

R & DFA BY-LAWS

Adopted 17th July, 1978

As Revised 25th May, 1982 and again on the 16th August 2009

And the 23rd March 2010 and the 8th April 2010 and the 27th April 2010

We also have a Constitution in which we have also adopted the NFL laws of Australian Football and Winter Sports Bylaws.

AFFILIATION FEES

1 Affiliation Fees will be set at \$100 per Club per season

Last
Change
Date

3/10

TEAM NOMINATIONS

2 No team nominations will be accepted unless all outstanding monies are paid

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ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

3 That each Club have two delegates and two proxy's to attend the Association Meetings and that these delegates be named at the first association meeting of each season and that no other person be entitled to speak or vote 3/81

DELEGATES MEETINGS

4 Delegates Meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

MAJORITY

5 A three fifths majority will carry a motion on unconstitutional matters.

FINES

6 Clubs with no delegates in attendance at Delegates Meetings will be fined \$100 and one delegate in attendance \$5. 6/89

HOME AND AWAY GAMES

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DUTIES

13 It is the duty of each Club to supply one goal umpire, one time keeper, boundary umpires for one side of the ground and score board attendants.

INSURANCE

14 Each Club to be responsible to organise their own player insurance.

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PLAYERS LIST

15 A player not in attendance and dressed to play football by half time cannot have his name on a players list. Players lists are to be perused at half time by an official of each participating Club in the presence of the central umpires.

16 Both players lists are to be handed to a central umpire before the start of each match.

BORROW PLAYERS

17 In the event of a team being short of players they may "borrow" players from the opposing side by means of a day clearance. This clearance is to be signed by the opposing central umpire and one official of each participating Club. A player cleared to another Club by way of a day clearance shall be credited as having played for his own Club. (Such player to be distinctly marked on players list)

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LISTS AND GOAL UMPIRES CARDS

18 Players lists and goal umpires cards are to be forwarded to the Association Secretary as soon as possible after each game by the Club Secretaries.

INTERCHANGE

19 A section in front of the time keepers will be marked by two flags not more than 30' apart and will be as close to the centre of the boundary line as possible. All players except in the case of injury will be changed through these points. If a player is injured and unable to make his way to the flagged section, he may leave the field anywhere but may take no further part in the game.

JUNIORS

20 Juniors , to be eligible to play must be 15 years of age- however 14 year olds may be given permission 5/81 to play under special circumstances upon application to the Association.
The permission is to be ratified by a Delegates Meeting and a letter of permission from parents or guardian to be in Association hands prior to permission being granted.
Also that all players eligible under this Bylaw (ie under 16) be clearly identified by the wearing of purple shorts to indicate to opposition players their age group. Refer to by Law No. 83 3/10 5/89 4/10

UMPIRES - TRAINERS ETC.

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23 By- Law deleted by resolution 3/10

24 Each Club is required to nominate a central umpire if called upon by the Umpires Board to do so.

25 Umpires Panel is to recommend umpires for weekly fixtures to Umpires Board. 5/80

26 All trainers to wear white overalls. 4/80

27 All runners (only 2 per Club game) to wear Club tracksuits. 3/10

28 Umpires to report Clubs trainers and runners dressed incorrectly and that umpires are empowered to order anyone without authorised dress off the ground. 5/80

29 Boundary umpires to be 13 and over (should this not be possible, a younger umpire can be appointed provided both captains agree.) 5/80
Fine for non compliance \$10 - also such non compliance to be reported to the central umpire.

30 Ambulance: To call an ambulance onto the field, the trainer is to raise one arm in the air to alert the central umpire who stops play and allows the ambulance to come on.

31 Goal umpires will change every half. They will meet after every quarter with the central umpires and check the score cards.
Should a discrepancy arise, the goal umpire of whose end the score was kicked has the say.

32 It is the duty of the goal umpires to record all goal kickers on the reverse side of the score card. These are to be checked at the quarter time check of score cards.

FINALS

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37 Goal Umpires, Time Keepers and Boundary Umpires are to be neutral for all final round matches.

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CENTRAL FINAL ROUND UMPIRES

41 Central Final Round Umpires to come from outside the district.

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SCOREBOARD ATTENDANTS

43 Scoreboard attendants to be paid \$5 during the Final round and Association games. They must be over the age of 12 years.

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ASSOCIATION GAMES

44 Original selected players to be notified to Club Presidents by Chairman of Selectors. It is the Clubs individual Presidents responsibility to notify players.

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EQUIPMENT

46 The Association is to supply all equipment necessary to run Association representative games. i.e. Coats, Flags, Whistles, Clock, First Aid etc.

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RAFFLES

47 At Association Matches, no Club or other organisation shall be permitted to conduct raffles or any other such fundraising events without first obtaining permission of the Association. Not home and away games.

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48 Applications for Association Coaches should be called for, early in the season.

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VOTING

51 The Association will adopt a 4 card voting system. Each central umpire will award 3 votes to the best player afield, 2 votes to the second best and 1 vote to the third best on one card. On the other card they will award one vote to the best junior afield. Junior players names are to be clearly marked on the players lists. Central umpires must award a junior vote if there are any juniors in the game. To be classified as a junior, a player must not turn 18 before 1st May. In the event of only one umpire, he shall fill out all 4 cards.

ELIGIBLE

52 Any player found guilty by the P & D Board during the season will not be eligible for the fairest and best trophy or fairest and best junior trophy.

VOTES PRE-CHECKED

53 The fairest and best votes are to be pre-checked. Later to be counted in public, after the first Final.

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TIE

54 In the event of a tie for Fairest and Best, both players will receive recognition without countback. The runner up trophy will be dispensed with for that season.

TIE JUNIOR

55 In the event of a tie for best junior in the senior competition, the Association will purchase a similar trophy and both players will be recognised.

TROPHIES

56 Trophies to be presented at the end of the season will be:

Fairest and Best, Fairest and Best Runner-up, Leading Goalkicker, Fairest and Best Junior, Fairest & Best Player in the Grand Final, Fairest and Best in the Grand Final in the Opposing Side.

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TROPHY COMMITTEE

57 The Trophy Committee shall consist of the Association President, Secretary and one delegate from each club

THE BALL

58 The ball used in the Grand Final is to be presented to the Premiership side. All other balls used by the Association are to be presented in rotation to all Schools in the Association Districts.

59 The Ravensthorpe \$1000 will be divided as follows:

First \$700 only, Second \$300

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Premiership Shield

60 The Premiership Shield will be competed for, for 9 years. Each premiership side that wins the shield will hold that shield for one season. At the completion of the nine year period, the shield will become property of the Association.

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REPORTS P & D

63 Responsibility of advising umpires of reporting procedures belongs to the home Club. 7/79

64 That any form of report card to comply with rule 19.3.1 of NFL Laws of Australian Football is sufficient. 3/10

65 The Protests and Disputes Board will meet at any time designated by the office bearers before noon Thursday of the following week and give a decision prior to the following game. 8/84

66 A) Players charged and those offended against, if any, are required to attend the P & D Meetings in which they are involved. (See 66 B)

66 B) That if a player or his representative does not attend a P & D Board Meeting where he is a player who is reported that, that player be suspended for 1 week above what suspension is normally given by the P & D Board. 7/82

67 Umpires and other persons reporting players are requested to attend P & D Meetings resulting from the Report. Should they feel out of pocket they may present an Account to the Association for consideration of payment. 8/84

68 The Association Secretary/or their delegate is to be present at all P & D Meetings to record proceedings. 8/84

GENERAL

APPEAL

69 An Appeal may be lodged by any means whatsoever with the Secretary. 7/78

70 By- Law deleted by resolution

CASTING VOTE

71 That the President only have a casting vote on matters other than the Constitution and Bylaws. 6/88

MEETINGS

72 That meetings be held in Ravensthorpe. 2/83

73 By- Law deleted by resolution

UMPIRES BOARD

74 That Constitution Rule 28 would not be invoked without prior cancellation with the umpires council. 3/10

RED CARD

75 Resolved that we do not have prescribed penalties at this time. 4/99

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INTERCHANGE

76 That each participating club appoint an interchange steward on the day (to be recorded on the team list) to supervise the provision of the red and yellow card rule.

COMPETITIVE GAME

77 Competitive Games ie. Playing for premiership points. 3/04

That in the event of one team turning up with less than 18 players (remembering that 13 is the minimum to have a game) -that players get divided evenly between the clubs with one reserve, ie:14 is 13 + 1, 15 is 14 +1, 16 is 15+1 and so on. ie: one team can have 18 +1 reserve and one can have 18 + 4 reserves. Uneven numbers become reserves ie: one club may have for example; 16+2 reserves.

Please note: Adjustment to competitive games 26/04/05. 4/05

That this By-law ie. 18 players is only applicable prior to the game ie. If a team starts with 18 and 3 are injured (say in the last quarter), no player adjustment is required from the opposing side and this also applies to the equal number ruling. ie . This rule does not take into account injuries during the match.

FORFEITED GAMES IE. LESS THAN 13

- 1) Less than 13 is a forfeit. 03/04
- 2) If the opposing side fronts with the required number, players are credited as having played for their club. ie. A team list is submitted to the R & DFA for accreditation.
- 3) An unofficial game may then take place subject to the following:
 - 1) That if possible numbers can be made up by the other team with the required numbers, needed to make equal numbers coming from the side with more players, drawn from a hat (i.e excess players)
 - 2) Likewise a team not fixtured to play can offer players to also be drawn from the same hat. 4/10
 - 3) Deleted by resolution 4/10
 - 4) **After 30/6 no out of the hat but still flexibility - re Super Rules or other rules**

PLAYING TIME

78 By- Law deleted by resolution 3/10

FOOTBALLS

79 Yellow Burley footballs to be used. 3/06

CENTREBOUNCE

80 That we request a throw up at bounce downs. 7/06

JUNIORS

81 That we run juniors the same as our bylaws state and that we disband Auskick. 3/08
That Auskick to still have a time allocation ie. 11.30am 4/08

VOTES

82 That votes be cast on scratch matches as long as the player is registered, and has played to the rules ie. Numbers a side etc, Type of football etc. 3/09

PURPLE SHORTS

83 That purple shorts does not give immunity to the rules of football and they can be yellow carded the same as anyone else. 4/09

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DUAL REGISTRATION

84 Definition A (Priority 1): The Club that the player plays for including the finals until eliminated
(Priority 2): The Club the player can play for including the finals when priority 1 team is eliminated.

"2 Games for a Priority 2 player to qualify for the finals"

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"1 match suspension for any player that plays for a Priority 2 Club when they have a Priority 1 fixture unless an agreed forfeiture has been made"

OLDER PLAYERS

85 45 year olds playing competitive football to have the option of wearing purple shorts to indicate to opposition players their age group. 4/10