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## SECTION 1 GENERAL

### 1 INTERPRETATIONS

- 1.1 **“Affiliated League”** means a football league which has affiliated with SACFL under rule 9.4 of the SACFL Constitution.
- 1.2 **“Transfer”** means an approval to transfer a player from a Member Club or Affiliated League Club to another Member Club or Affiliated League Club.
- 1.3 **“Player Registration and Transfer Form”** means a form to be completed by a player seeking approval to transfer as a player from one Australian Football Club to another Australian Football Club.
- 1.4 **“Division”** means one of the groupings in which The League is divided for the purpose of competition.
- 1.5 **“Executive Committee”** means the committee appointed under Clause 13 of the SA Amateur Football League Constitution.
- 1.6 **“Investigation Committee”** means the committee appointed by The League under Clause 11 of the SAAFL Constitution.
- 1.7 **“Match”** means any match of Australian Football.
- 1.8 **“Member Club”** means a Club affiliated with the Adelaide Footy League.
- 1.9 **“Official”** includes but is not limited to an officer, coach, assistant coach, trainer, runner, employee or any other person performing any duties (paid or unpaid) for or on behalf of a Member Club or team.
- 1.10 **“Player”** means a person who is registered to play football with a Member Club.
- 1.11 **“Registration”** means the act of registering a player to compete in the Adelaide Footy League.
- 1.12 **“Rules and Regulations”** means these Rules and Regulations.
- 1.13 **“SAAFL”** means the South Australian Amateur Football League.
- 1.14 **“Adelaide Footy League”** is the trading name of the South Australian Amateur Football League competition.
- 1.15 **“SACFL”** means the South Australian Community Football League.
- 1.16 **“SANFL”** means the South Australian National Football League.
- 1.17 **“SANFL League Club”** means a League Club as defined in the SANFL Constitution.
- 1.18 **“The League”** means the SA Amateur Football League Incorporated and/or its trading name Adelaide Footy League.
- 1.19 **“Tribunal”** means the Tribunal appointed by The League under Clause 11 of the SAAFL Constitution.
- 1.20 **“Umpire”** means a person officiating in matches conducted by The League.
- 1.21 **“Adelaide Footy Women”** is the trading name of the South Australian Women’s Football League competition.

### 2 MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

- 2.1 The League has the power to determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations which decision will be subject to the approval of The League Executive Committee before having any force or effect.

### 3 ALTERATIONS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 3.1 These Rules and Regulations can be altered, rescinded or added to at any time by the Adelaide Footy Board or Adelaide Footy Women Sub-Committee or at an Annual General Meeting
- 3.2 At any meeting of the of the General Committee, the General Committee may by ordinary resolution alter or repeal any of the clauses of the Rules and Regulations made hereunder or may make new Rules and Regulations to the exclusion of or in addition to any of the Rules and Regulations made hereunder.

- 3.3 Notice in writing of such ordinary resolution shall be lodged with The League at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting of the General Committee at which the motion is to be put.
- 3.4 The League shall give notice of such motion to each Member Club at least seven (7) before the meeting of the General Committee at which the motion is put.
- 3.5 The motion shall be passed by a simple majority of the General Committee.
- 3.6 A prior resolution of a meeting of the General Committee shall not be repealed or amended within twelve (12) months from the time of the prior resolution unless a meeting of the general Committee by Special Resolution of Two thirds of the Delegates present and entitled to vote, resolve to repeal or amend such prior resolution. A prior resolution may be repealed or amended after twelve (12) months by way of a simple majority.

## 4 THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE

- 4.1 To the exclusion of the General Committee The League Executive may
  - (a) Determine the remuneration of umpires
  - (b) Order from time to time the method of determining which team may be relegated and which team may be promoted.
  - (c) Consider allegations and complaints and protests arising from the playing of an unregistered player by a Member Club
  - (d) Impose penalties prescribed by The League's Constitution and these Rules and Regulations in respect of any Member Club or any member of any Member Club who willfully or negligently misleads any officer of The League in the performance of their duties, the General Committee, The Executive Committee or any Sub-Committee of The League or the Tribunal.
  - (e) Receive, consider and implement as it sees fit recommendations made by the Tribunal.
  - (f) Require the attendance before it of such person as it may consider appropriate to enable it to determine any complaint, protest or dispute.
  - (g) Appoint such Sub-Committees as it deems appropriate
  - (h) Determine the cost to each Member Club to register the players of that Member Club for any year and the time for which such payments shall be made.
  - (i) Receive, investigate and determine any appeal lodged by a player in respect of a clearance being refused.
  - (j) Prescribe the forms of The League to be used.
  - (k) Determine starting times for all matches.
  - (l) Appoint League representative team coaches upon such conditions as it sees fit.
  - (m) Appoint League representative team selection committee(s) as it sees fit.
  - (n) Direct Member Clubs to appoint Umpires for any match of The League as it sees fit.
  - (o) Consider and determine applications to replay any match of The League.
  - (p) Determine the manner for awarding the trophies of The League.
  - (q) Fix remuneration of any employee of The League.
  - (r) Appoint central, boundary and goal umpires.
  - (s) Order the forfeit of any match for non-compliance with the Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.
  - (t) Without previous charge, protest or complaint, initiate a meeting of the Investigation Committee, should it consider an enquiry justified in the interest of The League.
  - (u) To enquire into all charges, complaints, protests and allegations concerning umpires, officials, Delegates, Member Clubs or players.
  - (v) Impose upon any persons listed hereunder a penalty not exceeding \$2,000.00
    - (i) A person who in the opinion of The Executive Committee gives false evidence at the hearing of an Investigation.

- (ii) A person who insults the Executive Committee or any person giving evidence at the hearing of any investigation.
- (iii) A person who willfully misbehaves at hearing of any investigation.
- (iv) A person who refuses to obey the direction of the Executive Committee consequent upon an investigation initiated by it pursuant to Clause 2.1 (t) or enquiry pursuant to Clause 2.1 (u).
- (w) The power to impose penalties in respect of any person who fails to comply with a request from the Executive Committee to attend before it.

## **SECTION 2 CLUB AFFILIATION**

### **5 CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION**

- 5.1 Application from a club seeking admission to The League shall make its application on such application form as prescribed by The League and to be received by The League not later than the thirty first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of November of the year preceding that to which admission is sought.
- 5.2 The application shall include:
  - (a) The names and addresses of the applicant club office bearers and committee members.
  - (b) Front and rear view photographs of the proposed uniform(s) of the applicant club.
  - (c) The location of the applicant club's oval(s), change rooms and club rooms (where applicable) and whether such oval(s) and facilities are shared or not and upon what basis and with whom.
  - (d) The number of teams, the minimum number being two (2) senior teams, the applicant club desires to compete in The League.
  - (e) A nomination of the Division(s) in which each team of the applicant club desires to compete.
- 5.3 Any other information that from time to time The League directs to form part of the applicant club's application.
- 5.4 All applicant clubs which are admitted to The League shall pay an Affiliation Fee as determined by The League.
- 5.5 For the purpose of considering any application for admission to The League, The League retains the right to examine and inspect the applicant club's records, oval(s), change rooms, clubroom and facilities.
- 5.6 The League may make any recommendations as it sees fit concerning such applicant club's oval(s), change rooms, clubrooms or facilities.
- 5.7 Where the applicant club has more than one team desiring to compete in The League, The League may reject such application in respect of one or more of the applicant club's teams.
- 5.8 The League shall approve the applicant club's uniform including, if applicable, its away match uniform.
- 5.9 The decision of The League shall be final in respect of whether the applicant club's application is accepted or rejected.

### **6 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE**

- 6.1 Each current Member Club seeking renewal of its membership with The League for the next playing season shall make its application on such renewal form as prescribed by The League and to be received by The League not later than the thirty first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of October of the year preceding that to which renewal is sought and shall include
  - (a) Front and Rear view photographs of the proposed uniform(s) must be provided to The League.
  - (b) A nomination of the Division(s) in which each team of the Member Club desires to complete.
  - (c) Any other information that from time to time The League directs to form part of the application.
  - (d) A fee as determined by The League shall be deducted from that Member Club's subscriptions for the forthcoming season.

- 6.2 An application for admission from a club which was not a Member Club in the current playing season is to be received by The League not later than the thirty first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of October of the year preceding that to which membership with The League is sought and shall include:
- (a) front and rear view photographs of the proposed uniform(s).
  - (b) a nomination of the Division(s) in which each team of the Member Club desires to compete.
    - (i) the number of teams, such Member Club desires to field in The League.
  - (c) any other information that from time to time The League directs to form part of the application.
  - (d) a fee as determined by The League shall be deducted from that Member Club's subscriptions for the forthcoming season.
- 6.3 A Member Club making application for any additional team(s) shall pay a fee to The League by no later than thirty first (31<sup>st</sup>) January in the year to which the application is sought.
- 6.4 In the event that a Member Club withdraws such additional team prior to the date determined by The League the fee shall be refunded in full to the Member Club. In the event that a Member Club withdraws its additional team after the date determined by The League, no part of the Member Club's fee shall be refunded.
- 6.5 For the purpose of considering any application for renewal of its membership to The League, The League retains the right to examine and inspect the Member Club's records, oval(s), change rooms, clubrooms and facilities.
- 6.6 The League may make any recommendations as it sees fit concerning such Member Club oval(s), change rooms, clubrooms or facilities.
- 6.7 Where the Member Club has more than one team desiring to compete in The League, The League may reject such application in respect of one or more of the Member Club's teams.
- 6.8 Any Member Club withdrawing a team or teams after the date determined by The League in that particular season shall pay a fee to The League as determined by The League.
- 6.9 Any Member Club withdrawing a team or teams during the season shall pay part of or total of the annual subscriptions as The League may see fit.
- 6.10 Any Member Club expelled or suspended shall lose all its rights and privileges conferred the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations made hereunder and shall not be entitled to any refund of monies paid save that such Member Club expelled or suspended may make an application for admission to The League in accordance with Clause 6 of these Rules and Regulations.
- 6.11 No Member Club may participate in any competition of The League whilst any affiliation fees are in arrears.

## **7 MEMBER CLUB DELEGATES**

- 7.1 A Member Club must appoint a Delegate to attend meetings of the General Committee on the Member Club's behalf.
- 7.2 Should a Delegate or Proxy of a Member Club fail to attend in person at more than two (2) consecutive compulsory meetings of the General Committee, the General Committee may by resolution call upon the Member Club whose Delegate has failed to attend to appoint another Delegate.
- 7.3 Any Delegate or Proxy of the General Committee unable to attend a meeting of the General Committee may appoint a replacement for that meeting providing the Chief Executive Officer is advised prior to the commencement of the meeting at which the replacement attends.

## **8 ACCREDITATION OF OFFICIALS**

- 8.1 The appointed coach of each team of all Member Clubs shall attain a minimum level of Coaching Accreditation as determined by The League prior to coaching an official match of The League.

- 8.2 If an appointed coach continues to coach having not obtained the necessary accreditation as prescribed in Clause 8.1, The League shall have the power to impose a penalty or fine upon either the unaccredited coach or such coach's Member Club which it deems appropriate.
- 8.3 An appointed trainer of any team of any Member Club shall have a current Senior First Aid, CPR Certificate and Level 1 Sports Trainers accreditation at the commencement of the current season.
- 8.4 If an appointed trainer has not obtained the necessary accreditation as prescribed in Clause 8.3, The League shall have the power to impose a penalty or fine upon either the unaccredited trainer or the trainer's Member Club.
- 8.5 A Member Club umpire shall be accredited to an appropriate level as determined by The League once such umpire has umpired five (5) or more Adelaide Footy League matches.

## **9 FEES AND FINES**

- 9.1 Member Club annual subscriptions for all Divisions do not include umpire's fees for any matches played in The League.
- 9.2 Each Member Club shall pay their subscriptions in 4 instalments which are due and payable by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 31<sup>st</sup> July each year.
- 9.3 A Member Club may apply in writing for alternative payment methods which shall be considered by The League provided the application is made no later than 7 days prior to the due date of the payment.
- 9.4 Any additional Member Club related charges as determined by The League shall be added each season when applicable.
- 9.5 The League may impose a fine on a Member Club, official or player for breaching or failing to comply with The League's Rules and Regulations and/or in accordance with the Fines List. (APPENDIX 3).
- 9.6 The League, the Executive Committee, the Tribunal or the Investigation Committee may also impose a fine not listed on the Fines List to a Member Club, official, coach or player for breaching or failing to comply with The League's Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution.
- 9.7 A financial penalty may be imposed by The League on any outstanding subscription, fee or fine as determined by The League.
- 9.8 Any Member Club failing to pay any subscription, fee, fine or other payment for which the Club is liable by the due date as determined by The League may be deemed unfinancial and all teams of the Member Club may be suspended by The League until such monies are paid.
- 9.9 Any Member Club which is deemed unfinancial may not be permitted to participate in any further matches of The League, including major round matches. The team which the defaulting Member Club is due to play shall be awarded the match.
- 9.10 Any unfinancial Member Clubs re-nomination for the following season shall not be accepted until any outstanding amount(s) is paid.
- 9.11 Member Club may appeal a fine issued by The League subject to:
- (a) Any appeal against a fine shall be lodged to The League on the Appeal Of Fine Issued form (APPENDIX 4) within seven (7) days of the date of issue of such fine.
  - (b) The Appeal Of Fine Issued form shall be signed by the President or Chairman of the Member Club forwarding the appeal.

## **10 INSURANCE**

- 10.1 All Member Clubs shall comply with the insurance requirements as directed by The League.

## **11 OFFICIAL FOOTBALL**

- 11.1 All footballs used in any official match of The League shall be the football designated as the official football of The League in that particular season.

## SECTION 3 UNIFORMS

### 12 PLAYING UNIFORMS

- 12.1 Upon The League approving the type and style of the uniform of the Member Club, such uniform shall be deemed to be the registered uniform of that Member Club.
- 12.2 Unless The League determines otherwise, each and every player participating in a match of The League shall wear the registered uniform of their Member Club.
- 12.3 Players representing Member Clubs during matches of The League shall wear approved Adelaide Footy League licensed apparel.
- 12.4 The playing number shall be securely fixed to the back of all players' guernseys for all matches of The League.
- 12.5 The League may impose a fine to a Member Club for each player infringing any provisions of Clauses 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4.

### 13 CHANGE OF UNIFORM

- 13.1 Any changes of a Member Club's uniform, or any additional new uniform(s), shall be approved by The League.
- 13.2 When a Member Club desires to change to or add any new uniform(s) such Member Club shall supply artwork(s) of both the front and the rear view of their proposed new uniform(s) including shorts and socks to The League prior to the twenty eighth (28<sup>th</sup>) of February in that particular season.
- 13.3 The League shall determine the Member Club's proposed uniform(s) changes and/or additional uniform(s) submission(s).

### 14 LOGOS ON UNIFORM(S)

- 14.1 All Member Club guernsey's shall be badged with the approved Adelaide Footy League logo and The League sponsor logo. Under 18 guernsey's are exempt from being badged with The League Sponsor logo.
  - (a) The Adelaide Footy League logo shall be 90mm x 65mm in diameter and the top of the logo be positioned 75mm below the shoulder join on the front right side of the guernsey. The reverse logo is to be substituted on dark coloured guernseys.
  - (b) The League Sponsor logo shall be 85mm x 50mm in size and the top of the logo be positioned 170mm below the shoulder join on the front right side of the guernsey.
- 14.2 A maximum of a further two club logos that each are permitted to be displayed on the front left chest area of the guernsey in similar positions to The League and The League sponsor logo. Each logo shall not exceed 90mm in diameter.
- 14.3 A logo on the front of a guernsey may be placed at the same height as the largest logo on the back of the guernsey but shall not exceed 300mm x 80mm in size.
- 14.4 A logo on the back of a guernsey may be placed under the guernsey playing number but shall not exceed 300mm x 80mm in size.
- 14.5 A logo on the back of a guernsey may be placed above the guernsey playing number but shall not exceed 150mm x 40mm in size.
- 14.6 A maximum of three logo as prescribed by the League are be placed together side by side near the bottom left corner of the front of the guernsey but shall not exceed 50mm x 50mm each.
- 14.7 All Member Club football shorts of The League shall incorporate the following logos
  - (a) on the vertical side panel on both sides of the shorts in the following order from the top of the shorts
    - (i) An Adelaide Footy League logo of no more than 30mm x 30mm in size.
    - (ii) A manufacturer's logo of no greater than 30mm x 30mm in size.

- (b) Two (2) club sponsors logos are permitted on a player's shorts. The logo on a player's shorts shall not exceed 640 square millimetres in area and shall be placed on either front leg panel. For the shapes the maximum dimensions are:-
- (i) Circle – 80mm in diameter.
  - (ii) Square – 80mm x 80mm.
  - (iii) Rectangle – 100mm x 60mm.
- 14.8 All Member Club football socks shall incorporate the following logo  
the approved supplier logo placed on both sides of the sock centred half way up the sock from the start of the ankle not including the turn down or foot.

## 15 UNIFORM CLASHES

- 15.1 A Member Club shall have a uniform design approved by The League to differentiate it from that of another Member Club(s) uniform.
- 15.2 In the event of The League determining that uniforms of any two Member Clubs playing each other in any official match of The League clash the provisions of Clauses 15.3 and 15.4 shall apply.
- 15.3 ~~Intentionally deleted. The Member Club designated as playing at its home ground shall wear their approved SAAFLAdelaide Footy League licensed colour (not white) shorts and The Member Club designated as playing away from its home ground shall wear white shorts, except for major round matches where the highest ranked team shall wear the shorts of their choice.~~
- 15.4 The Member Club designated as playing away from its home ground shall change its guernsey for that match so as to remove the clash.
- 15.5 A fine may be imposed upon a Member Club for each player infringing any provisions of Clause 15.3 and/or 15.4.
- 15.6 Should a dispute arise as to any determination made pursuant to Clause 15.2 hereof a decision shall be obtained from The League.
- 15.7 Should any Member Club have a guernsey clash such Member Club may hire a set of guernseys from The League
- (a) A fee shall be invoiced to the Member Club for the loan of these guernseys.
  - (b) A further fee shall be invoiced for any damaged or non-return of any guernsey.
  - (c) All guernseys shall be clean and dry when returned to The League no later than the Tuesday afternoon following the match in which they were used.

## SECTION 4      PLAYER AFFILIATION

### 16 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS

- 16.1 A player shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) years of age to be registered with The League. For a player to be eligible to play in the Open Women's Competition she must be 16 years of age or older as at 1st January in the year of the competition. Underage players may be eligible to apply for dispensation. Refer to the Appendix 10 Dispensation Policy.
- 16.2 Subject to The League's Rules and Regulations no player shall be permitted to play for a Member Club unless they first complete details and sign a Player Registration and Transfer Form (APPENDIX 1) and become a registered player of The League.
- 16.3 A player desiring to register as a player of The League and whom
- (a) Has played an official match in any other Australian Football league or association or Member Club during the last twenty four (24) months and was over the age of fifteen (15) at the time of such registration, and/or
  - (b) Has played with or was registered with any club prior to, or at the same time, as playing in the SANFL (regardless of how long ago this may have been) shall request and obtain a transfer from the other league or association or Member Club where such player was previously registered.
  - (c) All transfer applications shall be lodged into SportsTG during the following periods
    - (i) The month of November in the year prior to which the transfer application is sought.
    - (ii) The first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of February to the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of June in the year in which the transfer application is sought.
  - (d) Any player Registration and Transfer Form shall be lodged into SportsTG prior to a player playing a match in The League.
- 16.4 A player who is required to obtain a transfer shall complete and sign in their own handwriting a Player Registration and Transfer form, and if such player is under eighteen (18) years of age the transfer application shall be also signed by a parent or guardian of the player.
- 16.5 All transfer applications shall be lodged into SportsTG Online Player Management System during the following periods
- (a) The month of November in the year prior to which the transfer application is sought.
  - (b) The first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of February to the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of June in the year in which the transfer application is sought.
- 16.6 A transfer shall be accepted or declined through SportsTG within six (6) clear business days, inclusive of the date from when the transfer was requested.
- 16.7 Should the releasing Member Club not respond to the transfer request within the time specified in Clause 16.6 the player shall be deemed to have been transferred in accordance with Clause 16.3.
- 16.8 Where it is not possible for a player to obtain a transfer under Clause 16.3 because the club, league, association or previous Adelaide Footy League Member Club with which the player was last registered has ceased to exist The League may authorise the transfer of that player.
- 16.9 Should a player wish to withdraw their transfer application, the player shall complete the Player Withdrawal of Transfer form (APPENDIX 7). The player's current registered Member Club shall submit this form to The League when refusing the transfer within six (6) clear business days from the date in which the transfer application was submitted.
- 16.10 A transfer sought from any club, league or association, apart from a Member Club of The League, shall comply with the rules and conditions as specified in the SACFL Regulations, in particular Regulations 8 – 17 inclusive.

- 16.11 Any player registered with a Member Club in either the current or previous year and who is transferred to another league, association or Member Club in the current year shall only be transferred back to the original Member Club within the current year, unless the original Member Club agrees to such other transfer.
- 16.12 A player who has no financial indebtedness or contractual obligation to their previous Member Club shall not be refused a transfer.
- (a) If a player's indebtedness to a Member Club is player subscriptions, the amount owing shall only apply to the player's year prior to the year in which they seek a transfer.
  - (b) A player who only played one (1) match for a Member Club in the year previous to the year in which they seek a transfer shall be exempt from paying any outstanding subscriptions from the previous year when applying for a transfer to another Member Club.
  - (c) A player who played two (2) or three (3) matches for a Member Club in the year previous to the year in which they seek a transfer shall not be refused such transfer provided the player pays fifty percent (50%) of their outstanding subscriptions owing to a Member Club from their previous year with such Member Club.
  - (d) The only recognised contractual obligation by The League is the SACFL Playing Contract form (APPENDIX 2).
- 16.13 Services Required is acceptable as a valid reason for refusal of an application for transfer between Member Clubs only when a player has played a minimum of one match for the Member Club during the current season.
- 16.14 Any player refused a transfer by a Member Club may appeal in writing to The League which shall have the power to investigate, hear and determine such appeal and retains the right to permit the registration of such player despite the fact that no transfer has been obtained.
- 16.15 Any player refused a transfer by any league, association or Member Club shall not be eligible to apply for registration in The League in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.
- 16.16 Any player whom does not require a transfer shall become registered with The League when the player has registered online as a new player with their Member Club into SportsTG prior to the commencement of the player's first match with the Member Club.
- 16.17 A player under suspension or disqualification imposed by any other league or association shall be eligible for registration as a player of The League but shall be ineligible to play in The League until such disqualification or suspension has
- (a) Expired within the league or association from which the player seeks the transfer.
  - (b) Been suspended.
  - (c) Been annulled by such other league or association.
- 16.18 A player's contract will not be valid until
- (a) The player's contract is lodged with The League, or
  - (b) The player's registration has been entered into SportsTG, or
  - (c) The transfer request has been approved.
- 16.19 A player shall be registered with only one Member Club at any given time.
- 16.20 It is the responsibility of the Member Club to keep all original Player Registration and Transfer forms and supply such records to The League upon request within 48 hours of such request.
- 16.21 It is the responsibility of the Member Clubs to ensure each player meets the Code of Behaviour (APPENDIX 8) standards required by The League.
- 16.22 If a player and/or Member Club lists incorrect information on the player's Player Registration and Transfer form or incorrect information into SportsTG, such player shall be deemed to be unregistered and The League may impose a penalty and/or fine to the offending player and/or the Member Club.

- 16.23 Any player who has been suspended for a total of 12 matches or more shall have their registration to play within The League withdrawn but may request a transfer to any other league or association at the completion of their suspension.
- 16.24 A Member Club player who has had their registration to play within The League withdrawn after being suspended for a total of 12 or more matches may apply in writing to The League for reinstatement.
- 16.25 The League shall be entitled to withdraw or rescind a player registration or transfer.
- 16.26 The League may impose a penalty including but not limited to a fine and/or the loss of any premiership points and/or any score kicked if any Member Club plays or has played a player in a match whom is unregistered, not transferred, suspended, is over-age (in Under 18 Divisions), plays under an incorrect name or was not eligible to play in the major round.
- 16.27 A Member Club may refuse a transfer for a player if three (3) players have previously transferred from such Member Club to the same destination Member Club in the current season except where both Member Clubs agree.
- (a) The following players will be exempt for the purposes of this clause
- (i) A player who has previously played 25 or more matches for the Member Club applying for such transfer.
  - (ii) A player who has played less than four (4) matches in the prior season for the source Member Club.

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- 16.28 No more than five (5) SANFLW listed players in total and no more than two (2) SANFLW listed players from any one Division 1 Member Club or one (1) SANFLW listed players from any other Member Club who have been selected in more than two (2) SANFLW matches in the current calendar year may transfer or play under permit to any one Member Club within the current season.
- 16.29 Applications for exemptions to 16.28 shall be directed to The League in writing. Such application for exemption will be either accepted or denied by The League at its discretion.
- 16.30 A player registered with a Member Club or registered with a club from an affiliated League may be granted a Type 2 permit to play for a different Member Club for the promotion of football. A player on a Type 2 permit approved for the promotion of football may compete in finals provided eligibility requirements outlined in Section 7 are met. The permit will only be approved if the following is met;
- i. Both clubs agree
  - ii. The player is playing for the secondary club in an age group not currently offered at their primary club
- 16.31 The League reserves the right to deny or revoke a Type 2 permit issued for the promotion of football at its discretion
- 16.32 Any player Registration and Transfer Form shall be lodged into Sports TG and approved online in full by the Source Club, Source League or Association, the Destination Club, The League and the player seeking registration prior to a player playing in a match of The League.

## 17 APPROVED PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM

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## 18 SALARY CAP

- 18.1 Player Payments within The League will be in accordance to the SACFL Regulation 31 Total Player Payments except for the following variations to the SACFL Regulation

- (a) The Total Player Payments for each minor round or major round match that a Member Club is participating in is to be no more than \$3,000.00.
- (b) A maximum Player Payment per match is \$400.00 per player.
- (c) There is no provision for Marquee Player payments.
- (d) There is no Player Payments for Representative matches played.

## 19 REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- 19.1 A player selected to represent The League in State or Representative matches shall be released from the Member Club to whom they are registered.

## 20 UNDER 18 DIVISIONS

- 20.1 Member Clubs may include team(s) in the Under 18 Division(s) of The League.
- 20.2 Under 18 ½ team(s) shall be restricted to include only players whom are under 19 years of age on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of July in the year in which they are applying to play in The League.
- 20.3 Any Member Club competing in the Under 18 Division of The League may nominate and include up to three (3) players who turn 19 years of age before the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of July but after and inclusive of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of January in the year for which they are applying to play in The League.
- (a) Member Clubs shall advise The League of such player(s) prior to the player(s) participating in the Under 18 Division.
  - (b) Any such player who plays a senior (A Grade) game for a Member Club is then no longer eligible to play a match in the Under 18 Division in the current season.
  - (c) Any such player who plays three (3) senior matches for the Member Club is then no longer eligible to play a match in the Under 18 Division in the current season. (Note: A senior match is any senior Division match)
  - (d) The League may upon conducting a dispensation assessment, withdraw the permit for an overage player to compete in the Under 18 Division

### Summary

Born after 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2000	No Restrictions
Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul 1999 – 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1999	No Restrictions
Born between 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 1999 – 30 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1999	Maximum 3 players per match with further restrictions for senior football – Permit required – refer 12.2 (b)

- 20.4 The forms for registering Under 18 Players are the same as the Player Registration and Transfer forms used by all Member Clubs with the exception that Under 18 forms are to be marked “Under 18”.
- 20.5 An Under 18 player shall not become a registered player of The League unless evidence of identity (current drivers licence, Passport or Birth Certificate) showing the date of birth of the registering player is attached to their Player Registration and Transfer form.
- 20.6 An Under 18 player whom plays a match for a SANFL club may also play for their Member Club in the same round of matches in The League’s Under 18 Divisions.
- 20.7 An Under 18 player returning from playing a match in the SANFL may only play for the Member Club with which they are registered.
- 20.8 Member Club’s may field a maximum of 22 players in any Under 18 match of The League.
- (a) A minimum of 12 players per team shall be fielded to constitute a match.
  - (b) Each team shall play with an equal number of players (12 – 16 on field) during the minor round.
  - (c) If a player leaves the playing field due to injury and there is no replacement player available, at the quarter, half time or three-quarter time break, the opposing team is required to remove one of their players from the playing field to ensure the number of players on each team remains the

same. This clause shall not apply when a player is sent from the field in accordance with Clauses 49, 50 and 51.

- (d) A team may field 16 players during any major round match regardless of the opposing Member Club's playing numbers.
  - (e) The two Member Club's Team Managers shall confirm with each other at the commencement of the half time break of the match being played that all players listed on the two Team Sheets are in attendance at the venue and are attired in official playing uniform. If any player listed on either Team Sheet does not meet these requirements, the player's name shall be removed from the field umpire's copy of the Team Sheet. Such player shall not be replaced and is deemed not to have played in this match.
- 20.9 By agreement between two Member Clubs playing each other in an Under 18 match, the two teams competing may supply the opposing side a registered player, provided they are entered on the Team Sheet of The League clearly indicating that they are from the opposing team. No transfer is required when such teams are opposed to each other in the current match.
- 20.10 All coaches of the Under 18 Member Club's Division shall consent to being subject to a Police check. The Police Authority to Access Person History Information form shall be completed 30 days prior to the commencement of the minor round.
- 20.11 Eligibility for the major round shall be as defined in Clause 44.

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## 21 PLAYERS PLAYING IN THE SANFLW AND AFLW

- 21.1 A player who is registered in accordance with Clause 16.2 and whom plays for a team competing in the SANFL competition shall not require a transfer to resume playing for the Member Club to whom they are registered provided they have previously been transferred to their Member Club from their immediate last Australian Football club.
- 21.2 A player who is listed on an SANFL club's 1 - 35 player list in the current playing season shall submit written permission from their SANFL club to The League prior to them playing for their Member Club.
- 21.3 When a registered player of a Member Club plays a league or reserves match for an SANFL club, which then has a bye in the following SANFL minor round, such player shall not play (with the exception of The League Under 18's Divisions) in that round for such player's Member Club or for any other Member Club unless the player has played a combined minimum total of twenty five (25) or more Senior and Junior matches with such Member Club.
- (a) The player shall submit written permission from their SANFL Club to The League prior to them playing for their Member Club.
- (b) Junior football is deemed as matches played from the year in which the player turns 13 years of age.
- 21.4 On a SANFL bye round, players playing in SANFL Under 18's may play with their Member Club in any Division after advising in writing and receiving approval from The League prior to them playing for their Member Club.
- 21.5 An SANFL state match where the SANFL clubs do not play is considered as a SANFL club bye.
- 21.6 An AFLW player is defined as any player who has competed in an AFLW match in the preceding 12 months. AFLW players are eligible for selection subject to the following;
- (i) An AFLW player may only be selected in her club's highest division, except where an exemption has been granted from The League.
- (ii) A team may list a maximum of 3 AFLW players on a team sheet for a match in any division
- 21.7 A SANFLW player is defined as any player who has competed in a SANFLW match in the preceding 12 months. SANFLW players are eligible for selection subject to the following;
- (i) A SANFLW player may only be selected in her club's highest division, except where an exemption has been granted from The League.

## 22 PERMIT COMMITTEE

- 22.1 The League shall appoint a Permit Committee.
- 22.2 The Permit Committee shall have the power to issue a permit to any player whether registered or not to participate in a match conducted by The League on such conditions as it deems appropriate.
- 22.3 No permit shall be issued for over-age players competing within the Under 18 Divisions.
- 22.4 No permit shall be issued to players playing in other leagues or associations where that league or association has a bye round in the same weekend except those made under Clause 21.

## SECTION 5 UMPIRES

### 23 UMPIRE APPLICATIONS

- 23.1 An Umpiring Manager shall be appointed by The League.
- 23.2 Applications for League and Member Club appointed field umpires, boundary umpires and goal umpires shall be on the form prescribed by The League.

- 23.3 All umpires making application to The League shall consent to being subject to a Police Check. The Police Authority to Access Person History Information form shall be completed when such application to The League is made.
- 23.4 Applications made in accordance with Clause 23 shall be forwarded to The League. Such application shall then be forwarded to the Umpiring Manager for consideration.

## 24 UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

- 24.1 A Member Club shall supply a field, boundary and/or goal umpire(s) when directed by The League. Such field umpire shall have the same powers accorded to them as if they were appointed by the Umpiring Manager.
- (a) Failure to supply such umpire(s) as directed shall result in a fine being imposed to the Member Club.
- 24.2 Field umpires supplied by a Member Club shall remain in their Club's back half of the playing field for the duration of all matches of The League.
- 24.3 All field umpires shall be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age.
- 24.4 All boundary and goal umpires shall be a minimum of fourteen (14) years of age.
- 24.5 The Umpiring Manager shall appoint and allocate umpires for matches conducted by The League.
- 24.6 Any umpire appointed by the Umpiring Manager shall not appoint a substitute to fill their match duties unless authorised by the Umpiring Manager.
- 24.7 An umpire appointed by the Umpiring Manager whom is unable to fulfil their match duties shall notify the Umpiring Manager prior to noon on the day prior to the match.
- 24.8 Should a field umpire appointed by the Umpiring Manager or a Member Club appointed umpire fail to appear at a match ten minutes prior to the appointed starting time the captains of the two teams playing shall in consultation and agreement with any appointed field umpire of The League at the ground agree upon terms for the match to proceed.
- (a) The field umpire(s) agreed upon shall have the powers accorded to them as if they were appointed by the Umpiring Manager.
- (b) In the event of no agreement being reached by the two captains and any appointed field umpire of The League at the ground the home Club Match Day Official shall appoint a replacement field umpire(s) and the match shall proceed.
- (c) Should both field umpires fail to arrive, the match may proceed with only one field umpire provided the two captains agree on the choice of the sole field umpire.

## 25 UMPIRES DUTIES

- 25.1 Field umpires shall provide reports of matches on the forms provided by and in the manner prescribed by The League.
- 25.2 The officiating umpires shall have powers to advise and make recommendations to The League of matters pertaining to the conduct of matches with particular reference to:
- (a) The condition of any oval where a match of The League is played.
- (b) The condition of the ball(s) provided by any Member Club for use during the match.
- (c) The playing field is correctly line marked as per Clause 30.18.
- (d) The condition of goal and behind posts (including padding).
- (e) Goal umpire flags.
- (f) All officiating umpires' attire.
- (g) Absence or quality of all player's guernsey numbers.
- (h) Incorrect uniform or attire of players and officials.
- (i) An extraordinary late commencement of any quarter of any match.
- (j) Such other powers or conditions as prescribed by The League.

- 25.3 Any information relating to Clause 25.2 shall be provided to The League on the Central Umpire's Report form to be completed at the conclusion of each match of The League.
- 25.4 The field umpire(s) may reject any ball considered by them to be unfit for play.
- 25.5 The field umpire(s) officiating in any match conducted by The League shall be listed on each Member Club's Team Sheets prior to the commencement of play.
- 25.6 Each field umpire officiating in an official match of The League shall at the conclusion of each match list the names of those players who were in their opinion the best and fairest, second best and fairest and third best and fairest players in the match on the Match Day App in the manner prescribed by The League.
- 25.7 The Umpiring Manager shall consider the match reports of all umpires.
- 25.8 Central Umpires must notify The League by phone of any Category "A" reports before noon on the Monday proceeding the Match.

## **SECTION 6 MATCH RULES**

### **26 HOME CLUB MATCH DAY FORMS**

- 26.1 In an official match of The League, the Central Umpire(s), must provide the following reports on the Match Day Paperwork App within one (1) hour of the completion of the match;
  - (a) The central umpire(s) Best and Fairest Votes.
  - (b) Any Category "A" Report if required.
  - (c) Yellow Card Report if required.
  - (d) The Central Umpire's Report.
- 26.2 Where the Match Day Paperwork App is unable to be completed, all Match Day Paperwork is to be hand delivered to The League by noon on the Monday proceeding the match and should include
  - (a) The Team Sheet from both competing teams.
  - (b) Central Umpire's Best and Fairest voting Form.
  - (c) One Official Scorecard.
  - (d) Interchange Card.
  - (e) Central Umpire's Report Form.
- 26.3 All Match Day Paperwork completed on the Match Day Paperwork App is to be retained by the Home Member Club until the 1<sup>st</sup> November of each playing season including the following
  - (a) The Team Sheet from both competing teams.
  - (b) One Official Scorecard.
  - (c) Interchange Card.
  - (d) Central Umpire's Report Form.
- 26.4 Fines may apply for not supplying any of the required match day forms as listed above to The League.

### **27 ROLE OF MATCH DAY OFFICIAL**

- 27.1 Each Member Club in every Division shall appoint a Match Day Official whom is responsible for the following:
  - (a) Shall wear the official Match Day official attire as prescribed by The League for the duration of the match being played.
  - (b) Attend the Umpire(s) Room twenty (20) minutes prior to the commencement of the match and introduce themselves to the officiating umpires.
  - (c) Escort the umpire(s) on to the field for the commencement of the match, off the field at the half time break, on to the field for the commencement of the third quarter and off the field at the completion of the match.

- (d) Ensure a Match Day Official, or the Captain of the team in the match being played, are the only persons who approach an umpire(s) at quarter, half, or three quarter time breaks in regard to any issue their Member Club would like addressed.
  - (e) Advise the opposing Member Club Match Day official that The League may be notified of any persons connected with their Club for bad language, abusive, aggressive or threatening behaviour towards another person(s).
  - (f) Ensure that spectators are kept behind the spectator defined line or fence.
  - (g) Ensure that Member Club coaches and officials keep within their defined area.
  - (h) Ensure alcohol is not consumed in the defined non-alcohol consumption areas.
  - (i) Ensure no alcohol or any drinks in glass are taken onto the playing field at any time.
  - (j) Ensure no Member Club officials, players or supporters enter the umpire's rooms without the umpire's permission.
- 27.2 For all major round matches each Member Club participating shall be responsible for supplying two (2) match day officials.
- 27.3 The home Member Club Match Day Official shall pay each League appointed umpire(s) an amount prescribed by The League in cash and each in a separate envelope within 15 minutes of the completion of the match in a respectful and professional manner and ensure that the Umpire's Proof of Payment form (APPENDIX 6) is signed by each umpire.
- 27.4 In the event that an umpire refuses payment or to sign the Umpire's Proof of Payment form, the Match Day Official shall seek out an official from the opposing Member Club or another umpire to witness such refusal.
- 27.5 All reports of breaches of payment to umpires shall be passed onto The League.
- 27.6 The League may impose a fine to a Member Club found guilty of breaching their responsibilities in relation to Clause 27.

## **28 MEMBER CLUB CROWD CONTROL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 28.1 The League's Code of Behaviour (APPENDIX 8) details the Adelaide Footy League's expected standards of behaviour from Member Clubs, officials, players and supporters.
- 28.2 Member Clubs shall be held responsible for the conduct and the behaviour of any official Interchange Steward, Time-keeper, Club member, player, supporter or any other person associated with their Member Club ("Associated Person(s)") at matches in which their teams are participating.
- 28.3 Member Clubs shall be liable to any penalty and/or fine imposed by The League for any breach of the Adelaide Footy League's Code of Behaviour for any misconduct or misbehaviour by their Associated Person(s) at, during or after any match of The League.

## **29 BYE ROUND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- 29.1 A player who played in a Division 2 or below match in the first week of minor round of matches of The League's season (with the exception of Under 18 Divisions) shall not play in Division 1, Division 1 Reserves, Division C1 in the first minor round of matches of these Divisions.
- 29.2 A player who played in an A Grade match preceding a bye shall not play in a match in any Division of The League in the following bye round unless the player has played the majority of their matches in the current season in the lower Division (with the exception of Under 18 Divisions).

## **30 MATCH RULES**

- 30.1 Subject to the modifications and additions to the Rules and Regulations specifically provided herein all matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football as adopted from time to time by the Australian Football League.

- (a) The content of The League's Rules and Regulations takes precedence over the Laws of Australian Football in any match of The League.
- 30.2 All matches (including major round) shall commence at the time and venue stipulated by The League with the exception of Clauses 43.19(c) and 43.21(c).
- (a) Any change to match dates and/or start times shall be agreed between Member Clubs. Both Member Clubs shall notify The League in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date of the match or within twenty four (24) hours after any major round match has been programmed by The League.
- 30.3 Member Clubs may request an entrance fee donation but may not enforce such fee upon any person attending any match of The League.
- 30.4 Member Clubs may impose a fee for car park entry into Member Club grounds.
- 30.5 The quarter time, half time and three quarter time intervals shall be for a duration specified by The League.
- 30.6 The playing time for each match shall be specified by The League.
- 30.7 Each Member Club in every Division shall provide a suitable ball.
- 30.8 Each Member Club in every Division shall provide a Timekeeper.
- (a) The two Timekeepers shall remain together throughout each quarter.
- (b) The home Member Club Timekeeper shall record the scores of the match independently of the goal umpires.
- 30.9 In a match where time-on is added a Timekeeper is to add time-on when any of the following occur
- (a) When indicated by a field umpire (raised hand and whistle blown) that there is a delay in play.
- (b) When a boundary umpire signals that the ball is out of bounds (raised hand and whistle blown).
- (c) After a goal is scored as the goal umpire indicates a goal or behind has been scored.
- 30.10 In a match where time-on is added a Timekeeper is to cease time-on when any of the following occur
- (a) When a field umpire indicates (repeats raised hand and whistle blown) that play has re-started.
- (b) When it is obvious to the Timekeeper that play has re-started.
- (c) When the boundary umpire throws the ball back into play.
- (d) When a field umpire re-starts play by throwing the ball up in the centre of the playing field after a goal has been scored or after the ball is kicked back into play after a behind has been scored.
- 30.11 The home Member Club in every Division shall provide a suitable siren, horn or bell.
- 30.12 The Timekeepers shall sound the siren or horn at the times and on the number of occasions as stipulated in the Handbook of The League.
- 30.13 The home Member Club in every Division shall provide an Interchange Steward whom shall be positioned in close proximity to the interchange area for the duration of the match and shall wear the official Interchange Steward attire as prescribed by The League for the duration of the match being played.
- 30.14 The home Member Club in every Division shall supply accessible coach's boxes.
- 30.15 The home Member Club in every Division shall provide a stretcher to be placed in a safe position near the boundary line at the interchange area which is accessible to both teams.
- 30.16 Each Member Club shall provide goal flags of white material not less than 50 cm square.
- 30.17 The home Member Club in every Division shall have suitable goal posts and behind posts fixed in their proper positions with suitable protective padding, at a minimum height of 2.5 metres from the bottom of each post, and with a minimum of 35 millimetres thickness affixed to such goal and behind posts.
- 30.18 The home Member Club in every Division shall have their playing field(s) properly line marked including:
- (a) An interchange area which shall be fifteen (15) metres wide and where possible be centralised between the two coach's boxes on the boundary line of the playing field.
- (b) A centre circle three metres in diameter and an outer circle ten (10) metres in diameter which shall be located in the middle of the centre square.

- (c) A line drawn in the shape of an arc at each end of the playing surface to show the distance to the centre of the goal line. This distance is to remain constant throughout the arc and dependent upon the size of the oval, be between 35 and 50 metres. The arc shall not intersect with the centre square line.
  - (d) Either with a clearly marked line or an oval fence to ensure spectators are kept to a minimum of three (3) metres from the boundary line.
- 30.19 The home Member Club in every Division shall supply a scoreboard attendant for all match(s) of The League.
- 30.20 All Member Clubs are required to enter a Team Sheet for each of their teams into SportsTG before the start of the match to be played. A copy of such Team Sheet shall;
- (a) List the names and guernsey numbers of the players in the team.
  - (b) Identify the Captain and Vice-Captain(s).
- 30.21 List the name of the coach(s), runner(s) and team manager participating in each match in every Division.
- 30.22 A Member Club team shall consist of between fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) players who may be on the playing field at any one time during a match of The League with no more than) six (6) interchange players for all minor round matches.
- (a) A minimum of fourteen (14) players per team must take to the field to constitute a match
  - (b) Member Clubs participating in Division 1, 1 Reserves and Division 2 must not exceed sixteen (16) players on the playing field at any one time
  - (c) Matching rules apply in Division 3 and below;
    - (i) If a team takes to the field with 14 to 15 players then the opposing side is to take to the field with a maximum of 16 players.
    - (ii) If a team takes to the field with 16 players then the opposing side can take to the field with a maximum of 18 players.
- (d) The two Member Club's Team Managers shall confirm with each other at the commencement of the half time break of the match being played that all players listed on the two Team Sheets are in attendance at the venue and are attired in official playing uniform. If a player listed on either Team Sheet does not meet these requirements, the player's name shall be removed from the field umpire's copy of the Team Sheet. Such player may not be replaced and shall be deemed not to have played in this match.
- 30.23 The home Member Club is to complete the Australian Football National Risk Protection Scheme Match Day Checklist electronically and have it confirmed by an away Member Club official.
- 30.24 Two runners may be used by Member Clubs in any match, in any Division of The League provided only one runner is on the playing field at any one time.
- 30.25 If both runners are on the playing field at the same time while a match is in progress, a field umpire may send one runner from the playing field without replacement for the remainder of the match.
- 30.26 A maximum of three (3) water carriers per participating team may be on the playing surface at the same time in any match of The League while play is in progress.
- (a) All water carriers shall be a minimum of twelve (12) years of age.
- 30.27 In all matches of The League Member Clubs shall ensure the runner(s), trainer(s), water carrier(s), Interchange Steward and Club appointed umpires wear the appropriate match attire as prescribed by The League. (APPENDIX 6).
- 30.28 Any player guilty of any Category "A" offence shall not participate in any official capacity in any match of The League whilst under suspension.

- 30.29 A player of the defending team may kick the football being used at the time back into play once the goal umpire has signalled that a behind has been scored.
- 30.30 In the case of a Member Club which has more than one team playing in The League, all registered players of such Member Club shall except as is otherwise provided by Rules and Regulations of The League be eligible to play for any team of that Member Club in the same round.
- 30.31 No Member Club player shall play for any other club prior to or after a match of The League in any one round with the exception of The League's Under 18 Division matches and any school matches.
- 30.32 Both participating Member Clubs shall agree for more than two major round matches to be played on the same oval on the same day except if The League instigates Clause 43.15.
- 30.33 Alcohol or any drinks in glass are not permitted to be taken onto the playing field at any time during any match of The League.
- 30.34 Oval lighting for a night match shall be in accordance with the Australian Standard for Sports Lighting and a copy of the appropriate current accordance approval shall be submitted to The League prior to any official match being played as a night match.
- 30.35 Filming any part of the playing field and or play during a match of The League is permitted.
- 30.36 The League may implement special match day rules as it sees fit.

### **31 INTERCHANGE RULES**

- 31.1 A fifteen (15) metre section of the boundary line of the playing field shall be marked clearly by the home Member Club as the interchange area and where possible be centralised between the two (2) coach's boxes on the boundary line of the playing field.
- 31.2 The Interchange Steward shall record on the interchange card:
- (a) All Category "A" and/or Category "B" report(s).
  - (b) An interchange breach (if applicable).
  - (c) A player sent from the playing field under the blood rule.
  - (d) A player removed from the playing field by stretcher.
- 31.3 A player may leave the playing field while play is in progress and be replaced (interchanged), unless sent off under a Category "A" offence or for a second Category "B" offence in the match being played through the interchange area unless;
- (a) The player exits across the boundary line at any part of the playing field on a stretcher.
  - (b) The player exits across the boundary line at any area of the playing field other than the interchange area accompanied by a Member Club official who is officiating in the match being played. Such officials are either a Match Day Official or a runner or a member of the training staff, one of whom shall signal to the Interchange Steward by raising an arm while standing alongside the exiting player as the player exits the playing field.
- 31.4 The Interchange Steward shall advise an official of the Member Club one (1) minute prior to when their player is to return to the field if the player is returning from an umpire send-off report or from the compulsory stretcher rule (Clause 33.1(e)).
- 31.5 The interchange area is the only area a player may enter the playing field when play is in progress.
- 31.6 Where a player does not enter the playing field through the interchange area the Interchange Steward and/or field umpire shall report the circumstances, including the score at the time, to The League. The League may impose a fine and/or penalty as it deems appropriate.

### **32 TWENTY FIVE AND FIFTY METRE PENALTIES**

- 32.1 A twenty five (25) metre penalty may be enforced by a field umpire(s) where an umpire deems it to be applicable.
- 32.2 A fifty (50) metre penalty shall be enforced by a field umpire as a result of a player count as per Clauses 34.4 and 34.5.

### 33 USE OF STRETCHER

- 33.1 Where a stretcher is required the following procedure shall apply: -
- (a) Upon being advised or noticing that a player requires a stretcher, the field umpire(s) shall stop play at the earliest opportunity and unless medical staff consider it unsafe to do so, the player shall be removed from the playing field on the stretcher by the shortest and most direct route.
  - (b) A team may replace the injured player with a player listed on its Team Sheet who shall enter the playing surface via the interchange area.
  - (c) The replacement player may enter the playing field as soon as the injured player is placed on the stretcher.
  - (d) The field umpire(s) shall recommence play only after the player on the stretcher has left the playing field.
  - (e) A player whom has been removed from the playing field on a stretcher shall not resume playing for a period of twenty (20) minutes actual playing time (excluding time-on and intervals between quarters) from the time the player left the playing field.
  - (f) After such twenty (20) minute period, the player may be interchanged in accordance with the interchange rules as described in Clause 31, provided the player is able, having due regard to their health and safety, to resume playing in the match.
  - (g) Time-on may be initiated in matches where Time-on is not played if this is the desire of either of the officiating Member Club Timekeepers.
  - (h) When a stretcher is brought on to the field but is not used by the player Clauses (e) and (f) do not apply.

### 34 COUNTING OF PLAYERS

- 34.1 The captain or acting captain of a team may at any time during a match request the field umpire count the number of players of the opposing team who are on the playing field.
- 34.2 Where such a request is made the field umpire shall stop play and signal Time-on at the first available opportunity and call into line, within the centre square, the players of both teams who are at that time on the playing field and count the number of players.
- 34.3 Time-on may be initiated in matches where Time-on is not played if this is the desire of either of the officiating Member Club timekeepers.
- 34.4 Where the team has more than the permitted number of players on the playing field the following shall apply
- (a) Field umpire shall instruct both goal umpires to record the scores of both teams at the time of the player count.
  - (b) Upon completing the count the field umpire(s) shall ensure that each team has the permitted number of players on the field prior to recommencing the match.
  - (c) A field umpire shall award a free kick to the captain or acting captain of the opposing team which shall be taken at the centre circle or where play was stopped, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending team.
  - (d) A fifty (50) metre penalty shall then be imposed from the position where the free kick was awarded.
  - (e) The field umpire shall report details of the player count to The League by 10.00am on the Monday following the match.
  - (f) The League shall determine whether the offending team shall lose all points which it had scored in the match up to the time of the count, and if so determined, The League shall have power to vary the scores of the match and/or impose such other penalty as deemed appropriate by The League.
- 34.5 Where a count reveals that the opposing team has the correct permitted number of players on the playing field, the following shall apply

- (a) A field umpire shall award a free kick to the captain or acting captain of the opposing team which shall be taken at the centre circle or where play was stopped, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending team.
- (b) A fifty (50) metre penalty shall then be imposed from the position where the free kick was awarded.
- (c) If a field umpire is of the opinion that the request was made primarily to delay play or such request did not have sufficient merit, the field umpire shall report the captain or acting captain who requested the count for Time Wasting as a Category “A” offence.

## 35 BLOOD RULE

- 35.1 When a field umpire(s) becomes aware of a player with active bleeding on the person or uniform, the umpire shall stop play and simultaneously raise their arms crossed above their head directed at the Interchange Steward and send such player from the playing field.
- 35.2 Active bleeding means the existence of an injury or wound, which continues to bleed. Active bleeding shall not include minor bleeding from a graze or scratch, which has stopped and may be readily removed from a player or any part of their uniform.
- 35.3 The player with active bleeding shall immediately leave the playing field at the nearest boundary line and the interchange shall be recorded by the Interchange Steward.
- 35.4 A player sent from the playing field under the blood rule may be replaced immediately.
- 35.5 The replacement player shall enter the playing field as soon as possible after the field umpire(s) has raised their arms crossed above their head signifying a player is leaving the playing field under the blood rule.
- 35.6 The replacement player shall immediately proceed to the same location of the player they are replacing. The replacement player upon entering the playing field may only proceed to a different location if approved by the opposing team’s captain.
- 35.7 The field umpire(s) shall not restart play until the replacement player is in position.
- 35.8 If the player with active bleeding is about to have a kick as a result of a mark or free just prior to being sent from the playing field, the nearest player to the player (with active bleeding) at the time of the player’s departure is to take the kick, not the replacement player.
- 35.9 When a field umpire is of the opinion that a player is not actively bleeding, but the player has blood on any part of their body or uniform, shall at the first available opportunity, signal and direct the player to obtain treatment. After the signal is given, play shall continue.
- 35.10 The player may remain on the playing field but shall at the earliest opportunity, in the case of blood being on any part of their uniform, have the piece of uniform removed and the cause of any bleeding (if any) treated and covered so that all blood is contained.
- 35.11 If after receiving treatment, the field umpire is of the opinion that blood is still appearing on any part of the player’s body or uniform, the player is deemed to be actively bleeding and Clause 35.1 shall apply.
- 35.12 A player’s refusal to promptly obey the direction of a field umpire(s) given under Clause 35.1 is a reportable offence.
- 35.13 A player awarded a mark or free kick after the field umpire has signalled that the quarter of football has come to an end may kick the football even though such player may be actively bleeding.
- 35.14 The player shall not re-enter the playing field or take any further part in the match unless
  - (a) The cause of such bleeding has stopped.
  - (b) The injury is securely bound to ensure that all blood is contained.
  - (c) Any blood-stained article of uniform has been removed and replaced.
  - (d) Any blood on any part of the player’s body has been thoroughly cleansed and removed.
  - (e) The player is interchanged during the quarter, half or three quarter time breaks.
  - (f) The player re-enters the playing field through the interchange area.

## 36 PROHIBITION OF ITEMS

- 36.1 Players shall not wear during a match
- (a) Any form of jewellery.
  - (b) Boot studs, plates/cleats or any protective equipment (other than protective equipment approved by The League) unless the field umpire(s) is satisfied that the item does not constitute a danger or increased risk of injury to other players competing in the match.
  - (c) Protective equipment which has previously been approved by The League if the field umpire(s) believe that such equipment has during the match become dangerous or increased the risk of injury to other players.
  - (d) Fingernails, including acrylic and fake nails, must not protrude past the tip of the finger even if the participant is wearing gloves.
  - (e)

## 37 MATCH RESULTS

37.1 When a match is played on a Friday or Saturday the home Member Club in every Division shall enter into SportsTG before 6.00pm on the Saturday for publication in the Sunday Mail. When a match is played on a Sunday the home Member Club shall enter into Sports TG before 5:00pm on the Sunday:

37.2

- (a) Final scores.
- (b) All goal kickers.
- (c) Five (5) best players for each competing team.

37.3 The League may impose a fine to any Member Club for failure to supply match results as directed by The League.

## 38 FORFEITS

- 38.1 A Member Club not able to field a minimum of fourteen (14) players suitably attired in playing uniforms for a team within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled start time of a match shall be deemed to have forfeited such match unless a later start time is agreed upon by both teams participating in such match.
- 38.2 A Member Club desiring to forfeit any official match of The League in which it is involved shall notify The League not later than noon on the day preceding such match.
- 38.3 A Member Club forfeiting a match and not giving the notice specified in Clause 38.2 may be fined by The League which may include the cost of any League appointed umpire's fees and any applicable costs incurred, including costs incurred by the opposing Member Club, as deemed fair and reasonable by The League.
- 38.4 A Member Club may only forfeit their lowest Division team(s). Failure to do so shall result in the forfeiting team(s) and any of the same Member Club teams playing in any Divisions lower in the same round losing all points for such matches and shall be debited with sixty (60) points "against" in the premiership table in all such applicable Divisions.
- 38.5 In the event of a Member Club forfeiting a match, the match will be awarded to the opposing team and the Member Club receiving the forfeit shall be credited with two (2) premiership points—and the Premiership table in such Division will be adjusted after all teams within that Division have played each other once and the average points margin shall be awarded 'against' the forfeiting club and the Member Club receiving the forfeit shall be awarded the average points 'for'.
- 38.6 The Member Club awarded the match by forfeit may enter a Team Sheet into SportsTG prior to 12.00 pm on the Monday following the scheduled match listing the players whom would have played in such match had the forfeited match been contested and the match shall count for the purpose of player qualification for the major round in that same season. No other match forms are required to be sent to The League from such match.
- 38.7 The League may in its absolute discretion impose a fine, suspend or withdraw from the competition, a team or the Member Club which forfeits three matches or more during any one season and deem such

Member Club to be ineligible for any refund of any fees or subscriptions, either paid or due to be paid to The League.

- 38.8 In the event that a B Grade team forfeits an official match of The League the club in which the B Grade team is affiliated with may be advised that any further forfeit of the B Grade team may result in the A Grade team also forfeiting with the result of two (2) Premiership points and a ten (10) goal win to the teams receiving the forfeit. In the event a club has forfeited three (3) times The League may refer to rule 38.7 at its discretion.
- 38.9 Where a Member Club has received a forfeit and has a lower grade team playing in the same weekend then only the following players shall be eligible to play in the lower grade
- (a) Was selected in the lower grade prior to the forfeit.
  - (b) Played in the lower grades previous match.
  - (c) Played at least three (3) matches in the lower grade in the current season.

### **39 DELAYED OR INCOMPLETE MATCH**

- 39.1 If a match is unable to commence within the reasonable time scheduled for the match for reasons beyond the control of either team (including circumstances where it is unsafe for the match to proceed) the result of such match shall be determined by The League.
- 39.2 Where a match is delayed prior to half time for greater than sixty (60) minutes then such match is to be abandoned and the result be recorded as a draw.
- 39.3 Where a match is delayed after half time for greater than sixty (60) minutes then such match is to be abandoned the score will stand.
- 39.4 A match can be recommenced after a delay and the completion time can be extended and the following shall apply
- (a) Where there is no ensuing match on the same ground then the match is to be extended to 5.00pm or if by mutual agreement of the opposing team captains then such match may be extended past this time.
  - (b) Where there is an ensuing match on the same ground then such match must be completed at least five (5) minutes prior to the ensuing match.
- 39.5 Where a match is limited in its completion time the opposing team captains may by mutual arrangement alter the length of the quarters and breaks to give equal time kicking to each end provided that
- (a) The first two quarters are of equal length duration.
  - (b) The last two quarters are of equal length duration.
  - (c) The minimum duration of any quarter is ten (10) minutes duration.
- 39.6 Where mutual agreement by the opposing captains cannot be met then the field umpire(s) shall make the final determination.
- 39.7 Where a team is directed to recommence play by the field umpire(s) but refuses such team shall be deemed to have forfeited the match.

### **40 METHOD OF DETERMINING PREMIERSHIP TABLES**

- 40.1 Subject to the discretion of The League to make such recommendations as it deems fit the method of determining the premiership in every Division shall be as follows
- (a) Each Member Club shall play every other Member Club twice in Divisions where there are 10 teams. In Divisions of more or less than 10 teams The League shall determine the programme in such Division.
  - (b) Premiership Points shall be counted, two points for a win, one point for a draw and two points for an opposition forfeit.
  - (c) A percentage of the points scored for and against each team shall be determined.

- (d) If at the conclusion of the minor round of matches two or more teams have obtained the same number of premiership points their position on the premiership table shall be determined by the percentage determined in accordance with Clause (c).
- (e) In the case of an exact tie for a position then the points for and against in matches played between such tied teams during that season shall determine the final positions of the teams.

## **41 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION**

- 41.1 Subject to Clauses 41.4 and 41.5 herein the Member Clubs occupying the lowest two positions on the premiership table in the Divisions with a reserve Division (except the lowest Division of The League and the lowest Division of The League with a reserve Division) at the end of the minor round of matches in each Division, not being a reserve Division, shall be relegated to the Division below their current Division in the following season.
- 41.2 Subject to Clauses 41.4 and 41.5 herein the Member Clubs occupying the lowest two positions on the premiership table in the C Divisions (except the lowest C Division of The League) at the end of the minor round of matches in each Division shall be relegated to the Division below their current Division in the following season.
- 41.3 Subject to Clauses 41.4 and 41.5 herein the Member Clubs playing in the Grand Final in each Division, not being a reserve Division, shall be promoted to the Division above their current Division in the following season.
- 41.4 No two teams from any one Member Club shall in any one year be in the same Division.
- 41.5 Either of the Member Clubs playing in the Grand Final may choose not to be promoted in the following season provided that such an option has not been exercised by that Member Club in the previous season and that a Member Club occupying either of the lowest two positions on the premiership table at the end of the minor round of matches in the Division above the Member Clubs to be promoted chooses to remain in the same Division for the following season provided such Member Club has not exercised this option in the previous season.
- 41.6 The League reserves the right to not instigate Clause 41.3 when this would result in the third team (C's) of a Member Club being promoted into a Division in which predominantly the first team (A's) of other Member Clubs will be participating in the following season.
- 41.7 The League may in its absolute discretion determine a need to assign a Member Club to a specific Division and this decision shall be final.

## **42 ONLINE SCORING AND MANAGEMENT**

- 42.1 Each Member Club upon acceptance and/or renewal of its membership with The League shall agree to enter information as directed by The League into SportsTG.
- 42.2 The League may impose a fine for failure to comply with such request.

## SECTION 7 FINALS

### 43 MAJOR ROUND

- 43.1 A Final Four system shall be played at the conclusion of the minor round in any Division comprising eight (8) teams or less.
- 43.2 Where a Final Four system is played the following programme shall be used:
- In the first week, the team positioned third shall play the team positioned fourth in the First Semi Final and the team positioned first shall play the team positioned second in the Second Semi Final.
  - In the second week, the winner of the First Semi Final shall play the loser of the Second Semi Final in the Preliminary Final. The winner of the Second Semi Final shall have a bye.
  - In the third week, the winner of the Preliminary Final shall play the winner of the Second Semi Final in the Grand Final.
  - The winner of the Grand Final shall be the premiership winner in the Division.
- 43.3 A Final Five system shall be played at the conclusion of the minor round in Divisions comprising nine (9) teams or more but may be changed at the discretion of The League.
- 43.4 Where a Final Five system is played the following programme shall apply.
- In the first week, the team positioned second shall play the team positioned third in the Qualifying Final and the team positioned fourth shall play the team positioned fifth in the Elimination Final. The team positioned first shall have a bye.
  - In the second week, the loser of the Qualifying Final shall play the winner of the Elimination Final in the First Semi Final and the winner of the Qualifying Final shall play the team positioned first in the Second Semi Final.
  - In the third week, the winner of the First Semi Final shall play the loser of the Second Semi Final in the Preliminary Final. The winner of the Second Semi Final shall have a bye.
  - In the fourth week, the winner of the Second Semi Final shall play the winner of the Preliminary Final in the Grand Final.
  - The winner of the Grand Final shall be the premiership winner in that Division.
- 43.5 Should a draw occur in any major round match the teams shall break for five minutes at the completion of the drawn match and swap ends. The competing teams shall then play five minutes of extra time in each direction. The extra time shall be played including time-on if the drawn match had been played with time-on. If at the conclusion of the extra time played the scores remain drawn, the teams shall swap ends and play five minutes of extra time in each direction. If at the conclusion of the second extra time played the scores remain drawn the match shall be determined by the first team to score. The winner of the toss of a coin by the two team captains shall determine which direction the teams shall kick in this last extra time played.
- 43.6 A Member Club that is the highest ranked team in it's "A" Grade Division may apply to host a home final or a final on an available neutral oval of their choice, excluding a Grand Final, but shall fulfil The League's minimum requirements including but not limited to:
- The ground surface shall be in a reasonable condition.
  - The change rooms shall have reasonable facilities for players, umpires and trainers.
  - There shall be reasonable facilities provided for spectators.
  - Shall provide a scoreboard attendant for all matches held on the day.
  - Shall fulfil The League's obligations to its major sponsors.
    - The Member Club shall be sponsored by SABC.
    - The venue shall exclusively supply SABC beers for this event.
  - Pay the fee prescribed by The League
    - Division 1-7 Qualifying, Elimination, Semi and Preliminary Finals \$1,000.

- 43.7 Major round matches shall be programmed by The League to be played on neutral grounds when a Member Club chooses not to request either a home final or a final to be played on an available neutral oval of their choice or when a Member Club's application has been rejected by The League.
- 43.8 Member Clubs shall be notified in writing from The League of their confirmation to host a home final.
- 43.9 The League shall endeavour to match teams from the same Member Club at the same venue. The venue follows the team in the higher Division, not the Reserve Division.
- 43.10 The League reserves the right to change a finals match venue during the week preceding the match.
- 43.11 Officials of The League may carry out an inspection of facilities and advise Member Clubs where facilities may not be suitable.
- 43.12 Draft venues for major round matches shall be available on The League's website by 3:00pm on the Monday after the last minor round match and after each week of the finals. The official confirmation of major round matches shall be posted on The League's website by Tuesday by 3.00pm. Member Clubs shall be notified by telephone and email of any changes after such time.
- 43.13 Each Member Club is required to provide two Match Day Officials per major round match.
- 43.14 During major round matches the number of interchange players each team is permitted to play are
- Divisions 1 to 7 – four (4).
  - Division 7 Reserves, C Divisions and Under 18 – seven (7).
- 43.15 Both participating Member Clubs shall agree for more than two major round matches to be played on the same oval on the same day except when one Member Club has three (3) Senior Grand Final teams playing on the same day. In such situation(s) The League retains the right to re-programme these Grand Finals to be played on the same oval on the same day provided any Member Club with two (2) Grand Final teams playing on these days is in agreement with such change(s).
- 43.16 For any major round match, each participating Member Club is to enter into SportsTG a Teamsheet including a maximum of two (2) emergencies by noon on the Friday prior to the scheduled match.
- 43.17 For any major round match, each participating Member Club is to produce copies listing their Club's players and guernsey numbers and these lists made available to spectators and officials.
- 43.18 Alcoholic drinks are not permitted to be taken into any major round venues.
- 43.19 During the first week of the major round the highest ranked team at the end of the minor round shall:
- Have their choice of shorts, guernseys, coach's box and change room.
  - Supply the Interchange Steward, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant.
  - May apply to play their final on their home ground or on a neutral ground of their choice subject to availability.
- 43.20 The winning Second Semi-Final team becomes the highest ranked team and shall for the Grand Final:
- Have their choice of shorts, guernseys, coach's box and change room.
  - Supply the Interchange Steward, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant.
- 43.21 The losing Second Semi-Final team becomes the highest ranked team and shall for the Preliminary Final:
- Have their choice of shorts, guernseys, coach's box and change room.
  - Supply the Interchange Steward, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant.
  - May apply to play the Preliminary Final as a home final or on a neutral ground of their choice subject to availability.
- 43.22 Both teams participating in a major round match shall pay half of the prescribed payments to umpires appointed by The League.
- 43.23 The League shall determine where major round matches are to be played when two or more Member Clubs request to play a home final on the same (available) neutral oval of their choice.
- 43.24 Any Member Club applying to host a neutral final shall fulfil The League's minimum requirements including but not limited to:
- The ground surface shall be in a reasonable condition.
  - The change rooms shall have reasonable facilities for players, umpires and trainers.

- (c) There shall be reasonable facilities provided for spectators.
  - (d) Shall provide a scoreboard attendant for all matches held on the day.
  - (e) Shall fulfil The League's obligations to its major sponsors.
    - (i) The Member Club shall be sponsored by SABC.
    - (ii) The venue shall exclusively supply SABC beers for this event.
- 43.25 Admission fees for neutral ground major round matches shall be determined by The League.
- 43.26 Clubs participating in major round matches played on a neutral ground, not being a Member Club's home final, shall be entitled to have 35 persons per team admitted at no cost.
- 43.27 Premiership winning Member Clubs shall submit a photograph of their winning team to The League as directed.
- (a) The League may impose a fine for failure to supply such photograph.

#### **44 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MAJOR ROUND**

- 44.1 The following conditions shall apply for players to be eligible to participate in the major round of The League in any year:
- (a) The player shall have been selected in any team of a Member Club in a minimum of three (3) minor round matches in any senior team of a Member Club.
  - (b) If a player competes in two (2) minor round matches on the same weekend (excluding Under 18 Division) the higher Division match shall be the only match considered in relation to major round eligibility.
  - (c) If a SANFL Under 18 changes
  - (d) player played for their Member Club when such player's SANFL club had a bye round, this match shall not be included as a match in eligibility for participating in the major round (Under 18 Divisions exempted).
  - (e) The majority of matches in which the player participated shall be in the team for which they seek selection in the major round (Under 18 Divisions exempted).
  - (f) An Under 18 Division player may be eligible for selection in a higher ranked senior Division provided such player has played a minimum of two (2) matches in the team he is seeking selection.
- 44.2 The following conditions shall apply for players when Member Clubs have more than one team participating in the major round:
- (a) There is free interchange of players between consecutively graded Divisions subject to player's eligibility.
  - (b) A Member Club may promote a player from a team in a lower Division to a team in a higher Division for any major round match.
  - (c) A player may not play in a lower Division final after having played in a higher Division final in the same major round of matches.
  - (d) A player may not play in a lower Division final if such player played in the higher Division's previous week's round of matches or in the higher Division's last major round match unless both such Member Club's teams are playing in the same round of matches.
  - (e) A player may continue to play in the lower Division team in the following final if such player was not selected in their clubs higher Division team when both teams were playing on the previous same weekend.
  - (f) A player shall not be selected in a lower Division once such player has played two (2) finals in a higher Division (Under 18 Divisions included).
- 44.3 If a Member Club's higher Division team is no longer playing in the major round:
- (a) A player may return to the lower Division for the remainder of any major round matches provided such player played the majority of their minor round matches for the season in the lower Division.

- (b) A player who has not participated in any of their Member Club's major round matches, shall have played a minimum of one match in the lower Division during the minor round to play in any of the Member Club's lower Division major round matches subject to the player's eligibility.
- 44.4 A player shall apply to The League to play in any major round match of The League after playing a final in any other league or association including SANFL in the same playing season (including SANFL Under 18).
- 44.5 A player who played in a Division 2 or Division 2 Reserves Round 17 match of the current season shall not play in the first round of major round matches in Division 3 or below the following week except in a Division the player has played the majority of their matches in the current season (with the exception of Under 18 Divisions).
- 44.6 A player who played in a Division 1 or Division 1 Reserves Round 17 or 18 match of the current season shall not play in the first or second round of major round of matches in Division 3 or below the following week except in a Division the player has played the majority of their matches in the current season (with the exception of Under 18 Divisions).
- 44.7 A Member Club may make an application to the Permit Committee for a player whom is not eligible for the major round in accordance with Clause 44.
- 44.8 A request for a player permit shall be submitted on the Application For A Player Permit To Play In The Major Round form (APPENDIX 9) and lodged with The League no later than noon on the Thursday prior to the day on which the player seeking a permit desires to play.
- 44.9 A player shall play in at least four (4) minor round matches within the Under 18 Division to be eligible to participate in the major round of that Division.

## SECTION 8 PENALTIES AND COMPLAINTS

### 45 THE TRIBUNAL

- 45.1 Shall meet at the time and place as directed by The League.
- 45.2 The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and League Commissioners comprising the Tribunal shall be persons not holding any office in any Member Club. Two League Commissioners shall comprise a quorum of the Tribunal.
- 45.3 The Tribunal shall have the power to hear and determine any report or charge laid by an umpire, Official of The League or other authorised official of The League or any matter referred to it by The League in respect of any breach of the Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution of The League.
- 45.4 The Tribunal shall:
- (a) Have the power to require the attendance of any person or persons before it at any time it deems fit.
  - (b) At its absolute discretion admit or reject any evidence given or tendered at the hearing of such report and/or adopt and pursue any procedure, which it considers appropriate and proper.
  - (c) At its absolute discretion adjourn from time to time the hearing of any report.
  - (d) Have the power to instruct the Chairman of the Tribunal to make recommendations to The League concerning any matter arising from any hearings of the Tribunal.
  - (e) Forward to The League a report detailing the offences heard and determined by it.
- 45.5 Subject to Clause 45.4 the Tribunal may deem that no report shall be heard and determined by the Tribunal unless the following conditions are complied with:
- (a) The report shall be in writing on the Report By Umpire form or by entering the full details into the Match Day App and shall set out the substance of the report, the player's guernsey number and wherever possible the name of the player reported.

- (b) The Report by Umpire form shall be signed by the field umpire(s) and any other umpire(s) except where the report is submitted via the Match Day App or an Official of The League making the report and submitted to The League.
  - (c) Any one of the President or Chairman or Secretary or Football Director of the Member Club to which the reported player(s) or official(s) belong are the only officials authorised to approach the field umpire(s) or other reporting official at the conclusion of the match from which the report(s) has arisen to obtain the relevant report(s) details.
- 45.6 Notwithstanding a non-compliance with any one or more of the conditions specified in the Rules and Regulations herein the Tribunal may in its absolute discretion dispense with the compliance of such conditions and proceed to determine any report provided that such dispensation does not prejudice any player called before the Tribunal.
- 45.7 The umpire(s) or an Official of The League either signing the Report by Umpire form or lodging the report via the Match Day App, the Club advocate of the player's Member Club and any witnesses shall attend the Tribunal at the time and place directed by The League.
- (a) The League may impose a fine to a Member Club if a Club advocate and/or the reported player fail to attend such Tribunal.
  - (b) The reporting umpire(s) may request anyone to attend the Tribunal as a witness.
  - (c) The offended player involved in a Category "A" report may request to attend the Tribunal hearing relating to such report or if directed to attend by The League.
- 45.8 Should the reported player, or a required club official(s) as requested by The League, not appear before the Tribunal at the time and place directed by The League, the Tribunal shall have the power to hear and determine the report in the player's absence or adjourn such hearing and/or fine the player(s), official(s) or Member Club.
- 45.9 Should the umpire(s) or an Official of The League signing the report not appear before the Tribunal at the time and place directed by The League, the Tribunal shall have the power to dismiss the report or adjourn such hearing.
- 45.10 In determining any report the Tribunal shall have the power to:
- (a) Dismiss the report.
  - (b) Find a report not proven.
  - (c) Find a report proven and reprimand any player(s) or official(s).
  - (d) Find a report proven and suspend for any period any player or official.
  - (e) Find a report proven and impose on any player or official or Member Club a fine for each report proven.
  - (f) Find a report proven and impose upon a player or official a suspension for any period or suspend such period of suspension upon that player undertaking to be of good behaviour for any period specified by the Tribunal.
  - (g) Suspend for any period or impose a fine on any player whom while playing under a suspended suspension in accordance with Clause (f) is found guilty by the Tribunal of a further charge during the period of such suspended suspension.
  - (h) Find a report not proven but if in the opinion that a player has committed any breach under the Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution of The League, The League may deal with such other breach in accordance with the provisions set out herein as if such breach were the report being determined and to this effect may amend, alter or substitute any report in place of the original report.
- 45.11 The Tribunal shall have powers to impose a fine and/or penalty or an additional penalty upon any person or Member Club:
- (a) Who knowingly gives false evidence to the Tribunal at any Tribunal hearing.

- (b) Who before, at, or after any Tribunal hearing insults, abuses or assaults the Tribunal or any member thereof or any person giving evidence at such hearing or whom in the opinion of the Tribunal is guilty of misconduct at any Tribunal hearing.
  - (c) Who refuses or neglects to obey any order of the Tribunal.
  - (d) Who fails to have a Club advocate represent the reported player(s) or official(s) at the Tribunal hearing.
- 45.12 Should any Member Club include on its Team Sheet in any Division any player under suspension as a result of an order of the Tribunal during the player's suspension, such Member Club shall be liable to a fine and/or loss of all premierships points accrued in that particular Division or in all Divisions in which such Member Club participates as from the date the suspension was implemented.
- 45.13 The Tribunal and/or The League shall have the power to call before it any player who has been reported and pleaded guilty for a prescribed offence as listed in Clause 45.12. The Tribunal shall in such case have the power to hear and determine that report and have power to impose any penalty as described in Clause 45.10.
- 45.14 A suspended player whose full or part of suspension is to be served during the major round shall serve such suspension in the Division in which they were reported.
- 45.15 A bye is not counted as a match of The League for a suspension to be served.
- 45.16 A person disqualified or suspended for six (6) matches or more at a single Tribunal hearing may appeal against such disqualification or suspension to the SACFL in accordance with Regulation 11.1 of the SACFL Regulations.

## 46 TRIBUNAL APPEAL BOARD

- 46.1 An appeal lodged under Clauses 46.4 or 46.5 shall be heard and determined by a Tribunal Appeal Board ("the Board").
- 46.2 Each Board shall be constituted by three (3) members, at least one of whom must be a member of the Tribunal, and the other two appointed by The League. None of the members of the Tribunal or the Investigation Committee involved in the decision which is the subject of the appeal can be a member of the Board.
- 46.3 The members of the Board shall not have any current or past affiliation with any Member Club involved in the appeal, and a paid employee of The League cannot be a member of the Board.
- 46.4 A Member Club player or official who has been suspended by the Tribunal may appeal to the League against the decision of the Tribunal if:
- (a) He or she was suspended by the Tribunal for a period of six (6) matches or more, and
  - (b) He or she has the permission of his or her Member Club in writing to appeal, and
  - (c) His or her appeal is accompanied by a fee of \$500 (inclusive of GST) which shall be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 46.5 A Member Club may appeal in writing to The League against a decision of the Tribunal imposing a penalty upon that Club provided the appeal is accompanied by a fee of \$500 (inclusive of GST) which shall be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 46.6 An appeal can only be brought under Clauses 46.4 and/or 46.5
- (a) With respect to the issue of guilt:
    - (i) If it is alleged that there has been an error by the Tribunal in the application of the Adelaide Footy League's Rules and Regulations, or
  - (b) With respect to the issue of penalty:
    - (i) If it is alleged that the penalty imposed by the Tribunal was manifestly excessive.
- 46.7 An appeal should be in writing setting out in full the basis of the appeal and must be received by The League not later than two (2) days following the decision by the Tribunal against which the appeal is brought.

- 46.8 Subject to any other matters set out in this Rule, the Board may regulate any proceedings brought before it in such manner as it decides.
- 46.9 The Board is not bound by the rules of evidence nor by the practices and procedures applicable to courts of record, but may inform itself on any matter in such manner as it decides.
- 46.10 An appeal is to proceed by way of a review of the evidence before the Tribunal and not by way of a rehearing.
- 46.11 At the hearing of an appeal from a decision of the Tribunal, fresh evidence may not be presented without leave of the Board. The Board must not grant such leave unless the Board is satisfied that:
- (a) The evidence could not by reasonable diligence have been obtained prior to the conclusion of the hearing before the Tribunal, and
  - (b) the evidence is of such a character that if considered with other evidence which was given before the Tribunal, the Tribunal would have reached a different result.
- 46.12 Each Board has the power:
- (a) To affirm, reverse or vary the decision which is the subject of the appeal.
  - (b) To increase or decrease the penalty imposed by the Tribunal.
  - (c) To adjourn its proceedings at and to such time and place as it shall deem fit, and
  - (d) To stay the execution of the penalty imposed by the Tribunal pending the determination of the appeal.
- 46.13 The Board is not obliged to give reasons for a decision made by it under Clause 46.12.
- 46.14 Subject to Clause 46.12 a player lodging an appeal against a suspension imposed by the Tribunal may not participate in a match of The League until his or her appeal has been heard and determined by the Board.

## 47 INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

- 47.1 There shall be an Investigation Committee appointed by The League.
- 47.2 The Investigation Committee shall have the power to hear and determine any matter referred to it by The League or the Executive Committee.
- 47.3 The Investigation Committee shall comprise a quorum of not less than two persons none of whom had any current or past affiliation with a Club involved in the investigation.
- 47.4 The Investigation Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) Hear and determine any investigation so initiated.
  - (b) Dismiss the matter.
  - (c) Find a matter not proven.
  - (d) Find a matter proven and reprimand, suspend or fine any Member Club(s) player(s) or official(s).
  - (e) Summon any person to appear before it and give evidence.
  - (f) Admit or reject any evidence which may be given.
  - (g) Adjourn proceedings to such a time and place deemed fit.
  - (h) Adopt or pursue any procedure considered convenient and proper for the disposal of any matter.
  - (i) Sustain or dismiss any application brought before it upon grounds as it in its absolute discretion may determine.
  - (j) Refuse to investigate any matter brought before it for investigation if it determines in its absolute discretion that such matter is trivial.
  - (k) Alter or delete as it sees fit the result of any match played.
  - (l) Direct any persons to attend any meeting at its own discretion.
  - (m) Refer matters as it deems fit to The League, Tribunal and/or the Executive Committee.
  - (n) Initiate an investigation into a Tribunal decision or penalty.
- 47.5 The Investigation Committee shall have powers to impose a penalty or fine upon any person or Member Club who or which:

- (a) Knowingly gives false evidence to the Investigation Committee, or
  - (b) Before, at or after any meeting of the Investigation Committee insults, abuses or assaults any member of the Investigation Committee or any person giving evidence at such hearing, or
  - (c) In the opinion of the Investigation Committee is guilty of misconduct at any meeting, or
  - (d) Refuses or neglects to obey any order of the Investigation Committee, or
  - (e) Fails to be present at an Investigation Committee meeting as requested by the Investigation Committee.
  - (f) It deems appropriate.
- 47.6 The President or Chairman and Member Club advocate are required to attend any investigation involving their Member Club and are permitted to bring relevant people in regard to the alleged incident(s).
- 47.7 A referral under Clause 47 must be
- (a) Made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of The League by a Member Club.
  - (b) The notice must contain all facts relevant to the matter which is being referred as well as the relief sought by the referring party.
  - (a) Must be accompanied by a payment of \$250 (inclusive of GST) which will be refunded in the event that the relief being sought by the referral party is satisfied.
- 47.8 The decision of the Investigation Committee on any matter referred to it or any investigation carried out by it will be final and binding and there will be no avenue of appeal to any other Tribunal or body whether judicial, quasi-judicial or otherwise.

## 48 COMPLAINTS

- 48.1 Any Member Club or person may lodge a complaint in writing to The League within seven (7) days in respect of any matter relating to any aspect of The League or any matches played in The League.
- 48.2 The League, the Executive Committee, the Tribunal or the Investigation Committee shall deal with such complaint.
- 48.3 Any complaint in respect of any matter relating to any aspect of The League or any matches played in The League lodged after seven (7) days shall only be considered at the discretion of The League.

## 49 CATEGORY “A” REPORTABLE OFFENCES

- 49.1 A Category “A” offence is one where the offence is such as to cause a player to be officially reported and who shall then be required to appear before the Tribunal or accept a prescribed penalty in accordance with Clause 49.12.
- 49.2 If a Category “A” report is made by a field umpire the player shall be sent from the playing field for a minimum of ten (10) minutes or greater up to the maximum of the remainder of such match as determined by the reporting field umpire. The reporting umpire shall display a red card indicating that a player has been reported for a Category “A” Offence. The player may be replaced after ten (10) minutes of playing time.
- 49.3 A goal or boundary umpire who makes a report for a Category “A” offence shall inform the field umpire(s) of the report at the next available break in play, including when a goal has been scored, after the incident causing the report. It is the field umpire(s) decision as to whether such reported player is to be sent from the playing field and for what duration of time such player is to remain off the playing field. If such duration is for more than ten (10) minutes of playing time, the field umpire(s) shall inform the Interchange Steward the amount of time imposed.
- 49.4 The ten (10) minutes of playing time is a continuous ten (10) minutes on the Interchange Steward’s watch or clock. There is no stopping of this ten (10) minutes on the clock for any time-on as signalled by the field umpire(s).
- 49.5 Any of the following types of conduct is a reportable offence and considered a Category “A” offence
- (a) Intentionally, recklessly or negligently making contact with or striking an umpire.

- (b) Attempting to make contact with or strike an umpire.
  - (c) Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards or in relation to an umpire.
  - (d) Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire.
  - (e) Disputing a decision of an umpire.
  - (f) Use of an obscene gesture.
  - (g) Intentionally, recklessly or negligently
    - (i) Kicking another person.
    - (ii) Striking another person.
    - (iii) Tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg.
    - (iv) Engaging in time wasting.
    - (v) Charging another person.
    - (vi) Throwing or pushing another player after that player has taken a mark, disposed of the football or after the football is otherwise out of play.
    - (vii) Engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable.
    - (viii) Engaging in a melee, except where a player's sole intention is to remove a team mate from the incident.
    - (ix) Spitting at or on another person.
    - (x) Bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that player has their head down over the ball.
    - (xi) A player may bump an opponent's body from side-on but any contact forward of side-on shall be deemed to be front-on.
    - (xii) A player with their head down in anticipation of winning possession of the ball or after contesting the ball shall be deemed to have their head down over the ball for the purposes of this law.
    - (xiii) Pinning the arms of another person and driving their head and/or upper body into the ground.
  - (h) Attempting to kick another person.
  - (i) Attempting to strike another person.
  - (j) Attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg.
  - (k) Intentionally shaking a goal or behind post when another player is preparing to kick or is kicking for goal or after the player has kicked for goal and the ball is in transit.
  - (l) Wrestling another person.
  - (m) Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language.
  - (n) Failing to leave the playing surface when directed to do so by a field umpire.
  - (o) Wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited as listed in Clause 36 of these Rules and Regulations.
  - (p) Any act of misconduct.
  - (q) Any other specific offences listed in Rule 19.2.2 in "The Rules of Australian Football".
- 49.6 Only an officiating field umpire, The Chairman of the Tribunal or the CEO of The League can offer a prescribed penalty to an offending player(s).
- 49.7 The field umpire(s) shall send the Category "A" offending player from the playing field immediately or the field umpire(s) may allow play to continue before effecting the send-off if the umpire believes this is an advantage to the non-offending team.
- 49.8 At the end of the quarter the field umpire(s) shall confirm to the Interchange Steward the details of the Category "A" offence and the Interchange Steward shall acknowledge to the field umpire(s) that the Category "A" details have been received and understood.
- 49.9 If a player committing a Category "A" offence refuses to leave the playing field to the satisfaction of the field umpire(s), then the field umpire(s) may report the offending player's Member Club to The League.

- 49.10 Any player who re-offends in the same match shall be sent from the field by the field umpire(s) for the remainder of the match and shall not be replaced.
- 49.11 A Category “A” report is to be made on the official interchange card by the Interchange Steward stating the playing number, time sent from ground and the quarter in which the report occurred.
- 49.12 A report made by a field umpire(s) made in accordance with Clause 25.1 hereof shall reach The League by 10:00am on the Monday following the match to which the report relates.
- 49.13 All officiating umpires shall so far as reasonably practicable comply with the requests of The League to appear before the Tribunal and/or the Investigation Committee.
- 49.14 A Category “A” report shall be detailed by the field umpire(s) on The League’s Report by Umpire Form. It is the responsibility of the Member Clubs to attend the Umpire’s Room to collect any Report by Umpire Form(s) within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the match.
- 49.15 The League may nominate certain Category “A” reportable offences as prescribed offences where the player may plead guilty without appearing before the Tribunal and accept the prescribed penalty if this is offered to the player by the reporting field umpire. A player may plead guilty and accept a prescribed penalty only once during the season. A maximum of three (3) players from any one Member Club may plead guilty and accept a prescribed penalty during any one season before being required to attend a tribunal for all further matters. The prescribed offences and penalties are as follows:
- (a) Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language, or an obscene gesture to any person other than an officiating umpire - 1 match.
  - (b) Engaging in time wasting - 1 match.
  - (c) Throwing or pushing another player after that player has taken a mark, disposed of the football or after otherwise out of play - 1 match.
  - (d) Engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable - 2 matches.
  - (e) Engaging in a melee, except where a player’s sole intention is to remove a team mate from the incident - 1 match.
  - (f) Attempting to strike another player - 2 matches.
  - (g) Attempting to trip another player by hand or arm - 1 match.
  - (h) Intentionally shaking a goal or behind post when another player is preparing to kick or is kicking for goal or after the player has kicked for goal and the ball is in transit - 1 match.
  - (i) Wrestling another player - 1 match.
  - (j) Failing to leave the playing field when directed to do so by a field umpire - 1 match.
  - (k) Wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Clause 36 of the Rules and Regulations of The League - 1 match.
  - (l) Any act of misconduct - 1 match.
- 49.16 At the conclusion of the match the reporting field umpire(s) shall make their best endeavours to advise an official of the reporting player’s Member Club if the prescribed penalty is offered to the player or if the Category “A” report is to be referred directly to the Tribunal.
- 49.17 The League shall assume that a player reported for a prescribed offence (as per Clause 49.15) has chosen to accept the prescribed penalty unless The League is notified by noon on the Monday following the match that the player wishes to have the offence heard by the Tribunal.
- 49.18 A Member Club bye or a match lost by forfeit in any Division shall not be included as a match served in a player suspension.

## **50 POWER TO REPORT A PLAYER FOR A CATEGORY “A” OFFENCE**

- 50.1 An officiating umpire or any official appointed by The League each year may make a Category “A” report in any match or trial match of The League.
- 50.2 The Officials Of The League appointed each year by The League shall;

- (a) Be a member of the Executive Committee.
  - (b) Be an official umpire observer of The League.
  - (c) Be on the Umpire’s Coaching staff.
  - (d) Be an umpire at the ground to which they have been appointed to umpire by the Umpiring Manager.
  - (e) Be any person appointed by The League.
  - (f) Such Officials of The League shall show a field umpire their Adelaide Footy League Official of The League identification card.
- 50.3 Any persons, with the exception of an officiating umpire, with either current or past affiliation with a Member Club is unable to act as an Official of The League in any match in which such past or current Member Club is participating.
- 50.4 An Official of The League reporting a player for a Category “A” offence shall only approach the field umpire(s) at the next available break in play, including when a goal has been scored, to inform the field umpire(s) of such report.
- 50.5 Only an officiating field umpire, an Umpires Observer or the CEO of The League may impose a send-off for a Category “A” offence.

## **51 CATEGORY “B” ORDER OFF RULE**

- 51.1 A Category “B” offence is one where a minor misconduct is committed by a player which in the opinion of a field umpire(s) does not warrant a Category “A” report and the player shall be sent from the playing field for ten (10) minutes and may be immediately replaced.
- 51.2 Any player who is issued a second Category A and/or B offence in the same match shall be sent from the playing field by the field umpire(s) for the remainder of the match but may be replaced after ten (10) minutes of playing time.
- 51.3 The ten (10) minutes of playing time is a continuous ten (10) minutes on the Interchange Steward’s watch or clock. There is no stopping of this ten (10) minutes on the clock for any time-on as signalled by the field umpire(s).
- 51.4 A Category “B” offence shall only be made by a field umpire umpiring that particular match.
- 51.5 The field umpire(s) shall send the Category “B” offending player from the playing field immediately or the field umpire may allow play to continue before effecting the send-off if the umpire believes this is an advantage to the non-offending team.
- 51.6 The field umpire(s) shall notify to the Interchange Steward of the Category “B” offence by holding up a yellow card.
- 51.7 At the next quarter break the reporting field umpire shall inform the Interchange Steward of the details of the Category “B” offence.
- 51.8 Any player who is issued two (2) Category “B” yellow cards in the same match shall be suspended for one match, but may elect to appeal to The League.
- 51.9 If a player committing a Category “B” offence refuses to leave the playing field to the satisfaction of the field umpire(s), then the field umpire(s) may report the offending player for a Category “A” offence.
- 51.10 A Category “B” report shall be made on the official interchange card by the Interchange Steward, stating the playing number, time sent from ground and the quarter in which the report occurred.
- 51.11 The field umpire(s) at the conclusion of the match shall note on The League’s official form all players whom committed a Category “B” offence. The Member Club’s copy of this form provided by the umpire is the only record Member Clubs shall receive of a Category “B” offence.
- 51.12 A player sent from the playing field for three (3) Category “B” offences during any one minor round season shall incur a two (2) match suspension for the following two (2) rounds.
- 51.13 The League shall advise the player’s Member Club when the suspension subject to 51.11 (three (3) Category “B” offences) is to be instigated.

- 51.14 The three separate Category “B” automatic suspension rule ceases at the end of the minor round in that particular season.
- 51.15 The accumulation of Category “B” offences begins at the start of the minor round each season and ceases at the conclusion of the minor round in the same season. Matches subject to suspension not served at the conclusion of the minor round, shall be waived.
- 51.16 A Member Club or player may appeal against a Category “B” offence
- (a) Such appeal shall be lodged in writing to The League within 2 days of the match played.
  - (b) A \$200 fee shall be lodged with the appeal.
  - (c) The appeal shall be heard by the Tribunal.
  - (d) The \$200 lodgement fee shall be forfeited if the original decision is confirmed but reimbursed if the appeal is upheld.

## 52 ENGAGING IN A MELEE

- 52.1 During a match of The League, if three (3) or more players continue to wrestle, fight or aggressively conflict with each another after instructions from an official field umpire of The League to cease such confrontation and which, in the opinion of such umpire, the incident is likely to bring the match being played into disrepute or prejudice the interests or reputation of The League, either or both Member Clubs may be reported for an Engaging In A Melee offence.
- 52.2 Officiating field umpires appointed by The League in which the match is being played and Officials of The League may report a Member Club for an Engaging In A Melee offence.
- 52.3 The field umpire(s) or an Official of The League shall inform the Interchange Steward of such offence(s) and the Interchange Steward shall acknowledge the Engaging In A Melee details have been received and understood.
- (a) If a player or players are sent from the field for Engaging in a Melee either or both Member Clubs may be liable for a fine.
- 52.4 The umpire(s) or Official shall inform The League of the incident by noon on the Monday following the match.
- 52.5 Fines for Engaging In A Melee offence in the same year are as follows;
- (a) First (1<sup>st</sup>) offence – \$250.
  - (b) Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) offence - \$500.
  - (c) Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) offence - \$1000.
  - (d) Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) offence – Referred directly to the Tribunal.
- 52.6 The League and/or Tribunal shall have powers to impose a further fine and/or penalty upon any player or Official or Member Club.
- 52.7 The above penalties shall be doubled during major round matches of The League.
- 52.8 If a Member Club is issued a second Engaging In A Melee offence in the same Division in the same year’s major round, the Member Club will be referred directly to the Tribunal.

## 53 DISCRIMINATION AND RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION

- 53.1 A person shall not act towards or speak to any other person in a manner, or engage in any other conduct which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person on any basis, including but not limited to, a person’s race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, special ability/disability (including without limitation, disease or illness) or sexual orientation, preference or identity.
- 53.2 In the event that any person hears what they interpret to be a racist remark and such person wishes to lodge a complaint, they shall write to The League advising of what was said, by whom and at whom it was directed.
- 53.3 The League may investigate such complaint as it deems fit.

- 53.4 A person who exhibits racist behaviour shall be liable to any penalty that The League may impose pursuant to the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of The League including a fine and/or loss of all or some premiership points accrued in the particular Division that the team participates in or in all Divisions in which such Member Club participates.

## 54 ANTI-DOPING POLICY

- 54.1 Member Clubs and officials are bound by the Australian Football League (AFL) Anti-Doping Code under Clause 21 of the Laws Of Australian Football.
- 54.2 The AFL is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code (WADA).
- 54.3 WADA is the international organisation responsible for fighting doping in sport.
- 54.4 The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) is responsible for implementing the AFL's Anti-Doping Code at all levels of competition.
- 54.5 ASADA's responsibilities for investigations extend to the Adelaide Footy League.
- 54.6 A Member Club player or official does not have to be tested to breach the code and receive a sanction.
- 54.7 Penalties under the AFL Anti-Doping Code may be up to four (4) years and prevent a person from performing any role at any sporting club including playing, coaching or being a support staff member.
- 54.8 Such sanctions shall include participation in any event, game or activity managed by a Member Club.

## SECTION 9 EXTREME WEATHER

### 55 HEAT PROCEDURE

- 55.1 When the Adelaide metropolitan forecast temperature of the day of competition is 40 degrees or over, as specified by radio station 5AA at 8.00am on the morning of the match, all matches of The League scheduled for that day shall be cancelled.
- 55.2 In senior matches affected by Clause 55
- In the event that another match or matches were played in the same round as cancelled matches there shall be no premiership points or scores allocated for any matches played in such round.
  - There shall be no umpire's votes allocated for the League's Best and Fairest.
  - A report by an umpire from a match played shall still be lodged by the reporting umpire(s) to the Tribunal.
  - In the event of a cancelled match which had been scheduled to be played either prior to, or after, a matches which were played, the match may be re-scheduled provided both Member Clubs agree to the new time and location.
  - In the event a match is not played in a round which matches were played, each team which did not play and whom don't re-schedule their cancelled match, shall be awarded one premiership point each.
  - A cancelled match shall not be counted in a player's total of matches played in The League.
- 55.3 When the forecast temperature of the day of competition is 38 – 39 degrees, as specified by radio station 5AA at 8:00am on the morning of the match, the Heat Procedure shall apply.
- 55.4 The Heat Procedure also applies for trial matches involving a Member Club.
- 55.5 The home Member Club shall be responsible to initiate the following Heat Procedure process:
- The start of the Reserves or curtain raiser match is to be moved back 10 minutes to 12.05pm.
  - The second match to start at its normal time of 2.15pm.
  - The home Member Club's timekeeper shall blow the siren at the fifteen (15) minute mark of each quarter to allow a two minute break for players to take fluids and cool down.
  - A warning siren is then blown after one (1) minute 30 seconds and a second siren after 1 minute 45 seconds and play recommences exactly two (2) minutes after the break commenced.

- (e) Play shall recommence in the same location where it ceased at the onset of the break.
  - (f) During the two (2) minute break non playing coaches are not permitted to enter the playing field.
- 55.6 If a subsequent cool change arrives after the Heat Procedure has been initiated, the match being playing may revert to normal playing rules providing both competing Member Club Captains agree to such terms.
- 55.7 On days when the Heat Procedure is involved, the deadline for Member Club's SportsTG responsibilities shall be 5.45pm.

## 56 LIGHTNING/HAIL

- 56.1 In the case of lightning and/or hail deemed as a threat to the safety of Member Club players before or during a match of The League the following shall apply.
- (a) If a match of The League does not commence as agreed by both Member Club's Match Day Official (MDO) and a minimum of one field umpire the match shall be deemed to be a Draw and each team will be awarded one (1) premiership point.
  - (b) If the delay takes place before half time and is unable to recommence within thirty (30) minute the match shall be deemed to be a Draw but the scores at the time shall be used in that Division's premiership table.
  - (c) If the delay takes place during the third quarter and is unable to recommence within thirty (30) minute from the stop in play as agreed by both MDO's and a minimum of one field umpire, the half time scores shall be deemed to be the final score of the match.
  - (d) If the delay takes place during the final quarter and is unable to recommence within thirty (30) minute from the stop in play as agreed by both MDO's and a minimum of one field umpire, the scores at the time shall be deemed to be the final score of the match.
  - (e) There shall be only one thirty (30) minute delay per match. In the case of a second delay due to lightning and/or hail the match shall be deemed to have been completed.
  - (f) If a Member Club is directed to recommence play by both field umpires and agreed upon by the opposing MDO but refuses to recommence play before the commencement or during the match, such Member Club shall be deemed to have forfeited the match in which case Clause 38.5 shall apply.
  - (g) The League shall have the powers to determine the appropriate result and premiership points awarded from a match affected by lightning and/or hail in matches played which are influenced by circumstances outside the guidelines as prescribed in Clause 56.

## SECTION 10 AWARDS

### 57 BEST AND FAIREST

- 57.1 A medal shall be awarded to the Best and Fairest player in every Division.
- 57.2 Medal winners are determined by the field umpire(s) voting as described in Clause 25.6.
- 57.3 In the event of a tie by the highest vote winning players in any Division all tied players shall receive the same medal awarded in that Division.
- 57.4 Any player guilty of a Category "A" offence shall be ineligible to win any best and fairest awards determined by The League in the season in which such player has been found guilty.

### 58 PLAYER LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 58.1 To be awarded Player Life Membership of The League a player shall play 150 senior matches in The League.

## **59 MERIT AWARDS**

- 59.1 The League shall award Merit Certificates to volunteers who have made a significant contribution to their Member Club and or The League.
- 59.2 Merit award nominations shall be submitted on the form prescribed by The League.

## **60 LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

- 60.1 Member Clubs may present to The League or The League may present to the General Committee a nomination for any person who has rendered conspicuous and/or distinguished service to The League to be elected a Life Member of The League.
- 60.2 The nominated person shall have given a minimum of ten (10) years significant contribution to The League and shall not have been a paid employee in any aspects of The League in such person's fifteen (15) years.
- 60.3 The nomination of a person for Life Membership of The League by a Member Club shall be in writing and signed by the proposer and seconder.
- 60.4 The General Committee shall ratify by a two-thirds majority of Member Clubs any Life Member nominated.

## **SECTION 11 APPENDICES**



## APPENDIX 1

## SA Community Football League Inc. Player Registration &amp; Transfer Form

## SECTION 1 – PLAYER REGISTRATION

Christian Name:	Surname:	Date of Birth:
Road/Street:	Suburb/Town:	Post Code:
Home phone:	Mobile:	Email Address:

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

## SECTION 1a – PLAYING HISTORY DECLARATION

Have you been a registered player with any other Australian Football club? **YES/NO**  
 If yes, please list your playing history over the last five years below. You must state which League and Club you played with and the amount of games played in each grade.

Season	League/Assoc	Club	Grade/Division	Games Played

Are you a contracted player of any Club? **YES/NO**

Are you currently under suspension or have a suspended sentence against you? **YES/NO**

If a player or official of a Club is found guilty of providing false or misleading information in this declaration then such player or official may be liable to penalties including deregistration, suspension and/or a fine not exceeding \$2000.00. The player's Club may also be liable to a fine not exceeding \$2000.00 and/or the loss of premiership points in the Senior "A" grade team.

Have you previously played with a Club in the League/Assoc. you are making application to be transferred to: **YES/NO**

If yes, please complete previous Club: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for a transfer (if applicable) from the Club with which I was previously registered. I understand that this transfer must be obtained before being eligible for registration to play with \_\_\_\_\_ Club. **YES/NO**

I declare that the above particulars are, to the best of my knowledge, and belief, true and correct.

Signature of player: ..... Date: .....

Signature (Club Official): ..... Name: .....

**\*If player is under the age of 18 – Parent/Guardian signature is required.\***

Signature: ..... Parent/Guardian Date: .....

## SECTION 1b – PLAYER POINT RATING

Club Points allocation	0	1	2	3	4	5
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## SECTION 2 – OFFICE USE ONLY

League Points allocation	0	1	2	3	4	5
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**APPENDIX 2**

# SA Community Football League

## Playing Contract



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

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

And the: .....Football Club (“the Club”)

As members of the **Adelaide Footy League** (“the League”)

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

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

for the following SEASON(s): .....

In accordance with information on the reverse of this page, the following details set out the payment amounts from the club to the player as a return for services associated with the club.

**PLAYER PAYMENTS:**

\$ AMOUNT

MATCH PAYMENTS	_____	(per senior match played)
	_____	(per reserves match player)
OTHER PAYMENTS / BENEFITS	_____	Details: .....
	_____	Details:.....
	_____	Details:.....
	_____	Details:.....

**(“the Player Payments”)**

The manner and dates for payment (outline when payment including tax will be made)

.....  
 The player must comply with the following special conditions (“the Special Conditions”):  
 .....

# Playing Contract

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### 1. OPERATION OF THIS CONTRACT

- 1.1 Subject always to the obligations in clause 1.2, the Player and the Club acknowledge and agree that this Playing Contract does not commence operation or have binding effect until such time as the Player becomes registered with the Club.
- 1.2 The Player agrees not to enter into any agreement, understanding or contract to play Australian Football with any other club or team other than the Club from the date of this Playing Contract until the conclusion of the Term or the Player's application for registration with the Club being declined. The Player shall use reasonable endeavours and do all things reasonably required by the Club to enable the Player to become a registered Player of the Club.
- 1.3 This contract commences on the date on which the last of the parties signs it and terminates on the 31st day of October in the last year of the player contract

### 2. WARRANTIES

- 2.1 The Player warrants to the Club that the Player has, prior to entering into this Playing Contract, notified the Club of any suspension that will limit the Player's ability to be selected to play Australian Football for the Club.
- 2.2 Each of the Club and the Player warrants to the other of them that it understands and will comply with its obligations under the SACFL Rules and Regulations, in particular regarding Player Payments.

### 3. PLAYER OBLIGATIONS

- The Player shall for the Term:
- 3.1 Play Australian Football for the Club to the best of the Player's skill and ability in each match in which the Player is selected.
- 3.2 Attend all training sessions and team meetings of the Club.
- 3.3 Obey all reasonable directions of the Senior Coach, President, and Secretary of the Club.
- 3.4 Play in all Australian Football matches in which the Player is selected to play or as otherwise directed by the Club unless a duly qualified Medical Practitioner rules the Player unfit to play.
- 3.5 Comply with all reasonable requirements of the Club relating to preparation for matches, attendance at social functions, behaviour and dress.
- 3.6 Not play or train for Australian Football with any other Club or team (save for a South Australian representative team or the League representative team) without first obtaining the consent in writing of the Club.
- 3.7 Do everything reasonably necessary to obtain and maintain the best possible physical condition so as to render the most efficient service to the Club and to submit from time to time and as and when required by the Club to a complete a thorough medical fitness test and examination.
- 3.8 Not engage in any dangerous activity which in the opinion of the Club may affect the Player's ability to perform the Player's obligations under this Contract without first obtaining the consent in writing of the Club.
- 3.9 During league matches, wear only such items of playing apparel as may be approved of or prescribed by the League and to the extent that the same are not inconsistent therewith, the Club.
- 3.10 Not comment on a matter which the Club has notified the Player is a matter upon which Players of the Club are not to comment publicly.

### 4. PLAYER PAYMENTS

- 4.1 The Club shall make the Player Payments to the Player in accordance with the Schedule attached to this Playing Contract.
- 4.2 The Player agrees that the Club is entitled to set off any monies which may at any time be payable by the Player to the Club on any account against the Player Payments.

### 5. PLAYER BOUND TO RULES

- The Player hereby agrees with the Club that he is bound by and will comply with:-
- 5.1 the Rules and Regulations of the Club;
- 5.2 the Rules and Regulations of the League (including requirements of players and clubs regarding registration); and
- 5.3 the Rules and Regulations of the South Australian Community Football League Inc, South Australian National Football League Inc and Australian Football League Ltd ("AFL");
- And any modifications or variations made to those Rules and Regulations from time to time ("the Rules").

### 6. DISPUTE

In the event of a dispute arising between the parties during the term of this Playing Contract or following its termination, the matter may be referred for determination by a nominee of the League. A request for determination by an aggrieved party shall be made in writing to the other party and shall contain a precise statement of the issue in dispute and all relevant facts giving rise to the dispute. The League may adjudicate upon any dispute in accordance with its rules in force at the time.

### 7. VOLUNTARY ASSUMPTION OF RISK

- The Player acknowledges and agrees that:
- 7.1 Australian Football is a vigorous body contact sport in which physical injury is likely to occur from time to time;
- 7.2 The Player nonetheless desires to play Australian Football for the Club;
- 7.3 The Player personally accepts the risk both physical and legal of injury arising in the course of training for and participating in a game of Australian Football;
- 7.4 The Player will disclose to the Club any physical or mental condition or ailment that could affect the ability of the Player to carry out the Player's obligations under this Playing Contract; and
- 7.5 The Player will, on request by the Club, complete any reasonable questionnaire concerning the medical condition of the Player presented to the Player by the Club.

### 8. TERMINATION

This Contract may be terminated by:

- 8.1 The Club, if the Player is in breach of any of the Player’s obligations hereunder and the breach has not been remedied after a period of 14 days following notice in writing by the Club to the Player requiring the breach to be remedied.
- 8.2 The Player, if the Club is in breach of any of its obligations hereunder and the breach continues has not been remedied after a period of 14 days following notice in writing by the Player to the Club requiring the breach to be remedied.  
The Player, immediately by notice in writing given to the Club upon their name being included, in accordance with the Rules of the AFL, on the official list of players of any team competing in the AFL competition.

9. **PLAYER MOVEMENT TO SANFL/AFL**  
The Player will remain contracted to the Club until the expiration of the Term. It is noted and agreed by all parties to this contract that any SANFL and or AFL Playing Contract will take precedence over this Playing Contract and that the rules and regulations of the AFL, SANFL or SACFL will be adhered to.

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

11. **WAIVER**  
A waiver by any party of any of the terms and conditions of this Contract in any one case shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of such term or condition for the future or for any other or subsequent breach.

**EXECUTED** by )  
**THE CLUB** )  
 )  
 ) .....  
 ) Signature of Authorised Person  
 )  
 By its duly authorised representative )  
 In the presence of: )  
 ) .....  
 ) Name

..... Position  
 .....  
 Signature of Witness

.....  
 Name of Witness

**SIGNED** by the **PLAYER:** )  
 )  
 In the presence of: )  
 ) .....

.....  
 Signature of Witness

.....  
 Name of Witness

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

## APPENDIX 3

**FINES LIST** All Fines Exclude GST

OFFENCE	FINE
<b>MATCH DAY FINES</b>	
For not supplying a field umpire (where applicable)	\$500
For a team being incorrectly attired	\$250
For not supplying two (2) Match Day Officials for a major round match	\$200
For not having goal or behind posts padded at home matches	\$100
For not supplying a suitable Sherrin football for any match of The League	\$100
For an Interchange Steward not wearing the designated uniform	\$100
For the Match Day Official not wearing the official Ch9AFL vest	\$100
For a Club field or boundary or goal umpire or runner being incorrectly attired	\$100
For not supplying an Interchange Steward at home matches or in any final (where applicable)	\$100
For not supplying a Timekeeper at a home match or in any final	\$100
For not supplying a boundary or goal umpire (where applicable)	\$100
For not supplying a suitable siren or horn at home matches	\$100
For not supplying an accessible stretcher at home matches	\$100
For not having the playing field clearly and/or correctly line marked at home matches	\$100
For not supplying a Match Day Official at all matches. (Two in finals)	\$100
For not supplying a Team Sheet to the opposition Club and/or field umpire	\$100
For incorrect or not supplying goal umpire flags	\$100
For an on field drinks carrier or on field training staff member being incorrectly attired	\$100
For an individual player being incorrectly attired	\$20
<b>ADMINISTRATION FINES</b>	
Engaging in a Melee (3 <sup>rd</sup> offence) in same season	\$1,000
Engaging in a Melee (2 <sup>nd</sup> offence) in same season	\$500
For the withdrawal of team(s) after the prescribed date set by The League	\$500
Engaging in a Melee (1 <sup>st</sup> offence) in same season	\$250
For not supplying a premiership team photo for The League's Annual Report	\$250
For not providing a response to a request from The League by a due date	\$100
For not supplying any form(s) (e.g. a Player Registration and Transfer Form) to The League within 48 hours of the request	\$100
For not supplying a Club delegate or Club proxy name to The League prior to the first meeting of the General Committee each year	\$100
For a Club delegate or proxy not attending any meeting that is deemed compulsory by The League.	\$100
For a Member Club appointed field umpire failing to return Match Day paper work by noon Monday	\$100
<b>Footyweb FINES</b>	
For a Club not entering a Team sheet in Footyweb prior to the start of the match to be played	\$100
For the Home team not entering scores or goal kickers or best players into Footyweb by the specified time	\$100
For the Home team not entering scores or goal kickers or best players into Footyweb by the specified time. – third and subsequent offences	\$200
For the Home team not entering scores or goal kickers or best players into Footyweb by 8:00am Monday for a match played on a Sunday.	\$100
For a Club not correcting team sheet(s) and/or best players and/or goal kickers in Footyweb by noon Monday	\$100
<b>TRIBUNAL FINES</b>	
For a reported player not attending Tribunal	\$200
For a Club delegate failing to attend a Tribunal with a reported player(s)	\$200
Club – First Offence	\$100
Club – Second Offence	\$200
Club – Third and subsequent Offences	TBD

The League, Executive Committee, Tribunal and the Investigation Committee may also impose a fine not listed on the Fines List to a Member Club, official, coach or player for breaching or failing to comply with The League's Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution.



## APPENDIX 5



## UMPIRE'S PROOF OF PAYMENT

ROUND \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Teams

\_\_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_\_

Played at \_\_\_\_\_

## Field Umpires

Names	Signature	
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

## Goal Umpires

Names	Signature	
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

## Boundary Umpires

Names	Signature	
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

## Club Official

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be kept by the Member Club

## APPENDIX 6



## MATCH ATTIRE OF OFFICIALS

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

### MEMBER CLUB FIELD UMPIRES

- OfficialGreen\* long or short sleeve collared shirt with Adelaide Footy logo
- OfficialDark Grey\* shorts
- OfficialGreen\* socks
- Boots, sandshoes or runners
- Whistle

### TRAINERS

- Plain dark shorts or plain black or plain white long pants
- Either plain pink polo shirt with the word "Trainer" on back or official pink Adelaide Footy "TRAINER" vest
- Logos of official Apparel Suppliers only
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

### MEMBER CLUB GOAL UMPIRES

- Green\* long or short sleeve collared shirt with Adelaide Footy logo or white coat
- Dark long pants
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

### RUNNERS

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

### MEMBER CLUB BOUNDARY UMPIRES

- Official Green shirt with Adelaide Footy logo or plain green polo shirt
- Official Grey shorts
- Official Green socks or plain dark socks
- Boots, sandshoes or runners
- Whistle

### WATER CARRIERS

- Plain pink polo top or plain pink t-shirt
- Plain dark shorts or plain dark long pants
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

### INTERCHANGE STEWARD

- Official orange Adelaide Footy "INTERCHANGE" vest

\* As per Adelaide Footy League standard

**NO JEANS OR DENIM OR CARGO SHORTS OR BOARD SHORTS ARE ALLOWED TO BE WORN BY ANY PERSON ENTERING THE PLAYING FIELD WHILE A MATCH IS BEING PLAYED.**

**ONLY PLAIN DARK OR PLAIN WHITE SHORTS OR PLAIN DARK OR PLAIN WHITE LONG PANTS ARE TO BE WORN BY ANY CLUB OFFICIAL ENTERING THE PLAYING FIELD WHILE A MATCH IS BEING PLAYED.**

**FINES SHALL BE IMPOSED FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE MATCH ATTIRE RULES.**

## APPENDIX 7



## PLAYER WITHDRAWAL OF TRANSFER FORM

GUIDELINES

The player's registered Club must submit this form to its affiliated league when refusing the transfer within the six (6) clear business day timeframe.

PLAYER TO COMPLETE

**SECTION ONE** - To be completed (BLOCK LETTERS) and signed by the player:-

I, *[Player's full name]* ..... Date of Birth:     /     /

Of *[Address]* .....

*[Suburb]* ..... *[State]* ..... *[P/Code]* .....

Wish to **withdraw** my application to transfer to the ..... Football Club

In the ..... Football League / Association.

And wish to **remain** a registered player with the ..... Football Club

In the ..... Football League / Association.

Home Phone: ..... Work Phone: .....

Mobile: ..... Email: .....

**I declare that all information provided is true and correct.**

Signed: ..... Date: .....

**NB: Deliberately providing misleading information may result in immediate penalties against the player and/or the Club.**

CLUB TO COMPLETE

**SECTION TWO** - To be completed (BLOCK LETTERS) and signed by the club President / Secretary (or delegated representative) the player wishes to remain at:-

**On behalf of the football club, I declare the above particulars are, to the best of my knowledge true and correct.**

Name: *(Please Print)* ..... Position: ..... *(President /Secretary)*

Signature: ..... Date: .....

**(Penalties shall apply to any Club that lodges a false Player Withdrawal of Transfer Form).**

**APPENDIX 8****CODE OF BEHAVIOUR****Administrators/Member Club Officials**

- Make sure coaches and officials are trained and acknowledged for their efforts.
- Set the example by ensuring all The League's Rules, Regulations and procedures are in place.
- Administer discipline in a just, fair and supportive manner.
- Be responsible for the conduct of your players, spectators and officials.
- Respect the rights and dignity of every person.
- Be aware of your legal responsibilities.

**Coaches**

- Treat all players with respect at all times.
- Refrain from any form of personal harassment or abuse.
- Do not ridicule players and provide feedback in a positive manner.
- Respect gender, ability, culture, background and religion.
- Abide by umpire's decisions.
- Control your temper and don't use abusive language.
- Promote a climate of mutual support among your players and encourage them to respect one another.

**Players**

- Respect the rights and dignity of fellow players, coaches, umpires, officials and spectators.
- Abide by the rules and respect the decision of umpires.
- Conduct yourself in a responsible manner relating to language, temper and attitude.
- Refrain from any conduct which could be construed as harassment and bullying.
- Respect gender, ability, culture, background and religion.
- Control your temper and don't use abusive language.

**Umpires**

- Treat all participants with respect at all times.
- Umpires shall be impartial and maintain integrity in their relationship with other umpires, players and spectators.
- Compliment and encourage all players and refrain from any personal abuse or harassment towards players.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect.
- Be consistent, objective and respectful when making your decisions.
- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.

**Spectators**

- Encourage players to play according to the rules and official decisions
- Do not ridicule umpires, players or other spectators.
- Respect and abide by decisions of umpires and officials.
- Respect rights and dignity of others.
- Do not use abusive language and refrain from any conduct that could be construed as harassment or bullying.
- Do not take any alcohol, bottles or glass onto the oval.

**APPENDIX 9**



**APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT FOR A PLAYER TO PLAY IN THE MAJOR ROUND**

CLUB .....

PLAYER .....

Grade ..... (Division)                      Date .....

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

<b>ROUND ►</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Div									
Div									
<b>ROUND ►</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Div									
Div									
	<b>EF</b>	<b>QF</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> SEMI</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SEMI</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>				
Div									
Div									

**We are seeking a permit for the above player for the following reasons:**

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.....

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your title in Club \_\_\_\_\_ Best contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be lodged with The League before noon on the Thursday prior to the day on which the player seeking a permit desires to play.**

## APPENDIX 10

## SACFL REGULATION 31 – TOTAL PLAYER PAYMENTS KEY AREAS

Item	Description	Detail	Regulation
Match Payments	<b>Total Player Payment Cap</b>	Clubs can pay up to <b>\$3,500</b> per match including finals (cannot be accrued) <b>(Adelaide Footy \$3,000 )</b>	31.1
	<b>Marquee Player</b>	Each team may have 1 marquee player paid no more than <b>\$1,000</b> per match <b>( Adelaide Footy No marquee player )</b>	31.1.1.3
	<b>Individual Player Payment</b>	No individual player can be paid more than <b>\$500.</b> <b>(Adelaide Footy \$400 )</b>	31.1.1.5
	<b>Coach Payment</b>	A playing coach will have <b>\$300</b> per week included in the total player payment cap	31.2.3.6
Incentives	<b>Match Incentives</b>	Up to a maximum of <b>\$600</b> per week including finals	31.2.3.5
	<b>Accrued Incentives</b>	Up to a maximum of <b>\$300</b> of the \$600 weekly incentives can be accrued each week	31.2.3.5.2
	<b>Individual Incentives</b>	Up to a maximum of <b>\$150</b> incentive payment per week can be paid to an individual	31.2.3.5.3
	<b>Milestone Payments</b>	Up to a maximum of <b>\$500</b> per 50 A Grade games played for the same Club	31.2.3.14
	<b>Representative Football</b>	Up to a maximum of <b>\$150 Association Game, \$300 Zone Carnival, \$500 State Game. ( Adelaide Footy \$Nil )</b>	31.2.3.13
Exemptions	<b>Superannuation</b>	Any payment made in compliance with the super guarantee charge	31.2.3.8
	<b>Employment</b>	Market value employment wages within the Football Club	31.2.3.11
	<b>Meals &amp; Apparel</b>	After match meals and Club apparel	31.2.3.5.2
	<b>Income protection</b>	Up to \$1,000 from the Club and/or insurer per week for up to 52 weeks for any injury sustained while playing football	31.2.3.12
	<b>Insurance Reimbursement</b>	Any premium paid in respect of an insurance policy taken out	31.2.3.12
Travel	<b>Distance</b>	Players can be paid 0.50c per km greater than 100km round trip for Match Day only	31.2.3.9
	<b>Maximum (Air &amp; Road)</b>	The maximum travel payment is <b>\$400</b> per player per round.	31.2.3.9
Reporting	<b>31st of March</b>	Provide the Zone Registrar with estimated yearly payments	31.2.6
	<b>28th of July</b>	Provide the Zone Registrar with actual payments made up to the 30th of June	31.2.6
	<b>31st of October</b>	Provide the Zone Registrar with end of season player payments	31.2.6
Rulings	Enquiries on Regulation 31 should be directed to your Zone Registrar in the first instance who will forward to the CFL		
Contracts	All paid players must sign an approved SACFL Contract		

## APPENDIX 10

## DISPENSATION POLICY

The underpinning philosophy of this process is to allow players who are unable to compete in their chronological age group due to their size, experience and/or the inaccessibility of a competition for such age group, the opportunity to be dispensated up or down to an age group that is better suited for them to participate in based on their size, experience and/or the accessibility of such a competition.

## 1. Dispensated Up

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