

THE VILLAGE TAVERN SA WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2016 SEASON OVERVIEW



As at 17th December 2015

Note: all dates and information provided in this document are subject to change following the final team nomination deadline on 31st January 2016.

COMPETITION STRUCTURES

OPEN WOMEN

- **Divisions:**
 - 20 teams have nominated.
 - The National 1 Plumbing Division 1 will consist of the 10 teams from the 2015 Open Women's competitions.
 - Division 2 will consist of nine new teams and Morphettville Park's division 2 team.
 - Please see below the list of the teams in each division.
- **Minor Rounds:**
 - Commences on 9th April and concludes on 20th August
 - 18 rounds, with teams playing each other twice
- **Major Rounds:**
 - Commences on 27th August and concludes with the Grand Finals on 18th September
 - Four week major round (inc. Grand Finals), with the top 5 in each division to compete in finals.
 - The structure of the final five system can be found at clause 25.4 of the SAWFL By-Laws.
- **Bye Rounds**
 - 4th/5th June (TBC)
 - 11th/12th June (June Long Weekend)
 - At this stage, due to the number of team nominations and the consequent length of the season, a bye weekend cannot be scheduled for the AFL Women's Exhibition Match (date TBC).
- **Teams:**
 - Division 1**
 - Adelaide University
 - Angle Vale
 - Greenacres
 - Ingle Farm
 - Modbury
 - Morphettville Park
 - Port Adelaide
 - Salisbury
 - West Adelaide
 - Western Suburbs
 - Division 2**
 - Adelaide University
 - Christies Beach
 - Fitzroy
 - Flinders University
 - Gaza
 - Happy Valley
 - Morphettville Park
 - Mount Barker
 - Mount Lofty
 - North Pines

- **Age Requirements:**
 - As per section 12.27 of the SAWFL By-Laws, for a player to be eligible to play in this competition she must be 16 years of age or older on 1st January 2016.
 - Underage players may be eligible to apply for dispensation, please refer to the SAWFL By-Laws Annex F Dispensation Policy.
- **Changes to By-Laws:**
 - A reminder that a number of changes have been made to the SAWFL By-Laws ahead of the 2016 season. Please ensure you and other club personnel are familiar with and understand the By-Laws.

UNDER 18 GIRLS

- The SAWFL and the SANFL are working together to bring the SANFL Under 15 Girls competition in line with the SAWFL Under 18 Girls competition where possible.
- 12 teams have nominated.
- At this stage, for the integrity of the competition, we will not split the 12 teams into two divisions.
- **Minor Rounds:**
 - Commences on 8th April and concludes on 22nd July
 - 11 minor rounds, with teams playing each other once
- **Major Rounds:**
 - Commences on 29th July and concludes with the Grand Final on 19th or 21st August (venue TBC)
 - Four week major round (inc. Grand Final), with the top 5 teams to compete in finals.
 - The structure of the final five system can be found at clause 25.4 of the SAWFL By-Laws.
- **Bye Rounds:**
 - 22nd April (Middle Weekend of Term 1 School Holidays)
 - 29th April & 6th May (U18 Girls National Championships TBC)
 - 10th June (June Long Weekend)
 - 15th June (Middle Weekend of Term 2 School Holidays)
- **Teams:**
 - Angle Vale
 - Christies Beach
 - Greenacres
 - Hope Valley
 - Kenilworth
 - Modbury
 - Morphettville Park
 - Mount Barker
 - Salisbury
 - Port Adelaide
 - West Adelaide
 - Western Suburbs
- **Age Requirements:**
 - As per section 12.27 of the SAWFL By-Laws, for a player to be eligible to play in this competition she must be:
 - At least 15 years old on 1st January 2016 (underage players may be eligible to apply for dispensation, please refer to the SAWFL By-Laws Annex F Dispensation Policy)
 - Under the age of 18 years on 1st January 2016
 - Overage players are not permitted in this competition
- **Changes to By-Laws:**
 - A reminder that a number of changes have been made to the SAWFL By-Laws ahead of the 2016 season, including the Under 18 Girls competition increasing to a 15-a-side competition (min 12, max 18) played on a full sized oval with 4 x 17 minutes quarters and longer breaks. Please ensure you and other club personnel are familiar with and understand the By-Laws.

DRAFT FIXTURES

The aim is to send out finalised dates and a draft version of fixtures to SAWFL clubs by mid-February, once all team nominations have been confirmed. Clubs will likely have two weeks to review the draft fixtures and provide feedback. It is anticipated that the fixtures will be then finalised and published in early March.

DUTSCHKE MEDAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

- Please be aware that with there being 20 clubs now affiliated with the League and much larger competitions, tickets to the 2016 Dutschke Medal Night will likely be limited to one table per club and each division's medal count may be presented in a shorter format. This is in line with how the Channel 9 Adelaide Football League conducts their Div 1 and Div 2 Medal Count Dinner.
- As per usual, each Open Women's team will be invoiced for 10 adults tickets with their affiliation fees, and each Under 18 Girls team is invoiced for 5 underage tickets with their affiliation fees. This may be subject to change following team nominations.
- The event will likely be held on a week night between Monday 5th and Friday 9th September 2016 at the Arkaba Hotel, Parkside.

AFFILIATION FEES

- The 2016 team affiliation fees will remain the same as 2015, except a slight increase in the price of the pre-paid underage Dutschke Medal Night tickets.
- Please note that all fees and tickets prices listed below are exclusive of GST
 - **Per Open Women's Team**
 - \$1000 Administration Fee
 - \$795 Insurance Fee
 - \$900 Pre-Paid Adult Dutschke Medal Night tickets (10 adult tickets at \$90 each)
 - **Per Under 18 Girls Team**
 - \$0 Administration Fee (waived by the CH9AFL)
 - \$0 Insurance Fee (waived by the CH9AFL)
 - \$325 Pre-Paid Underage Dutschke Medal Night tickets (5 underage tickets at \$65 each)
- As per the SAWFL By-Laws, clubs will be invoiced for team affiliation fees and the pre-paid tickets over four instalments – 30th April 2016, 31st May 2016, 30th June 2016, and 31st July 2016.

UMPIRING & UMPIRES FEES

- **We are seeking new Umpires!** The number of female football matches each week in our League will double in 2016 as a result of 15 new teams nominating to compete in our competitions. We could not all enjoy the great game of Australian rules football if it weren't for umpires and we are actively seeking new umpires to cover the additional number of female football matches next year. An email will be sent to all SAWFL clubs today, with information on umpiring. Please forward this email onto your members and all other interested parties.
- The **Umpires Fees** will remain the same as 2015, however please note that as a result of the increase to a full oval and 15 per side in the Under 18 Girls competition, there will now be two field umpires appointed by the League to each Under 18 Girls match.
- As per the SAWFL By-Laws, the home club is responsible for paying the umpires fees during the minor rounds, and for the major rounds, the competing clubs are required to share the umpires fees.
- **Minor Rounds**
 - **Open Women**
 - Per Field Umpire - \$100
 - Per Boundary Umpire - \$50
 - Per Goal Umpire - \$40
 - **Under 18 Girls**
 - Per Field Umpire - \$60
 - Boundary Umpire – N/A

- Goal Umpire – one goal umpire supplied by each competing club
- **Major Rounds**
 - **Open Women**
 - Elimination Finals
 - Per Field Umpire - \$100
 - Per Boundary Umpire - \$50
 - Per Goal Umpire - \$40
 - Grand Finals
 - Per Field Umpire - \$140
 - Per Boundary Umpire - \$70
 - Per Goal Umpire - \$50
 - **Under 18 Girls**
 - Elimination Finals
 - Per Field Umpire - \$60
 - Boundary Umpire – N/A
 - Per Goal Umpire – Supplied by Clubs
 - Grand Finals
 - Per Field Umpire - \$80
 - Boundary Umpire - N/A
 - Per Goal Umpire – Supplied by Clubs

FOOTYWEB & FREE CLUB WEBSITE

- A reminder that all player registrations, transfers and permits must be completed via the online FootyWeb system. All clubs should now have access to their FootyWeb account. If you do not have a log in, please contact The League.
- All clubs receive a free SportingPulse website for their women's teams, which is optional to use. If you would like to gain access to this website or you would like more information, please contact caitlin@adelaidefootball.com.au
- Any club personnel who are not familiar with FootyWeb should attend one of the free Training Sessions that will take place on Tuesday 19th January or Wednesday 20th January 2016. Please refer to the www.sawfl.org.au for more information on these training sessions and how to register.

PLAYER REGISTRATIONS/TRANSFERS/PERMITS

- As per the SAWFL By-Laws, clubs must ensure that all players are registered prior to their first game.
- Player registrations opened on 1st November 2015 and remain open until the end of the 2016 season.
- Transfers will open on 1st February 2016 and will close on 30th June 2016.
- A reminder that there are rules in place that limit the number of players that your club is permitted to transfer in from other SAWFL clubs each year.
- For all rules on player registrations and transfers, please refer to the 2016 SAWFL By-Laws, which can be downloaded from the [SAWFL Rules & Forms webpage](#).

INSURANCE

For those of you who have not already done so, please follow the steps below to register your club for the JLT Insurance 'AFL National Risk Protection Program' 2016 policy period.

- Once you have submitted the first affiliation form for your team/s for the season ahead, you are required to register your Club through JLT Insurance and the AFL National Risk Protection Programme. This is an annual requirement that confirms your club's participation in the national programme and when completed, allows JLT to process Personal Injury claims for your members.
- SAWFL clubs are covered under the standard bronze level, but have the option to upgrade at their own cost. For information on the AFL National Risk Protection Programme and what is covered under each

level, visit https://cdn.jlta.com.au/afl/documents/Programme_Summary.pdf?201502040300. For information on how to upgrade your club's level of cover, visit <https://afl.jltsport.com.au/upgrade.aspx>.

- Your Club is also required to obtain its Certificate of Currency, which you can download at the conclusion of the JLT Insurance registration process. A Certificate of Currency is a legal document that demonstrates you have Public and Products Liability Insurance. This document is sometimes required by Councils and/or Facility Management (e.g. any club wishing to run a Bunnings BBQ will need to present this document).
- Please follow the steps below to register under JLT Insurance and obtain your Certificate of Currency.
 1. Go to www.jltsport.com.au/afl
 2. Select the 'Community Football' button.
 3. On the navigation bar located at the top of the screen, select the 'Club Registration' button.
 4. Scroll down to the button of the page until you get to the box titled 'Club Search'.
 5. Where it reads 'State', select 'South Australia' from the drop-down list.
 6. Where it reads 'League', select 'South Australian Women's Football League' from the drop-down list.
 7. Where it reads 'Club', type your club name.
 8. Click the 'Search' button.
 9. A list will generate below, with your club name in that list.
(Please note: if your club does not appear in the list, please contact caitlin@adelaidefootball.com.au)
 10. Click on the button that reads 'Please Register', located under the heading 'Registration Status'.
 11. A new page will generate that is titled 'Club Registration'. This section will require you to read some information about Insurance in AFL.
 12. You will then be required to undertake the JLT Online Risk Management Module (a short quiz). Complete this module and continue to follow the steps until you receive your Certificate of Currency.
 13. Save and/or print off your Certificate of Currency and provide a copy to your Club Secretary for safe keeping.

NOTE:

- **Public Liability Insurance**

Female teams that are affiliated with a Channel 9 Adelaide Football League (Ch9AFL/SA AFL) club will be covered under public liability insurance as this is paid for by the Ch9AFL club as part of their affiliation fees to the Ch9AFL.

Female teams that are not affiliated with a Ch9AFL Club must ensure they either:

 - a) have their own public liability insurance, or
 - b) that they are affiliated with a club that has public liability insurance and they are covered under such club's public liability insurance.