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1. Affiliation

Subject to Clause 21 of the Constitution, the League may affiliate with any other body controlling the game in Australia and may at anytime by resolution passed at any Annual or Special General Meeting of the League retire from such membership or affiliation.

2. League Clubs

Each League Club shall have, in connection with, and to foster the interests of such League Club, a League team, a Reserves team, an Under Seventeen (17) team, Under Fifteen (15) team, Under Thirteen (13) team and Under Eleven (11) team, as at the first (1st) of April in any year.

3. Players Registration and Permits to Play

- a. Every person desiring to play for a Club in this League shall, before being allowed to play, apply to the Permit Committee of the League to obtain registration and a permit to play, in accordance with By-Law 3(d) and By-Law 4(a), with the exception of all incoming clearances which have been duly endorsed by the Club and Association or League from which the clearance was sought, wherein such cases a permit shall be automatically granted by the Operations Manager.
- b. Every registration and permit to play, granted in accordance with By-Law 3 (a) shall remain in force until such person is granted a clearance by his Club and this League to play with another League Club in this League or another League, or until the Permit Committee revokes such registration and permit to play for any breach of the League's Constitution or By-Laws.
- c. The Operations Manager shall maintain a register of the persons who have obtained registration and a permit to play.
- d. All players who fulfil the age qualifications for the Under seventeen (17) competition and are over the age of fifteen (15) years as at the first (1st) of January in any year, must be registered on the prescribed form and have their registration forms endorsed by the signature of their parent or guardian.
- e. Any person over the age of fifteen (15) years as at the first (1st) of January in any year, who has applied for registration and a permit to play for a Club in this League and subsequently signs another application for registration and permit to play for another Club in this League, shall be required to explain such action to the Permit Committee and in the event of such explanation not being satisfactory, the matter shall be referred to the Tribunal.
- f. No permit shall be granted to a player whose clearance has not been lodged on or before the thirtieth (30th) of June in any one season, except as provided for by clause 15 of the affiliated League's Constitution. Provided a clearance has been lodged prior to the thirtieth (30th) of June in that season, a permit may be granted up to and including the twenty-seventh (27th) of July in that season.

- g. A player between the ages of fifteen (15) and eighteen (18) seeking to obtain a clearance from their current club must notify the Operations Manager in writing of their intentions to leave their current club. This letter must clearly state the exceptional circumstances that has led to this application. The letter is to be co-signed by a parent or guardian. The Operations Manager will then refer letter to the Port Lincoln Football League Board of Management for a final decision. If successful the Operations Manager will inform the player's current club of their intentions to leave and also inform the club that the player wishes to join that at this point they can now send a letter to player's current registered club. If there is no response from the player's current club within seven (7) days the intended club is free to speak to player.
 - i) For the season 2015, no Mallee Park or Wayback U17 player will receive a clearance as of 11th March 2015
- h. The processing of clearances and permits shall cease at seven (7) p.m. on the Friday preceding that weekend's round of matches.

4. Qualification of Players

- a. No player shall be registered to play in this League until he has obtained a clearance, or a temporary permit, on the prescribed form, from the Club and League with which he last played, except as provided for in By-Law 4 (d) and (e).
- b. No player, who is under disqualification, or who has failed to pay a fine imposed by the League, shall be granted a clearance by this League or any Club in this League.
- c. Should a registered player of this League leave his Club for such reasonable purposes as seeking employment, annual or long service leave, sickness or accident, business or employment commitments, without being cleared, then on his return he shall still be deemed to be a player of that Club.
- d. Players who are recruited from this League and registered with an S.A.C.F.L. Club are only able to return to their club in this League if they are included on either the Registered Player or the Registered Youth Lists and complied with S.A.C.F.L. Rule 14, 5(d), if applicable. However, if they play with an S.A.C.F.L. Club on the Saturday, they are ineligible to play with their Club in this League, in the same round of matches being conducted by this League, over the same weekend period.
- e. Any registered player of this League who is transferred in his employment to another locality maybe given a temporary permit to play in that locality providing he complies with clause 22 of the Community Football League's Constitution.

5. Improper Registration

A Player who has obtained a registration and permit to play by means of a false statement or without having the necessary qualifications shall be dealt with in accordance with By-Law 9 herein.

6. Permit Committee

- a. The Permit Committee shall meet as required and shall comprise of the Operations Manager, Junior Development Officer and one Commissioner.
- b. The Permit Committee shall have the power to grant, refuse, or revoke player's registrations and permits to play, and apply terms and conditions at their absolute discretion, providing the necessary documentation, in accordance with the League's By-Laws, has been previously lodged with the League.

7. Refusal of Clearance

- a. Any player registered with an affiliated League Club who is refused a clearance to transfer from one club in the League in which he is registered, to another club in the same League, may appeal against that refusal to the Tribunal.
- b. Any such appeal for clearance shall be made in writing and lodged with the Operations Manager, along with a further clearance application completed by the player together with a fee of fifty dollars (\$50), within seven (7) days of the clearance application being refused.
- c. The Operations Manager shall acknowledge receipt of the appeal by issuing a receipt for the fee and calling a Tribunal within seven (7) days of the appeal being received by the League. The fee will be forfeited by the person appealing if, in the opinion of the Tribunal, the matter is considered frivolous.

8. Playing a Disqualified Player

No club shall play any player who is under disqualification by any Australian Football authority whether the authority is affiliated or not. Any club, having received written notice that a player has been disqualified or fined, which plays a disqualified player or a player whose fine has not been paid, shall forfeit the match in which it plays such a player and in addition, be fined an amount of up to, but not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000), by the Tribunal.

9. Playing an Unqualified Player

No club shall play a player who is unregistered or who for any reason whatsoever is unqualified. A club breaking this rule shall forfeit the match, if reported by the Permit committee to be in breach of any registration, permit, clearance or qualification by-laws of the league or if a protest, in writing is lodged with the Operations Manager not later than five (5) p.m. on the second business day after the date such unqualified or unregistered player played. The club may also be fined an amount up to, but not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000) by the Tribunal.

10. **The Tribunal**

- a. At its Annual General Meeting the League shall appoint at least six (6) Commissioners, none of who shall be a registered Official of any club within the League, to comprise the Tribunal panel.
- b. Three (3) Commissioners are to preside over a hearing of the Tribunal.
- c. Initially half of the Commissioners comprising the Tribunal shall hold office for a term of two (2) years and the other half for a term of one (1) year. Retiring member shall be eligible for re-appointment. These appointments must be notified to the S.A.C.F.L. Inc. within seven (7) days of the Annual General Meeting.
- d. The Tribunal shall have the power to adjudicate upon any matter referred to them under the By-Laws of the League, provided that in making its determination, they take into consideration all the circumstances and matters which they consider relevant, to each case before them, and including the following where appeals by players and Clubs are concerned:
 - i. All rules contained in PLFL By-Laws as amended from time to time
 - ii. The age of the applicant
 - iii. The interests of the League
 - iv. The interests of the Australian Game of Football
 - v. The interests of the person or Club appealing
 - vi. Any hardship, financial or otherwise, likely to be suffered in the event of any appeal being disallowed.
 - vii. Contractual obligations, if any, between the person appealing and the Club from which such clearance is sought.
- e. In all matters referred to the Tribunal, they shall have power to:
 - i. Summon any person or Club to appear before them and give evidence.
 - ii. To admit or reject any evidence that may be put to them, at their discretion.
 - iii. To adjourn its proceedings to some time and place as they shall deem fit.
 - iv. To adopt or apply any procedures to the conduct of any hearing, as they deem fit.
 - v. To reprimand, censure, suspend and/or fine any person or Club in accordance with the By-Laws of the League.

- f. Both the player accused or appealing and the Club accused or against which the appeal has been lodged, shall be entitled to an advocate in attendance at any hearing, providing such advocate shall not be a member of the legal profession, but is an office bearer of the Club concerned.
- g. The decision of the Tribunal shall be final and conclusive in all matters referred to them in accordance with the By-Laws of the League and no further appeal shall lie to any other Tribunal or body, whether judicial, quasi-judicial or otherwise, except as expressly provided in By-Law 20.

11. **Club Colours**

- a. The registered distinguishing colours of the Clubs shall be as follows:
 - Boston Black & Yellow
 - Lincoln South Blue & Yellow
 - Mallee Park Green & Yellow
 - Marble Range Black & White
 - Tasman Red & White
 - Wayback Blue & Red
- b. Any modification to colour or design, or the use of the advertising logos, shall be approved by the League.
- c. Any League or Reserves playing member who does not conform to the approved Club colours may be prohibited by the Umpire from taking part in the game and upon written notification by the Umpire to the Operations Manager before five (5) p.m. on the second (2nd) business day following such breach, the Permit Committee may impose a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50) on the offending player.
- d. When the registered colours of opposing Clubs include shorts of the same colour, the visiting Club shall wear opposite coloured shorts to the home Club. For matches in the major round the choice of colour of shorts shall be decided by the tossing of a coin.

12. **Distinguishing Numbers**

All players must wear distinguishing numbers for each match which must agree with those numbers shown on lists handed to the Field Umpire before the start of each match.

13. **Matches: Time of Starting**

- a. The PLFL season shall commence on the date to be fixed by the League. All League matches are to commence at 2.40 p.m. with all other grades to start at times determined by the League from time to time.
- b. Any Club not ready to start at the appointed time may be fined or dealt with as this League may deem fit, and, in addition, if not ready to start within five (5) minutes of the appointed commencing time, shall forfeit the match to the opposing team.

- c. The Timekeeper shall notify the Operations Manager of the details of the default and his decision as to time shall be final. The Timekeepers shall show and agree to the time of arrival of each team onto the field

14. Matches: Length of Games

- a. League Matches shall be four (4) Quarters of twenty (20) minutes duration with time-on.
- b. Reserves Matches shall be four (4) Quarters of twenty (20) minutes duration with no time-on, except where provided for in By-Law14(c).
- c. In all matches, in the event of a central umpire signalling (by raising crossed arms above his head) the need for the use of a stretcher or the use of the blood rule, the time keepers will allow extra time (time off) until the umpire signals the restart of play

15. Matches other than League Matches

No Club shall play any match other than a League match without first obtaining the previous approval of the League, and clubs not engaged in semi-final or finals games shall not play any match without first obtaining the approval of the League.

16. Forfeiture of Matches

- a. No Club shall refuse to play under the Field Umpire appointed by the S.A.C.F.L. or the Port Lincoln Umpires Panel Appointment Board and no Club shall forfeit any match because of objections to the appointed umpire. A Club so refusing to play or forfeiting a match shall be suspended or expelled by this League, or otherwise dealt with as this League may determine.
- b. Any player or players who refuse to play or take part in a match, resulting in the forfeiture of a match on account of objections to the appointed Umpire, may be dealt with by the Tribunal, as they deem fit.
- c. A Club forfeiting a match for any reason shall notify the Operations Manager of its reasons for forfeiting by 8.00pm Thursday night preceding the match and this League may accept the explanation or deal with the Club so forfeiting or the players of such Club, as it may deem fit.
- d. A Club receiving a forfeit approved by the League shall be credited with two (2) premiership match points (if applicable) plus five (5) goals or thirty (30) points for, and nil against.
- e. If a team has 3 un notified forfeits, that team loses all acquired competition points.

17. Reporting Players

The following conditions shall apply to a charge laid by an umpire in respect of a breach of the "Laws of the Game" by a player. All charges shall be heard by the Tribunal in accordance with the procedures for Tribunal Hearings followed by the

S.A.N.F.L. Inc. as contained in the Affiliated Leagues Constitution from time to time.

- a. Each Umpire who makes a charge shall fill in duplicate copies in respect of each Club which has a player to be reported. Such copies shall set out the name of such player and particulars of the charge. Each Umpire who makes a charge shall sign both copies and if he is a boundary or goal umpire shall hand both copies to the field Umpire. The field Umpire shall deliver one copy of each charge to the Operations Manager no later than five (5) p.m. on the first (1st) business day following the match.
- b. Each Club shall be responsible for the attendance of an Official at the door of the Umpire's room at the termination of the match, and where charges are made, the field Umpire shall hand to the Official of the Club concerned, the duplicate signed copy of such charges. In the case of non-attendance of an Official, the Club in default and any player concerned in a charge shall be deemed to have waived compliance with the provisions of this clause and the charge will be heard as if the Official received the copy of the charge.
- c. On the handing to the Club Official of the copy of the charges as required by By-Law 17 (b), the Club concerned shall be deemed to have duly received notice of such charge and thereupon such Club Official shall forthwith notify the player concerned of the making of the charges.
- d. When an Umpire intends to make a charge against any player, he shall, if such charges relate to matters arising in the first three-quarters of the game, notify the players concerned as soon as reasonably possible after the incident, and in any event, not later than the start of the next quarter.
- e. Charges shall be heard by the Tribunal before the next League or Inter-League fixture. The Operations Manager shall fix the time and place for hearing any charges and notify the Club Official and Umpire of such time and place.
- f. The accused player shall, where possible, attend the hearing of such charge, and may give evidence, call witnesses and question all witnesses who give evidence at the hearing subject to By-Law 17 (h). If the player fails to attend after having been duly notified in accordance with By-Law 17(c) the Tribunal may proceed to hear the charge in his absence.
- g. The reporting Umpire may give evidence and call witnesses and question all witnesses who give evidence at the hearing, but, in the event of the person appointed by the League under By-Law 17 (i) being present, that person shall call and question witnesses on behalf of the umpire.
- h. An Office bearer of the reported player's club shall also be allowed to attend the Tribunal subject to the Commissioner's discretion and may call and question any witness who gives evidence at the Tribunal. Where represented by this delegate the player forfeits his right to questioning of umpires or witnesses.
- i. The League may appoint a person to present charges to the Commissioners.
- j. A playing member against whom a charge has been made shall not be eligible to play until the Tribunal have adjudicated on the charge.

- k. Any person who conducts himself disrespectfully during a Tribunal may be dealt with as the Tribunal's discretion.
- l. Any player disqualified or suspended by the Independent League Tribunal for a period in excess of six (6) matches for any offence, may appeal to the Commissioner for Country and Junior Football of the S.A.C.F.L. Inc.
- m. Accredited Umpires appointed to officiate in a game on that day, at that venue shall have the broader power to report a player(s) in other scheduled games if alleged breaches of the laws occur at that venue.
- n. A complaint alleging an infringement of the Constitution or By-Laws of the League or of the laws of the game may be made by a League Executive Official, by a Club Official of a participating club (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer) or by a Registered Official named on the team sheet of a participating team. Complaints made by a Club Official or Official named on the team sheet of a participating club must be approved in writing by the President of that Club before being lodged with the League.
 - i. A complaint pursuant to By-Law 17(n) must be lodged with the Operations Manager no later than five (5) p.m. on the second (2nd) business day following the match in which the event or conduct, which is the subject of the complaint, is alleged to have occurred.
 - ii. After due consideration of the complaint, the Operations Manager may refer the complaint to the Tribunal in the form of a report. The Operations Manager must then cause a copy of the alleged complaint, together with particulars of such complaint to be delivered to the person or body alleged in such complaint to have committed the infringement, as soon as practical.
 - iii. The Operations Manager must also inform such person or body named in the report of the time and place fixed for hearing of such report.
 - iv. A report alleging a breach of laws of the game pursuant to By-Law 17 (n) shall be heard by the Tribunal in accordance with the procedures for tribunal hearings followed by the SACFL Inc. as contained in the Affiliated Leagues Constitution from time to time.;

18. Reporting other offences

- a. No person who is a member, player, official or servant of the League or a League Club shall:
 - i. Use abusive, threatening or insulting language to the League delegates or umpires or other officials or to players or to gatekeepers.
 - ii. Interfere with or assault any League delegate, umpire or other official servant of the League or a playing member or gatekeeper.
 - iii. Be guilty of conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Australian game of football.
 - iv. Refuse or neglect to observe or comply with the rules of the League.

- v. Obtain or attempt to obtain entrance to any oval or League function without producing an entrance pass or paying the proper admission charge.
- b. A charge against any person offending against By-Law 18a, (i) to (v) may be laid by any League Executive Official or servant, or in the case of an infringement of By-Law 18a (v), by any oval official or gatekeeper, providing, in the instance of a player being involved, it occurs outside the actual playing of a game. In the event of an allegation of an infringement of the Constitution or By-Laws of the League or of the Laws of the Game in the actual playing of a game, By-Law 17 should be invoked.
- c. Such charge shall be in writing, which shall set out the matter or matters complained of, and the name of the alleged offender.
- d. Such charge shall be lodged with the Operations Manager not later than five (5) p.m. on the second (2nd) business day following the alleged offence.
- e. The Operations Manager shall give, to the person against whom a charge has been made, two (2) clear days written notice of such charge, and shall set out a copy of such charge, and shall set out the time and place appointed for the hearing.
- f. Any charge under this rule must be heard by the Tribunal before the next League or Interleague fixture.
- g. Where a charge under this rule has been found to be proved, the Tribunal may inflict such punishment either by way of censure, fine, suspension or disqualification as they think fit.
- h. Any person reported under By-Law 18 shall have the right to be represented by an office bearer of the Club to which the accused person belongs.

19. **League Selection**

- a. Any player who has applied for and obtained registration and a permit to play is strongly encouraged to make themselves available for training and selection in any match arranged by the League.
- b. Those players who are unavailable for selection must in the first instance communicate verbally or in writing with their club's Interleague Committee member and the appointed Interleague Coach.
- c. That once a player is selected and does not turn up for a game without good reason he receives a 2 club game suspension
- d. For the purposes of Under fifteen (15), Under seventeen (17) and Mortlock Shield Interleague fixtures the teams to represent Port Lincoln are:-
 - i. Lincoln City comprising Lincoln South, Tasman and Wayback Football Clubs
 - ii. Lincoln District comprising Boston, Mallee Park and Marble Range Football Clubs.

- e Clubs are responsible for loss of income for their representative players arising from an Interleague fixture and clubs need to inform their representative players of what they are covered for under their club insurance.

20. **Right of Appeal**

A player suspended for six (6) or more games may appeal to the S.A.C.F.L. Commissioner. Such appeal shall be handed to or posted to the Operations Manager within fourteen (14) days of the Tribunal hearing for forwarding to the S.A.C.F.L. whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

21. **Premiership Conditions**

- a. In all matches, except the under nine (9) and under eleven (11) grades, two (2) points shall be counted for a win and one (1) for a draw.
- b. If at the conclusion of the minor round any two (2) or more Clubs have obtained an equal number of points, the position of such Clubs shall be determined by the percentage of points kicked, for and against such Clubs.
- c. In the case of a game being an approved League forfeit, the Club receiving the forfeit shall be credited with points and percentage in accordance with By-law 16 (d).
- d. The Club which occupies top position at the conclusion of the Minor Round shall be called the winners of the Minor Premiership.
- e. At the conclusion of the Minor Round the third and fourth teams on the Premiership Table shall play the first semi-final, and the first and second teams shall play the second semi-final. A Preliminary Final shall be played between the winners of the first Semi-final and the losers of the second Semi-Final. The Grand Final shall be played between the winners of the second Semi-Final and the winners of the Preliminary Final.
- f. Should a tie take place in any of the matches played in the Major round, an additional five (5) minutes each end shall be played, with a three (3) minute break between the match and extra time. In the event of scores still being tied a the same format shall be repeated after a three (3) minute break until a result is achieved. Only coaches and trainers to enter field while tie breaker is applied.

22. **Major Round - Player Qualifications**

- a. A Player must have played in four (4) or more minor round matches for their current club in that season to qualify to play in that club's League major round matches.
- b. A player must have played in four (4) or more Reserve minor round matches for their current club in that season to qualify to play in that club's Reserves major round matches unless the League and Reserves teams of that club are competing in major round matches on the same day. In this case any senior

player not selected in the League grade team twenty-one (21) players shall be eligible for the Reserve grade team (subject to By-Law 22 (a)) and shall be eligible to continue playing in the Reserve grade during the major round. If the player is subsequently promoted to the League side this eligibility shall be annulled, unless both senior teams are playing.

- c. A player must have played in three (3) or more minor round matches for their current Club in any grade in that season to qualify to play in that club's junior major round matches.
- d. A player who plays in two (2) or more grades on the one (1) day shall, for the purposes of major round qualification, be deemed to have played in only the highest grade on that day. For this rule the Under Seventeen (17) grade is rated as a higher grade than Reserves.
- e. A player who is prevented from qualifying, in any of the above, through injury sustained as a playing member in this League may apply to the Commissioners for permission to participate in major round matches. The decision of the Commissioners shall be final. All applications are to have a Doctor's certificate attached (13/8/2014)
- f. A player shall not be eligible for any subsequent Reserve grade major round match if named in the League side on the day that team is eliminated.

23. Junior League Players Qualifications

- a. The age qualification for any junior grade shall apply from the first (1st) day of January in that season.
- b. All junior grade teams shall come under the jurisdiction and organisation of the Port Lincoln Football League Junior Committee.
- c. Any player under the age of fifteen (15) years on the first (1st) of January may only transfer once from one club to another in this League, before the thirtieth (30th) of June that year but is not allowed to do so during the same round.

24. Team Forms and Interchange Men

- a. In every minor round match a list of the twenty-one (21) players (League), twenty two (22) players (Reserves) and twenty-two (22) players (Under seventeen), with their respective numbers, shall be exchanged by officials of the opposing Clubs and only the players mentioned in such list shall be qualified to play. One of the League twenty-one (21) players must have previously played and been named on the Under Seventeen or Reserves team-sheet on that day. This player is to be indicated on the League team sheet with an asterisk. A copy of each list shall be handed to the Field Umpire, League Secretary and Officials before the start of the match, to be kept by them when necessary for identification purposes when a charge is laid.
- b. League and Reserve major round team lists shall consist of twenty-one (21) players with Under Seventeen major round team lists allowed twenty-two (22) players.

- c. If a Reserves grade side is unable to field eighteen (18) players, then whatever number they have available will be matched by the opposing team on the field, with the minimum amount set at fourteen (14) players. It is also a requirement that where possible, clubs are to advise the opposition twenty-four (24) hours prior when a problem with numbers is anticipated and thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled match time the numbers shall be confirmed. This rule applies to Reserve minor round games only.
- d. The Interchange men must be on the ground in uniform to play and must remain so ready until the conclusion of the match and must be identified on the team sheet.
- e. The Interchange men who comply with By-Law 24 (d) shall for all purposes be deemed to have played in such match.
- f. The Interchange men shall be available for use at the discretion of his Captain or Coach, as a substitute player at any time during the match providing that, if a player is used as an interchange the players concerned make their entrance and departure from the playing arena through the designated area, otherwise they will not be permitted to take any further part in that particular game with the exception of players incapacitated through injury, who may be taken off the playing arena at the nearest vantage point with the right of return if subsequently required.

25. **Protests or Disputes**

Protests or disputes arising out of any League match must be made in writing by the Secretary of the Club concerned to the Operations Manager not later than five p.m. on the second business day following the match in which such incident occurred. Such protest or dispute shall be accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars (\$50) to be forfeited if, in the opinion of the body appointed to hear such protest or dispute, the same is frivolous. All such protests or disputes shall be heard by the Tribunal, no later than the next League or Interleague fixture following the reported incident and the Club or persons involved in the protest or dispute shall be allowed representation at the hearing by the permitted club advocate prescribed in By-Law 10(f).

26. **Umpires**

- a. The S.A.C.F.L. Umpires Panel and the P.L.F.L. Umpires Panel shall provide where possible the field umpire for every match under its control and the P.L.F.L. Umpires Panel, where possible, shall provide two (2) boundary and two (2) goal umpires in proper attire.
- b. The Field Umpire's remuneration per match and other umpire's fees, to be fixed by this League from time to time.
- c. No P.L.F.L. Umpires Panel Umpire who has acted as such shall be allowed to play in a League match during the season in which he has acted except with the consent of this League. A Club or Umpire breaking this rule shall be dealt with as this League may think fit.
- d. The P.L.F.L. Umpires Selection Panel, comprising two (2) members from the P.L.F.L. Umpires Association and one (1) member from the Executive, may annul the appointment of any umpire during the season.

- e. The scores shall be kept on scoring cards supplied by this League to the Goal Umpires, and are to be initialled by the Field Umpire and handed or forwarded by him to the Operations Manager after the match, together with the lists of players duly initialled.
- f. The League shall approve or reject the P.L.F.L. Umpires Association appointments for Secretary, Methods Coaches, and Fitness Co-ordinators and set their honoraria, payable by the League.

27. Timekeepers

All Clubs shall appoint a registered timekeeper to officiate at each Club game conducted by the League.

28. Officials on Playing Arena

No official (Trainers, Coach, Team Manager and Runners accepted) of any League Club is allowed within the playing arena during the progress of any game. (Playing arena meaning within the fenced enclosure). Trainers must not leave their position unless for attention to players. Coach and Team Manager are not to leave their positions except at quarter, half and three-quarter time. The Runner is to leave his position only to relay messages to players.

29. Voting

a. Voting at Board Meetings

- i. At all Board meetings of the League every Board Member present shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
- ii. At every meeting of the Board all questions shall be determined by a show of hands, unless a ballot is demanded by at least three (3) members. Any Member of the Board may call for a division.
- iii. Every ballot shall be taken in such manner as the Chairperson of the Board directs.
- iv. In the event of a tied vote the Chairperson of the meeting will have the casting vote.

b. Voting at Committee meetings

- i. At all committee meetings of the League every delegate member present personally or by proxy approved by the Board, shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
- ii. At every meeting of the League all votes shall be determined by a show of hands, unless a ballot is demanded by at least three (3) members. Any member of the committee may call for a division.
- iii. Every ballot shall be taken in such manner as the Chairperson of the Meeting directs.

- iv. In the event of a tied vote the matter will be referred to the Board to make a decision.

30. Attendance at Meetings and Functions

- a. All clubs are expected to have their nominated representative(s) or a proxy representative(s) at official committee meetings, functions and activities and failure to do so without an acceptable reason will incur a fine to any club not represented.
- b. Apologies for absence will not be accepted and any club failing to attend a meeting, function or activity will be fined accordingly with the offending club automatically fined one hundred dollars (\$100) in the first instance for each required person not in attendance.
- c. Failure of a club to be represented at the same committee, function or activity in a calendar year will see the fine doubled to two hundred dollars (\$200), a third offence to four hundred dollars (\$400) and so on.

31. False Statement

Any person, official or servant of the League, or playing member of the League, who makes a false statement to the League or a Committee of the League, may be charged with such offence and such charge will be referred to the Tribunal who may deal with the matter as they see fit.

32. Endorsement of Decisions and Directions of League

In the event of the refusal or failure of a Club to obey a decision or direction of this League in accordance with this Constitution such Club may be called to explain their actions to the Tribunal, who may deal with the matter as they think fit.

33. Payment of Fines

- a. Whenever a fine has been inflicted by the League on a Club or a delegate member or proxy delegate, or on a playing member, or official member of the League, such fine shall be paid within seven (7) days from the posting by the Operations Manager of a notice of the infliction of such fine.
- b. Each Club shall be responsible for the payment of all fines inflicted by the League or the Commissioners on the Club, or on its delegate members, or proxy delegates, or on its playing members, or Officials registered with the League. In default, the club shall be dealt with in accordance with By-Law 30.
- c. All clubs need to have paid overdue monies owing to Port Lincoln Football League by 6.00pm of the Saturday of the last game of the minor round for all teams of that club to be eligible to play in the final series.
- d. Affiliation fees to the Port Lincoln Football League are to be paid before the start of R1 of that season.

34. Laws of the Australian Game of Football

The Laws of the Game as passed from time to time by the Australian Football League of Australia shall be adopted as a By-Law of this League except where variations have been approved by the S.A.C.F.L. Inc., in accordance with the A.F.L. Laws of the game.

35. Registering of Officials

All elected Officials and Office bearers of each Club must be notified to the League prior to or at the Annual General Meeting of the League. All appointed Officials of each Club must be notified to the League by the meeting subsequent to their appointment.

36. Send - Off Rule

The following procedure applies in all grades:

- a. A player reported for any Category three (3) offence (as defined in the PLFL Tribunal Procedures) or any other act of misconduct, if the Umpire is of the opinion that the act constituting misconduct is serious in nature, shall receive a red card and be ordered from the field with no further participation in the remainder of the match, with no replacement player allowed.
- b. A player reported by an umpire for any Reportable Offence other than those listed in By-Law 36(a), shall receive a yellow card and be ordered from the field for ten (10) minutes, with no replacement player allowed.
- c. A player who commits or threatens to commit an offence, whether verbal or physical, that in itself is not reportable but is considered by the Umpire to not be in the spirit of the game, may receive a yellow card and be ordered from the field for ten (10) minutes.
- d. A player who receives two (2) yellow cards in a game, for any reason, shall receive a red card and be ordered from the field with no further participation in the remainder of the match, with no replacement player allowed.
- e. A player who receives two (2) yellow cards under By-Law 36 (c), shall, in addition to the penalties applying under By-Law 36 (d), also be reported for misconduct.
- f. Any player sent off must exit through the interchange gate. Failure to do so will result in that player forfeiting further participation in the match.
- g. The reserve umpire is responsible for the keeping of time for players sent off for a yellow card offence. Where there is no reserve umpire, the field umpire responsible for the send off decision will be responsible for the keeping of time. Until directed back onto the field, the player must wait and re-enter through the interchange gate.

- h. If a junior receives 1 yellow card penalty, it makes the player ineligible for further games on that day irrespective of whether player has been reported or not. Time Keepers to keep track of ten minutes. Umpires to advise timekeepers when a yellow card is issued

37. Recruitment Guidelines

- a. No League club officer, servant or agent of a League club shall interview a registered player of another League club without in the first instance lodging a 'Permission to Interview' letter or form with the Secretary of the player's present club and the Operations Manager, using registered mail, fax or e-mail. When this procedure has been followed, no League club shall deny permission for such interview within seven (7) days of receipt of such form, except in the instance of a player being under a written contractual obligation or who is financially indebted to the club for membership.
- b. No League club shall invite a registered player of another League club to train with that club, without first have obtained approval from that player's club Secretary. Approval must be in writing and the club shall not refuse such permission within seven (7) days of receipt, except in the instance of the player having a written contractual obligation.
- c. No League club officer, servant or agent of a League club, shall in any way offer or suggest inducement or encouragement to a registered player of another League club to violate or terminate his agreement with such club.
- d. No official of any club can approach either a junior player or parent/guardian of a junior player between the ages of 15 and 18yrs old, with the purpose of recruitment
- e. Any breach of By-Law 37 (a),(b), (c) or (d) shall be referred to the Tribunal for their deliberation and if proven, may censure, suspend, disqualify or impose a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) for a person and two thousand dollars (\$2000) for a club

38. Over - Age Junior Players

Dispensation to play over-age players in junior grades may be sought from time to time and granted by the League Permit Committee provided the following guidelines have been fulfilled.

- a. Permission to play over-aged players must be requested in writing on the appropriate form, by delegates of the Club concerned, to the Operations Manager.
- b. Approval will be given on a full round of matches with any finals to be considered separately, except whereby the Permit committee may choose to revoke a permit during the full round formerly granted.
- c. Permits may apply to all grades under the jurisdiction of the Junior League.
- d. All Clubs must be notified, in writing, of a request for a player permit at least one (1) week prior to the meeting at which the request is to be considered.

- e. Players issued with a permit must be indicated on any team sheet by writing the word 'permit' after his name.
- f. A player granted a permit shall not be eligible for any voting or trophy considerations in the age group for which they are permitted.
- g. A record of all such permit approvals to be kept by the League.
- h. When re-applying for, or renewing a permit after a full round, a Club need only apply in writing unless requested otherwise by the Permit committee.

39. **Blood Rule**

- a. When, in the opinion of a field umpire, a player has incurred bleeding which needs to be stopped, play shall be halted and the player sent from the field for treatment. Once the game has stopped and the bleeding player has been told to leave the field the replacement player may enter the field of play. The game will recommence once the bleeding player has left the field and the replacement player has taken his position on the field.
- b. The player will be allowed back on the field once the bleeding has stopped.
- c. The bleeding player may leave the field by the shortest path to receive treatment, however, the player may only return to the field of play through the interchange gate.

40. **Tragedy Benefits Insurance**

All affiliated clubs must have Tragedy Benefits insurance in place by the thirty-first (31st) of March of each season.