Footy League's Rules, Regulations, Policies, Directions and Procedures.

All Clubs accept the rules contained as described in The League's Constitution and or Rules and Regulations shall prevail in all circumstances over another League or Association, Tribunal or body whether judicial, quasi-judicial or otherwise including the Australian Football League, the South Australian National Football League and South Australian Community Football League.

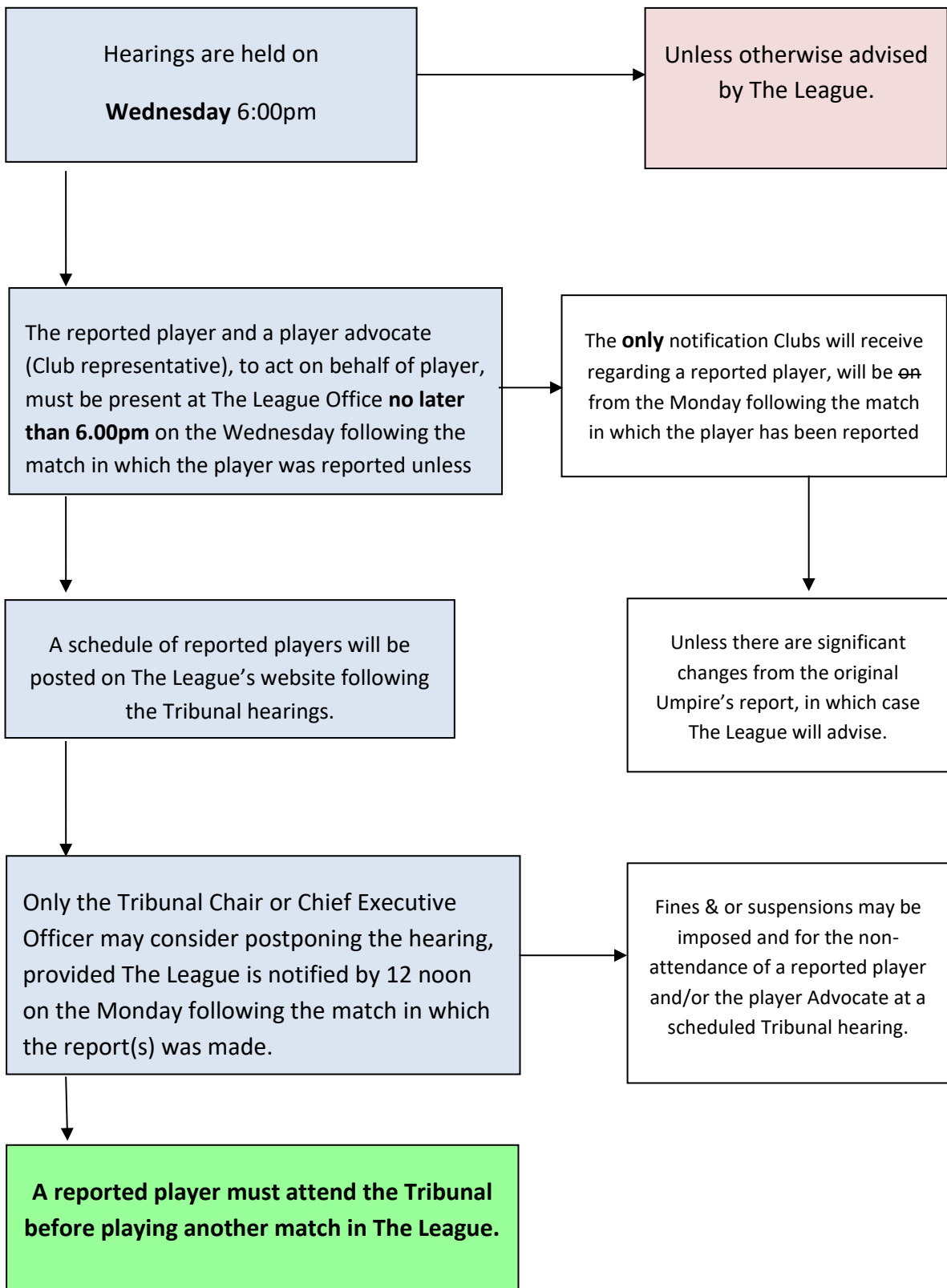
## ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR TRIBUNAL HEARINGS

- The order of these proceedings may change at the Tribunal's discretion.
- The Tribunal may satisfy itself that the person charged has had details of the charge(s).
- The player will be asked if they wish to plead to the charge(s). The player has the option to plead at any time but must plead following the completion of the Umpire's evidence, and that of any Umpire's witness.
- All witnesses will leave the room.
- Umpire's evidence.
- Cross-examination of Umpire by the Tribunal.
- Cross-examination of Umpire by the Player and/or Delegate.
- Evidence of Umpire's witness.
- Cross-examination of Umpire's witness.
- Plea of player
- Evidence of player
- Cross-examination of player by Tribunal
- Comment by the Umpire on the evidence submitted by the player at the discretion of the Tribunal.
- Evidence of player's witness.
- Cross-examination of player's witness by the Tribunal.
- Comments by the Umpire on the evidence submitted by the player's witness at the discretion of the Tribunal.
- Submission by the player or the Delegate/Advocate based upon the evidence presented.
- If a "Not Guilty" plea has been entered:
  - (a) all people other than the Tribunal shall leave the room to allow the Tribunal to determine whether the charge is proven.
  - (b) upon reaching its decision the Tribunal shall recall the Umpire and the person charged.
  - (c) if the player is found "Not Guilty" the Tribunal will be declared closed.
- If the player is found "Guilty" or has entered a plea of "Guilty" the details of the player's record may be read.
- The player or the Delegate/Advocate may make a submission to the Tribunal on the question of penalty.
- All persons who have been called to give evidence shall remain present until all other evidence has been presented to the Tribunal unless otherwise determined by the Tribunal Chair.
- All parties shall again leave the room to allow the Tribunal to make a determination what penalty is to be applied.
- The player charged and the Delegate/Advocate shall then be readmitted and informed of the determination.

### NOTES:

- Evidence must be taken even if the player pleads guilty.
- A plea is always required.
- A plea can be taken at any time until evidence of the player is given.
- At any time, the Chairman and through them the other members of the Tribunal may ask questions of the Umpire, player or witnesses.
- Any person who conducts themselves disrespectfully to the Tribunal during the hearing of a charge may be dealt with in such manner as the Tribunal in its absolute discretion shall deem fit.
- Members of the media may be admitted at the discretion of the Chairman of the Tribunal.
- If two players are reported in the same incident they can be heard at the same time at the discretion of the Tribunal.
- A Delegate/Advocate appearing for the player cannot be a witness giving evidence during the same hearing.

## ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR TRIBUNAL HEARINGS





## PRESCRIBED PENALTIES

### Per Clause 51.13

#### One Match Penalties

- (a) Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language, or an obscene gesture to any other person other than the officiating umpire.
- (b) Engaging in time wasting.
- (c) Throwing or pushing another player after that player has taken a mark, disposed of the football or after otherwise out of play.
- (d) Engaging in a melee, except where a player's sole intention is to remove a team mate from the incident.
- (e) Attempting to trip another player whether by hand or arm.
- (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 ball is in transit.
- (g) Wrestling another player.
- (h) Failing to leave the playing field when directed to do so by a Field Umpire.
- (i) Wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Clause 44 of these Rules and Regulations.
- (j) An act of misconduct.

#### Two Match Penalties

- (k) Engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable.
- (l) Attempting to strike another player.

## CATEGORY A REPORTABLE OFFENCES

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) kneeing another person
  - (iv) charging an opponent
  - (v) engaging in rough conduct against an opponent
  - (vi) bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that player has their head down over the football
  - (vii) head-butting or making contact to another person using the head
  - (viii) eye-gouging an opponent or making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the eye region of an opponent
  - (ix) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the face of another person
  - (x) scratching another person or
  - (xi) tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg
- (b) stomping on another person
- (c) intentionally making contact with or striking an Umpire
- (d) attempting to strike an Umpire
- (e) spitting on or at an Umpire
- (f) behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire
- (g) using abusive, insulting or obscene language towards or in relation to an Umpire
- (h) unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an Umpire
- (i) carelessly making contact with an Umpire
- (j) disputing a decision of an Umpire
- (k) spitting on or at another person
- (l) attempting to strike another person
- (m) attempting to kick another person
- (n) attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg
- (o) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an injured player
- (p) engaging in a Melee, except where a player’s sole intention is to remove a player from the same team from the incident
- (q) wrestling another person
- (r) pinching another person
- (s) engaging in an act of staging
- (t) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language
- (u) use of an obscene gesture
- (v) engaging in Time Wasting
- (w) interfering with a player kicking for goal
- (x) intentionally shaking, climbing or otherwise interfering with a goal or behind post
- (y) failing to leave the playing surface when directed to do so by an Umpire
- (z) wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Clause 44 or
- (aa) engaging in any other act of misconduct or serious misconduct

## TRIBUNAL PENALTY PROCEDURE

The Tribunal shall adopt these guidelines in assessing the particular alleged offence and appropriate sanctions for such an offence when the Tribunal finds a player guilty of an offence.

The Tribunal will categorise the level and severity of the offence by determining four (4) factors

- **Conduct** – whether the conduct was intentional or careless (refer below)
- **Impact/circumstance** - whether the impact was severe, high, medium or low (refer below)
- **Contact** - whether the contact was high, to the body, or to the groin. (refer below).
- **Potential to cause Injury**

### CONDUCT

#### 1. CONDUCT (INTENTIONAL OR CARELESS)

##### 1.1 INTENTIONAL CONDUCT

Whether or not a Player intentionally commits a Reportable Offence depends upon the state of mind of the Player when he or she does the act with which they are charged. What the Player did is often the best evidence of the purpose they had in mind. In some cases, the evidence that the act provides may be so strong as to compel an inference of what their intent was, no matter what they may say about it afterwards. If the immediate consequence of an act is obvious and inevitable, the deliberate doing of the act carries with it evidence of an intention to produce the consequence.

*For example, a strike will be regarded as Intentional where a Player delivers a blow to an opponent with the intention of striking them.*

The state of a Player's mind is an objective fact and has to be proved in the same way as other objective facts. The whole of the relevant evidence has to be considered. If the matter is heard by the Tribunal, the Tribunal will weigh the evidence of the Player as to what their intentions were along with whatever inference as to their intentions can be drawn from their conduct or other relevant facts.

The Player may or may not be believed by the Tribunal. Notwithstanding what the Player says, the Tribunal may be able to conclude from the whole of the evidence that the Player intentionally committed the act constituting the Reportable Offence.

## 1.2 CARELESS CONDUCT

A Player's conduct will be regarded as Careless where it constitutes a breach of the duty of care owed by the Player to all other Players.

Each Player owes a duty of care to all other Players, Umpires and other persons (as applicable) not to engage in conduct which will constitute a Reportable Offence being committed against that other Player, Umpire or other person (as applicable). In order to constitute a breach of that duty of care, the conduct must be such that a reasonable person in the position of the Player would not regard it as prudent in all the circumstances.

Further, a Player will be careless if they breach their duty to take reasonable care to avoid acts which can be reasonably foreseen to result in a Reportable Offence.

## 2. IMPACT (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH OR SEVERE)

In determining the level of impact, regard will be had to several factors.

- 2.1 Firstly, consideration will be given to the extent of force and in particular, any injury sustained by the Player who was offended against. A medical report may be provided to assist the Tribunal.
- 2.2 Secondly, strong consideration will be given to the potential to cause injury, particularly in the following cases:
  - intentional head-high strikes, such as those with a swinging clenched fist, raised forearm or elbow;
  - high bumps, particularly with significant head contact and/or Player momentum;
  - any head-high contact with a Player who has his head over the ball, particularly when contact is made from an opponent approaching from a front-on position;
  - forceful round-arm swings that make head-high contact to a Player in a marking contest, ruck contest or when tackling;
  - spear tackles;
  - driving an opponent into the ground when his arms are pinned; and
  - use of an elbow or raised forearm to strike an opponent.

The absence of injury does not preclude the classification of impact as Severe.

- 2.3 Thirdly, consideration will be given not only to the impact between the offending Player and the victim Player, but also any other impact to the victim Player as a result of such impact.

*For example, where a victim player as a result of the impact from the offending player is pushed into the path of a fast-moving third player, the impact to the victim player may be classified as high or severe, even though the level of impact between the offending player and the victim player was only low or medium.*

In addition, consideration will be given to the body language of the offending Player in terms of flexing, turning, raising or positioning the body to either increase or reduce the force of impact.

Low impact (which is the minimum impact required to constitute a Reportable Offence) requires more than just a negligible impact. Most Reportable Offences require at least low impact and a collision or incident involving negligible force will not ordinarily result in a charge.

- 2.4** In addition to the above, the following table provides a summary of applicable base level impact guidelines for Low, Medium, High & Severe Impact incidents:

<b>Impact Guidelines</b>	
Low	Minimal or no impact on the player - the Player continued to play the majority of the match and suffered no or minimal ongoing issues.
Medium	Clearly some impact on the Player, and / or the Player left the field for a lengthy period of time, and/ or some possible lower level ongoing treatment(s) required.
High	Major impact on the Player, and / or the Player was unable to participate in the remainder of the game, and / or major ongoing issues that require medical intervention and / or may miss some matches.
Severe	Major impact and serious injury to the Player, and / or likely to miss a significant number of matches.

Note – These are base level impact guidelines. The impact can be categorised as higher where there is the potential to cause serious injury.

### **3. CONTACT (HIGH / GROIN, BODY)**

- 3.1** High contact is not limited to contact to the head and includes contact above the shoulders.
- 3.2** Contact to the Groin includes contact to the crease or hollow at the junction of the inner part of each thigh with the trunk together with the adjacent region and including the testicles.
- 3.3** Where contact is both High and to the Body, the Tribunal will classify the contact as High. Contact shall be classified as High or to the Groin where a Player's head or groin makes contact with another Player or object such as the fence or the ground as a result of the actions of the offending Player. By way of example, should a Player tackle another Player around the waist and as a result of the tackle, the tackled Player's head made forceful contact with the fence or the ground the contact in these circumstances would be classified as High, even though the tackle was to the body.

#### **4. POTENTIAL TO CAUSE INJURY**

- 4.1** Potential to cause injury must be factored into the determination of Impact, particularly in the following cases:
- 4.2** Intentional strikes, such as those with a swinging clenched fist, raised forearm or elbow;
- 4.3** High bumps, particularly with significant head contact and/or Player momentum;
- 4.4** Any head-high contact with a Player who has his head over the ball, particularly when contact is made from an opponent approaching from a front-on position;
- 4.5** Forceful round-arm swings that make head-high contact to a Player in a marking contest, ruck contest or when tackling;
- 4.6** Any contact that occurs when the Victim Player should not reasonably be expecting or is not reasonably prepared for contact (i.e. contact off the ball); and
- 4.7** Any dangerous tackle.

## LEVEL OF OFFENCE

Once the level of offence has been determined it will be used in calculating the penalty.

Penalty reductions **may** be considered by the Tribunal, at its absolute discretion, for the following:

- Early guilty plea and/or genuine remorse shown by offending player
- Offending player has not been found guilty of any reportable offence within the last five (5) years in any match of a League affiliated with The Australian Football League (AFL).

## PENALTY GUIDELINES

Conduct	Striking/Undue Rough Play			Kicking/Headbutting
	Contact	Impact/ Circumstance	Match Penalty (Guideline Only)	Match Penalty (Guideline Only)
Intentional	High/Groin	Severe	8 - 10	10 - 12
Intentional	Body	Severe	7 - 9	9 - 11
Intentional	High/Groin	High	6 - 8	8 - 10
Intentional	Body	High	5 - 7	7 - 9
Intentional	High/Groin	Medium	4 - 6	6 - 8
Intentional	Body	Medium	3 - 4	5 - 7
Intentional	High/Groin	Low	3 - 4	4 - 6
Intentional	Body	Low	2 - 3	3 - 5
Careless	High/Groin	Severe	5 - 6	5 - 8
Careless	Body	Severe	4 - 5	5 - 8
Careless	High/Groin	High	4 - 5	4 - 7
Careless	Body	High	3 - 4	4 - 7
Careless	High/Groin	Medium	3 - 4	3 - 6
Careless	Body	Medium	2 - 3	3 - 5
Careless	High/Groin	Low	2 - 3	2 - 4
Careless	Body	Low	1 - 2	2 - 4
Tripping another person by foot or leg				3 - 5
Charging another person				3 - 5
Engaging in a melee				3 - 6
Spitting at or on another person				5 - 8
Pinning the arms of another and driving their head and or upper body to the ground				3 - 6
Attempting to kick another person				3 - 4
Attempting to trip another person by foot or leg				2 - 3

**NOT WITHSTANDING THE ABOVE GUIDELINES****ALL PENALTIES WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TRIBUNAL****Offences against an umpire**

Intentionally or carelessly making contact with an umpire	Discretion of Tribunal
Attempting to make contact with or strike an umpire	Discretion of Tribunal
Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire	3 - 8
Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire	3 - 8
Disputing a decision of an umpire or failing to leave the playing field when directed to so by an umpire	2 - 4

**NOT WITHSTANDING THE ABOVE GUIDELINES****ALL PENALTIES WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TRIBUNAL****The above penalties are for players only.**

Penalties against officials/coaches will be at the discretion of The Tribunal and will be considered more serious.

The Tribunal reserves the right to adjourn to consider any penalty and deliver the finding at a later point in time.

**Suspended Penalties**

Suspended penalties may be considered with the following guidelines

1. The player has not been found guilty at any previous Tribunal.
2. The offence (if striking) is not considered intentional, high/severe or high/groin.
3. The suspended portion is no greater than 50% of the total penalty. For example:
  - a. Should a player be suspended for four matches and a suspended penalty is considered, it can be no more than 2 matches suspended e.g. 2 served and 2 suspended but NOT 1 served and 3 suspended.
  - b. 5 matches – 3/2, 4/1 but NOT 2 served and 3 suspended.
  - c. 2 matches (minor offences) - can be judged 1 served and 1 suspended.



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## **TRIBUNAL SUMMARY OF REPORTABLE OFFENCE AND MATCH PENALTY**

The Chairman of each Tribunal is to provide a summary to The League of the reportable offence detailing the classification of conduct, impact/circumstance, and contact.

The Chairman of the Tribunal should also summarise any extenuating circumstances which may result in the increase of or reduction in, the match penalty.

## **ADELAIDE FOOTY LEAGUE WEBSITE ADVICE RE MATCH PENALTIES**

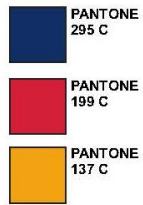
The Adelaide Footy League Website advice on match penalties should include:

- Classification of level of offence in relation to conduct, impact/circumstance, and contact.

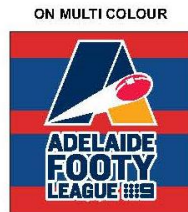
Appendix 18 PLAYING UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS

**2024 SEASON**

**ADELAIDE FOOTY LEAGUE GUIDELINES  
GUERNSEY | MEN & WOMEN**



TOP RIGHT CHEST LOGO:  
6.5 x 9cm



BOTTOM RIGHT CHEST ADELAIDE FL  
SPONSOR LOGO:  
9 x 2.5cm



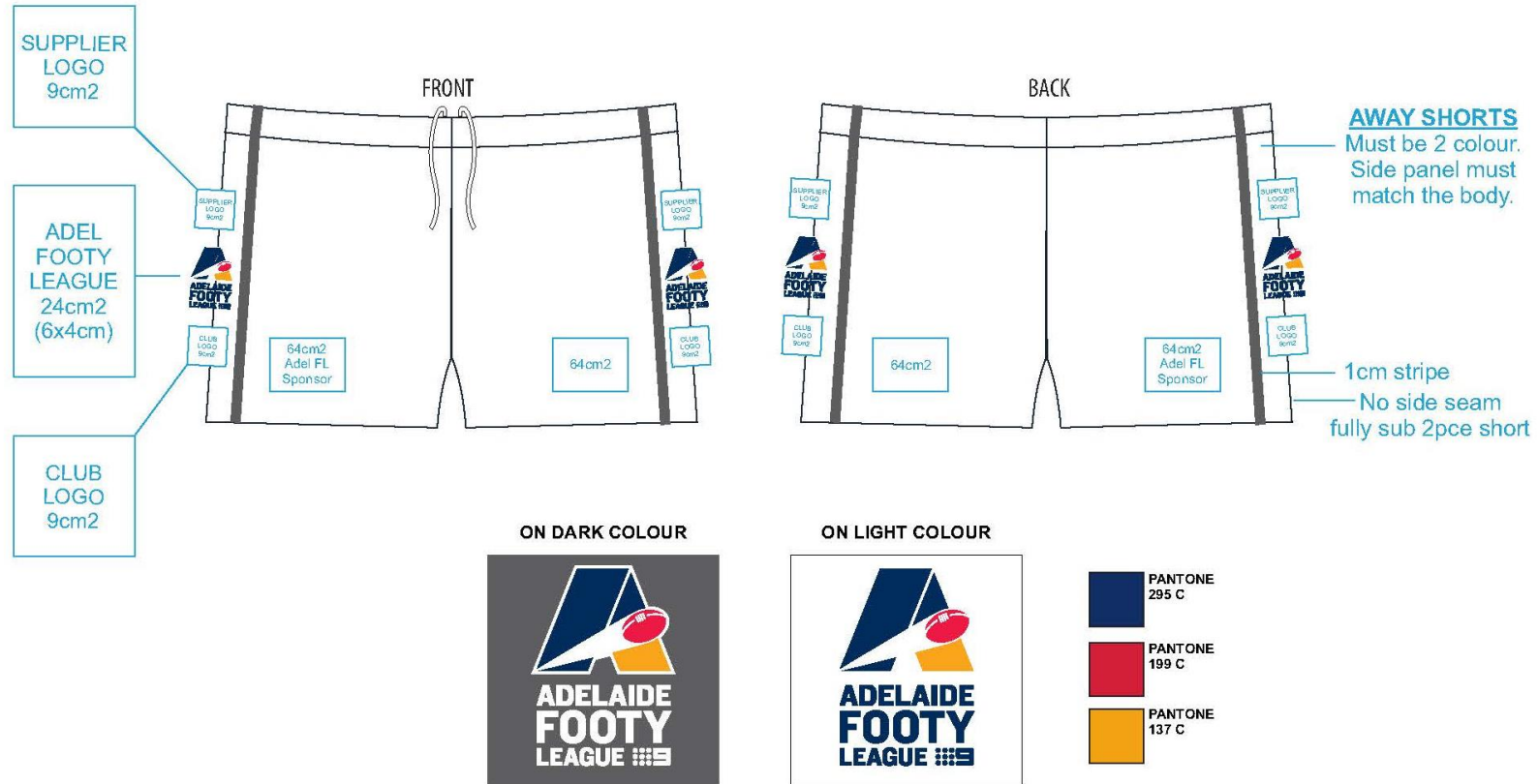
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10x6cm



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### SHORTS | MEN & WOMEN

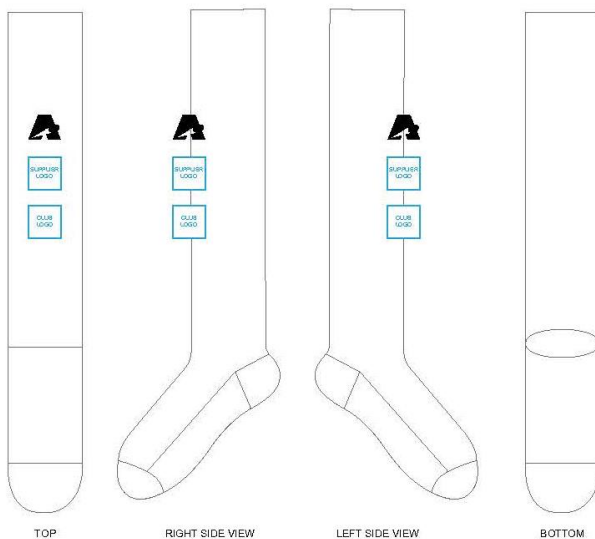


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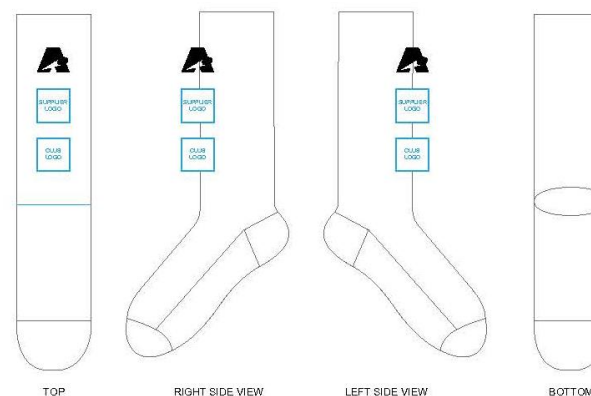
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### SOCKS | MEN & WOMEN

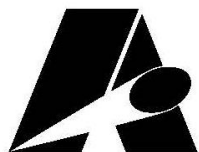
#### FULL LENGTH



#### CALF LENGTH



ADELAIDE FOOTY LOGO  
4x3cm (12cm<sup>2</sup>)



SUPPLIER LOGO: OPTIONAL  
12cm<sup>2</sup>



CLUB LOGO: OPTIONAL  
12cm<sup>2</sup>



