

ADELAIDE PLAINS FOOTBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

CONSTITUTION

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CONSTITUTION

1. Name of League

The name of the League shall be the 'Adelaide Plains Football League Incorporated' (hereinafter referred to as 'the League'. The Adelaide Plains Football League is a non-profit organization.

2. Objects

The objects for which the League is formed are:

- a) to supervise and co-ordinate the playing of Australian Rules Football in the Adelaide Plains area
- b) to promote the game of football in the area by all means available at all times.
- c) to raise funds through all means possible for the promotion of football in the area and for the benefit of all affiliated Clubs.

3. Formation of League

- a) The League shall consist of the following Clubs:

Balaklava, Hamley Bridge, Hummocks/Watchman Eagles, Mallala, Two Wells, United and Virginia Football Clubs and any other Clubs as may be permitted to join.

Each Affiliated Club shall pay an annual affiliation to be determined at the Annual General Meeting each year.

- b) Clubs desiring to transfer to another affiliated league shall lodge a written application with the League Secretary who shall forward it immediately to the Investigation Committee.

Any Club wishing to join the Adelaide Plains Football League will be required to pay an equal Club share of the League's total assets.

Such application will be investigated by the Investigation Committee and determined within forty (40) days of the receipt of the application. Any application by a Club to transfer to another affiliated League must be lodged with the Secretary of the affiliated League by Certified Mail by October 31st in any year.

- c) The renewal of a Club's membership of the League will be conditional upon the Club providing proof to the Secretary of the League that its Senior Team/s has been insured for Tragedy Benefits to the level set by the South Australian Community Football League Incorporated.
- d) The League shall affiliate each year with the South Australian Community Football League Incorporated

4. Dissolution of League

The League may be dissolved or wound up by a resolution passed at a Special Meeting called for such purposes provided that the resolution shall be passed by a majority of at least three-fourths of the votes of all present and eligible to vote at the meeting and **PROVIDED FURTHER,** that at least three calendar months prior notice in writing of such meeting shall have been first given to the Secretaries of all affiliated Clubs.

5. Disposition of Assets

Upon the dissolution or windup of the League, the assets of the League shall be realized and converted to cash and the monies from such realization, and any other monies held by the League, shall be applied in the payment of all debts and liabilities of the League and the residue of such realization and any other monies shall be distributed amongst the Clubs constituting the League at the time of such winding up or dissolution and such distribution shall be in proportion to the number of teams of each Club in the League at that time.

Any Club wishing to leave the League at any time is liable for its equal share of the net League debt (if any) accrued since the date of affiliation by that Club with the League.

6. Board of Directors

(updated March 2002)

- a) The Board of Directors shall consist of a President, elected bi-annually and one Vice President elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the League. The Board of Directors shall also comprise of FOUR other persons, two elected each year for a two year term. The number of Directors may be increased at the AGM for one year only, if clubs **unanimously** agree to do so.
- b)
 - i) Nominations for any of the above positions may be submitted to the Secretary of the League no later than twenty one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
 - ii) In the event of no nominations being submitted, the Board of Directors shall seek out and appoint a Director for one year.
 - iii) In the event of a casual vacancy of a Director, the Board shall take nominations for the said vacant position and duly appoint a Director for the remainder of the said term.
 - iv) Each nomination shall be ratified at the AGM or Special General Meeting.
- c) The Board of Directors shall be the 'Management Committee' and decides its meeting dates.
- d) Four members of the Board of Directors shall form a quorum.
- e) The Secretary/Treasurer and Recorder shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the League and hold office for one year from that date. Their remuneration shall also be decide at the meeting.
- f) The President shall have a deliberate vote at all Board of Management meetings and a casting vote in the event of equal voting.

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- g) The Secretary shall be required to carry out all directions given at the meetings of the League and the Board of Directors and shall keep the necessary minutes and records.
- h) The Secretary of the League shall be deemed to be the Public Officer of the League for the purposes of the Associations Incorporation Act.
- i) The League Secretary shall forward to all Club Secretaries a copy of the minutes of general meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors as soon as practical after the date of such meetings.
- j) The Board of Directors shall appoint the League Independent Tribunal Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
- k) The Board of Directors shall appoint the Umpires Coordinator and negotiate the fee.
- l) The Board of Directors shall appoint the Junior Development Officer and negotiate a fee.

7. Meetings of the League

The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be in November of each year. The persons entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting of the League shall comprise of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder and two delegates from each of the affiliated League Clubs, the members of the Board of Directors and any other persons at the discretion of the President. Persons entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting shall be two delegates from each of the affiliated League Clubs.

The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting:

- 7.1 Opening of the Meeting
- 7.2 Apologies
- 7.3 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
- 7.4 Business Arising
- 7.5 Correspondence
- 7.6 Notices of Motion
- 7.7 Presidents Report
- 7.8 Umpires Coordinators Report
- 7.9 Junior Development Coordinators Report
- 7.10 Treasurers Report
- 7.11 Invited Guests Reports
- 7.12 Formation of the League – Annual Club Levy
- 7.13 Election of Board Members:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Directors
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Recorder
 - Umpires Payments Officer

- 7.14 Honorariums
- 7.15 Auditor
- 7.16 Patrons
- 7.17 Tribunal Commissioners (4) and Proxy Commissioners
- 7.18 Adoption of By-Laws

The Annual General Meeting shall be convened by the League Secretary giving at least fourteen (14) days notice to each of the Secretaries of the Affiliated League Clubs.

8. Special General Meetings

A Special General Meeting of the League can be called at any time by resolution of the Board of Directors provided that the League Secretary shall provide Club Secretaries with at least five (5) days notice of such meeting. In addition upon the League Secretary receiving a requisition by any Affiliated Club setting forth the objects of any such meeting the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting to be held within five (5) days of the receipt of such requisition with such notice being given to Club Secretaries as herein before stated.

Voting at any general meeting shall be determined by a show of hands unless a ballot is requested by at least two delegates.

Any general meeting of the League may be adjourned from time to time and at such time and such place as shall be determined by the majority of delegates present at the original meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Ten delegates shall form a quorum for any general meeting.

9. General Meetings of the League

Three General Meetings of the League shall be held each year, in March, July and November (before the AGM). The persons entitled to attend a General Meeting of the League shall comprise of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder and two delegates from each of the affiliated League Clubs, the members of the Board of Directors. Persons entitled to vote at a General Meeting shall be two delegates from each of the affiliated League Clubs.

The Chairman of any General Meeting of the League shall have the casting vote only.

The delegates of the League as convened at any General Meeting of the League shall have the overall management of the League and its business property and affairs, although the day to day running of the League shall be carried out by the Board of Directors. In any event the Delegates of the League at a General Meeting shall promote the objects and interests of the League and shall take all steps necessary and proper to ensure due compliance with the By-Laws and shall have the authority to rescind, vary or alter any decision made by the Board of Directors provided that a majority of the Delegates present vote to that effect.

A motion to rescind or vary a resolution which has been carried by the League at a General Meeting may be carried provided that the motion sought to rescind or vary has been notified in writing to the League Secretary and each Club Secretary at least twenty one (21) days prior

to the General Meeting at which it is brought and shall not be carried unless a majority of the Delegates vote in the affirmative.

10. Common Seal

The President, Secretary, Treasurer shall be seal holders and shall have authority to use the seal.

The seal of the League shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors and in the presence of a seal holder and the Secretary who shall sign every instrument to which the seal of the League is so affixed in their presence.

11. Property

- a) The League in its corporate name may hold funds, property or investments which have been or may be conveyed or transferred to it for any of the purposes of the League and may also purchase, lease and hold any real and personal property in the name of the League and may sell or dispose of any such real and personal property
- b) The property of the League shall belong to the Clubs for the time being.
- c) No Club shall by reason of its membership have any transmissible or assignable interest in the property of the League whether by operation of law or otherwise.
- d) On a Club ceasing to be affiliated with the League they shall relinquish any share in the Leagues Assets.

12. By-Laws

The Board of Directors may make, repeal or amend any By-Laws (provided the same are not inconsistent with the Constitution) as they shall think expedient for the management and well being of the League, such alterations and By-Laws to remain in force for the current season only.

13. Alteration to Constitution

The Constitution shall not be altered, rescinded or added to except by resolution of the League Delegates passed by a majority of the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose of which such notice shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of holding the same and which notice shall set out the proposed alterations.

14. SACFL Rules to apply

In all matters not provided for by this Constitution or any By-Laws made there under, then rules covering the matter in the Constitution and Rules of the South Australian Community Football League Incorporated, Affiliated Leagues Rules, shall be deemed to apply. In the event that such matter is not covered by that Constitution and Rules, the League must refer the matter to the South Australian Community Football League Incorporated by resolution, or to the Chairman or Secretary thereof, for a ruling in writing and such ruling, when obtained, shall bind the League until such time as the League shall have dealt with the matter by passing a new rule.

15. League Independent Tribunal and Permit Committee

(Updated March 2002)

- a) The League shall elect a League Independent Tribunal at its Annual General Meeting – or full meeting of Delegates – consisting of the following:-

Four (4) Commissioners and proxy Commissioners, each of whom shall be a person who is neither a delegate nor a registered official of any Club within the Adelaide Plains Football League. The League Independent Tribunal shall be constituted at any time by a Chairperson and no less than three (3) Commissioners and no more than four (4) Commissioners.

The League Independent Tribunal Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be appointed by the Board of Directors.

- b) The Permit Committee shall be the same persons that constitute the Independent Tribunal.
- c) Permits may be granted by the Permit Committee including any permits applied for under the South Australian Community Football League Incorporated Affiliated Leagues Constitution and Rules.
- d) All Tribunal nights will be held on Wednesday night following the match in which the alleged offence: incident has occurred, unless otherwise arranged by the Secretary of the League in consultation with the League Independent Tribunal Chairman.

- e) Powers of the Tribunal

The Adelaide Plains Football League, League Independent Tribunal:

- 1) May summon any person to appear and give evidence at the hearing of a charge
- 2) May at its absolute discretion admit or reject any evidence given or tendered at the hearing of a charge
- 3) May adjourn the hearing of a charge from time to time as may be convenient
- 4) May adopt and pursue any procedure which it may think convenient and proper in the hearing, adjudication and determination of charge
- 5) May, as it is in its discretion shall deem fit, punish summarily by censure, fine, suspension (from playing or the exercise of official functions), disqualification (from playing or the exercise of official functions), or suspended penalty, or loss of Premiership points in the case of a Club.
Any witness, being a player or an official of an Affiliated Club, who is found to knowingly and with intent to mislead it, made false statement at the hearing of any charge in respect of any matter material to the said charge and directed to the proof of innocence or guilt of the person charged or the triviality of the charge which has been made against the person.
- 6) May, as it is in its discretion shall deem fit, censure, fine, suspend, disqualify or suspend penalty on any playing member of an Affiliated Club who is found guilty by them of such charge.
- 7) May dismiss any such charge as being trivial or as not having been proved or upon not finding the playing member of an Affiliated Club charged guilty of the offence charged against him.

Notwithstanding the fact that any one or more of the conditions required to be fulfilled under the Constitution and By-Laws have not been complied with the League Tribunal if, in its absolute discretion, it deems fit in the interests of the League and of the game may proceed to hear a charge laid under the Constitution and By-Laws so long as it is satisfied that the substance of the charge or other matter has been established or not and that no player or person charged would or might be prejudiced.

- 8) All League Independent Tribunal records are confidential League documents and will not be disclosed to any persons.
- 9) Any fines given under these regulations must be paid within fourteen (14) days.

16. Non-compliance with League Rules

Any Club, team or member of any Club or team, not abiding by any decision of the Board of Directors may be suspended and, in the case of the Club or team, cease to be represented on the League until such decision has been complied with or until such time as the League decides when such offending Club, team or member, if re-admitted, may be further dealt with as may be determined.

17. Finance

- a) The financial year shall commence on the 1st day of November and finish on the 31st day of October each year.
- b) If deemed necessary, each Club shall pay an annual fee and such other fees as recommended by the Board of Directors and shall pay fees at a time determined by the Board of Directors.
- c) All monies of the League must be passed through the Treasurer, who shall bank same in banking accounts determined by the Board of Directors. A Club being un-financial for more than thirty (30) days without the consent of the Board of Directors, may forfeit all rights and privileges and cease to be a member of the League.
- d) That a full set of Financial Accounts of the Adelaide Plains Football League for each financial year ending October 31st, should be circulated to member Clubs at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Adelaide Plains Football League Annual General Meeting.

18. Disqualification

(Updated March 2002)

The disqualification of a member Club involves loss of all rights and privileges for all members of such Club. No refund of money shall be made to any Club disqualified from the League.

19. Life Membership

The League may grant Honorary Life Membership to any person who may have rendered distinguished service to the League over a minimum period of ten years, or at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The nomination of any person as an Honorary Life Member shall only be made by the Board of Directors and shall be determined by a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.

Any Club may recommend to the Board of Directors in writing a person to be nominated for Life Membership.

20. Registration of Players

No person shall be permitted to play in a competition conducted by the League unless:-

- a) The Player shall have been registered in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws or
- b) The Player shall have been granted a permit in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

21. Eligibility

The eligibility of persons to play in Finals matches of the League shall be determined in accordance with provisions of the By-Laws.

22. Matters not dealt with

- a) Any matter not dealt with or provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws may be dealt with by the Board.
- b) These rules shall take effect as from the date of the passing thereof.

23. Amendments and Alterations

None of the above clauses shall be altered, expunged, repealed or amended except by consent of a majority of all Delegates present and eligible to vote after notice of motion has been given at a previous meeting and notice in writing from the Secretary setting forth the notice of motion that has been forwarded to each Affiliated club at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the motion is to be discussed.