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1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The South Australian Women's Football League (SAWFL), hereafter in these By-Laws referred to as "The League" is an affiliated body of the South Australian Amateur Football League (SAAFL) and as such is bound by the Laws of Australia Football, published annually by the Australian Football League (AFL).

2. ALTERATIONS TO THE BY-LAWS

- 2.1. These By-Laws can be altered, rescinded or added to at any time by the SAWFL Board or at an Annual General Meeting.

3. ADMISSION & MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1. A Member Club seeking renewal of its membership with The League for the next playing season shall make its application on part 1 the affiliation form prescribed by The League and this shall be received by The League not later than the 30th day of November of the year preceding that to which renewal is sought.
- 3.2. A club seeking admission to The League shall make its application on part 1 of the affiliation form prescribed by The League and this shall be received by The League not later than 30th day of November of the year preceding that to which admission is sought.
- 3.3. All clubs seeking renewal/admission to The League must also:
 - a. Indicate on the affiliation form the teams that it desires to field in The League.
 - b. Nominate the division/s in which each team desires to compete.
 - c. Attach to the affiliation form the design or photos of its proposed uniform for each team, including guernsey, shorts and socks.
 - d. Disclose on the affiliation form the name of a Delegate and Proxy Delegate who will be responsible for attending and when required, voting on behalf of the Member Club's, at meetings held by The League, including but not limited to Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, Club Forums and Delegates Meetings.
 - e. Disclose any other information that from time to time The League directs to form part of the affiliation process.
 - f. Pay an affiliation fee as determined by The League.
- 3.4. The League shall approve the applicant club's uniform including, if applicable, its away match uniform.
- 3.5. All clubs seeking renewal/admission to The League has until 31st day of January in the year to which the renewal/admission is sought, to withdraw a team or teams.
- 3.6. In the event that a club wishes to withdraw a team or teams from a competition, it shall make such request to the League in writing and include the reason/s for requesting the withdrawal of such team/s.



- 3.7. In the event that a club withdraws a team or teams after the 31st day of January, it shall pay a fee to The League as determined by The League.
- 3.8. In the event that a club withdraws a team or teams during the season, it shall pay part of or total of the annual affiliation fee as The League may see fit.
- 3.9. For the purpose of considering any club's application for renewal/admission to The League, The League retains the right to examine and inspect the club's records, oval/s, change rooms, clubroom and facilities, and make any recommendations as it sees fit concerning such club's oval/s, change rooms, club room and facilities.
- 3.10. Where the applicant club has more than one team desiring to compete in The League, The League may reject such application in respect of one or more of the applicant club's teams.
- 3.11. The decision of The League shall be final in respect of whether the club's application for renewal/admission is accepted or rejected.

4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. Any member of The League may submit to the SAWFL Board in writing, before 31st July, a proposal for Life Membership to a member who has given long and continued service to The League.
- 4.2. The SAWFL Board will review such nominations and those accepted will be brought before and presented at the SAWFL Presentation Night.
- 4.3. Life Members of The League, duly appointed in accordance with the By-Laws cannot be required to pay fees or subscriptions (other than fees that are required to be paid by a Participant in her capacity as a player).
- 4.4. A Life Member shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting, and shall be entitled to be heard, vote and receive notices.
- 4.5. Any player who has played more than 200 games for The League is to be considered for Life Membership.
- 4.6. Any non-playing member of The League may also be considered for Life Membership, after having served 10 consecutive years of continued and diligent service to The League.
- 4.7. Clubs cannot propose more than two (2) people for consideration for Life Membership in any year. This does not include those persons addressed in Clause 4.5.
- 4.8. A Life Membership nomination form can be downloaded from www.sawfl.org.au

5. UNIFORMS

- 5.1. Upon The League approving a clubs application for renewal/admission to The League, the colour and design of the uniform disclosed on the affiliation form shall be deemed to be the registered uniform of that Member Club.
- 5.2. Any changes of a Member Club's uniform, or any additional new uniform/s, must be submitted to The League prior to the 28th day of February in that particular season and shall be approved by The League.
- 5.3. Any special round uniform must be submitted to The League at least 14 days prior to the match special round match being played and shall be approved by The League.
- 5.4. Unless The League determines otherwise, each and every player participating in a match of The League shall wear the registered uniform of their Member Club.
- 5.5. Players representing Member Clubs during matches of The League shall wear approved SAWFL licensed apparel.
- 5.6. The playing number shall be securely fixed to the back of all players' guernseys for all matches of The League.
- 5.7. All Member Club playing apparel shall be purchased through the approved SAWFL licensed apparel partners.
- 5.8. All Member Club playing apparel (guernseys, shorts, socks) shall be designed as per the specifications below.
 - a. The League and/or Competition sponsor logo/s in full colour shall be positioned on the guernsey, shorts and socks in accordance with the SAWFL Playing Apparel Design Requirements document available from The League or at www.sawfl.org.au
 - b. Guernseys: The SAWFL logo in full colour shall be positioned on the front right side of the guernsey.
 - c. Shorts: the SAWFL Logo in full colour shall be placed on the side panel.
 - d. Socks: The SAWFL logo shall be half way up the sock from the start of the ankle not including the turn down or foot. The SAWFL Logo shall be placed on both sides of the sock and not on the front or back of the sock.
 - e. All playing apparel shall be badged with the South Australian Community Football League (SACFL) logo.
- 5.9. The League may impose a fine upon a Member Club for each player infringing any provisions of Clauses 5.2 to 5.8.

6. UNIFORM CLASHES

- 6.1. A Member Club shall have a uniform design approved by The League to differentiate it from that of another Member Club's uniform.
- 6.2. In the event of The League determining that uniforms of any two Member Clubs playing each other in any official match of The League clash, the provisions of Clause 6.3 shall apply.

- 6.3. Where the colours of the shorts of two opposing teams clash, the away team shall change shorts to remove any clash, The Member Club designated as playing away from its home ground shall change its guernseys and/or shorts for that match so as to remove the clash, except for major round matches where the lowest ranked team for the match shall change.
- 6.4. The League may impose a fine upon a Member Club for each player infringing Clause 6.3.
- 6.5. Should a dispute arise as to any determination made pursuant to Clauses 6.2 and/or 6.3 hereof a decision shall be obtained from The League.
- 6.6. Should any 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 these guernseys.
 - b. A further fee shall be invoiced for any damaged or non-return of any guernseys.
 - c. All guernseys shall be returned to the League by no later than the Tuesday afternoon following the match in which they were used, in a clean and dry condition.

7. PROVISION OF FOOTBALLS

- 7.1. Member Clubs shall be responsible for purchasing the official match balls of The League as prescribed by The League for that particular season.
- 7.2. The required ball size for each competition is prescribed in Section 12.
- 7.3. It is the responsibility of the home team to provide the ball for the match, which is to be approved by the Umpires.
- 7.4. In the event that a match is played away from both Member Clubs' respective home grounds, each Member Club shall supply one match ball, which shall be approved by the Umpires.
- 7.5. Unless the captains agree to a change, the same ball shall be used throughout the match.
- 7.6. The League will provide balls for the Finals series in each competition.

8. ACCREDITATION OF OFFICIALS

- 8.1. The appointed coach of each team of all Member Clubs shall have SANFL Level 1 Coaching Accreditation within 12 months of a SAWFL coaching appointment.
- 8.2. If an appointed coach continues to coach having not obtained the necessary accreditation as prescribed in Clause 8.1, The League shall have the power to impose a penalty or fine upon the unaccredited coach and/or such coach's Member Club.
- 8.3. An appointed sports trainer of any team of any Member Club shall have a current Senior First Aid, CPR Certificate and Level 1 Sports Trainers Accreditation at the commencement of the current season.



- 8.4. If an appointed sports trainer has not obtained the necessary accreditation as prescribed in Clause 8.3, The League shall have the power to impose a penalty or fine upon the unaccredited sports trainer and/or such sport trainer's Member Club.
- 8.5. A Member Club umpire shall obtain a Level 1 Accreditation once such umpire has umpired five or more SAWFL games.
- 8.6. All persons who are, or will be, appointed to an official role within a Member Club including:
 - a. Committee Members,
 - b. All Coaches,
 - c. Team Managers,
 - d. Sports Trainers, and
 - e. Any other Match Day Officialmust, upon their appointment to such role, successfully complete and obtain an accreditation certificate through the online Play By The Rules 'Child Protection' & 'Harassment and Discrimination' training (link to training website: <http://www.playbytherules.net.au/component/content/article/45-online-learning/1303>)
- 8.7. If a person appointed to an official role has not obtained necessary accreditation as prescribed in Clause 8.6, The League shall have the power to impose a penalty or fine upon the unaccredited person and/or such person's Member Club.
- 8.8. A Member Club shall provide proof of accreditation for its coaches, sports trainers and persons appointed to official roles at the request of The League within 48 hours of such request.
- 8.9. In accordance with Section 48 all Member Clubs are required to conduct an assessment of the criminal history of every person who is, or will be, engaged to work with children in the club and its affiliated associations. As part of this process, persons within a Members Club may be required to obtain a National Police Certificate before being appointed to a role. Refer to Section 48 for requirements.

9. REGISTRATIONS & TRANSFERS

- 9.1. It is compulsory for all players and officials, including Team Managers, Coaches, Sports Trainers and Runners, and where possible the Water Carriers, Volunteers and Umpires, to be registered with The League on the League's online data management system, FootyWeb, in order to participate in any match organised by The League.
- 9.2. It is compulsory for all players and officials, including Team Managers, Coaches, Sports Trainers and Runners, and where possible the Water Carriers, Volunteers and Umpires, to be registered with The League on the League's online data management system, FootyWeb, prior to playing/participating in their first club game in each season.
- 9.3. An annual player or member registration fee may be required by The League and will be determined by The Board.
- 9.4. A player shall be registered with only one Member Club at any given time.



- 9.5. A player desiring to register as a player of The League and whom has played an official match in any other Australian Football league, association or Member Club shall request and obtain a transfer from the league, association or Member Club where such player was last registered.
- 9.6. A Member Club of The League is not permitted to accept the transfer of more than five players from other Member Clubs of The League during the period of 1st October to 30th September in any year.
- 9.7. A Member Club of The League is not permitted to accept the transfer of more than two players from any one Member Club of The League during the period of 1st October to 30th September in any year, **except where both Member Clubs agree.**
- 9.8. Exemptions to Clauses 9.6 and 9.7 may apply in special circumstances or in the case of hardship, which shall be directed to The League in writing. Such application for exemption will be either accepted or denied by The League at its discretion.
- 9.9. Any player registration and transfer form shall be lodged into FootyWeb and cleared by the other league, association or Member Club, prior to a player playing a match in The League.
- 9.10. All transfer applications shall be lodged into FootyWeb during the period from the 1st day of February to the 30th day of June in the year in which the transfer application is sought.
- 9.11. A player who is required to obtain a transfer shall complete and sign in their own handwriting a Player Registration and Transfer form (Annex G), and if such player is under 18 years of age, the form shall also be signed by a parent or guardian of the player.
- 9.12. A transfer shall be accepted or declined through FootyWeb within six clear business days, inclusive of the days from when the transfer was requested.
- 9.13. **Any player registered with a Member Club in any one year and who is transferred to another league, association or Member Club that same year shall only be transferred back to the original Member Club within that particular year, unless the original Member Club agrees to such other transfer.**
- 9.14. **A player who has no financial indebtedness or contractual obligation to their previous Member Club shall not be refused a transfer.**
 - a. **If a player's indebtedness to a Member Club is player subscriptions, the amount owing shall only apply to the player's year prior to the year in which they seek a transfer.**
 - b. **A player who only played one (1) match for Member Club in the year previous to the year in which they seek 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 they seek a transfer shall not be refused such transfer provided the player pays fifty percent (50%) of their outstanding subscriptions owing to a Member Club from their previous year with such Member Club.**
 - d. **The only recognised contractual obligation by The League is the SACFL Playing Contract form (Annex L).**

- 9.15. A Member Club shall not refuse a transfer of a player if it:
- Ceases to exist, or
 - Has withdrawn a team/s from the competition in the current season and as a result, such player is ineligible to play in any other teams with such Member Club.
- 9.16. The League shall decline a transfer if the Member Club in which a player is transferring to has reached or exceeded its limit of player transfers.
- 9.17. Should the releasing Member Club not respond to the transfer request within the time specified in Clause 9.12, the player shall be deemed to have been transferred in accordance with Section 9.
- 9.18. In circumstances where a player requests a transfer and such player originates from a Member Club that ceases to exist or has, in the current season, withdrawn a team or teams from the competition in which that player is eligible to participate in, such player is then exempt from Clauses 9.6 and 9.7.
- 9.19. Where it is not possible for a player to obtain a transfer under Section 9 because the club, league, association or previous SAWFL Member Club with which the player was last registered has ceased to exist, The League may authorise the transfer of that player.
- 9.20. Should a player wish to withdraw their transfer application, the player shall complete the Player Withdrawal of Transfer Form (Annex K). The player's current registered Member Club shall submit this form to The league when refusing the transfer within six (6) clear business days from the date in which the transfer application was submitted.
- 9.21. A player or official, including team managers, coaches, sports trainers, runners, water carriers and volunteers, who is under suspension or disqualification imposed by any other league or association shall be eligible for registration as a player or official of The League but shall be ineligible to play in The League until such disqualification or suspension has:
- Expired within the league or association from which the player seeks the transfer.
 - Been suspended.
 - Been annulled by such other league or association.
- 9.22. Any player suspended by The League for a total of 12 matches or more shall have their registration to play within The League withdrawn but may request a transfer to any other league or association at the completion of their suspension.
- 9.23. A player who has had their registration to play within The League withdrawn after being suspended for a total of 12 or more matches may apply in writing to The League for reinstatement.
- 9.24. It shall be each Member Clubs' obligation to ensure that:
- The Parent/Guardian's permission has been received for all players aged under 18 years of age via the FootyWeb online registration system.
 - All players are registered and transferred in accordance Section 9.
 - Proof of registrations, transfers and/or Parent/Guardian consent is kept by the Club and provided at the request of The League within 48 hours of such request.



- d. All players and officials including Team Managers, Coaches, Sports Trainers, Runners, Water Carriers, Volunteers and Umpires adhere to the Code of Conduct (Annex B) standards required by The League.
- 9.25. The League may impose a fine and/or penalty including but not limited to the loss of any premiership points and/or any scores kicked if any Member Club and/or player:
- a. Lists incorrect information on a player's Player Registration and Transfer form or provides incorrect information into FootyWeb.
 - b. Does not register or transfer/clear a player in accordance with Section 9.
 - c. Plays a player in a match whom has not been registered or transferred/cleared in accordance with Section 9.
 - d. Plays a player in a match whom has been suspended, does not meet the age requirements for the competition as prescribed in Section 12, or is not eligible to play in the match (e.g. in the major round).
- 9.26. The League shall be entitled to withdraw or rescind a player registration or transfer.

10. FEES & FINES

- 10.1. Member Club annual fees for all competitions do not include umpires' fees for any matches played in The League.
- 10.2. Each Member Club shall pay their annual affiliation fees in four instalments which are due and payable by 30th April, 31st May, 30th June and 31st July each year.
- 10.3. A Member Club may apply in writing for alternative payment methods which shall be considering by The League provided the application is made no later than seven days prior to the due date of the payment.
- 10.4. Umpires fees are to be paid by the home Member Clubs in cash at the conclusion of each match in accordance with the Umpires Fees for the particular season (list of fees available from www.sawfl.org.au) and clubs are encouraged to utilise the Umpires Payment Form as part of the payment process (Annex H).
- 10.5. In all finals matches, the cost of the Umpires will be shared by both teams.
- 10.6. Any additional Member Club related charges as determined by The League shall be added each season when applicable.
- 10.7. The League may impose a fine on a Member Club, player or official for breaching of failing to comply with The League's Constitution, By-Laws or policies and/or in accordance with the Fines List (Annex A).
- 10.8. The League, The Board, the Tribunal or an official League 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 Constitution, By-Laws and/or policies.
- 10.9. A financial penalty may be imposed by The League on any outstanding fee or fine as determined by The League



- 10.10. Any Member Club failing to pay any 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 all teams of the Member Club may be suspended by The League until such monies are paid.
- 10.11. Any unfinancial Member Club which is deemed unfinancial may not be permitted to participate in any further matches of the League, including major round matches. The team which the defaulting Member Club is due to play shall be awarded the match.
- 10.12. Any unfinancial Member Club's application for renewal of membership to The League for the following season shall not be accepted until any outstanding amount/s is paid.
- 10.13. Member Clubs may appeal a fine issues by The League subject to:
- a. Any appeal against a fine shall be lodged in writing **on the Appeal of Fine Issued Form (Annex M)** to The League within seven (7) days of the date of issue of such fine.
 - b. The appeal against a fine shall be signed by the President or Chairman of the Member Club forwarding the appeal.

11. SALARY CAP

- 11.1. Player Payments within The League will be in accordance to the SACFL Regulation 31 Total Player Payments.**

12. MATCH RULES

- 12.1. Subject to the modifications and additions to the By-Laws specifically provided herin, all matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football as adopted from time to time by the Australian Football League.
- 12.2. The content of The League's By-Laws takes precedence over the Laws of Australian Football in any match of The League.
- 12.3. All matches including major rounds shall commence at the time and venue stipulated by The League with the exception of Clauses 25.11 and 25.13.
- 12.4. If a Member Club wishes to propose a change to a match date, time or location, this shall be carried out in accordance with Section 16.
- 12.5. Member Clubs may request an entrance fee donation but may not enforce such fee upon any person attending any match of The League.
- 12.6. Member Clubs may impose a fee for car park entry into Member Club grounds.
- 12.7. Alcohol or any drinks in glass are not permitted to be taken onto the playing field at any time during any match of The League.



12.8. Oval lighting for a night match shall be in accordance with the Australian Standard for Sports Lighting and a copy of the appropriate current accordance approval shall be submitted to The League prior to any official match being played as a night match.

12.9. Filming any part of the playing field and/or play during a match of The League is permitted.

12.10. All Member Clubs are required to enter a Team Sheet for each of their teams into FootyWeb before the start of the match to be played and preferably 24 hours in advance where possible. A Team Sheet shall:

- a. List the names and guernseys numbers of the players in the team
- b. Identify the Captain and Vice-Captain(s)
- c. List the name of the coach(es), runner(s), sports trainer(s), water runner(s) and team manager participating in the match

12.11. Prior to a match being played, the home Member Club shall submit an Australian National Risk Protection Scheme Match Day Checklist Form via the JLT Sport AFL Match Day Checklist App (information available [here](#)) and have it confirmed by an away Member Club official if it is the first Australian Rules football match at that particular venue on that particular day.

12.12. Variation of Team Numbers

- a. For designated competitions and for development purposes The League may reduce the number of players on the field.
- b. On agreement of both coaches, and in the spirit of the AFL, games may be played with even numbers on the field.
- c. Refer to Clauses 12.26 to 12.27 for further rules relating to team numbers.

12.13. Jumper Number Change

- a. Should circumstances require a player's number to be changed, the team runner should advise the field Umpire during the next interval, or at the first available opportunity if the change occurs during the final quarter.

12.14. Team Manager

- a. Each team shall appoint a Team Manager.
- b. Team Managers are not permitted to enter the field of play or engage in conversation in regard to decisions made by the Umpires.

12.15. Captain

- a. The team captain is the only player or official allowed to communicate messages to the Umpires during the quarter, half-time or three quarter time breaks.

12.16. Time Keepers

- a. Each team shall appoint a timekeeper whose duties shall be as follows.
 - i. To keep the time of each quarter on time cards, complete the time cards and forward them to the Secretary of The League or another nominated body.
 - ii. To sound a siren at the start and finish of each quarter, and to keep sounding it until the field Umpire notifies them that he/she has heard it.
 - iii. To add time on to the playing time of the quarter whenever directed to do so by the field Umpire, for injuries.

- iv. In the case of the field Umpire failing to signal the completion of the time added period, or that the time-keepers fail to hear the whistle to signify the end of this period, they shall stop adding "Time On" when they see that the ball is again in play.
- v. The field Umpire shall instruct the timekeepers to add "Time On" when play is unduly delayed through serious injury or player send off.

12.17. Sports Trainer

- a. The official Sports Trainer of a team shall wear the official attire prescribed by The League in accordance with Annex I and be easily identifiable by the Umpire and his/her name shall appear on the team sheet of his/her team.
- b. Team Trainers do not need to pass through the interchange area to enter or leave the playing field.

12.18. Team Runners

- a. The official runner of a team must wear the uniform determined by The League in accordance with Annex I and be easily identifiable by the Umpire and his/her name shall appear on the team sheet of his/her team.
- b. Two runners may be used by Member Clubs in any match provided only one runner is on the playing field at any one time.
- c. If both runners are on the playing field at the same time while a match is in progress, a field umpire may send one runner from the playing field without replacement for the remainder of the match.
- d. On-field communication between Runners and Coaches is not to be made by any electronic means.
- e. Team Runners are to deliver their messages to a maximum of two (2) players and then immediately leave the playing arena. They are not permitted to shout words of encouragement to their players or derogatory remarks to opposition players.
- f. Team Runners do not need to pass through the interchange area to enter or leave the playing field.

12.19. Water Carriers

- a. The official Water Carriers of a team shall wear the official attire prescribed by The League in accordance with Annex I and be easily identifiable by the Umpire and his/her name shall appear on the team sheet of his/her team.
- b. A maximum of three (3) water carriers per participating team may be on the playing surface at the same time in any match of The League while play is in progress.
- c. Water Carriers do not need to pass through the interchange area to enter or leave the playing field.

12.20. Interchange Steward and Interchange Rules

- a. An Interchange Steward shall wear the official attire as prescribed in Annex I.
- b. The home team shall appoint an Interchange Steward.
- c. A fifteen (15) metre section of the boundary line of the playing field must 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.
- d. The Interchange Steward must record on the interchange card:
 - i. all Category A and/or Category B report(s).
 - ii. an interchange breach (if applicable).
 - iii. a player sent from the playing field under the blood rule or
 - iv. a player removed from the playing field on a stretcher.
- e. A player may leave the playing field while play is in progress and be replaced (interchanged), 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:

- i. The player exits across the boundary line at any area of the playing field on a stretcher.
 - ii. The player exits across the boundary line at any area of the playing field other than the interchange area accompanied by a Member Club official who is officiating the match being played. These officials are either a Match Day Official/Steward or a runner or a member of the training staff, one of whom must signal to the Interchange Steward when the player has exited the playing field by raising their arm while standing alongside the exiting player.
- f. The Interchange Steward must advise an official of the Member Club of one (1) minute prior to when their player is to return to the field if the player is returning from an umpire send-off report or from the compulsory stretcher rule.
 - g. The interchange area is the only area a player may enter the playing field when play is in progress.
 - h. Where a player does not enter the playing field through the interchange area the Interchange Stewart and/or field umpire shall report the circumstances, including the score at the time, to The League. The League may impose a fine and/or penalty as it deems appropriate.

12.21. Match Day **Official**/Ground Marshall

- a. The Match Day **Official** of a team shall wear the official attire prescribed by The League in accordance with Annex I.
- b. Each Club shall appoint a Match Day **Official** who is responsible for the following:
 - i. Attend the Umpire(s) Room twenty (20) minutes prior to the commencement of the match and introduce themselves to the officiating umpires.
 - ii. Escort the umpire(s) onto the field for the commencement of the match and on and off the field at the half time break and at the completion of the match.
 - iii. Ensure the Captains of the team in the match being played, are the only persons who approach an umpire(s) at quarter, half or three quarter time breaks in regard to any issue their Member Club would like addressed.
 - iv. Approach person(s) that are using abusive language and advise them that no swearing or abusive language is permitted.
 - v. Advise a Member Club Official of the potential for the Member Club to be fined.
 - vi. Advise the person(s) that the Member Club is reported for bad language, abusive, aggressive or threatening behaviour towards another person(s).
 - vii. Use an umpire report form to record such report(s).
 - viii. Ensure that spectators are kept behind the spectator defined line.
 - ix. Ensure that Member Club coaches and officials are kept within their defined area.
 - x. Ensure alcohol is not consumed in the defined non-alcohol consumption areas.
 - xi. Ensure no alcoholic or any drinks in glass are taken onto the playing field at any time.
 - xii. Ensure no Member Club officials, players or supporters enter the umpire(s) rooms without the umpire's permission.
 - xiii. Ensure payment is made to each League appointed umpire(s) an amount prescribed by The League in cash and in a separate envelope within 15 minutes of the completion of the match in a respectful and professional manner and ensure that the Umpire(s) Proof of Payment from is signed by each umpire.
- c. The League may impose a fine to a Member Club found guilty of breaching its responsibilities in relation to Clause 12.21.

12.22. Scoreboard Attendant

- a. The home team shall supply a scoreboard attendant.

12.23. Home Team Responsibilities

- a. In addition to supplying the officials as prescribed in Section 12, the home team is responsible for supplying for each match:
 - i. Goal posts and behind posts fixed in their proper position
 - ii. Goal post 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 the goal and behind posts.
 - iii. Two sets of goals flags of white material not less than 50cm square, in the event that either or both goal umpires do not supply their own goal flags
 - iv. Line marking. For a full sized oval, the line marking shall include:
 - i. 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.
 - ii. A centre circle three metres in diameter and an outer circle 10 metres in diameter, which shall be located in the middle of the centre square.
 - iii. A line drawn in the shape of an arc at each end of the playing surface to show the distance to the central of the goal line. This distance is to remain consistent throughout the arc and depending on the size of the oval, be between 35 and 50 metres. The arc shall not intersect with the centre square line.
 - iv. A clearly marked line or an oval fence to ensure spectators are kept a minimum three (3) metres from the boundary line.
 - v. Stretcher, which is to be placed in a safe position near the boundary line at the interchange area which is accessible to both teams)
 - vi. Siren/horn/bell
 - vii. Accessible coach's boxes
 - viii. Umpires payments
 - ix. Match day paperwork including:
 - i. At least three copies of the home team's team sheet (one copy for home team, one copy for opposition team, one copy for umpires)
 - ii. Central umpires report forms (where possible)
 - iii. Umpires report cards (where possible)
 - iv. At least five scorecards
 - v. Umpires voting slips
 - vi. CH9AFL/SA AFL branded envelopes
- b. Member Clubs can source copies of the above (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) from the CH9AFL/SA AFL office.
- c. Refer to the SAWFL Game Day Checklist for more detailed information and recommendations – http://www.sportingpulse.com/get_file.cgi?id=3407213

12.24. 25-Metre and 50-Metre Penalties

- a. Where a Field umpire has awarded a Free Kick or a mark to a Player, the Field Umpire shall also award a 25-metre Penalty in favour of that Player if the Field Umpire is of the opinion that any Player or Official from the opposing side:
 - i. has encroached the mark;
 - ii. engages in Time Wasting;
 - iii. uses abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards the Umpire;
 - iv. behaves in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards an umpire or disputes the decision of an Umpire;
 - v. enters the Protected Area, except when the Player is accompanying or following within 5 metres of their opponent;

- vi. has not returned the football directly and on the full to the Player awarded the Free Kick or Mark;
 - vii. engages in any other conduct for which a Free Kick would ordinarily be awarded;
 - viii. when not in the immediate contest, holds a Player after that Player has Marked the football or who has been awarded a Free Kick; or
 - ix. Player in the contest who unreasonable holds a Player after that Player has Marked the football or who has been awarded a Free Kick.
- b. A 50-metre penalty shall be enforced by a field umpire as a result of a player count as per Section 18.
 - c. When the Field Umpire imposes a 25-metre or 50-metre Penalty, the following procedure shall apply:
 - i. the Field Umpire shall signal to the Timekeeper to stop the clock used for the timing of the Match for such time as it takes to impose the 25-metre or 50-metre Penalty;
 - ii. the Field Umpire shall advance the mark by 25-metres/50-metres in a direct line with the centre of the Goal Line; and
 - iii. if the Player who is obtaining the benefit of the 25-metre/50-metre Penalty is less than 25-metres/50-metres from the Goal Line, the mark shall become the centre of the Goal Line.

12.25. Age Policy

- a. The age requirements for each competition are stated within the Sub-Rules for each competition under Clauses 12.26 and 12.27.
- b. A Member Club shall provide proof of age and/or identity at the request of The League within 48 hours of such request. Approved methods of proof of age and/or identity are a photographic form of identity displaying a date of birth, e.g. Driver's Licence, Passport or Student Card, or a birth certificate.
- c. A Member Club that wishes to apply for one of its player to be dispensated up or down to an age group that better suits the player's size and/or experience must adhere to the Dispensation Policy set out in Annex F.

12.26. Open Women's Competition Sub-Rules

- a. For a player to be eligible to play in the Open Women's Competition she must be 16 years of age or older as at 1st January in the year of the competition. Underage players may be eligible to apply for dispensation, please refer to the SAWFL By-Laws Annex F Dispensation Policy.
- b. A match will be played on a full sized field.
- c. A size 4.5 match ball must be used in an Open Women's Competition match and such ball must adhere to the requirements prescribed in Section 7.
- d. The expected number of players per side is eighteen (18).
- e. A team may field a maximum of 18 players in a match with four players on the bench.
- f. A minimum of 14 players per team must take to the field to constitute a match.
- g. If a team takes to the field with 14 to 15 players then the opposing side is to take to the field with a maximum of 16 players.
- h. If a team takes to the field with 16 players then the opposing side can take to the field with a maximum of 18 players.
- i. The interchange shall vary between 4 and 8 players depending on the number of players on field but a team cannot at any time exceed 22 players.
- j. A match will be considered a forfeit if a team cannot field a minimum of 14 players at the scheduled time of commencement of the game.
- k. Matches shall be 4 x 20 minutes quarters. The League may, in extenuating circumstances reduce such time.

- I. Breaks shall not exceed five minutes at quarter time, 10 minutes at half time and five minutes at three quarter time.

12.27. Under 18 Girls Competition

- a. Subject to the modifications and additions to the Sub-Rules specifically provided herein, all Under 18 Girls Competition matches shall be subject to the SAWFL By-Laws and the AFL Youth Match Program.
- b. For a player to be eligible to play in this competition she must be:
 - i. At least 15 years old as at 1st January in the year of the competition.
 - ii. Underage players may be eligible to apply for dispensation, please refer to the SAWFL By-Laws Annex F Dispensation Policy.
 - iii. Under the age of 18 years as at 1st January in the year of the competition.
- c. Overage players are not permitted in this competition.
- d. Provided they meet the age requirements, a player is allowed to play **for the same club** in both the Under 18 Girls Competition and Open Women's Competition in the same round.
- e. **The competition will be played on a full sized playing field. If the number of players to take the field is less than 15 per side, the size of the field can be reduced to ¾ of a full size oval providing both competing clubs agree.**
- f. A size 4.5 match ball must be used in an Under 18 Girls Competition match and such ball must adhere to the requirements prescribed in Section 7.
- g. The game time will be 4 x **17** minute quarters with no time on. Breaks shall be **five (5)** minutes at quarter time, **ten (10)** minutes at half time and **five (5)** minutes at three quarter time.
- h. **The expected number of players per side is fifteen (15).**
- i. **A minimum of twelve (12) players per team must take to the field to constitute a match.**
- j. **A team may field a maximum of eighteen (18) players in a match.**
- k. At any time the interchange may have **up to four (4)** players.
- l. Each team must play with an equal number of players (**12-18**) on the field throughout the competition including in minor and major rounds.
- m. If a player leaves the field due to injury and there is no replacement available, at the quarter, half time or three quarter break, 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.
- n. The above clause shall not apply when a player is sent from the field by an officiating field umpire.
- o. A match will be considered a forfeit if one of the competing teams cannot field a minimum of **twelve (12)** players at the scheduled time of commencement of the game.
- p. Kicking off the ground is allowed.
- q. Any penalty will be a 25-metre penalty even on a full oval.

12.28. The League may implement any special match day rules as it sees fit.

13. HOME CLUB MATCH DAY FORMS

- 13.1. The home Member Club shall provide the following to The League on the Monday after the completion of a match played:
 - a. The Team sheet from both competing teams
 - b. The Umpires' Best & Fairest Voting slip in a sealed envelope
 - c. One official scorecard

- d. Interchange cards if a player leaves the playing field for a Category A offence, a Category B offence, on a stretcher or because of the Blood Rule
 - e. Any Category A Report
 - f. The Central Umpires' Report Form
- 13.2. Each Member Club in every competition is required to retain a copy of the above listed (a) and (c) until the 1st of November of each playing season.
- 13.3. In a match where an official field umpire(s) of The League officiates, the home Member Club shall provide the Team Sheet from both competing teams to the field umpire(s) prior to the commencement of the match, and at the completion of the match, provide the field umpire(s) with the interchange card(s) if a player leaves the playing field for, (a) a Category A offence, (b) for a Category B offence, (c) on a stretcher, or (d) because of the Blood Rule.
- 13.4. Fines may apply for not supplying the required match day forms as listed above to The League.

14. MATCH RESULTS

- 14.1. When a match is played, the home Member Club shall enter into FootyWeb before 5:00pm on the Sunday:
- a. Amendments to the players listed on the team sheet for each competing team,
 - b. All player guernsey numbers as per what is supplied on the team sheet for each competing team,
 - c. The scores at the end of each quarter,
 - d. All goal kickers for each competing team, and
 - e. The five best players for each competing team
- for publication in The Advertiser.
- 14.2. The League may impose a fine to any Member Club for failure to supply the match results as directed by The League.

15. FORFEITS

- 15.1. The Member Club that is declaring a forfeit must:
- a. Advise the opposition team of the forfeit and reason for the forfeit at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time of the match. It is advised that you declare the number of players still available in case a scratch match could be arranged between the two clubs. Please contact The League if you require contact details for the opposition team.
 - b. Advise the Umpires Coordinator. Please contact The League if you require contact details for the Umpires Coordinator.
 - c. Advise The League so that the fixture/results can be updated.
- 15.2. Member Clubs that do not adhere to the above will be fined as per the SAWFL By-Laws Annex A, plus the payment of any League appointed umpires and any other applicable cost incurred, including costs incurred by the opposing Member Club, as deemed fair and reasonable by The League.
- 15.3. In the event of a Member Club forfeiting a match, the match will be awarded to the opposing team and the Member Club receiving the forfeit shall be credited with two premiership points and will receive a ten (10) goal win.

- 15.4. The Member Club awarded the match by forfeit may enter a Team Sheet into FootyWeb prior to 12:00pm on the Monday following the scheduled match listing the players whom would have played in such match had the forfeited match been contested and the match shall count for the purpose of player qualification for the major round in that same season. No other player statistics, goal scored or umpires best and fairest votes are recorded or and no other match forms are required to be send into The League from such match.
- 15.5. In the event of a declared forfeit by arrangement with Coaches and Team Managers, a team may supply players to the opposition team to facilitate a friendly/ scratch match for the purpose of playing in the spirit of the game.
- 15.6. 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 in a particular competition during any one season and deem such Member Club to be ineligible for any refund of any fees, either paid or due to be paid to The League.

16. MOVING A GAME

- 16.1. Teams that wish to make a change to the date, time and/or location of a home or away game must:
- Contact the opposition team and agree upon a new date/time/location for this game. Please contact The League if you require contact details for the opposition team.
 - Contact the Umpires Coordinator to ensure that Umpires are available for this new game date/time/location. Please contact The League if you require contact details for the Umpires Coordinator.
 - Advise The League of this new game date/time/location once it has been approved by the opposition team and Umpires Coordinator.

17. USE OF STRETCHER

- 17.1. Where a stretcher is required the following procedure shall apply:
- Upon being advised or noticing that a player requires a stretcher, the field umpire(s) 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.
 - 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.
 - The replacement player may enter the playing field as soon as the injured player is placed on the stretcher.
 - The field umpire(s) shall recommence play only after the player on the stretcher has left the playing field.
 - A player whom has been removed from the playing field on a stretcher shall not resume playing for a period of 20 minutes actual playing time (excluding time-on and intervals between quarters) from the time the player left the playing field.
 - After such 20-minute period, the player may be interchanged in accordance with the interchange rules as described in Clause 12.20, provided the player is able, having due regard to their health and safety, to resume playing in the match.
 - 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.

- h. When a stretcher is brought on to the field but is not used by the player Clauses 17 (e) and (f) do not apply.

18. COUNTING OF PLAYERS

- 18.1. The captain or acting captain of a team may at any time during a match request that the field umpire count the number of players of the opposing team who are on the playing field.
- 18.2. Where such a request is made, the field umpire shall stop play and stop time, and call into line, within the centre square, the players of both teams who are at that time on the playing field and count the number of players.
- 18.3. Where the team has more than the permitted number of players on the playing field, the following shall apply:
- A field umpire shall instruct both goal umpires to record the scores of both teams at the time of the player count.
 - Upon completing the count, a field umpire shall ensure that each team has the permitted number of players on the field prior to recommencing the match
 - 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
 - A fifty (50) metre penalty shall then be imposed from the position where the free kick was awarded
 - The field umpire shall report details of the player count to The League by 10:00am on the Monday following the match
 - 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, and if so determined, The League shall have power to vary the scores of the match and/or impose such other penalty as deemed appropriate by The League.
- 18.4. Where a count reveals that the opposing team has the correct permitted number of players on the playing field, the following shall apply:
- 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
 - A fifty (50) metre penalty shall then be imposed from the position where the free kick was awarded
 - If a field umpire is of the opinion that the request was made primarily to delay play, or such request did not have sufficient merit, the field umpire shall report the captain or acting captain who requested the count for Time Wasting as a Category A offence.

19. BLOOD RULE

- 19.1. When a field umpire(s) becomes aware of a player with active bleeding on the person or uniform, the umpire shall stop play and simultaneously raise their arms crossed above their head directed at the Interchange Steward and send such player from the playing field.
- 19.2. Active bleeding means the existence of an injury or wound, which continues to bleed.
- 19.3. 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 uniform.



- 19.4. The player with active bleeding shall immediately leave the playing field at the nearest boundary line and the interchange shall be recorded by the Interchange Steward.
- 19.5. A player sent from the playing field under the blood rule may be replaced immediately.
- 19.6. The replacement player shall enter the playing field as soon as possible after the field umpire(s) has raised their arms crossed above their head signifying a player is leaving the playing field under the blood rule.
- 19.7. The replacement player shall immediately proceed to the same location of the player they are replacing. The replacement player upon entering the playing field may only proceed to a different location if approved by the opposing team's captain.
- 19.8. The field umpire(s) shall not restart play until the replacement player is in position.
- 19.9. 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.
- 19.10. When a field umpire is of the opinion that 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. After the signal is given, play shall continue.
- 19.11. 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 that all blood is contained.
- 19.12. If after receiving treatment, the field umpire is of the opinion that blood is still appearing on any part of the player's body or uniform, the player is deemed to be actively bleeding and Section 18.1 shall apply.
- 19.13. A player's refusal to promptly obey the direction of a field umpire(s) given under Section 18.1 is a reportable offence.
- 19.14. A player awarded a mark or free kick after the field umpire has signalled that the quarter of football has come to an end may kick the football even though such player may be actively bleeding.
- 19.15. 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 that all blood is contained;
 - c. Any blood-stained article of uniform has been removed and replaced;
 - d. Any blood on any part of the player's body has been thoroughly cleansed and removed.
 - e. The player is interchanged during the quarter, half or three quarter time breaks
 - f. The player re-enters the playing field through the interchange area.

20. PROHIBITION OF ITEMS

- 20.1. No player shall be permitted to play in a match with apparel or protective equipment which may cause injury to themselves or their opponents.
- 20.2. This includes the following:



- a. Protruding nails or plates on boots.
- b. Any form of jewellery, including earrings, tongue rings or any body piercing.
- c. Surgical appliances or guards.
- d. Long fingernails.

21. BEST AND FAIREST

- 21.1. A medal shall be awarded to the Best & Fairest player in each competition.
- 21.2. Medal winners are determined by the field umpire/s voting as per Clause 34.6.
- 21.3. In the event of a tie by the highest vote winning players in any competition, all tied players shall receive the same medal awarded in that competition.
- 21.4. Any player guilty of a Category A offence shall be ineligible to win any best and fairest awards determined by The League in the season in which such player has been found guilty.

22. METHOD OF DETERMINING PREMIERSHIP TABLES

- 22.1. Subject to the discretion of The League to make such recommendations as it deems fit, the method of determining the premiership table in each competition shall be as follows:
 - a. Premiership points shall be counted, two points for a win, one point for a draw and two points for an opposition forfeit.
 - b. A percentage of the points scored for and against each team shall be determined.
 - c. If at the conclusion of the minor round of matches there are two or more teams that have obtained the same number of premiership points, their position on the premiership table shall be determined by the percentage determined in accordance with Section 21.1 (b).
 - d. In the case of an exact tie for a position then the points for and against in matches played between such tied teams during that season shall determine the final positions of the teams.

23. PERMIT COMMITTEE

- 23.1. The League shall appoint a Permit Committee.
- 23.2. The Permit Committee shall have the power to issue a permit to any player, whether registered or not, to participate in a match conducted by The League on such conditions as it deems appropriate.

24. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MAJOR ROUND

- 24.1. A player must have played at least three matches for premiership points in a competition during the season to be eligible to take part in that competition's major round.
- 24.2. If there is more than one division in any competition and a Member Club has a team in each division the following shall apply:
 - a. If a player has played 50% or greater of the season in the higher division, they are ineligible to play in the major round of the lower division.

24.3. A player who is not eligible to play in a major round because they have not played three matches for premiership points due to injury, illness or games forfeited against the team in which they participated in, may be given the opportunity to provide evidence of injury, illness or games forfeited against the team in which they participated in, in order to obtain a permit to play in a major round. Refer to Annex J for the Application for a Permit for a Major Round.

25. MAJOR ROUND

25.1. A Final Four system shall be played at the conclusion of the minor round in any Division comprising 8 teams or less.

25.2. Where a Final Four system is played, the following programme shall apply.

- a. In the first week, the team positioned third shall play the team positioned fourth in the First Semi Final and the team positioned first shall play the team positioned 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. 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.

25.3. A Final Five system shall be played at the conclusion of the minor round in Divisions comprising 9 teams or more.

25.4. Where a Final Five system is played, the following programme shall apply.

- a. In the first week, the team positioned second shall play the team positioned third in the Qualifying Final and the team positioned fourth shall play the team positioned fifth in the Elimination Final. The team positioned first 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 positioned first 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. 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 that Division.

25.5. Unless otherwise specified by The League, should a draw occur in any Open Women's major round match, the teams shall break for five minutes at the completion of the drawn match and swap ends. The competing teams shall then play five minutes of extra time in each direction. If at the conclusion of the extra time played the scores remain drawn, the teams shall swap ends and play five minutes of extra time in each direction. If at the conclusion of the second extra time played the scores remain drawn, the match shall be determined by the first team to score. The winner of the toss of a coin by the two team captains shall determine which direction the teams shall kick in this last extra time played.

25.6. Unless otherwise specified by The League, should a draw occur in an Under 18 Girls major round match, the teams shall break for five minutes at the completion of the drawn match and swap ends. The competing teams shall then play five minutes of extra time in each direction. If at the conclusion if the extra time played the scores remain drawn, the match shall be determine by the first team to score. The winner of the toss of a coin by the two team captains shall determine which direction the teams shall kick in this last extra time played.

25.7. A Member Club that is the highest ranked team in its Division may apply to host a home final or a final on an available neutral oval of their choice, excluding a Grand Final, but 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. There shall be reasonable facilities provided for spectators.
 - d. Shall fulfil The League's obligations to its sponsors where applicable.
- 25.8. An application by a Member Club to play a home final or a final on an available neutral oval of their choice shall be made on the Major Round Hosting Application form available from The League.
- 25.9. Officials of The League may carry out an inspection of facilities and advise Member Clubs where facilities may not be suitable.
- 25.10. Alcoholic drinks are not permitted to be taken into any major round venues.
- 25.11. During the first week of the major round, the highest ranked team at the end of the minor round shall:
- a. Have their choice of shorts, guernseys, coach's box and change room.
 - b. Supply the Interchange Steward, Time Keeper and Scoreboard Attendant.
 - c. May apply to play their final on their home ground or on a neutral ground of their choice subject to availability.
- 25.12. The winning Second Semi-Final team becomes the highest ranked team and shall for the Grand Final have their choice of shorts, guernseys, coach's box and change room.
- 25.13. The losing Second Semi-Final team becomes the highest ranked team and shall for the Preliminary Final:
- a. Have their choice of shorts, guernseys, coach's box and change room.
 - b. Supply the Interchange Steward, Timekeeper and Scoreboard Attendant.
 - c. May apply to play the Preliminary Final as a home final or on a neutral ground of their choice subject to availability.
- 25.14. Both teams participating in a major round match shall pay half of the prescribed payments to umpires appointed by The League.
- 25.15. The League shall determine where major round matches are to be played when two or more Member Clubs request to play a home final on the same (available) neutral oval of their choice.
- 25.16. A Member Club may apply to host a major round match on behalf of The League using the Major Round Hosting Application form available from The League.
- 25.17. 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. There shall be reasonable facilities provided for spectators.
 - d. Shall fulfil The League's obligations to its major sponsors where applicable.

26. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 26.1. Subject to Clauses 26.3 and 26.4 herein the Member Club occupying the lowest position on the premiership table in a competition with more than one division (except the lowest division of that competition) at the end of the minor round of matches in each Division, shall be relegated to the Division below their current Division in the following season.
- 26.2. Subject to Clauses 26.3 and 26.4 herein the Member Club who wins the Grand Final in each Division (except the highest division of that competition) shall be promoted to the Division above their current Division in the following season.
- 26.3. No two teams from any one Member Club shall in any one year be in the same Division.

- 26.4. The Member Club who wins the Grand Final in each Division (except the highest division of that competition) may choose not to be promoted in the following season provided that such an option has not been exercised by that Member Club in the previous season and that the Member Club occupying the lowest position on the premiership table at the end of the minor round of matches in the Division above the Member Club that is to be promoted chooses to remain in the same Division for the following season provided such Member Club has not exercised this option in the previous season.
- 26.5. The League may in its absolute and unfettered discretion decide to assign a Member Club to a specific Division and this decision shall be final.

27. STATE/LEAGUE REPRESENTATION

- 27.1. The League, will at the discretion of the Board, select representative sides.
- 27.2. These representative sides will exist under the body of the South Australian Women's Football League.
- 27.3. In accordance with AFL Policies, the Coach of **such representative side** is to have a minimum of Level 2 Accreditation.
- 27.4. Selection Procedures:
- Representative Coach, Managers and Support Staff: The Board will advertise, interview and select a suitable person for these positions.
 - Representative Players: To select representative players, a panel of selectors will be nominated consisting of Representative Coach, Academy Coach, a member of the Board and any other person as nominated by the Board.
- 27.5. A player selected to represent The League in a State or Representative match shall be released from the Member Club to whom they are registered.**
- 27.6. Representative Teams will travel together as a group and not as individuals, unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- 27.7. The League **may** conduct annual fundraising events to support Representative Teams.

28. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 28.1. All Members of The League shall adopt Member specific codes as per Annex B and The League fully supports the codes of conduct as introduced by the AFL, the SANFL and the **CH9AFL/SA AFL**.
- 28.2. The League's Code of Conduct (Annex B to the SAWFL By-Laws) details the SAWFL's expected standards of behaviour from Member Clubs, officials, players and supporters.
- 28.3. Member Clubs shall be held responsible for the conduct and the behaviour of any official Interchange Steward, Time Keeper, Club member, player, supporter or any other person associated with their Member Club at matches in which their teams are participating.

- 28.4. Member Clubs shall be liable to any penalty and/or fine imposed by The League for any breach of the SAWFL Code of Conduct for any misconduct or misbehaviour by their Associated Person(s) at, during or after any match of The League.

29. INSURANCE

- 29.1. All Member Clubs shall comply with the insurance requirements as directed by The League.
- 29.2. Any Club failing to comply with the insurance requirements will forfeit the right to compete.

30. COMPLAINTS & DISPUTES

- 30.1. A Member Club that wishes to submit a complaint to The League must do so in writing within seven days of the relevant incident using the official Complaint Form at Annex C.
- 30.2. In a dispute between any Member Club, registered player or official and another Member Club, registered player or official or between any Member Club, registered player or official and The League, the parties may nominate a preferred mediator or The League may in its absolute and unfettered discretion request mediation through the affiliated State Men's Association/League.

31. UMPIRE APPLICATIONS

- 31.1. An Umpiring Manager shall be appointed by The League.
- 31.2. Applications for League and Member Club appointed field umpires, boundary umpires and goal umpires shall be on the form prescribed by The League.
- 31.3. All umpires making application to The League shall consent to being subject to a National Police Clearance.
- 31.4. Applications made in accordance with Clause 31.2 shall be forwarded to The League. Such application shall then be forwarded to the Umpiring Manager for consideration.

32. UMPIRES APPOINTMENTS

- 32.1. A Member Club shall supply a field, boundary and/or goal umpire(s) when directed by The League. Such field umpire shall have the same powers accorded to them as if they were appointed by the Umpiring Manager.
- a. Failure to supply such umpire(s) as directed as per Clause 32.1 shall result in a fine being imposed to the Member Club.
- 32.2. Field Umpires supplied by a Member Club shall remain in their Club's back half of the playing field for the duration of all matches of The League.

- 32.3. All field Umpires shall be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age.
- 32.4. All boundary and goal umpires shall be a minimum of fourteen (14) years of age.
- 32.5. The Umpiring Manager shall appoint and allocate umpires for matches conducted by The League.
- 32.6. Any umpire appointed by the Umpiring Manager shall not appoint a substitute to fill their match duties unless authorised by the Umpiring Manager.
- 32.7. An umpire appointed by the Umpiring Manager whom is unable to fulfil their match duties shall notify the Umpiring Manager prior to noon on the day prior to the match.
- 32.8. 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, the captains of the two teams playing shall, in consultation and agreement with any appointed field umpire of The League at the ground, agree upon terms for the match to proceed.
- The field umpire(s) agreed upon shall have the powers accorded to them as if they were appointed by the Umpiring Manager.
 - In the event of no agreement being reached by the two captains and any appointed field umpire of The League at the ground, the home Member Club's Match Day Official shall appoint a replacement field umpire(s) and the match shall proceed
 - 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 the sole field umpire.
- 32.9. Should a boundary umpire(s) appointed by the Umpiring Manager fail to appear at a match ten minutes prior to the appointed starting time, the home Member Club is to appoint a boundary umpire(s).
- 32.10. Should a goal umpire appointed by the Umpiring Manager fail to appear at a match ten minutes prior to the appointed starting time, the home Member Club is to appoint a goal umpire.
- 32.11. Where two goal umpires appointed by the Umpiring Manager fail to appear at a match ten minutes prior to the appointed starting time, each Member Club is to appoint a goal umpire.

33. UMPIRES ROOMS

- 33.1. No person, other than the Umpires officiating in the match and their trainers, shall enter the Umpires' dressing room while the Umpires are there. Each Umpire is individually responsible for seeing that this Law is observed and must report to The League any person who breaches this Law.
- 33.2. The provisions of this Law does not apply to members of an Umpires' Appointments Board or to other persons authorised by The League to select and appoint Umpires to matches; or such other persons to whom The League shall determine this law shall not apply.

34. UMPIRE'S DUTIES

- 34.1. Field umpires shall provide reports of matches on the forms provided by and in the manner prescribed by The League.
- 34.2. The officiating umpires shall have 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 any oval where a match of The League is played.
 - b. The condition of the ball(s) provided by any Member Club for use during the match.
 - c. The playing field is correctly line marked.
 - d. The condition of goal and behind posts (including padding).
 - e. Goal umpire flags
 - f. All officiating umpires' attire.
 - g. Absence or quality of all player's guernsey numbers.
 - h. Incorrect uniform or attire of players and officials.
 - i. An extraordinary late commencement of any quarter of any match.
 - j. Such other powers or conditions as prescribed by The League.
- 34.3. Any information relating to Clause 34.2 shall be provided to The League on the Central Umpire's Report Form, to be completed at the conclusion of each match of The League.
- 34.4. The field umpire(s) may reject any ball considered by them to be unfit for play.
- 34.5. The field umpire(s) officiating in any match conducted by The League shall be listed on each Member Club's Team Sheet prior to the commencement of play.
- 34.6. The field umpire(s) officiating in an official match of The League shall at the conclusion of each match list 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 on the form provided by and in the manner prescribed by The League. This form shall be signed by the field umpire(s) and placed in a sealed envelope provided by The League and forwarded to The League together with the Central Umpire's Report Form.
- 34.7. The Umpiring Manager shall consider the match reports of all umpires.

35. INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

- 35.1. There shall be an Investigation Committee appointed by The League.
- 35.2. The Investigation Committee shall have the power to hear and determine any matter referred to it by The League or the SAWFL Board.
- 35.3. The Investigation Committee shall comprise a quorum of not less than two persons, none of whom had any current or past affiliation with a Club involved in the investigation.
- 35.4. The Investigation Committee shall have the power to:
- a. Hear and determine any investigation so initiated

- b. Dismiss the matter
- c. Find a matter not proven
- d. Find a matter proven and reprimand, suspend or fine any Member Club(s) player(s) or official(s)
- e. Summon any person to appear before it and give evidence
- f. Admit or reject any evidence which may be given
- g. Adjourn proceedings to such a time and place deemed fit
- h. Adopt or pursue any procedure considered convenient and proper for the disposal of any matter
- i. Sustain or dismiss any application brought before it upon grounds as it in its absolute discretion may determine
- j. Refuse to investigate any matter brought before it for investigation if it determines in its absolute discretion that such matter is trivial
- k. Alter or delete as it sees fit the results of any match played
- l. Direct any persons to attend any meeting as its own discretion
- m. Refer matters as it deems fit to The League, Tribunal and/or the SAWFL Board
- n. Initiate an investigation into a Tribunal decisions or penalty

35.5. The Investigation Committee shall have powers to impose a penalty or fine upon any person or Member Club who or which:

- a. Knowingly gives false evidence to the Investigation Committee, or
- b. Before, at or after any meeting of the Investigation Committee insults, abuses or assaults any member of the Investigation Committee or any person giving evidence at such hearing, or
- c. In the opinion of the Investigation Committee is guilty of misconduct at any meeting, or
- d. Refuses or neglects to obey any 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

35.6. The President or Chairman and Member Club advocate are require to attend any investigation involving their Member Club and are permitted to bring relevant people in regard to the alleged incident(s).

36. CATEGORY A REPORTABLE OFFENCES

36.1. A Category A offence is one when the offence is such as to cause a player to be officially reported and whom shall then be required to appear before the Tribunal or accept a prescribed penalty in accordance with Clause 36.15.

36.2. 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 or greater up to the maximum of the remainder of such match as determined by the reporting field umpire. The reporting umpire shall display a red card indicating that a player has been reported for a Category A offence. The field umpire shall escort the reported player from the field and inform the Interchange Steward of the details of the Category A report and the time imposed. The player may be replaced after ten (10) minutes of playing time.

36.3. A goal or boundary umpire 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. 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. If such duration is for more than ten (10) minutes of playing time, the field umpire(s) shall inform the Interchange Steward of the amount of time imposed.

36.4. Ten (10) minutes of playing time shall include time on, as signaled by the field umpire, if time on is applicable in such match being played.

36.5. The home Member Club Timekeeper shall give the Interchange Steward one (1) minute's notice prior to when such player may return to the field.

36.6. Any of the following types of conduct is a reportable offence and considered a Category A offence:

- a. Intentionally, recklessly or negligently making contact with or striking an umpire.
- b. Attempting to make contact with or strike an umpire.
- c. Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards or in relation to an umpire.
- d. Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire.
- e. Disputing a decision of an umpire.
- f. Use of an obscene gesture.
- g. Intentionally, recklessly or negligently
 - i. Kicking another person
 - ii. Striking another person
 - iii. Tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg
 - iv. Engaging in time wasting
 - v. Charging another person
 - vi. Throwing or pushing another player after that player has taken a mark, disposed of the football or after the football is otherwise out of play
 - vii. Engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable
 - viii. Engaging in a melee, except where a player's sole intention is to remove a team mate from the incident
 - ix. Spitting at or on another person
 - x. Bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that player has their head down over the ball
 - xi. A player may bump an opponent's body from side-on but any contact forward of side-on shall be deemed to be front-on
 - xii. A player with their head down in anticipation of winning possession of the ball or after contesting the ball shall be deemed to have their head down over the ball for the purposes of this law
 - xiii. Pinning the arms of another person and driving their head and/or upper body into the ground
- h. Attempting to kick another person.
- i. Attempting to strike another person.
- j. Attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg.
- k. 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.
- l. Wrestling another person.
- m. Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language.
- n. Failing to leave the playing surface when directed to do so by a field umpire.
- o. Wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited as listed in Section 20 of the SAWFL By-Laws.
- p. Any act of misconduct.

- 36.7. 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.
- 36.8. The field umpire(s) shall inform the Interchange Steward of the Category A offence and the Interchange Steward shall acknowledge to the field umpire(s) that the Category A details have been received and understood.
- 36.9. If a player committing a Category A offence refuses to leave the playing field to the satisfaction of the field umpire(s), then the field umpire(s) may report the offending player's Member Club to The League.
- 36.10. Any player who re-offends in the same match shall be sent from the field by the field umpire(s) for the remainder of the match and shall not be replaced.
- 36.11. A Category A report is to be made on the official interchange card by the Interchange Steward stating the playing number, time sent from ground and the quarter in which the report occurred.
- 36.12. A report made by a field umpire(s) made in accordance with Cause 34.1 of the SAWFL By-Laws hereof shall reach The League by 10:00am on the Monday following the match to which the report relates.
- 36.13. All officiating umpires shall so far as reasonably practicable comply with the requests of The League to appear before the Tribunal and/or the Investigation Committee.
- 36.14. A Category A report shall be detailed by the field umpire(s) on The League's Report By Umpire Form. It is the responsibility of the Member Clubs to attend the Umpire's Room to collect any Report By Umpire Form(s) within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the match.
- 36.15. The League may nominate certain Category A reportable offences as prescribed offences where the player may plead guilty without appearing before the Tribunal and accept the prescribed penalty if this is offered to the player by the reporting field umpire. A player may plead guilty and accept a prescribed penalty only once during the season. The prescribed offences and penalties are as follows:
- a. Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language, or an obscene gesture to any person other than an officiating umpire – 1 match.
 - b. Engaging in time wasting – 1 match.
 - c. Throwing or pushing another player after that 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 strike another player – 2 matches.
 - f. Attempting to trip another player by hand or arm – 1 match.
 - g. 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 – 1 match.
 - h. Wrestling another player – 1 match.
 - i. Failing to leave the playing field when directed to do so by a field umpire – 1 match.
 - j. Wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Clause 19 of the SAWFL By-Laws – 1 match.
 - k. Any act of misconduct – 1 match.

36.16. Only an officiating field umpire can offer a prescribed penalty to an offending player(s).

36.17. At the conclusion of the match the reporting field umpire(s) shall make their best endeavours to advise an official of the reporting player's Member Club if the prescribed penalty is offered to the player or if the Category A report is to be referred directly to the Tribunal.

36.18. The League shall assume that a player reported for a prescribed offence as per Clause 36.15 has chosen to accept the prescribed penalty unless The League is notified by noon on the Monday following the match that the player wishes to have the offence heard by the Tribunal.

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

37. POWER TO REPORT A PLAYER FOR A CATEGORY A OFFENCE

37.1. An officiating umpire or any official appointed by The League each year may make a Category A report in any match or trial match of The League.

37.2. The Officials of The League appointed each year by The League shall:

- a. Be a member of the SAWFL Board
- b. Be an official umpire observer of The League
- c. Be on the Umpire's Coaching staff
- d. Be an umpire at the ground to which they have been appointed to umpire by the Umpiring Manager
- e. Be any person appointed by The League
- f. Such Officials of The League shall show a field umpire their Official of The League identification card if applicable.
- g. Officials of The League shall contact The League to obtain such identification card.

37.3. Any persons, 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 any match in which such past or current Member Club is participating.

37.4. An Official of The League reporting a player for a Category A offence shall only approach the field umpire(s) at the next available break in play, including when a goal has been scored, to inform the field umpire(s) of such report.

37.5. Only a field umpire(s) may impose a send-off for a Category A offence.

38. CATEGORY B ORDER OFF RULE

38.1. A Category B offence is one where a minor misconduct is committed by a player which in the opinion of a field umpire(s) does not warrant a Category A report and the player shall be sent from the playing field for ten (10) minutes of playing time and may be immediately replaced.

38.2. Any player who is issued a second Category A and/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.



- 38.3. Ten (10) minutes of playing time shall include time on, as signaled by a field umpire, if time on is applicable in such match being played.
- 38.4. A Category B offence shall only be made by a field umpire umpiring that particular match.
- 38.5. The field umpiring(s) shall send the Category B offending player from the playing field immediately or the field umpire may allow play to continue before effecting the send-off if the umpire believes this is an advantage to the non-offending team.
- 38.6. The field umpire(s) shall notify to the Interchange Steward of the Category B offence by holding up a yellow card.
- 38.7. At the next quarter break the reporting field umpire shall inform the Interchange Steward of the details of the Category B offence.
- 38.8. Any player who is issued two (2) Category B yellow cards in the same match shall be suspended for one match, but may elect to appear before the Tribunal to have the matter heard.
- 38.9. If a player committing a Category B offence refuses to leave the playing field to the satisfaction of the field umpire(s), then the field umpire(s) may report the offending player for a Category A offence.
- 38.10. A Category B report shall be made on the official interchange card by the Interchange Steward, stating the playing number, time sent from ground and the quarter in which the report occurred.
- 38.11. The field umpire(s) at the conclusion of the match shall note on The League's official form all players whom committed a Category B offence. The Member Club's copy of this form provided by the umpire is the only record Member Clubs shall receive of a Category B offence.
- 38.12. A player sent from the playing field for three (3) Category B offences during any one minor round season shall incur a two (2) match suspension for the following two (2) rounds.
- 38.13. The League shall advise the player's Member Club when the suspension subject to 35.11 (three Category B offences) is to be instigated.
- 38.14. The three separate Category B automatic suspension rule ceases at the end of the minor round in that particular season.
- 38.15. The accumulation of Category B offences begins at the start of the minor round each season and ceases at the conclusion of the minor round in the same season. Matches subject to suspension not served at the conclusion of the minor round, shall be waived.
- 38.16. A Member Club or player may appeal against a Category B offence.
- a. Such appeal shall be lodged in writing against a Category B offence
 - b. A \$100 fee shall be lodged with the appeal
 - c. The appeal shall be heard by the Tribunal
 - d. The \$100 lodgement fee shall be forfeited if the original decisions is confirmed but reimbursed if the appeal is upheld.

39. THE TRIBUNAL

- 39.1. Shall meet at the time and place as directed by The League.
- 39.2. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and League Commissioners comprising the Tribunal shall be persons not holding any office in any Member Club. Two League Commissioners shall comprise a quorum of the Tribunal
- 39.3. 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 or any matter referred to it by The League in respect of any breach of the By-Laws and/or Constitution of The League.
- 39.4. The Tribunal shall:
- Have the power to require the attendance of any person or persons before it at any time it deems fit.
 - 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.
 - At its absolute discretion adjourn from time to time the hearing of any report.
 - Have the power to instruct the Chairman of the Tribunal to make recommendations to The League concerning any matter arising from any hearings of the Tribunal.
 - Forward to The League a report detailing the offences heard and determined by it.
- 39.5. Subject to Clause 39.4, the Tribunal may deem that no report shall be heard and determine by the Tribunal unless the following conditions are complied with:
- The report shall be in writing on the Report By Umpire Form and shall set out the substance of the report, the player's guernsey number and wherever possible the name of the player reported.
 - The Report By Umpire Form shall be signed by the field umpire(s) and any other umpire(s), or an Official of The League making the report, and submitted to The League.
 - Any one of the President or Chairman or Secretary or Football Director of the Member Club to which the reported player(s) or official(s) belong are the only officials authorised to approach the field umpire(s) or other reporting official at the conclusion of the match from which the report(s) has arisen to obtain the relevant report(s) details.
- 39.6. Notwithstanding a non-compliance with any one or more of the conditions specified in the By-Laws herein the Tribunal may in its absolute discretion dispense with the compliance of such conditions and proceed to determine any report provided that such dispensation does not prejudice any player called before the Tribunal.
- 39.7. The umpire(s) or an Official of The League signing the Report By Umpire Form, the Club advocate of the player's Member Club and any witnesses shall attend the Tribunal at the time and place directed by The League.
- The League may impose a fine to a Member Club if its advocate and/or the reported player fail to attend such Tribunal.
 - The reporting umpire(s) may request anyone to attend the Tribunal as a witness.
 - The offended player involved in a Category A report may request to attend the Tribunal hearing relating to such report or may be directed to attend by The League
- 39.8. Should the reported player, or a required 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.

- 39.9. 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.
- 39.10. In determining any 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 for any period any player or official
 - 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 that player undertaking to be of good behavior 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 39.10 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 that a player has committed any breach under the Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution of The League, 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.
- 39.11. The Tribunal shall have powers to impose a fine and/or penalty or an additional penalty upon any person or Member Club:
- a. Who knowingly gives false evidence to the Tribunal at any Tribunal hearing
 - b. Who 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 any Tribunal hearing.
 - c. Who refuses or neglects to obey any order of the Tribunal
 - d. Who fails to have a Club advocate represent the reported player(s) or official(s) at the Tribunal hearing.
- 39.12. Should any Member Club include on its Team Sheet in any Division any 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 that particular Division or in all Divisions in which such Member Club participates as from the date the suspension was implemented.
- 39.13. The Tribunal and/or The League shall have the power to call before it any player who has been reported and pleaded guilty for a prescribed offence as listed in Clause 36.15. The Tribunal shall in such case have the power to hear and determine that report and have power to impose any penalty as described in Clause 36.15.
- 39.14. Any suspended player who 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.
- 39.15. A bye is not counted as a match of The League for a suspension to be served
- 39.16. A person disqualified or suspended for 10 matches or more at a single Tribunal hearing may appeal against such disqualification or suspension to the SACFL in accordance with Regulation 11.1 of the SACFL Regulations.

40. TRIBUNAL APPEAL BOARD

- 40.1. An appeal lodged under Clauses 39 and 40.5 shall be heard and determined by a Tribunal Appeal Board.
- 40.2. Each Tribunal Appeal Board shall be constituted by three (3) members, at least one of whom must 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 decisions which is the subject of the appeal can be a member of the Tribunal Appeal Board.
- 40.3. The members of the Tribunal Appeal 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 Tribunal Appeal Board.
- 40.4. A Member Club player or official who has been suspended by the Tribunal may appeal to The League against the decision of the Tribunal if:
- a. He or she was suspended by the Tribunal for a period of five (5) matches or more; and
 - b. He is or she has the permission of his or her Member Club in writing to appeal; and
 - c. His or her appeal is accompanied by a fee of \$250 (inclusive of GST), which shall be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 40.5. A Member Club may appeal in writing to The League against a decision of the Tribunal imposing a penalty upon that Member Club provided the appeal is accompanied by a fee of \$250 (inclusive of GST) which shall be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 40.6. An appeal can only be brought under Clauses 39 and 40.5:
- a. With respect to the issue of guilt:
 - i. If it is alleged that there has been an error by the Tribunal in the application of the By-Laws; or
 - b. With respect to the issue of penalty:
 - a. If it is alleged that the penalty imposed by the Tribunal was manifestly excessive.
- 40.7. An appeal should be in writing setting out in full the basis of the appeal and must be received by The League not later than two (2) days following the decision by the Tribunal against which the appeal is brought.
- 40.8. Subject to any other matters set out in Section 40, the Tribunal Appeal Board may regulate any proceedings brought before it in such manner as it decides.
- 40.9. The Tribunal Appeal 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.
- 40.10. An appeal is to proceed by way of a review of the evidence before the Tribunal and not by way of a rehearing.
- 40.11. At the hearing of an appeal from a decision of the Tribunal, fresh evidence may not be presented without leave of the Tribunal Appeal Board. The Tribunal Appeal Board must not grant such leave unless the Tribunal Appeal Board is satisfied that:
- a. The evidence could not by reasonable diligence have been obtained prior to the conclusion of the hearing before the Tribunal; and
 - b. The evidence is of such a character that if considered with other evidence which was given before the Tribunal, the Tribunal would have reached a different result.

40.12. Each Tribunal Appeal Board has the power to:

- a. Affirm, reverse or vary the decision the subject of the appeal
- b. Increase or decrease the penalty imposed by the Tribunal
- c. Adjourn its proceedings at and to such time and place as it shall deem fit, and
- d. Stay the execution of the penalty imposed by the Tribunal pending the determination of the appeal.

40.13. The Board is not obliged to give reasons for a decision made by it under Clause 40.12.

40.14. Subject to Clause 40.12.c, a player lodging an appeal against a suspension imposed by the Tribunal may not participate in a match of The League until his or her appeal has been heard and determined by the Tribunal Appeal Board.

41. ENGAGING IN A MELEE

41.1. 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 an official field umpire of The League to cease such confrontation and which, in the opinion of such umpire, 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.

41.2. Officiating field umpires appointed by The League in which the match is being played and Officials of The League may report a Member Club for an Engaging In A Melee offence.

41.3. The field umpire(s) or an Official of The League shall inform the Interchange Steward of such offence(s) and the Interchange Steward shall acknowledge the Engaging In A Melee details have been received and understood.

41.4. The umpire(s) or Official shall inform The League of the incident by noon on the Monday following the match.

41.5. Fines for Engaging In A Melee offence in the same year are as follows;

- a. 1st offence – \$250
- b. 2nd offence - \$500
- c. 3rd offence - \$1000
- d. 4th offence – Referred directly to the Tribunal

41.6. The League and/or Tribunal shall have powers to impose a further fine and/or penalty upon any player or Official or Member Club.

41.7. The above penalties shall be doubled during major round matches of The League.

41.8. 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 will be referred directly to the Tribunal.

42. DISCRIMINATION AND RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION

- 42.1. A person shall not act towards or speak to any other person in a manner, or engage in any other 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.
- 42.2. In the event that any person hears what they interpret to be a racist remark and such person wishes to lodge a complaint, they shall write to The League, using the official Complaint Form at Annex C, advising of what was said, by whom and at whom it was directed.
- 42.3. A person who exhibits racist behaviour shall be liable to any penalty that The League may impose pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of The League including a fine and/or loss of all or some premiership points accrued in the particular Division that the team participates in or in all Divisions in which such Member Club participates.
- 42.4. The AFL Anti-Discrimination Policy shall apply to all persons to whom these Laws apply.

43. ANTI-DOPING POLICY

- 43.1. Member Clubs and officials are bound by the Australian Football League (AFL) Anti-Doping Code.
- 43.2. The AFL is a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code (WADA).
- 43.3. WADA is the international organization responsible for fighting doping in sport.
- 43.4. The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) is responsible for implementing the AFL's Anti-Doping Code at all levels of competition.
- 43.5. ASADA's responsibilities for investigations extend to the SAWFL.
- 43.6. A Member Club player or official does not have to be tested to breach the code and receive a sanction.
- 43.7. Penalties under the AFL Anti-Doping Code may be up to four (4) years and prevent a person from performing any role at a sporting club including playing, coaching or being a support staff member.
- 43.8. Such sanctions shall include participation in any event, game or activity managed by a Member Club.

44. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

- 44.1. The AFL's 'Management of Concussion in Australian Football' document shall apply and be binding on The League.

45. INFECTIOUS DISEASES POLICY

- 45.1. All Bodies affiliated to the South Australian Women's Football League will play under the guidelines as set out in Annex D.

46. EXTREME WEATHER PROCEDURE (HEAT/LIGHTNING/HAIL)

- 46.1. The AFL National Extreme Weather Policy and Clauses 46.2, 46.3 and 46.4 shall be binding on The League and its Member Clubs.
- 46.2. Where the maximum forecast temperature is predicted by the Bureau of Meteorology to exceed 35 degrees on a day scheduled for a SAWFL match or a SAWFL facilitated training session,
 - a. The SAWFL match will be postponed as per the below process.

- i. During the Minor Rounds, it is the responsibility of the Home Club to contact the opposition team, The League and The League's Umpires Coordinator at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time of the match, to advise of them that the match will be postponed and consult them on the rescheduling of this match.
 - ii. During the Major Rounds, it is the responsibility of The League to contact the competing teams and The League's Umpires Coordinator at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time of the match, to advise of them that the match will be postponed and inform them of the rescheduled time for this match.
 - b. The SAWFL facilitated training session will be postponed as per the below process.
 - i. It is the responsibility of The League to make contact with the members of such training session and advise them that the training session has been postponed.
- 46.3. Where the maximum forecast temperature is predicted by the Bureau of Meteorology to be between 30-35 degrees on a day scheduled for a SAWFL match or a SAWFL facilitated training session,
 - a. There shall be a two-minute water break at the midway point of each quarter.
 - i. During the Minor Rounds, it is the responsibility of the appointed Field Umpire/s, in conjunction with the Home Club, to enforce such water breaks.
 - ii. During the Major Rounds, it is the responsibility of the appointed Field Umpire/s, in conjunction with The League, to enforce such water breaks.
 - b. The duration of a SAWFL facilitated training session will be no longer than 60 minutes of activity with water breaks every 15 minutes.
 - i. It is the responsibility of The League to enforce the modified duration to such training session.
- 46.4. In the case of lightning and/or hail deemed as a threat to the safety of Member Club players before or during a match of The League the following shall apply.
 - a. If a match of The League does not commence as agreed by both Member Club's Match Day Official and a minimum of one field umpire, the match shall be deemed to be a draw and each team will be awarded one (1) premiership point.
 - b. If the delay takes place before half-time and is unable to recommence within 30 minutes, the match shall be deemed to be a Draw but the scores at the time shall be used in that Division's premiership table.
 - c. If the delay takes place during the third quarter and is unable to recommence within 30 minutes from the stop in play as agreed by both Match Day Officials and a minimum of one field umpire, the half time scores shall be deemed to be the final score of the match.
 - d. If the delay takes place during the final quarter and is unable to recommence within 30 minutes from the stop in play as agreed by both Match Day Officials and a minimum of one field umpire, the scores at the time shall be deemed to be the final score of the match.
 - e. There shall be only one 30 minute delay per match. In the case of a second delay due to lightning and/or hail, the match shall be deemed to have been completed.
 - f. If a Member Club is directed to recommence play by both field umpires and agreed upon by the opposing Match Day Official, but refuses to recommence play before the commencement or during the match, such Member Club shall be deemed to have forfeited the match in which case Clause 15.3 shall apply.
 - g. The League shall have the powers to determine the appropriate result and premiership points awarded from a match affected by lightning and/or hail in matches played which are influenced by circumstances outside the guidelines as prescribed in Section 46.

47. NIGHT MATCHES & LIGHTING

- 47.1. Member Clubs and venues that have a desire to host night competition matches of The League shall adhere to the AFL's Lighting Standards and the Australian Standard (AS 2560.2.3- 2002 Sports Lighting - All Football Codes) (Appendix 3) for community based Australian Football (amateur and semi-professional).
- a. The average minimum lux readings required to host a night competition match is 100 lux.
 - b. Member Clubs and land managers are encouraged to provide higher illumination (minimum 150 lux) where possible should they wish to take contemporary spectator requirements into account.
- 47.2. In the case of the field lighting not working during a night match of The League, the following shall apply.
- a. If a night match of The League does not commence as agreed by both Member Club's Match Day Official and a minimum of one field umpire, the match shall be deemed to be a draw and each team will be awarded one (1) premiership point.
 - b. If the lighting goes out during the match and this takes place before half-time and the match is unable to recommence within 30 minutes, the match shall be deemed to be a Draw but the scores at the time shall be used in that Division's premiership table.
 - c. If the lighting goes out during the match and this takes place during the third quarter and the match is unable to recommence within 30 minutes from the stop in play as agreed by both Match Day Officials and a minimum of one field umpire, the half time scores shall be deemed to be the final score of the match.
 - d. If the lighting goes out during the match and this takes place during the final quarter and the match is unable to recommence within 30 minutes from the stop in play as agreed by both Match Day Officials and a minimum of one field umpire, the scores at the time shall be deemed to be the final score of the match.
 - e. There shall be only one 30 minute delay per match. In the case of a second delay due to the lighting not working, the match shall be deemed to have been completed.
 - f. If a Member Club is directed to recommence play by both field umpires and agreed upon by the opposing Match Day Official, but refuses to recommence play before the commencement or during the match, such Member Club shall be deemed to have forfeited the match in which case Clause 15.3 shall apply.
 - g. The League shall have the powers to determine the appropriate result and premiership points awarded from a match affected by lighting issues in matches played which are influenced by circumstances outside the guidelines as prescribed in Section 47.

48. CRIMINAL HISTORY ASSESSMENT

- 48.1. All Clubs must adhere to the standards issued by the Department for Families and Communities when conducting criminal history assessments. Some key information extracted from these standards has been included below relating to conducting criminal history assessments or obtaining a National Police Certificate:
- a. Screening Requirements
 - i. A criminal history assessment is a decision about whether a person is suitable to work with children based on the person's criminal history (if any) and the assessed risk to children who access services from the organisation.
 - ii. Your Club may conduct a criminal history assessment themselves or apply to a third party (such as the State Body or Screening Unit) for an assessment and letter of clearance.
 - iii. Your Club must undertake to follow the standards issued by the Department for Families and Communities when conducting criminal history assessments. These Standards are outlined below.

- b. Identifying Affected Positions
 - i. Clubs will conduct an assessment of the criminal history of every person who is, or will be, engaged to work with children in this organisation, and its affiliated associations.
 - ii. As a first step, the Club should identify all individuals and positions within the organisation that involve working with children. These positions include all Committee Members, all Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, Trainers, and any other Match Day Official who fits one or more of the criteria as outlined.
- c. Procedures
 - i. Clubs must adhere the following policy and supporting procedures for obtaining criminal history reports.
- d. Obtaining a National Police Certificate (NPC)
 - i. Volunteers to obtain application form from the SA Police website at <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/apply-for-a-police-record-check>
 - ii. The application must be completed online and then printed. This form cannot be saved.
 - iii. Volunteers to go to a local police station or Justice of the Peace (JOP) with their NPC application form, photocopy of documents adding up to 100 points and the original documents to have their identity verified.
 - iv. Once identify has been verified by the police or JOP, the volunteer is to lodge the NPC application and their verified photocopied 100 point documentation with the South Australian Women's Football League's Authorised Officer through their member club's Delegate/Secretary who will include the VOAN details on the application.
 - v. The South Australian Women's Football League's Authorised Officer sends the application to The Records Release Unit, SA Police.
 - vi. The NPC will be returned to the volunteer. Due to privacy laws the NPC can only be returned to the applicant, and no third parties.
 - vii. Volunteer to produce their NPC to their member club's Child Safety Officer, who will conduct the criminal history assessment, return the NPC to the volunteer and forward the NPC number and expiry date to the South Australian Women's Football League's Authorised Officer (caitlin@adelaidefootball.com.au), who may keep a record of the volunteer's details.

48.2. Member Clubs can view further information in the SAWFL Member Protection Policy available at www.sawfl.org.au or via its own Member Protection Policy or by viewing the standards issued for Child Safe Environments by the Department for Education and Child Development at <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/docs/documents/1/CSEStdsInfoCrimHist.pdf>

**ANNEX A
to SAWFL By-Laws**
FINES LIST

OFFENCE	Fine (exc. GST)
Non-compliance with the provision of match balls	50.00
For not supplying goal or behind posts padded at home matches	50.00
For not having the playing field clearly and/or correctly line marked at home matches	50.00
For not supplying a suitable siren or horn at home matches	50.00
For not supplying the correct Sherrin football for home matches and finals	50.00
For not supplying an accessible stretcher at home matches	50.00
For not supplying a Timekeeper at a home matches and finals	50.00
For not supplying a boundary or goal umpire (where applicable) at a home match	50.00
For not supplying a Match Day Official at all home matches and finals	50.00
For not supplying an Interchange Steward at home matches and finals	50.00
For an on field drinks carrier or trainers being incorrectly attired	50.00
For a team being incorrectly attired	100.00
For an individual player being incorrectly attired	20.00
For an Interchange Steward or Match Day Official being incorrectly attired	50.00
For a club-supplied umpire or runner being incorrectly attired	50.00
For incorrect goal umpire flags or not supplying goal umpire flags	50.00
Non-compliance of starting at appointed time	50.00
Forfeit	110.00
Any breach of Infectious Diseases policy	50.00
Engaging in a Melee (1 st Offence) in same season	250.00
Engaging in a Melee (2 nd Offence) in same season	500.00
Engaging in a Melee (3 rd Offence) in same season	1000.00
For withdrawal of team(s) after the prescribed date set by The League	500.00
For not providing a response to a request from The League by a due date	100.00
For not supplying any form(s) or paperwork (e.g. Player Registration and Transfer Form, Coaching Accreditation Certificate) to The League within 48 hours of the request	100.00
For a Club Delegate or Proxy Delegate not attending any meeting this is deemed compulsory by The League	100.00
Playing an unregistered player or uncleared player	100.00
Playing an underage/overage player without a dispensation approved by The League	100.00
For a Club not entering team sheet(s) in Sporting Pulse prior to the start of the match to be played	100.00
Failure to hand in team sheets or handing the wrong team sheet, incomplete or illegible to opposition Club/Umpires/SAWFL	50.00
For the Home Team not entering scores, goal kickers or best players for both teams into Sporting Pulse by 5:00pm Sundays	100.00
For a Club not correcting team sheets and/or best players and/or goal kickers in Sporting Pulse by 5.00pm Sundays	100.00
For a Home Club not providing the match day paperwork to The League on the Monday after the completion of a match played	100.00
A reported player not attending a Tribunal	100.00
For a Club Delegate failing to attend a Tribunal with a reported player(s)	100.00
Player found guilty at Tribunal	100.00
To reimburse each umpire to attend a Tribunal Appeal	50.00

The SAWFL Board or approved Tribunal may also impose a fine not listed on the Fines List to a Member Club or one of its members including official, coach or player for breaching or failing to comply with The League's Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution.

ANNEX B
to SAWFL By-Laws**CODE OF CONDUCT**

All members of The League shall adopt the SAWFL Code of Conduct. The League encourages members to be vigilant in enforcing such codes whether via support for those who constantly abide by the codes and/or harsh penalties for those who fail to act in accordance with the codes.

The League also fully supports the Codes of Conduct as introduced by the AFL, the SANFL and the SAAFL.

Conduct that is prejudicial to the interests of The League, and conduct unbecoming a member, registered player or official is not to be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action by The Board.

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 that could be construed as harassment or bullying.
- Do not take any alcohol, bottles or glass onto the oval.



ANNEX C
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COMPLAINT FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name	
Club	
Position	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

COMPLAINT DESCRIPTION

Submit To: Caitlin Brady, caitlin@adelaidefootball.com.au or fax (08) 8443 8222.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ / _____ / _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

ANNEX D
to SAWFL By-Laws**AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MEDICINE FEDERATION LTD**
PRIVACY STATEMENT ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES
(With particular references to HIV (AIDS) and HEPATITIS B)**General**

A number of blood-borne diseases can be transmitted during body contact and collision sports. The more serious include HEPATITIS B and HIV (AIDS) infections. These diseases may be spread by contact between broken skin, mucous membrane and infected:

- Blood
- Saliva (not for HIV)
- Semen and vaginal fluids

There is no evidence that sweat/urine, and tears will transmit hepatitis B or HIV.

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS WILL REDUCE THE RISK OF TRANSMITTING INFECTIOUS DISEASES:**GENERAL**

All open cuts and abrasions must be reported and treated immediately.

It is strongly recommended that all the following should be vaccinated against HEPATITIS B:

- participants, involved in contact collision sport and playing under adult rules,
- personnel working in contact/collision sport team areas, and
- those who officiate in body contact and collision sports.

PLAYERS

It is the responsibility of all participants to maintain strict personal hygiene as this is the best method of controlling the spread of these diseases.

All participants with prior evidence of these diseases are strongly advised to obtain confidential advice and clearance from a doctor prior to participation.

All contaminated clothing and equipment must be replaced prior to the player being allowed to resume play.

If bleeding should reoccur, the above procedures must be repeated.

If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.



REFEREES AND GAME OFFICIALS

Referees and Game Officials must report all open cuts and abrasions to medical staff at the first available opportunity.

TEAM AREAS

It is the Club's responsibility to ensure that the dressing rooms are clean and tidy. Particular attention should be paid to hand basins, toilets and showers.

Adequate soap, paper hand towels, brooms, rubbish disposal bins and disinfectants must be available at all times.

Communal bathing areas (e.g. spas) should be strongly discouraged.

The practices of spitting and urinating in team areas must not be permitted.

All clothing, equipment and surfaces contaminated by blood must be treated as potentially infectious and treated accordingly.

Sharing of towels, shaving razors, face washers and drink containers must not occur.

In all training areas, open cuts and abrasions must be reported to the coach immediately.

Although Hepatitis B vaccination is usually effective in raising immunity to Hepatitis B, it provides no protection against other blood-borne diseases such as HIV. Vaccination must not result in relaxation of hygiene standards.

ANNEX E to SAWFL By-Laws

CYBERSAFETY POLICY

Creating a Cybersmart Environment

Social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and YouTube can be a great way for clubs to provide information, promote their sport, their activities and successes.

As with off-line communities, some social media users can act anti-socially and show disrespect for their online community with little consideration of the social and potentially legal implications. Issues like bullying and harassment, unwanted or inappropriate contact, uploading of inappropriate or offensive content can cause issues for individual club members or the club involved.

In the club environment you may choose to promote **Cybersafety** by recommending to your members to:

- *Use the privacy settings*
- *Keep your private information private*
- *Think before you post any content, video, images or text, online. You can put it up, but you can't necessarily take it down. Ask before posting images or stores about others. What you see as harmless fun may be embarrassing and humiliating for them and create a poor club image*
- *Don't project an undesirable self-image of yourself or the club*
- *Choose your online friends wisely. Others' inappropriate views and behaviours can reflect badly on you and the club.*
- *Communicate with others as you would do offline, with courtesy and respect*
- *If you think someone is being bullied or harassed online, speak out. If club members are involved speak with your coach or club official. The club will not tolerate this behavior*

Rationale

The SAWFL, in conjunction with the SA Community Football League (SACFL) has an obligation to maintain a safe physical and emotional environment for League officials, staff, registered players, umpires, coaches, club members, parents, spectators and sponsors. This responsibility is increasingly being linked to the use of the Internet and Information & Communication Technologies (ICT), and has seen the emergence of a number of related Cybersafety issues. The Internet and ICT devices/equipment bring great benefits to all users and to the effective operation of the SAWFL, SACFL and clubs.

The SAWFL and SACFL places a high priority on the acceptable use of ICT devices/equipment which will benefit members however, it recognizes that the presence in the sporting arena of these technologies can also facilitate anti-social, inappropriate, and even illegal behaviour and activities. The SAWFL and ACFL aims, therefore, to maximize the benefits of these technologies, while at the same time to minimise the dangers and manage the risks.

Policy



The SAWFL and SACFL and its Member Clubs encourage effective and safe Cybersafety practices which aim to maximize the benefits of the Internet and ICT and allow for the effective operation of the SAWFL and SACFL and Member Clubs, whilst minimizing and managing any risks.

The SAWFL and SACFL takes seriously its responsibility in providing robust policy and guidelines for its members in relation to what is deemed acceptable and appropriate online behaviours. The League and/or club name, motto, crest, logo and/or uniform must not be used in any way which would result in a negative impact for The League or club and its members.

Members of the SAWFL and SACFL and its clubs have a responsibility to ensure that all online communications are in keeping with The Leagues expectations in relation to appropriate and respectful interactions with officials, coaches, umpires, players, parents, spectators and sponsors. Players **will not** post inappropriate comments about individual SAWFL, SACFL or club members which if said in person during the playing of a game would result in disciplinary action being taken.

Images of Children

In South Australia under the Summary Offences Act 1953, a person must not engage in indecent filming. Images of children and adults should not be used inappropriately or illegally.

Wherever possible, obtain permission for a child's parent/guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own and ensure that the parent knows the way the image will be used. The privacy of others needs to be respects and clubs should disallow the use of camera phones, videos and camera inside changing areas, showers and toilets.

Clubs displaying an image of a child should avoid naming or identifying the child or, wherever possible, avoid using both the first name and surname.

Do not display personal information such as residential address, email address or telephone numbers without gaining consent from the parent/guardian.

Additional information such as hobbies, likes/dislikes, school, etc should not be included as this information can be used as grooming tools by pedophiles or other persons.

It is the responsibility of the SAWFL, SACFL and clubs to only use appropriate images of a child, relevant to the sport and ensure that the child is suitably clothed in a manner that promotes the sport.

Cyberbullying

"Cyberbullying is a way of delivering covert psychological bullying. It uses information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated and hostile behaviour, by an individual or group that is intended to harm others." (Belsey 2007)

Cyberbullying includes, but is not limited to, the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, racially vilifying or threatening another person by sending or posting inappropriate and hurtful email messages, instant messages, text messages, phone messages, digital pictures or images, of Web site postings (including social network sites eg facebook or blogs) and the sending, receiving and/or possession of naked or sexually explicit images of a person. Club



members must also be aware that postings from their individual accounts, whether done by themselves or another person will remain the responsibility of the account owner.

All members of SAWFL, SACFL and individual clubs must be aware that in certain circumstances where a crime has been committed, they may also be subjected to a criminal investigation by Police over which The League and/or club will have no control. This particularly applies to 'sexting' where the image is of a person under the age of 18 years whereby Police will be informed immediately a club becomes aware of the situation.

Procedure

SAWFL, SACFL and/or club officials or members who feel that they have been the victims of such misuses of technology should save and store the offending material on their computer, mobile phone or other device. They should then print a copy of the material and immediately report the incident to the relevant club/league representative.

All reports of Cyberbullying and other technology misuses will be investigated fully and may result in a notification to Police where the SAWFL, SACFL or club is legally obliged to do so.

If the SAWFL, SACFL's Executive receives a complaint about an online issue, the allegations will be forwarded to the relevant League Investigations Officer.

If there is evidence, charges will be laid and the complaint will proceed to the League's Independent Tribunal, exactly the same as if the investigation relates to physical violence or other reportable offences.

Penalties

Any proved charges will automatically lead to a minimum of a two (2) match suspension for a registered player. In deciding the final penalty, consideration will be given to the seriousness of the act, the impact on the victim, the impact on the club/League/SACFL and the prior good history or otherwise of the player. Players charged with these types of offences for a second or subsequent time and where a suspension has been previously imposed will face expulsion.

Any player presented before a tribunal for the first or subsequent time on a Cyberbullying offence must be aware that the penalties available to the tribunal members will cover the complete range including expulsion. In the case of a non playing club member being proved to have engaged in harassment or bullying, the club employing, engaging or otherwise associated with the person at the time of the conduct shall be deemed to be vicariously liable for the conduct of the person and shall pay to The League a penalty to be determined by The League.

ANNEX F
to SAWFL By-Laws

DISPENSATION POLICY

The underpinning philosophy of this process is to allow players who are unable to compete in their chronological age group due to their size, experience and/or the inaccessibility of a competition for such age group, the opportunity to be dispensated up to an age group that is better suited for them to participate in based on their size, experience and/or the accessibility of such a competition. **The League does not permit players to be dispensated down from the Open Women's competition to the Under 18 Girls competition.**

1. Dispensated Up

Ref.	Policy	Responsible
1.1	To be eligible to be dispensated up, the Player must only be one year younger than the required age range - i.e. a player must be at least 14 years old as at 1 st January in the year of the competition to be eligible for dispensation up into the Under 18 Girls competition, and a player must be at least 15 years old as at 1 st January in the year of the competition to be eligible for dispensation up into the Open Women's competition.	Player
1.2	The club must arrange for the "SAWFL Dispensation Form – Playing Up" to be completed by the player and their parent/guardian.	Player/Parents /Club
1.3	The club is to send a copy of the completed form to The League, along with the club's training schedule, and arrange for the player to be assessed by a representative of The League prior to such player playing their first game. Contact caitlin@adelaidefootball.com.au	Club/League
1.4	The results of the assessment are to be recorded on the form, and provided that the assessing representative from The League has answered yes to all four criteria, the form can be submitted to The League for sign off. Should the representative answer no to one or more criteria then a full explanation is to be given under further comments with the final decision being made by The League after considering all circumstances.	Club/League
1.5	Should a player be dispensated up, this dispensation shall be in place for the duration of the season and the player shall not play back down without sign off from The League.	Coach/ Team Manager

2. Disputes

Step	Description of action	Responsible
3.1	The League encourages open communication between clubs (i.e. Coaches and Team Managers) and if anyone should have concerns regarding dispensated players they should be raised at the club level in the first instance.	Coach/Team Manager
3.2	Issues that are raised during the match should be recorded on the team sheet next to the individual. The team sheet is then to be submitted to The League along with a supporting email to caitlin@adelaidefootball.com.au	Coach/ Team Manager
3.3	The League will discuss concerns raised with the relevant club/s. Should a club request a review of a dispensated player, The League may reassess the player that is in question.	The League



ANNEX G
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SA Community Football League Inc.
Player Registration & Transfer Form

SECTION 1 – PLAYER REGISTRATION

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

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

Form with fields: Given Name, Surname, Date of Birth, Road/Street, Suburb/Town, Post Code, Home phone, Mobile, Email Address.

SECTION 1a – PLAYING HISTORY DECLARATION

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

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

Table with 5 columns: 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 exceeding \$2000.00 and/or the loss of premiership points in the Senior "A" grade team.

SECTION 1b – PLAYER POINT RATING

Table with 7 columns: Club Points allocation, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

SECTION 2 – OFFICE USE ONLY

Table with 7 columns: League Points allocation, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.



ANNEX H
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Postal Address

South Australian Women's Football League Inc
1a Meyer Street
Torrensville SA 5031
Adelaide Airport Stadium

Telephone: (08) 8443 8999

Fax: (08) 8443 8222

Email: sawflboardl@gmail.com

ABN: 70 317 929 448

SAWFL Umpires/Officials Payment Form

DATE: _____

Round: _____ **V** _____

Official	Printed Name	Signature
Field Umpire		
Field Umpire		
Boundary Umpire		
Boundary Umpire		
Goal Umpire		
Goal Umpire		

Please cross out if all Umpire's not utilised / paid

Clubs to retain for their records

ANNEX I
to SAWFL By-Laws**MATCH ATTIRE OF OFFICIALS**

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

MEMBER CLUB FIELD UMPIRES

- White long or short sleeve collared shirt
- White or plain dark shorts
- White or orange socks
- Boots, sandshoes or runners
- Whistle

MEMBER CLUB GOAL UMPIRES

- White long or short sleeve collared shirt white coat (where possible)
- Plain dark long pants (where possible)
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

MEMBER CLUB BOUNDARY UMPIRES

- White shirt or plain white polo shirt (where possible)
- Plain dark shorts (where possible)
- Orange socks or plain dark socks (where possible)
- Boots, sandshoes or runners
- Whistle

MATCH DAY OFFICIAL

- Official orange "MATCH DAY OFFICIAL" vest (available from the SAAFL office)

NO

- JEANS OR DENIM
- CARGO SHORTS
- BOARD SHORTS

Are allowed to be worn by any person entering the playing field whilst a match is being played.

Fines shall be imposed for failing to comply with any of the above match attire rules.

TRAINERS

- Plain dark shorts or plain black or plain white long pants
- Either plain white polo shirt with the word "Trainer" on back or official pink vests (available from the SAAFL office)
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

RUNNERS

- Plain dark shorts or plain dark long pants
- Yellow top with the word "Runner" on the back.
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

WATER CARRIERS

- Official pink vests (available from the SAAFL office)
- Light blue or white polo shirt
- Plain dark shorts or plain dark long pants
- Boots, sandshoes or runners



ANNEX J
to SAWFL By-Laws

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT FOR A MAJOR ROUND

The underpinning philosophy of this process is to allow a player who does not qualify for finals as a result of injury, illness or games forfeited against their team, the opportunity to provide evidence of this in order to obtain a permit to play in a major round.

PLEASE NOTE

- You must attach supporting documentation, e.g. a medical certificate issued and signed by a medical professional, a copy of the team sheet/s from the round/s forfeited against.
- The League has the right to refuse any application that does not include supporting documentation.

APPLICATION

The (club) is seeking a permit for (player's name)

to play in the (division) Finals on (date/s).

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

Rnd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Div															
Div															

We are seeking a permit for the above player for the following reason/s.

CONTACT DETAILS OF PERSON SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION

Name	
Position at Club	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Signature	
Date	/ /

This form must be submitted to the League by no later than midday on the Thursday prior to the date that this player wishes to play in a major round.

Submit To: email - caitlin@adelaidefootball.com.au, post - 1a Meyer Street, Torrensville SA 5031 or fax - (08) 8443 8222.



ANNEX K
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PLAYER WITHDRAWAL OF TRANSFER FORM

GUIDELINES	The player's registered Club must submit this form to its affiliated league when refusing the transfer within the six (6) clear business day timeframe.
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PLAYER TO COMPLETE	<p>SECTION ONE - To be completed (BLOCK LETTERS) and signed by the player:-</p> <p>I, (Player's full name) Date of Birth: / /</p> <p>Of (Address).....</p> <p>(Suburb) (State).....(P/Code).....</p> <p>Wish to withdraw my application to transfer to the Football Club In the Football League / Association.</p> <p>And wish to remain a registered player with the Football Club In the Football League / Association.</p> <p>Home Phone: Work Phone:</p> <p>Mobile: Email:</p> <p>I declare that all information provided is true and correct.</p> <p>Signed: Date:</p> <p>NB: Deliberately providing misleading information may result in immediate penalties against the player and/or the Club.</p>
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CLUB TO COMPLETE	<p>SECTION TWO - To be completed (BLOCK LETTERS) and signed by the club President / Secretary (or delegated representative) the player wishes to remain at:-</p> <p>On behalf of the football club, I declare the above particulars are, to the best of my knowledge true and correct.</p> <p>Name: (Please Print) _____ Position: _____ (President /Secretary)</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>(Penalties shall apply to any Club that lodges a false Player Withdrawal of Transfer Form).</p>
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ANNEX L
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SA Community Football League Playing Contract

- This Playing Contract does not come into effect until the player has been cleared from his previous Club/League (if applicable).
- This Playing Contract is a legally binding document.
- The player acknowledges that they do not have an existing Playing Contract with any other Football Club and that they have notified the Club of any suspension that limits the player's ability to be selected in a match.
- A Player must be at least 18 years of age to sign a Playing Contract.
- Any player contracted under this Playing Contract is not permitted to receive a player sign on fee

This playing contract is between: (“the Player”)

And the: Football Club (“the Club”)

As members of the:.....Football League (“the League”)

The League is affiliated with the South Australian Community Football League (“SACFL”)

The parties have executed THIS PLAYING CONTRACT on:/...../.....

for the following SEASON(s):

PLAYER PAYMENTS:

\$ AMOUNT

MATCH PAYMENTS _____ (per senior match played)
 _____ (per reserves match player)

OTHER PAYMENTS / BENEFITS _____ Details:
 _____ Details:
 _____ Details:
 _____ Details:

(“the Player Payments”)

The manner and dates for payment (outline when payment including tax will be made)
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The player must comply with the following special conditions (“the Special Conditions”):
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Playing Contract TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. OPERATION OF THIS CONTRACT

- 1.1 Subject always to the obligations in clause 1.2, 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, understanding or contract 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.
- 1.3 This contract commences on the date on which the last of the parties signs it and terminates on the 31st day of October in the last year of the player contract

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 SACFL 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. PLAYER BOUND TO RULES

The Player hereby agrees with the Club that he is bound by and will comply with:-

- 5.1 the Rules and Regulations of the Club;
- 5.2 the Rules and Regulations of the League (including requirements of players and clubs regarding registration); and
- 5.3 the Rules and Regulations of the South Australian Community Football League Inc, South Australian National Football League Inc and Australian Football League Ltd ("AFL");

And any modifications or variations made to those Rules and Regulations from time to time ("the Rules").

6. 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.

7. VOLUNTARY ASSUMPTION OF RISK

The Player acknowledges and agrees that:

- 7.1 Australian Football is a vigorous body contact sport in which physical injury is likely to occur from time to time;
- 7.2 The Player nonetheless desires to play Australian Football for the Club;



- 7.3 The Player personally accepts the risk both physical and legal of injury arising in the course of training for and participating in a game of Australian Football;
- 7.4 The Player will disclose to the Club any physical or mental condition or ailment that could affect the ability of the Player to carry out the Player's obligations under this Playing Contract; and
- 7.5 The Player will, on request by the Club, complete any reasonable questionnaire concerning the medical condition of the Player presented to the Player by the Club.

8. TERMINATION

This Contract may be terminated by:

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 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.

9. 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, SANFL or SACFL will be adhered to.

10. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The Special Conditions (if any) detailed in the Schedule to this Playing Contract shall apply to this Playing Contract and if to the extent that there is any inconsistency between the Special Conditions contained in the Schedule and the terms and conditions contained in the rest of this Playing Contract, then the Special Conditions shall, to the extent of any inconsistency, prevail.

11. 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.

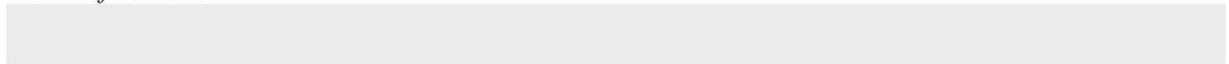
EXECUTED by)
THE CLUB)
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 Signature of Authorised Person

 Name
 Position

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Signature of Witness

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Name of Witness

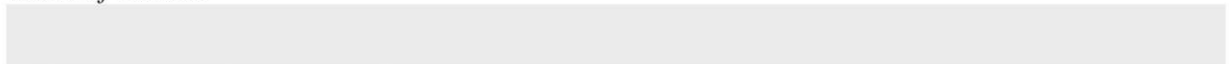


SIGNED by the said **PLAYER**)
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 in the presence of:)

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Signature of Witness

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Name of Witness



Date:/...../.....



ANNEX M
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APPEAL OF FINE ISSUED FORM

Club Name:

Date Fine(s) was issued:

Invoice Number:

The abovementioned club appeals the fine(s) issued for the following reasons:

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To be completed and signed by The President or Chairman of abovementioned club.

Name: Signature:

This form must be submitted to The League within seven days of the fine being issued.

Email - caitlin@adelaidefootball.com.au
Post - 1a Meyer Street, Torrensville SA 5031
Fax - (08) 8443 8222.