

## **BY LAWS**

### **Central Midlands Coastal Football League League and Reserve Competitions.**

#### **1. CLEARANCES**

- 1.1 All clearance applications shall be processed through the Registrar of the CMCFL in order to be deemed valid.
- 1.2 If an application for a clearance is not returned to the CMCFL within fourteen (14) days of having been lodged with the transferor Association or League, and the CMCFL has notified the transferor Association or League in writing of its intentions to issue a permit, then such permit shall be granted.
- 1.3 A player may not lodge a second application for a clearance from one club until the first application lodged, has been refused, except in the case of where a clearance is registered from another League and also from a Club within the League to which he is returning.
- 1.4 A player may not receive a clearance from one Association or League to another, or, if within the same Association or League, from one club to another, whilst he is disqualified for committing an offence against the Laws of the Game.
- 1.5 Where a player is applying for a clearance from one Country Association or League to another has a record of tribunal conviction, details of such record shall be attached to the clearance application form. Failure to comply with this By Law renders the offending League or Association liable to a fine, not exceeding \$1,000.

#### **2. SIGNING OF FORMS BY PLAYERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

Any official forms (e.g. permit, registration or clearance form) signed by a player under the age of eighteen (18) years must be counter-signed by his parent or legal guardian.

#### **3. STUDENTS**

- 3.1 Where a student leaves his home town and is not registered with a Club of an Affiliated Association, goes to another town to further his education and registers with a Club of an Affiliated Association or League whilst there, he shall be granted an automatic clearance to the Club of his choice upon the completion of his education.
- 3.2 Where a student leaves his home town and is registered with a Club of the CMCFL, goes to another town to further his education and registers with a Club of an Affiliated Association whilst there, he shall only be granted a clearance to his original club upon the completion of his education, such clearance to be automatic.

#### **4. MATCH DAY PERMITS**

*A Match Day Permit type 1 form is used to allow a player to play on a weekly basis without a formal transfer. The Match Day Permit acts as a temporary registration form for the day of the game only. It also satisfies the registration requirements for selection in the State 18's squad and for inclusion in the AFL draft. The Match Day Permit form can be downloaded from the WACFL website and must be signed, and countersigned by the player's*

*parent/guardian if under the age of 18 years, and approval sought via the AFL footyweb system before the day of the match concerned.*

4.1 For use in the WAFL League Competition

A Match Day Permit Type 1 cannot be used for a player to play in the WAFL league competition.

4.2 For use in the WAFL Reserves Competition

Players qualifying for the WAFL Reserves or WAFL Colts competition coming from CMCFL (Colts, Reserves or League) shall be permitted to play with a WAFL Reserves or WAFL Colts side on a Match Day Permit Type 1.

The number of Match Day Permits that can be used is limited to a maximum of four (4) prior to 30<sup>th</sup> June and a maximum of three (3) after 30 June

4.3 Match Day Permit Forms – WAFL Players transferring to Country Leagues

4.3.1 Players of a WAFL Club are permitted to play on six (6) Match Day Permits to 30<sup>th</sup> June in each year with a CMCFL Club provided that permits are only issued to a WAFL player to play with one CMCFL Club.

4.3.2 WAFL colts aged players who were cleared to a WAFL Club either in the current or immediate past season are permitted to play with a country club on a Match Day Permit after 30 June only if they are returning to the country club that cleared them and they have not played with any WA Amateur League Club on the dual registration system between that league and the WAFL, or any other club under By-Law 4.3.1

4.3.3 The number of permits used under By-Law 4.3.2 is unlimited, but WAFL players are permitted to play in only one football game on a weekend or long weekend. Issuing a permit for a second game contravenes the spirit of player welfare that this rule is based upon.

4.4 Number of Match Day Permits per Country Club

Match Day Permits from WAFL Clubs back to Country Clubs are restricted to a maximum of two (2) players per club at any one time.

4.5 Country Player Transferring to Metropolitan Club (Not WAFL)

A country player who transfers to a metropolitan Club other than a WAFL Club, shall remain tied to his original zoned Club for a period of eighteen (18) months, from the date of his transfer from the CMCFL Club, notwithstanding that should he attain the age of 19 years and not be listed by his zoned club, he is then eligible to join a club of his choice.

If a country player under 19 years of age wishes to transfer to a WAFL Club that he is not zoned to, he shall only be eligible to be registered after receiving a transfer from his Country Club and zoned WAFL Club.

## **5. TRANSFER AND REGISTRATION RULES**

5.1 A person wishing to play for a CMCFL senior or junior Club shall apply to the Registrar of the controlling body of such designated competition for Registration.

- 5.2 All players shall be registered by 30 June and every registered Player may play at League level during the final round.
- 5.3 No player shall be granted a permit after the 30 June in any season, unless he is transferred into the League in his employment and receives a transfer from his former club. Subject to the approval of the Directors.
- 5.4 Permit forms must be signed by all new players each season.
- 5.5 The Registrar of the league shall document all registered players as at the 1<sup>st</sup> July that are contained in the sporting pulse system. A registration fee of \$5.00 per player shall then be invoiced to the clubs.
- 5.6 Any Registered Player who plays with another Club before obtaining a clearance shall face disqualification.
- 5.7 Any player who has played football with an Affiliated Club at any time must obtain a clearance from the Club and League with which he last played before playing with his new Club. Any player not having played during the previous 24 calendar months shall receive an automatic clearance provided he is not under disqualification or bound by contract to his former Club and this clearance may be granted at any time during the season. Whilst the clearance is automatic the normal clearance papers must be completed and presented.
- 5.8 A player who has been previously cleared by the CMCFL to play outside the CMCFL and is cleared by his Club in any League or Association, who subsequently desires to return and play with a Club in the CMCFL, other than his former Club in the CMCFL, shall be required to obtain a clearance from his former Club as well as from the Club in the other League or Association
- 5.9 A registered player in a designated affiliated competition who subsequently desires to play for another Club, either in the same competition or another designated affiliated competition shall be required to obtain a transfer (Clearance) from his present Club, before applying for registration for his new Club.
- 5.10 All applications for transfers can now be completed in the Sporting Pulse system. Any player transferring in from another league must have a registration form completed prior to their transfer being approved by the registrar.
- 5.11 A player shall not be eligible to apply for a transfer from one club to another whilst his current registration is under suspension.
- 5.12 A player who gives false information on an "Application for Transfer" or on a "Registration Form" shall be liable to suspension and/or disqualification as determined by the controlling body to whom such application was made, or a person or body appointed by that controlling body to exercise that power, and any application granted as a result of such false information shall be void.
- 5.13 Where a Club plays a player who is in breach of these rules, such Club shall be liable to lose premiership points gained, and for percentage purposes, a club playing an ineligible player will be credited with "no score" and debited with the score of the opposition. The side receiving the premiership points shall be credited with the score and no score against.
- 5.14 An "Application for Transfer" shall be valid and accepted once all levels have been approved by each club, league and/or association in the Sporting pulse system.
- 5.15 The registrar of a controlling body shall not refuse to endorse an application for transfer which has been approved by the transferor club except if the player making the application is under

suspension, is financially encumbered to that controlling body or under 18 years of age and does not have the supporting signature of his parent/guardian.

- 5.16 A player having lodged an "Application for Transfer" with the registrar of the transferee body, the registrar shall record such application and endorse the recording number and dates of application on it and forward it to the transferor body by the first available means of communication for immediate action and reply. If such application remains unanswered after 14 days (clear) of despatch, it shall be deemed to have been answered in the affirmative and the registrar of the transferee body shall advise the transferor body that a permit to play has been granted.
- 5.17 Any subsequent appeals by the transferor body to have such "Permit to Play" revoked shall be determined by, and under the constitution of, the Appeals Board of the WACFL. Where it is a local matter i.e. between Clubs within the CMCFL such appeals shall be heard initially by the CMCFL Appeals Board.
- 5.18 A player having lodged an "Application for Transfer" shall not subsequently lodge a second application until the first application has been answered, EXCEPT that where a player may have left a Club within the jurisdiction of a Controlling Body and subsequently wishes to play with another Club under the same jurisdiction and is required to obtain a transfer from his original Club, he shall be permitted to lodge both applications at the same time.
- 5.19 A player who's "Application for Transfer" is refused by a Club from which he is seeking such Transfer, may lodge a second or subsequent application immediately the transferee registrar has been advised that the previous application has been refused.
- 5.20 If a second subsequent application is refused, the player may appeal to the Appeals Board of the WACFL in accordance with the Rules of the Appeals Board to have his application granted. Where it is a local matter i.e. between Clubs within the CMCFL such appeals shall be heard initially by the CMCFL Appeals Board.
- 5.21 A player who wishes to apply for a transfer from one club to another shall lodge an application for such transfer no earlier than the first day of February and not later than the thirtieth day of June. Any "Application for Transfer" lodged on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> June and subsequently refused after the 30<sup>th</sup> June, then the second application may be lodged after the 30<sup>th</sup> June **(the 2nd application must be responded to within 5 working days Mon - Fri)** and if again refused, that player then has the right of appeal. Where a player is genuinely transferred in his employment to the relevant Country Association, after that date he may make an "Application for Transfer" prior to the commencement of the final round games subject to a written statement from his employer verifying that he has been:
- a) Legitimately transferred in his employment; and
  - b) Has been on the permanent payroll of the employer for at least three months prior to his notification of transfer.
  - c) This provision shall apply equally to student children whose parent/guardian has been genuinely transferred in their employment.

Any transfer under this rule shall be subject to the player being granted a "Permit to Play" by the Permit Committee of the controlling body to which the player has been transferred.

- 5.22 A Club or Controlling Body which refuses to grant an application for transfer lodged by a player shall be required to state on the application its reason for refusing to grant the application. Such reasons for refusal, together with the players stated reasons for seeking a transfer, shall be the basis on which any subsequent appeal shall be determined. Failure to do so may be taken into consideration by an Appeals Board in any relevant subsequent appeal.

- 5.23 An "Application for Transfer" shall not be granted or refused conditionally, by relevant notations on the transfer form except by the WACFL Appeals Board.
- 5.24 For the purpose of these rules, the registrar of the CMCFL shall maintain a register of:
- a) All registrations issued by the CMCFL registrar; and of
  - b) All "Applications for Transfer" either inward or outward handled by the CMCFL registrar, including the date which they were received, the date on which they were answered and whether they were granted or refused, together with any relevant details.
- 5.25 A "REGISTRATION" shall not be valid if a player is under the age of 18 years unless such registration has been endorsed by a parent or legal guardian of the player, signifying consent to play.
- 5.26 Notwithstanding all or any of the above rules, a player who transfers from another state to Western Australia, may make application for a transfer from that State to the Club with which he wishes to play on INTERSTATE Form 2 as approved by the WAFL, on lodgement of the application the player may play immediately on the condition that he is not under suspension, not under contract and is not indebted to his previous Club if a player who has left Western Australia to play in another State and who subsequently returns to Western Australia shall be required to obtain a transfer from the last Club with which he played before leaving Western Australia if he is financially indebted to them before playing for any other Club, as well as an Interstate Transfer.
- 5.27 In the context of these rules, an Official or Officials of a Club may act or negotiate with other parties concerned on behalf of a player in their mutual interests of the Club and the player.
- 5.28 A player may only play in one Affiliated Country League or Association during any one weekend or long weekend. Except a player who is registered in Sporting Pulse in a bone fide under age competition in which case if he has been provided with the appropriate permit to play with a CMCFL senior club (or vice versa) then he may play for both his underage club and his CMCFL club on the same weekend.

## **6. CLUBS TRANSFERRING**

- 6.1 Where a Country Club wishes to transfer from one Association or League to another, that Club must apply to the Executive for permission to do so, after seeking the approval of both Associations/Leagues concerned.
- Failure by one or both of these Leagues or Associations to approve does not prevent the Country Club from making the application.
- 6.2 If permission is granted by the Executive, the players of that Club shall be automatically cleared to the new Association or League except those players under disqualification or those financially encumbered to the original Association or League.

## **7. UMPIRES**

- 7.1 Each Country Club shall appoint a responsible senior person to act as Umpires Welfare Officer, and their responsibilities shall be:
- a) To meet and assist the umpire upon their arrival.
  - b) To join them at quarter time ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and three quarter ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) time intervals, together with the boundary and goal umpires and to move to them immediately the half time and final siren goes and escorts them from the ground.
  - c) This regulation shall apply to officials from each Club at all matches, irrespective of where the match is played.

- d) To supervise entry to the umpires room or area and any approach to the umpire by an unauthorised person.
- 7.2 Two WAFL Panel Umpires, if available, shall be provided for each League match. The CMCFL Umpire Co-ordinator shall negotiate their fees.
- 7.3 Each home club must provide a Reserve's Umpire and each visiting club must provide an umpire to act in tandem.
- 7.4 Each Member Club shall be responsible and pay for match payments and travelling expenses for their umpires.
- 7.5 All umpire travelling expenses incurred at qualifying matches shall be paid for by the home club on the day of the match. Total amount paid by each club is to be forwarded to the League at the end of each round of the qualifying matches whereby the cost of umpire travelling expenses is to be shared equally between all clubs. If a club has overpaid their share then they are to be reimbursed by the League and clubs that have underpaid for the round are to pay the League on receipt of an invoice from the League. Failure to remit payment amounts to the League can incur fines at the Director's discretion.
- 7.6 If a Club fails to remit to the League within fourteen (14) days of the end of the qualifying matches the umpire travelling expenses paid then they shall be fined at the Directors discretion.
- 7.7 Reserve Field Umpire Fees - \$60 Away Games & \$40 Home Games.
- 7.8 Boundary Umpires - \$30 League, \$20 Reserves.
- 7.9 Reserve's Field Umpires shall adhere strictly to the Modified Reserve's Rules.
- 7.10 All Field Umpires shall adhere to the League's Send – Off Rule on all grades.
- 7.11 Member Clubs shall appoint a send off steward and all send – offs must be reported on the special Send – Off form. Copies of the Send – Off Rule shall be provided to all Field Umpires.
- 7.12 Member Clubs shall appoint a Boundary Umpire, a Goal Umpire, Time Keeper and Scoreboard Attendant. They should be correctly attired.
- 7.13 Goal Umpires shall keep the area behind the goals free from spectators and record the numbers of players who kick goals. They shall compare their goal cards at the end of each quarter and shall not leave the field of play at any match unless their goal cards agree.
- 7.14 Field umpires shall complete the Official Team Sheet & Match Results Form where required. This includes:-
  - a) The time when the match was commenced.
  - b) The final scores and such other information as are required on the form.
  - c) Such other remarks and observations as the umpire may think proper to report.
  - d) The carrying out of the duties as to reporting players in accordance with the Laws 16.10 and 16.11.
  - e) Any dispute reported to them regarding the correctness of the time interval of any quarter or the start or finish of any quarter.
- 7.15 Field umpires shall fill in a full incident report form when reporting a player. This is to be completed at the end of the match and included with the Official Team Sheet & Match Results Form.

- 7.16 Reserve field umpires are to sign off on the "team Sheet" the number of players who have physically played that game. I.e. only –players listed are to have physically played that game. No players name can be added after half time onto the reserves "team sheet".
- 7.17 All Reserve teams sheets copies must be passed to the opposing team at half time and be signed of by them.

## **8. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES TRIBUNAL**

- 8.1 There shall be a Protest and Disputes Tribunal, which shall hear and determine all appeals, in the best interests of Australian Football in general.
- 8.2 The Protest and Disputes Tribunal shall consist of six (6) members, as the Directors may from time to time appoint, one of whom shall act as Chairman. A Tribunal hearings shall be heard by three (3) of the six (6) members. The six (6) members shall not be directly involved in a football club in the CMCFL.
- 8.3 Any member of the Tribunal who may be considered an interested party of a particular appeal shall be excluded from the appeal tribunal for the hearing of that appeal.
- 8.4 A person who holds office of any kind in the League or in an Associated Club shall not be eligible for appointment.
- 8.5 In the case of an emergency, an Executive member of WAFL may be co-opted onto the appeal tribunal.
- 8.6 Any person or body affiliated with the CMCFL may apply to have an appeal heard by the WACFL Appeals Tribunal.
- 8.7 On the day of the offence, the player shall have the option of taking the prescribed penalty on the day, or choose to attend the Tribunal Hearing on next Tuesday Evening. If found guilty, the penalty shall be no less than the prescribed penalty.
- 8.8 The League Registrar shall record all cases heard. If a player has a previous record, details must be provided with the Umpire's report Form, and handed to the Chairman hearing the charge. If a player has faced the Board on a previous occasion and been found guilty, then he shall not be afforded the privilege of a suspended sentence.
- 8.9 A Protests and Disputes Tribunal shall exercise the following functions and its decision shall be final;
- a) Hear all charges in respect of offences under the Laws or under these Rules.
  - b) Hear all protests and all disputes and charges against players and officials and any other matters referred to it by the Directors.
  - c) Re-open or re-hear any matter previously dealt with and decide if the Tribunal in its discretion considers such step justified
  - d) Hear and determine any appeal made by a player who has been disqualified pursuant to Rule 84.
  - e) Hear and determine any charge or protest referred or lodged pursuant to these Rules.
  - f) Impose such penalties authorised by these Rules as it deems fit or it may give a caution.
  - g) Every decision of a Protests and Disputes Tribunal shall be reported to the Directors, and shall be received without comment. A record of same shall be kept by the Secretary.

8.10 The Secretary shall, in all cases, satisfy his or herself that the relevant Rules have been complied with before submitting a protest charge or other matter for the hearing and determination of a Protests and Disputes Tribunal.

8.11 The Procedures of the Tribunal are as follows;

- a) A Tribunal shall meet to consider any charge at any time convenient to it and the parties involved, but such meeting shall commence no later than 10.00am prior to the player's clubs next qualifying match.
- b) A Tribunal shall meet to consider any matter other than a charge at a time convenient to it and the parties involved
- c) The Tribunal Meetings shall be held at such a place as the Directors shall from time to time direct, unless the Tribunal dealing with a particular charge or matter directs some other place of meeting and due advice of such place is given to the parties involved.
- d) A Tribunal Meeting may be adjourned to another time and place, due advice of which shall be given to the parties involved.
- e) An umpire who lodges a charge against any player or official of a Club shall attend at the Tribunal hearing of that charge or if they are unable to attend then lodge a full incident report form when reporting a player. This is to be completed at the end of the match and included with the Official Team Sheet & Match Results Form. The form is provide a full written statement detailing the time, place, witnesses, players involved and incident events being charged upon.
- f) Umpires preferring charges against Players, Officials or Clubs, shall report by post, fax, email or by hand such charges to the League so that such charge will be received in the League Office within 24 hours after the conclusion of the match in which the incident occurred.
- g) Any player or official of any Club against whom a charge has been lodged, must attend at the Tribunal hearing of the charge, or at the Tribunal Chairperson's discretion a written statement by the player or official of any Club stating their version of the incident. This is to include time, place, witnesses, those involved, incident and the player's defense, if any.
- h) Any player or official of any Club against whom an offence has been committed in respect of which a charge has been lodged, must attend the Tribunal hearing of the charge or at the Tribunal Chairperson's discretion a written statement by the player or official of any Club stating their version of the incident. This is to include time, place, witnesses, those involved and incident and the player's defense, if any.
- i) Any person referred to in paragraphs (e). (g) & (h) of this Rule, may be excused from attendance by the Tribunal but only if exceptional circumstances can be established to require such excuse.
- j) The Tribunal may, of its own motion or at the request of any party to a matter before it, require the attendance at a Tribunal hearing of any player or official or a Club or any umpire and such player, official or umpire shall attend as required,
- k) Any person required to attend at a Tribunal hearing shall give evidence if required by the Tribunal to do so.
- l) A player or an official of any Club who appears before a Tribunal as a result of a charge made against him pursuant to the Laws or these Rules, may, unless the Tribunal directs otherwise, be represented and/or accompanied at the hearing by a representative of his Club.
- m) An umpire preferring a charge under the Laws or these Rules against a player of an official or any Club may, unless the Tribunal directs otherwise, be represented and/or accompanied at the hearing by a representative of the Umpire's Association.
- n) A player or any official of any Club or umpire against whom an offence is alleged to have been committed and the offence is the subject of a charge may, unless the Tribunal directs otherwise, be represented and/or accompanied at the hearing of the charge by a representative of his Club or the Umpires' Association as the case may be.



- o) In any other proceeding before a Tribunal a person required to appear may be accompanied and represented at the proceedings by a representative of his Club or organisation to which he belongs,
- p) In any of the cases referred to in paragraphs (l), (m), (n) & (o) of this Rule, the representative of the Club, League or Organisation shall not be a legal practitioner.
- q) A Tribunal may, for its purposes, rely on such evidence as it thinks fit, and in particular, may admit Statutory Declarations and other writings as well as verbal evidence. It may proceed in the absence of any person.

- 8.12 Any person who, required by these Rules to attend a hearing of a Tribunal, fails to attend as required and does not show good cause for such failure; or
- 8.13 Any person who, as required by these Rules, attends a hearing of a Tribunal but refuses to answer any question in the course of the hearing and does not show good cause for such refusal;
- 8.14 Any person who, required by these Rules to attend a hearing of a Tribunal, fails to attend as required and does not show good cause for such failure; or
- 8.15 Any person who, as required by these Rules attends a hearing of a Tribunal and in the course of giving evidence at the hearing, willfully endeavours to mislead the Tribunal; or
- 8.16 Any person, who attends at a hearing of a Tribunal and acts in an unseemly manner, shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct and shall thereupon be liable to suspension or disqualification as a player or official, or both, or to a fine not exceeding \$500 as the Tribunal may determine.

## **9. APPEALS**

### **GENERAL**

- 9.1 There shall be an Appeals Tribunal, which shall hear and determine all appeals, in the best interests of Australian Football in general.
- 9.2 The Appeals Tribunal shall consist of six (6) members, as the Directors may from time to time appoint, one of whom shall act as Chairman. A Tribunal quorum consists of three (3) of the six (6) members
- 9.3 Any member of the Tribunal who may be considered an interested party of a particular appeal shall be excluded from the appeal tribunal for the hearing of that appeal.
- 9.4 A person who holds office of any kind in the League or in an Associated Club shall not be eligible for appointment.
- 9.5 In the case of an emergency, an Executive member of WAFL may be co-opted onto the appeal tribunal.
- 9.6 Any person or body affiliated with the CMCFL may apply to have an appeal heard by the WACFL Appeals Tribunal
- 9.7 The Secretary and/or Registrar of the CMCFL shall immediately upon receipt of a notice of appeal, transmit it to the Chairperson for the time being, of the Appeal Tribunal. A copy of such notice of appeal shall be forwarded by facsimile, email or mail on behalf of the player or person lodging the appeal, to the other party or parties involved in the appeal, within seven (7) days of lodgement.

- 9.8 An appeal shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee of two hundred (\$200) dollars. This fee is non refundable unless otherwise directed by the Tribunal Chairperson.
- 9.9 The appeal tribunal shall be empowered to impose a fine of up to five hundred (\$500) on any Club or person considered responsible for a frivolous appeal or who is considered by the Appeal Tribunal to be guilty of a misdemeanour in connection with an appeal.
- 9.10 The Appeal Tribunal shall hear any appeal within a period of fourteen (14) days of lodgement of such appeal. When unusual or extenuating circumstances prevail the Directors of the CMCFL may extend the period of fourteen (14) days but the spirit of the rule is that any appeal shall be heard as soon as possible.
- 9.11 The person or body making the appeal and the body against whom the appeal has been made, shall be the parties to the appeal and each shall be entitled to appear upon the hearing of such appeal with such representative as he or it shall nominate, provided that such representative shall not be a person legally qualified to practice as a barrister and/or a solicitor.
- 9.12 An appeal heard by the Appeal Tribunal shall be heard at a place appointed by the Directors.
- 9.13 The decision of the Appeal Tribunal shall be final and conclusive, but an appeal may be re-opened at the discretion of the Appeal Tribunal Chairman if fresh evidence is produced.
- 9.14 If an appeal is not successful in being overturned, then there will be an extra week added to the original penalty sentence.
- 9.15 Each of the paragraphs and sub-paragraphs of the By Law No 9 is intended to be constituted separately and independently from each other paragraph and sub-paragraph and in the event of any one of such paragraphs or sub-paragraphs being held to be invalid for any reason whatsoever such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining paragraphs or sub-paragraphs.

#### **TRANSFER/CLEARANCE**

- 9.16 A player or person who desires to transfer from one country Club to another country Club, may, after having two (2) successive applications refused in any one season, appeal to the Appeal Tribunal against such refusals. Where it is a local matter i.e. between Clubs within the CMCFL such appeals shall be heard initially by that CMCFL Appeals Board.
- 9.17 An appeal to the Appeals Tribunal shall be lodged in writing with the General Manager of the Country League within fourteen (14) days of the date upon which the second or subsequent last application has been refused. Such notice of appeal shall have attached to it a further clearance application completed by the player or person. Copies of previous refused clearances by the transferor Club must be presented to the Tribunal.
- 9.18 The Appeal Tribunal may grant or refuse a clearance to the player or person appealing to it, and in reaching its decision the Appeal Tribunal shall consider and take into account all the circumstances and matters relevant to the application for clearance in respect of which the appeal has been made, including, but without being limited to.
- a) The interest of the public and the game of Australian football.
  - b) The interest of the club from whom the clearance has been sought.
  - c) The interest of the club to whom the clearance is sought.
  - d) The interest in all respects of the player or person making the appeal.
  - e) Any hardship whether financial or otherwise likely to be suffered by the player or person making the appeal in the event of the appeal being disallowed and a clearance refused.
  - f) The age of the player or person making the appeal.

- g) The interests of the Country Associations or Leagues involved.
- h) The service given by and the value of the player or person appealing to the Club from which such clearance is sought.

- 9.19 The Appeal Tribunal may decide to grant a clearance on such conditions as it shall consider fair and reasonable in all the circumstances having regards to the matters referred to in Rule 8.1 hereof.
- 9.20 In the event of the Appeal Tribunal deciding that it will grant a clearance subject to conditions, the Appeal Tribunal may not grant the clearance until the conditions imposed have been fulfilled.
- 9.21 Where the Appeal Tribunal allows the appeal of the players or person and grants the clearance the Chairman shall endorse the necessary documents accordingly and take any further action required to progress the decision of the Appeal Tribunal and the granting of such clearance.

## **10. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

- 10.1 The Directors may from time to time, declare any acts or omissions by players, officials or Clubs to be offences under these Rules and may also declare the penalty for such offences.
- 10.2 It is an offence for any player or official to commit any of the offences referred to in the Laws.
- 10.3 Any player or official who acts or conducts himself in a manner prejudicial to the good order, management, control and administration of football, commits an offence under these Rules and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$500 or, in the case of a player, disqualified from playing during such term as the Tribunal deems fit, or in the case of an official, disqualified from acting as an official in any capacity either permanently or during such time as the Tribunal deems fit.
- 10.4 Where no specific penalty is prescribed in respect of any offence under these Rules or under the Laws of the game, the Tribunal may impose a fine, not exceeding \$500, and/or disqualification as the Tribunal deems fit.
- 10.5 Any player, who plays in any match in the League in breach of these Rules, shall in addition to any other penalty which may be imposed, be disqualified from playing in any League Club Match for such period as the Tribunal may determine on referral by the Directors.
- 10.6 While any fine imposed on a player under these Rules remains unpaid, after seven days that Club is not eligible to participate in any match pursuant to these Rules.
- 10.7 While any fine imposed on any official of a Club under these Rules remains unpaid after seven days, that Club is not eligible to participate in any match pursuant to these Rules.

## **11. CHARGES BY UMPIRES**

- 11.1 Umpires preferring charges against players shall do so in accordance with and shall otherwise comply with the Laws which are determined by the League.
- 11.2 In the event of a player being sent off, then an umpire shall approach the Interchange Stewards and inform them of same.
- 11.3 Umpires may also prefer charges against Clubs or against coaches or other officials of any Club in respect of matters arising out of or in the course of any game in relation thereto shall so far as possible follow the same procedure as in the case of charges against players.

- 11.4 A field umpire who officiates at any match controlled by the League shall have the power to prefer charges regardless of his age.
- 11.5 Boundary and goal umpires under the age of seventeen officiating at matches controlled by the League are not empowered to prefer charges.

## **12. OTHER PROTESTS AND CHARGES**

- 12.1 Any Club may lodge a protest or charge against any other Club or a player, official or member of another Club by written notice to the Secretary of the League and to the Club player, official or member concerned
- 12.2 Any Club making any appeal, protest or charge against another Club or player or official or member of another Club or reporting any infringement of these Rules or the Laws, shall lodge the same with particulars in writing with the League Secretary, together with the sum of \$100 within forty eight hours after the date upon which the occurrence complained of took place. Any protest or charge under this Rule shall be referred to the Directors and be considered by them no later than at the meeting of the Director's next following the date upon which such protest or charge if they consider it frivolous or vexatious, but otherwise they shall refer it to the Tribunal for determination. The said sum of one hundred dollars shall be forfeited to the League upon dismissal by the Directors or it be decided by the Tribunal that the protest or charge was frivolous or groundless, but shall be refunded if the protest or charge is upheld or the Tribunal so directs.
- 12.3 Any Club making a protest or charge against another Club or player, or official, or member of another Club shall give notice thereof and of the particulars to such Club Secretary, within twenty four hours after lodging the same with the League Secretary.

## **13. UMPIRES BOARD**

- 13.1 An independent Umpires' Appointment Board, comprising not more than six members, shall be appointed by the Directors, and the Chairman of such Board shall be the Director of Umpires and such Chairman will have the casting vote.
- 13.2 Umpires' observers shall be a club official appointed by each club. The observers are to submit written reports to the Umpires' Board on the performance of the umpires at the game observed.

## **14. DEFAULT OF CLUBS**

- 14.1 If any player shall fail to pay any fine imposed upon him under these Rules such player shall be disqualified from playing any match controlled by the League until such fine has been paid.
- 14.2 A player shall be deemed to be in default if any fine is not paid within seven days.
- 14.3 The payment of fines imposed on an official under these Rules shall be the responsibility of his/her Club. They shall be paid by the Club within seven days after imposition. While any fine imposed on any official of a Club under these Rules remains unpaid after seven days, that Club is not eligible to participate in any match pursuant to these Rules.
- 14.4 Any notice to be given for the purposes of these Rules, may be given by post, email or facsimile and if so given will be deemed to have been received by the addressee in the ordinary course of post. Notices to Club members, players and officials may be addressed to them care of their Club.

## **15. REGISTRATION OF RULES OF CLUBS AND LEAGUE**

- 15.1 Every Club admitted to the League shall provide the Secretary of the League with a copy of their Clubs Constitution. If a Clubs Constitution is changed then a copy of the new Constitution which has been lodged with the relevant department as provided under the Act and a list of amendments is to be provided within thirty days.

## **16. DEFAULTING PLAYERS**

- 16.1 The Secretary of every Club shall send to the Secretary of the League, the name of any member of the Club who is in default by reason of a breach of the rules of such Club, together with particulars of the default and of the rule infringed within fourteen days after such default shall have been discovered. At least three days before sending to the Secretary of the League, the name of such defaulting player, the Secretary of his Club shall give notice in writing to such member of his intention to do so.

## **17. DISQUALIFICATION**

- 17.1 The Secretary of every Club shall send to the Secretary of the League, the name of any member of the Club who is in default by reason of a breach of the rules of such Club, together with particulars of the default and of the rule infringed within fourteen days after such default shall have been discovered. At least three days before sending to the Secretary of the League, the name of such defaulting player, the Secretary of his Club shall give notice hi writing to such member of his intention to do so.
- 17.2 Any player who is reported by his Club to the Secretary of the League as a defaulter, shall be disqualified from playing in any match controlled by the league until his Club has reported to the Secretary of the League that it does not desire such disqualification to continue or until such player has appealed to the Protests and Disputes Tribunal against a charge of the default made against him by his Club, and such appeal has been allowed.
- 17.3 Where a League player is selected to represent the League and does not present himself to the selectors at the appointed time and place without offering sufficient reasons to their satisfaction for such absence, then he shall automatically become ineligible to play for his Club in that Club's next official fixture. This penalty shall not preclude him from winning any Fairest and Best Awards.
- 17.4 Any Club which plays a player who is ineligible to play with such Club or who is disqualified from playing under these Rules shall forfeit the match in which such player takes part.
- 17.5 A player, who has played with any Club represented in an unaffiliated Body, must obtain a permit from the League before being allowed to play with any League Club and/or affiliated body. A player (as defined below) desiring to transfer to a Club or an Unaffiliated Body and/or affiliated body shall obtain a clearance from his Club endorsed by the Association.
- 17.6 Any registered player (as defined below) who plays in a match arranged by any body which is not affiliated with the League, except where a clearance has been granted, shall be disqualified from playing in any match or competitions arranged by the League or in which the League, or Clubs of the League participate for a period of two years from the time he last played in matches arranged by such Unaffiliated Body.
- 17.7 Any player disqualified by reason of sub-rule (b) of this rule may after he shall have been disqualified for a period of one year, appeal against his disqualification by notice in writing to the Directors who may in their absolute discretion remove the disqualification if they are satisfied that the circumstances of the case are so special as to justify them doing so.

- 17.8 Definition: A player shall mean any player who has received permission to play with League, Reserves or Colts, or one who is a playing member of any Club, the rules of whose controlling body demand the passing of a clearance through the CMCFL being eligible to transfer to an unaffiliated body and/or affiliated bodies.

## **18. MATCHES**

- 18.1 Starting times for Inter League Matches and carnivals or other important matches shall be decided upon as they occur by the League Directorship. The following clauses apply to all matches included in the season's fixtures which are arranged by the Directors each year.
- 18.2 Little League Matches shall commence at the Junior Council's discretions as arranged between the two/three competing Member Clubs and the Junior Council. Reserves Match, if any should start at 12.30pm (12.45pm at the latest), and the League Match at 2.30pm.
- 18.3 League Matches shall be played under WAFL Rules of four quarters, each of twenty minutes, plus time on at competing clubs discretion as agreed upon before game commencement.
- 18.4 Reserves Matches shall consist of four, twenty minute quarters and that time be clocked off at the umpire's discretion for injury or unforeseen circumstances that could interrupt and delay play.
- 18.5 Quarter Breaks as follows:-  
a) League – Quarter time 5 mins, Half time 15 Mins & Three quarter time 5 mins  
b) Reserves – Quarter time 5 mins, Half time 10 mins, and Three quarter time 5 mins.
- 18.6 Only League Teams shall leave the ground for half time break
- 18.7 At all League matches played in the League competition, unless otherwise specially arranged, a siren or other approved device shall be sounded at 2.15pm, another at 2.25pm, and the game shall be started at 2.30pm. The siren or other approved device shall be again sounded at the proper time for the end of each quarter, the commencement of each subsequent Quarter and for the termination of the match.
- 18.8 At all Reserve matches played in the League Competition, unless otherwise specially arranged, a siren or other approved device shall be sounded at 12.15pm, another at 12.25pm and the game shall be started at 12.30pm. The siren or other approved device shall be sounded at the proper times for the end of each quarter, the commencement of each subsequent quarter and for the termination of the match.
- 18.9 If any Club shall not be ready to start play within five minutes after the time fixed for the commencement of the quarter, that Club shall be fined \$200 on each violation,
- 18.10 If any Club shall not be ready to start play within ten minutes after the time fixed for the commencement of any quarter, such Club shall forfeit the match unless the Directors be satisfied that the delay was unavoidable.
- 18.11 Each quarter shall not commence until both teams are in a position and the umpires have been advised by the captains or acting captains of their teams readiness to play.
- 18.12 In the event of any disagreement between the two timekeepers as to the length or variation of the time of any quarter, such dispute shall in the case of the first or second quarter, be reported to the field umpire at half time interval, and in the case of the third or fourth quarters, it shall be reported at the conclusion of the game. The field umpire shall note such disagreement in his report to the League. Such report shall be referred to the next meeting of the Directors and in the event of a

protest on the result of the match on the ground of an error in time keeping, a copy of the report will be made available to the Protests and Disputes Tribunal. Each League Club shall provide one timekeeper/timekeeper interchange official for each game played

- 18.13 Any Club may protest the result of a match to the Protests and Disputes Tribunal on the grounds that the result was affected by an error in time keeping. The Protests and Disputes Tribunal may confirm the result of the match or may award it to the losing Club. In the event of the tribunal awarding the match to the losing club, the total points scored by both teams shall stand and count in the general percentages.
- 18.14 Where a team forfeits a match the full Match Premiership Points shall be awarded to the team receiving the forfeit. The team receiving the forfeit shall be credited with the average number of points scored against the forfeiting team in that season up to the date of the forfeit and debited with the average number of points scored by the forfeiting team up to the date of the forfeit. The forfeiting team shall be debited with the average number of points scored against it up to the date of the forfeit and credited with the average number of points it has scored up to that date.
- 18.15 No Club shall abstain from playing any match without first obtaining the permission of the Directors.

## **19. PREMEIRSHIP**

- 19.1 The permit committee shall arrange and submit for the approval of the Clubs, The Programme of Premiership Matches to be played by the Clubs in each year. Such programme shall consist of a qualifying round and a final round.
- 19.2 In the qualifying round of matches, each Club will play against each of the other Clubs as many matches as the programme will permit. Four points shall be counted for a win and two points for a draw. In the event of any Clubs gaining the same number of points at the conclusion of the qualifying round, the position of such Clubs shall be determined by the proportion of points kicked for and against
- 19.3 The final round of matches shall commence after the qualifying round has been concluded and shall consist of four matches to be played between the four Clubs leading at the conclusion of the qualifying round and the draw of such final round shall be as follows:-
- a) First Semi-Final - the third team shall meet the fourth team.
  - b) Second Semi-Final — the first team shall meet the second team.
  - c) Final - the winner of the first semi-final shall meet the loser of the second semi-final.
  - d) Grand Final — the winner of the second semi-final shall meet the winner of the final.
- The winner of such Grand Final Match shall be the Premiers of that season
- 19.4 In the event of any match in the final rounds, resulting in a draw, then extra time of two, five minute periods shall be played and the process repeated if required until a result is achieved. The first period shall be played to the opposite end to the previous period.
- 19.5 Where a match result is altered on a protest, the team winning the protest shall be awarded the full Premiership points. Points scored "for and against" in such a match will be recorded as usual for both teams.
- 19.6 At the conclusion of the season, the position of the Clubs shall be determined as follows;
- a) The Clubs playing off for the Premiership in the Grand Final shall be placed first and second respectively.
  - b) The loser of the Final shall be placed third.
  - c) The loser of the first semi-final shall be placed fourth.

- d) The other Clubs shall be placed according to their relative positions on the Premiership List at the conclusion of the qualifying round of matches.

## **20. AGREEMENT WITH OTHER LEAGUES**

- 20.1 The Directors may from time to time, by resolution, enter into any contract agreement or other arrangement with any other League or Association formed for the purpose of encouraging the Australian Game of Football, and may by resolution, cancel or determine any such contract agreement or other arrangement

## **21. FINALS – ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

- 21.1 Players who play in both reserves and League Matches on the one day qualify as Reserves players for that day.
- 21.2 To qualify for a Reserves Final, a player must have played more Reserves Games than League Games during the season and a minimum of three Reserve games.
- 21.3 To qualify for a League Final a minimum of three games must have been played.
- 21.4 If a club qualifies both league and reserves teams to play in the final rounds on the same day, any qualified player may play, but only in one game. If the league team is eliminated, then only player's qualifying under bylaw 21.2 can return to reserves games for the final rounds.
- 21.5 In all reserves finals a team may consist of 26 players with 18 players able to be on the ground at all times regardless of the number of players the opposition may have.

## **22. CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 22.1 Member Clubs shall hold their AGM prior to the League AGM.
- 22.2 Member Clubs shall advise the League Secretary with the names, addresses, email, and phone and fax numbers of their main Office Bearers elected at their AGM within fourteen days of that AGM. Failure to do so may result in a fine at the Directors discretion.
- 22.3 Member Clubs shall provide to the League Secretary a list of Club representatives to the League elected at their AGM within fourteen days of that AGM. Failure to do so may result in a fine at the Directors discretion.
- 22.4 All Member Clubs shall be levied equally to provide, if necessary, the solvency of the League. All levies shall be set by the League Directors.
- 22.5 All accounts issued to clubs by the League are to be paid within 30 days of the invoice and failure to do so will see a fine of \$250.00 imposed. Should the invoice and fine not be paid within 7 days of the fine being issued then the club will not be eligible to participate in any match pursuant to these rules and shall forfeit any premiership points gained up until that point.
- 22.6 Member Clubs shall advise the League Secretary of any fixtures arranged outside official fixtures.
- 22.7 Member Clubs shall control their supporters at their home games. Failure to do so may result in a fine at the Directors discretion. At final round or other important matches, the League shall be responsible. League Directors retain the right to refuse admittance to any person at any time.



- 22.8 In the event of an oval not being suitable to hold a fixture, the Directors shall make arrangements to shift the fixture to another venue. If agreement cannot be reached the Directors shall act in any way that they see fit.
- 22.9 All clubs are to notify the Chairperson if their home ground is unsuitable to hold a fixture as soon as they become aware of the condition. Failure to do so may result in a fine at the Directors discretion.
- 22.10 All clubs are to notify either the Director of the Tribunal or the Registrar of a report by the umpires of a player by 8.00pm that night of the game. Failure to do so may result in a fine at the Directors discretion.
- 22.11 Umpire incident report forms are to be provided to the Director of the Tribunal or the Registrar by 8.00pm that night of the game. Failure to do so may result in a fine at the Directors discretion.
- 22.12 Appoint an umpire's observer for each game, preferably the same person if possible for each club for all A grade games. Optional for all other games.
- 22.13 Each League Club shall provide one timekeeper/timekeeper interchange official for each game played. Failure to do so may result in a fine at the Directors discretion.
- 22.14 Each Member Club shall appoint a Publicity Officer who shall make certain that all necessary 'paper work' that is supplied by the Leagues Registrar and the League's PR Officer is completed at each Club's Home Games.
- 22.15 At each club's home game their publicity officer shall make certain that the Official Team Sheet and Match Results form, Umpire reports, and goal score cards have been completed correctly and fully and all match details from both clubs are included and shall secure an 'all clear' from the field umpire for each grade. After checking, details shall be placed in the special Match report envelope provided, and posted/given to the League Secretary by Tuesday 5.00pm.
- 22.16 Each Home game Club shall ensure that all required match paperwork is provided to the League Secretary by Tuesday 5.00pm. Failure to do so may result in a fine at the Directors discretion.
- 22.17 New footballs shall be provided for all League Matches by the Home Club. Footballs shall be inspected by the field umpire and team captains before each match.

## **23. BEHAVIOUR DETRIMENTAL TO FOOTBALL**

*In this By-law, "official of a Club" includes any Director, committee member, employee, coach, team support person, or any person acting as or holding himself out as the agent of a Club.*

Any statement, comment, act or omission by an official of a Club or a player which does or is likely to:

- 23.18.1 Damage the image of football in Western Australia in the eyes of the public,
- 23.18.2 Adversely affect the standing or reputation of the League or the League competition;
- 23.18.3 Prejudice the good order, management, control or administration of football including but not limited to:
  - a) Public criticism or perceived criticism of umpires
  - b) Any deliberate act or omission in contravention of the Laws of the Game or these rules.
  - c) Failing to respond to any reasonable request by the CMCFL executive.
  - d) The occurrence of a melee at a CMCFL Fixture including practice, pre-season, qualifying and finals games
  - e) Any action or deed that may occur outside of the football environment that may affect the good standing and reputation of the CMCFL competition. Shall constitute an offence by the official or player for which his Club may be liable.
- 23.18.4 The process for the Implementation of a fine under this rule.
  - a) The Executive of the CMCFL may either, of their own volition or at the request of any Club or person investigate an alleged contravention of this by-law and if they believe there are sufficient grounds to proceed further they will give notice to the Club concerned to meet with them at which meeting the Club's position will be heard. Such notice shall be given in writing and shall fix a time (at least 48 hours after the date of service of such notice) and a place at which the Club may be heard.
  - b) If after having given the Club an opportunity to be heard, the CMCFL is of the opinion that there has been a contravention of this By-law then he shall impose on the Club the following penalties:
    - (i) For a first offence, a fine of not less than \$500.
    - (ii) For a second offence, a fine of not less than \$1,500.
    - (iii) For a third offence, a fine of not less than \$3,000.

If the perpetrator is a registered player of the CMCFL competition the CMCFL Manager may also suspend or de-register the player.

- c) Notwithstanding these penalties the CMCFL shall be entitled to remit either, in whole or in part, so much of any penalty as may be imposed on a Club, as they considers fair and reasonable in the circumstances.

- d) In the case of an offence subsequent to a third offence the CMCFL shall refer the question of penalty with a full report of the matter to the WACFL who may impose such penalty as they in their absolute discretion may determine, including but not limited to forfeiture of premiership points.
- e) As from the first of January each year all Clubs shall be deemed not to have previously committed an offence under this By-law, with the intent that the next contravention of this By-law shall be deemed to be the Club's first offence.
- g) Any Club aggrieved by a finding or penalty imposed under this Rule may appeal against such finding or penalty or both to the CMCFL Tribunal by notice in writing from the CMCFL Club to the CMCFL Registrar, within seven days of the date the penalty is imposed together with a deposit of \$300 (the deposit may be refunded at the CMCFL Tribunal discretion) and the CMCFL Tribunal shall thereupon hear and determine the appeal and may:
- (i). Dismiss the appeal,
  - (ii) Set aside a finding of the CMCFL executive or the WAFL Management Committee and substitute its own finding,
  - (iii) Affirm the penalty imposed,
  - (iv) Set aside the penalty imposed and impose such penalty as the CMCFL Tribunal thinks fit including a determination of exceptional circumstance and imposing a penalty which is less than the prescribed minimum for such offence.
- h) At a hearing before the CMCFL or the CMCFL Tribunal the Club against whom the complaint is made may select a representative who has been appointed as such in writing under the hand of the President of the Club provided that such representative shall not be a legal practitioner.
- i) The finding of the CMCFL Tribunal at this appeal shall be final and binding.
- j) Any action taken against a Club under this rule shall not prejudice or affect any action taken under the rules, By-laws or regulations of the league against the person for whom the Club is liable to be penalised under this rule.

## **24. MATCH REPORT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 24.1 All clubs are required to submit game day results into the Sporting pulse system by 8pm game day evening.

## **25. FINALS**

- 25.1 Umpires and other personnel required for the finals and other important matches shall be appointed by the League's Directors. Host Club are responsible for Hall and Canteen Hire and the League is responsible for the Ground Hire. Gate takings to the League.
- 25.2 The venues for the finals will be allocated on the basis of the premiership Table at the end of the Qualifying Round with the Grand final to be held in Moora.
- 25.3 For all Finals, the League pays the ground hire and collects gate monies. Host Clubs are responsible for the kitchen and bar and hall hire and income from sales to the Host Club.

- 25.4 For all final round matches and other matches organised by the League, the gate receipts and applicable expenses shall be the responsibility of the League. This includes umpire travel expenses and payments.

## **26. FORFEITS**

- 26.1 If any Member Club wishes to forfeit any fixture in any grade they shall notify their opposing club before 8pm on the Friday Evening preceding the fixture if the game is played on Sunday and 8pm on the Thursday Evening preceding the fixture if the game is played on Saturday. Failure to do so shall result in a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid to the Club offended against.

## **27. GENERAL RULES**

- 27.1 Every Member Club shall register their colours and advise League Directorship before any alterations are made.
- 27.2 Gate admission charges shall be decided by the Directors at a Directors meeting.
- 27.3 A Manager shall be appointed for all combined teams.
- 27.4 New footballs for the Finals will be provided by the League.
- 27.5 If any Club cannot field a League side, they shall have their League Affiliation reviewed by the Directors.
- 27.6 Level 1 Accreditation for coaches will apply only to League Coaches. A fine of \$50 per game will apply if League Coaches do not have accreditation after Round 3.

## **28. FIXTURES**

- 28.1 That the CMCFL start their playing fixtures by the third weekend in April each season.
- 28.2 That no fixtures be held over Easter.
- 28.3 That at least one fixture be played after the Landmark Carnival before the finals commence.

## **29. MODIFIED RULES FOR THE RESERVE COMPETITION**

- 29.1 Teams: A team may consist of a minimum of 12 players. Any member club can make use of twenty six players, but each team must have the same number of players on the ground at the start of a game.
- 29.2 Bumping: Bumping is allowed, but only to the side of an opponent. There shall definitely be no shirt fronts.
- 29.3 Tackling: Must be a fair tackle as laid down in the rules of Australian Football.
- 29.4 Side Chopping with a clenched fist is definitely not permitted.
- 29.5 Slings: Is definitely not permitted whether an opponent is in charge of the ball or not.

- 29.6 Ducking: Any player ducking his head into a tackle shall be deemed to be holding the ball.
- 29.7 All players under the age of sixteen must wear white shorts at all times whilst playing Reserve games.
- 29.8 Umpires: Each Member Club shall appoint a League Umpire to act in tandem with a WAFL Panel Umpire. Each Home Club shall appoint a Reserve's Umpire to act in tandem with a Reserve's Umpire from a visiting club. Member Clubs shall pay Panel Umpires their meal allowance for home games and pay Reserves Umpires their fee, travelling allowance and provide their uniforms.
- 29.9 Reserves coaches are required to be working towards a Level 1 coaching accreditation. By 2015, all reserves coaches are required to be fully accredited. Any club's coach who is not accredited by the 3<sup>rd</sup> playing date, from 2015, shall cause the club to be fined \$50.00 per game until the accreditation is complete.
- 29.10 No player with a point allocation of 3 or above shall be permitted to play in the Reserves Competition, and only 2 players with a 2 point allocation are permitted to play 2 games on the same day in the home and away season.

### **30. CMCFL "SEND OFF RULE"**

- 30.1 At half time and at the conclusion of the match, the Send Off Stewards shall confer with the Field Umpire. Details must be checked and signed by the Field Umpire and the Send Off Forms placed in the Match report Envelope
- 30.2 The intent of the Rule is: -
- a) To prevent the incidence of unduly rough play
  - b) To diffuse situations that may lead to violence.
  - c) To ensure that Field Umpires' directions are obeyed.
  - d) To use the rule as a management tool.
  - e) To apply the rule before, not after, incidents occur.
- 30.3 Provisions of the 'Send Off' Rule: -
- a) Any Field Umpire may send from the field of play any number of players from either side.
  - b) Any player sent off for a yellow card offence shall be replaced and shall remain off the field for fifteen minutes of playing time.
  - c) Any player red carded shall be sent off for the remainder of the match in progress. He may be replaced after fifteen minutes of playing time.
  - d) Any player Red Carded will be automatically reported to the controlling body.
  - e) If a player receives three yellow cards in a home and away series then they will automatically miss the next club fixture. The card count recommences at zero at the beginning of the final series and if a player receives three yellow cards then they automatically miss the next club fixture
  - f) Whether the player has committed a minor or major offence shall be conveyed verbally to the send off stewards by the Field Umpire.
  - g) The Send Off Stewards are responsible for making certain that the time limits are adhered to.
  - h) A player or official who is issued with two yellow card offences on the day of the match shall take no further part in the game but can be replaced immediately.
  - i) If Interchange Stewards are not available, then the responsibility falls to both clubs.
  - j) Any player wasting time after being sent off may be further charged by the Field Umpire.

### **31. PLAYER POINT SYSTEM.**

31.0 All players in the CMCFL will be assigned a point value using one of the following point allocations:

<b>Local Player</b>	<b>1 Point</b>
<b>Non Local Player</b>	<b>2 Points</b>
<b>Ex WAFL Reserves or state equivalent</b>	<b>3 points</b>
<b>Ex WAFL or state equivalent</b>	<b>4 points</b>
<b>Ex AFL</b>	<b>6 points</b>

**The maximum applicable point allocation is to apply to a player unless he qualifies under bylaw 30.10.**

- 31.1 On or about 1<sup>st</sup> February all players registered in the previous season will be automatically rolled over into the next season with their existing point allocation.
- 31.2 Any player currently registered as at the date of the first playing fixture will not, under any circumstances, have their point allocation amended. Even if the player is transferred out of the league and then back in again during the course of the season. Point allocation can only be amended in the off season, from 1<sup>st</sup> February (rollover date) to 7 days prior to the start of the season.
- 31.3 Previously registered players have until 7 days prior to the first playing date of the current CMCFL season to submit a request for their point allocation to be reviewed. After this date (ie 7 days prior to the first playing date of the CMCFL season) only players qualifying under By Law 30.9 may have their point allocation reassessed.
- 31.4 All players not previously registered or assessed for a point allocation will be required to complete a Player Registration Form which must include the players permanent residential address and a declaration detailing the last dates they played AFL, WAFL or WAFL reserves (or other state equivalent) football level. A point allocation will be made based on the information contained in the Player Registration Form. A point allocation so made will apply for the full playing season.
- 31.5 The maximum number of points for a league team playing in the 2015 CMCFL season will be 38 points except for Lancelin Ledge Point Football Club who will be allocated 39 points as compensation for the short period they have been in the league.
- 31.6 A local is defined as a player whose permanent residential address is within the boundaries of the CMCFL.
- 31.7 The boundaries of the CMCFL are defined as the shire boundaries of the shires of Moora, Dandaragan and Gingin.
- 31.8 A player transferred to a location within the boundaries of the CMCFL through their employment will be considered a local if they meet the criteria as defined in bylaw 5.21 detailing what constitutes a transfer in employment. No additional points will apply for the level of football they have played.
- 31.9 Where a player has left a CMCFL club to play at WAFL Reserves/WAFL/AFL and subsequently returns to play for his original club, he will only be assessed on his residential status and no additional points will be added for the level of football he has achieved.

- 31.10 Any player who played one full season of junior football for a CMCFL junior club will be considered a “Local” player under these rules if he returns to play for the senior club for which he played his junior football.
- 31.11 Any person who attended Lancelin Primary School will be considered a “Local” player for the Lancelin Ledge Point Football Club.
- 31.12 A player deemed to be a local at the start of any season who is subsequently transferred out of the CMCFL Boundaries through his employment or education may continue playing as a local for the remainder of the season provided he has played 3 qualifying games and the transfer occurs after June 30 of that season.
- 31.13 The point allocation for an ex AFL Player will expire at the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> season after his last game at that level of competition.
- 31.14 The point allocation for an ex WAFL player (or state equivalent) will expire at the end of the 4th season after his last game at that level of competition.
- 31.15 The point allocation of an ex WAFL Reserves player (or state equivalent) will expire at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> season after his last game at that level of competition.
- 31.16 Club team sheets for all league games must include the players’ allocated point value written alongside their name. A player’s point allocation will be recorded in Sporting Pulse by the Registrar of the league.
- 31.17 A team that exceeds their maximum point allocation under this bylaw will forfeit their score for that game.
- 31.18 In addition to 30.18 any club found to be in breach of this bylaw will have a \$250 fine imposed for a first offence and a \$250 fine and loss of 4 premierships points for every subsequent offence.
- 31.19 Should a club wish to dispute the points allocated to a player they are to do so in writing to the Registrar stating the reasons why they consider the player point allocation to be incorrect. Such a dispute is to be received by the Registrar within 24 hours of the game played by the player being disputed. Frivolous disputes will not be tolerated or acted upon by the Directors
- 31.20 The club of a player whose point allocation has been disputed will be required to provide satisfactory evidence to enable a determination to be made by the Directors in respect to the disputed point allocation. Such evidence is to be provided to the registrar within 48 hours of the club being notified of the disputed point allocation. Failure to reply within the allocated 48 hours will result in a fine of \$250 and/or loss of score for the game played by the player in dispute.
- 31.21 A player who gives false or misleading information on their “Application for Registration” shall be liable to suspension and/or disqualification as determined by the Directors.
- 31.22 A Club who plays a player who has provided false or misleading information shall be liable to lose premierships points gained and to such further penalties as the Directors shall determine.
- 31.23 Clubs seeking to play a player who has yet to have a point allocation made by the league may undertake a self-assessment rating the player status. Any incorrect rating will result in penalties applying should the points allocation be found to be below the required level or if the incorrect status results in the team total points exceeding the maximum allowable.

- 31.24 Clubs/Players have the right to appeal penalties applied by making lodgement to the Directors.
- 31.25 All League Teams MUST list 22 names on Team Sheet that is submitted to CMCFL as the game day playing list. A penalty of \$250.00 per player below the required 22 players will apply and disqualification of the game at the discretion of the directors.

## **32. DUAL REGISTRATION –(FLY IN –FLY OUT EMPLOYMENT)**

- 32.0 Employees located in country locations on a “fly in-fly out” basis will be permitted to play with a club in the district of their temporary residence without the need to obtain a clearance from their original club.
- 32.1 These players, on producing a certificate from their employer certifying that they are employed on a “fly in-fly out” arrangement and a copy of their work schedule, can be registered with a club in the country League/Association in which they are temporarily residing in addition to their original club. A copy of his registration must be provided to the player’s original League.
- 32.2 NOTE: Leagues and players must be aware that dual registered players whose “first” club is affiliated with the WA Amateur Football League will invalidate their qualifications for registration with that League if they accept match payment fees whilst playing with their “second” club.
- 32.3 These players will be eligible to play in final round matches in both competitions providing they satisfy the qualifying number of games in each.
- 32.4 A player qualifying under this rule may play in only one affiliated League/Association on any one weekend. In addition, players can play with their “second” club only on those weekends they are in their temporary location on their normal “fly in-fly” out employment schedule.
- 32.5 Furthermore, should the employment of the “fly in-fly out” arrangement cease, the dual registration will also cease, and the player if remaining at his temporary location must seek a clearance from his original club before being permitted to continue playing with his “second” club. Such application can be made at any time during the season.
- 32.6 Should the player still be employed on a “fly in-fly out” basis but desires to transfer to another club in the League/Association where he is temporarily residing, or to another League/Association to which he may be transferred in his “fly in – fly out” employment, he must gain a clearance from his second club before being permitted to play with any new club.
- 32.7 Should a player be reported and suspended in either of his dual League competitions a report including date of the incident, details of his offence and length of suspension must be forwarded to his other dual League. That player will not be eligible to play in either competition until such time as the full period of his suspension has expired.