

# Albury Wodonga Junior Football League



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## *AWJFL Important Dates 2019*

Tue. 29/01/19	AWJFL Board Meeting	AFLNEB Office	6:00pm
Tue. 26/02/19	AWJFL Board Meeting	Albury Sports Ground	6:00pm
Tue. 26/02/19	AWJFL Presidents & Delegates Meeting	Albury Sports Ground	7:00pm
Tue. 19/03/19	AWJFL Board Meeting	AFLNEB Office	6:00pm
Sun. 31/03/19	Round 1	Various	
Sun. 07/04/19	Round 2	Various	
Sun. 14/04/19	Round 3	Various	
Sun. 21/04/19	AWJFL BYE - EASTER WEEKEND		
Sun. 28/04/19	Round 4	Various	
Tue. 30/04/19	AWJFL Board Meeting	AFLNEB Office	6:00pm
Sun. 05/05/19	Round 5	Various	
Sun. 12/05/19	Round 6	Various	
Sun. 19/05/19	AWJFL BYE - NORTH EAST CARNIVAL		Wangaratta
Sun. 26/05/19	Round 7	Various	
Tue. 28/05/19	AWJFL Board Meeting	Albury Sports Ground	6:00pm
Tue. 28/05/19	AWJFL Presidents & Delegates Meeting	Albury Sports Ground	7:00pm
Sun. 02/06/19	Round 8	Various	
Sun. 09/06/19	AWJFL BYE - QUEENS BIRTHDAY		
Sun. 16/06/19	Round 9	Various	
Sun. 23/06/19	Round 10	Various	
Tue. 25/06/19	AWJFL Board Meeting	AFLNEB Office	6:00pm
Sun. 30/06/19	Round 11	Various	
Sun. 07/07/19	AWJFL BYE – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
Sun. 14/07/19	Round 12	Various	
Sun. 21/07/19	Round 13	Various	
Tue. 23/07/19	AWJFL Board Meeting	Corowa Football Club	6:00pm
Tue. 23/07/19	AWJFL Presidents & Delegates Meeting	Corowa Football Club	7:00pm
Sun. 28/07/19	Round 14	Various	
Sun. 04/08/19	Week 1 Finals	TBC	
Sun. 11/08/19	Week 2 Finals	TBC	
Sun. 18/08/19	Preliminary Finals	TBC	
Mon.19/08/19	Presentation Evening	Commercial Club Albury	
Sun. 25/08/19	Grand Finals	TBC	
Tue. 17/09/19	AWJFL Board Meeting	AFLNEB Office	6:00pm
Tue. 29/10/19	AWJFL Board Meeting	Albury Sports Ground	6:00pm
Tue. 29/10/19	AWJFL AGM	Albury Sports Ground	7:00pm
Tue. 26/11/19	AWJFL Board Meeting	AFLNEB Office	6:00pm

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Round 1	March 31	Age Divisions
Raiders Blue	V St Patricks	All
Raiders Red	V Albury	All
Lavington	V Wod White	U12/14
Yarrowonga	V Nth Albury	All
Corowa R'Glen	V Wod Maroon	All

*Bye – Lavington U16*

Round 2	April 6/7	Age Divisions
Corowa R'Glen	V Yarrowonga	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> All
St Patricks	V Raiders Red	All
Albury	V Lavington	All
Raiders Blue	V Nth Albury	All
Wod White	V Wod Maroon	U12/14

*Bye - Wod Maroon U16*

Round 3	April 14	Age Divisions
Nth Albury	V Lavington	All
Albury	V Corowa R'Glen	All
Raiders Red	V Raiders Blue	All
St Patricks	V Wod White	U12/14
Wod Maroon	V Yarrowonga	All

*Bye – St Patricks U16*

Round 4	April 28	Age Divisions
Albury	V Nth Albury	All
Lavington	V St Patricks	All
Raiders Blue	V Wod Maroon	All
Corowa R'Glen	V Wod White	U12/14
Yarrowonga	V Raiders Red	All

*Bye – Corowa R'Glen U16*

Round 5	May 5	Age Divisions
Wod Maroon	V Albury	All
St Patricks	V Nth Albury	All
Corowa R'Glen	V Raiders Blue	All
Raiders Red	V Lavington	All
Yarrowonga	V Wod White	U12/14

*Bye – Yarrowonga U16*

Round 6	May 12	Age Divisions
Yarrowonga	V Albury	All
Lavington	V Raiders Blue	All
St Patricks	V Corowa R'Glen	All
Wod Maroon	V Nth Albury	All
Wod White	V Raiders Red	U12/14

*Bye – Raiders Red U16*

## Inter League Bye Sunday May 19

Round 7	May 26	Age Divisions
Corowa R'Glen	V Lavington	All
Wod White	V Albury	U12/14
Wod Maroon	V St Patricks	All
Raiders Red	V Nth Albury	All
Raiders Blue	V Yarrowonga	All

*Bye – Albury U16*

Round 8	June 2	Age Divisions
Albury	V Raiders Blue	All
Raiders Red	V Corowa R'Glen	All
Wod Maroon	V Lavington	All
Wod White	V Nth Albury	U12/14
Yarrowonga	V St Patricks	All

*Bye – Nth Albury U16*

## League Bye Sunday June 9

Round 9	June 15/16	Age Divisions
Albury	V St Patricks	Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> U16
Albury	V St Patricks	U12/14
Nth Albury	V Corowa R'Glen	All
Lavington	V Yarrowonga	All
Wod Maroon	V Raiders Red	All
Raiders Blue	V Wod White	U12/U14

*Bye – Raiders Blue U16*

Round 10	June 22/23	Age Divisions
Yarrowonga	V Corowa R'Glen	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> All
Raiders Red	V St Patricks	All
Lavington	V Albury	All
Nth Albury	V Raiders Blue	All
Wod Maroon	V Wod White	U12/14

*Bye – Wod Maroon U16*

Round 11	June 30	Age Divisions
Albury	V Yarrowonga	All
Raiders Blue	V Lavington	All
Corowa R'Glen	V St Patricks	All
Nth Albury	V Wod Maroon	All
Raiders Red	V Wod White	U12/14

*Bye – Raiders Red U16*

## League Bye Sunday July 7

Round 12	July 14	Age Divisions
Wod White	V Yarrowonga	U12/14
Lavington	V Wod Maroon	All
Corowa R'Glen	V Nth Albury	All
St Patricks	V Albury	All
Raiders Blue	V Raiders Red	All

*Bye – Yarrowonga U16*

Round 13	July 21	Age Divisions
Lavington	V Corowa R'Glen	All
Albury	V Wod White	U12/14
St Patricks	V Wod Maroon	All
Nth Albury	V Raiders Red	All
Yarrowonga	V Raiders Blue	All

*Bye – Albury U16*

Round 14	July 28	Age Divisions
Wod White	V Raiders Blue	U12/14
Yarrowonga	V Wod Maroon	All
St Patricks	V Lavington	All
Nth Albury	V Albury	All
Corowa R'Glen	V Raiders Red	All

*Bye–Raiders Blue U16*

## Finals Series

**QUALIFYING/ELIMINATION FINALS** – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019

**SEMI FINALS** – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**PRELIMINARY FINALS** – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**GRAND FINAL**  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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# **ALBURY WODONGA JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED**

## **CONSTITUTION**

(Amended 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015)

1. Name

The name of the organisation will be the ALBURY WODONGA JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED ("AWJFL").

2. Objects of the AWJFL

The Objects of the AWJFL are to be a leading community sporting organisation providing opportunity for footballers of all abilities whilst promoting personal and physical development, enjoyment and respect for the game of Australian Rules.

3. Fund Raising

The AWJFL may conduct such fund-raising activities and promotions as determined by the Board of Management for the purpose of purchase of equipment, hire of umpires and for the general administration costs of the AWJFL.

4. Discipline

- (a) The Board of Management may take the action deemed appropriate to discipline players and all other persons connected with the AWJFL (e.g. parents, supporters, delegates, coaches, spectators, etc) for actions or behaviour (including on field offences not reported by an umpire where a complaint is lodged with the Secretary within 72 hours of the match) considered not to be in the best interests of the AWJFL or repugnant to the interests of the AWJFL.
- (b) Players will be disciplined in accordance with the AFL VC rules for any field offences reported by an umpire and for any other offences or actions reported by an umpire.
- (c) Any complaint against a person under Rule 4(a) will be dealt with by the Board of Management or may be referred to an Independent Investigator appointed by the Board of Management for that specific purpose.
- (d) The Independent Investigator will investigate any complaint referred to him/her and will:
  - (i) Recommend what (if any) charges should be laid;
  - (ii) Take into account any mitigating circumstances;
  - (iii) Recommend penalties (if any is thought appropriate); and
  - (iv) Prepare a report to be presented to the Board of Management.
- (e) The Board of Management, upon the receipt of the Independent Investigator's report may endorse, amend or negate the recommended charges and penalties. Once the Board of Management have decided what action is to be taken on the report it will inform the relevant clubs of the penalties or other actions taken.
- (f) Special Powers of the Board of Management:
  - (i) The Board of Management is empowered to penalise players, officials and clubs who breach any Rule, By-law or motion passed by the AWJFL Committee or the Board of Management and included in the minutes of the current season.
  - (ii) Penalties may include, but are not restricted to, reprimands, loss of match points and suspension of players and officials.
  - (iii) Penalties may be appealed to the AWJFL Committee.

5. Resolution of Internal Disputes

- (a) Disputes between members (in their capacity as members) of the AWJFL, and disputes between members and the AWJFL are to be referred to the AFL VC for the purpose of arranging mediation.
- (b) At least 7 days before a mediation session is to commence, the parties are to exchange statements of the issues between them and supply copies to the mediator.

6. By-laws and Playing Rules

The AWJFL Committee may enact By-laws of the AWJFL for the proper administration and management of the AWJFL. The Board of Management will enact Playing Rules which will govern the running of the AWJFL's competitions.

7. Affiliation

- (a) The AWJFL will affiliate with:
  - (i) The AFL VC; and
  - (ii) Any other like league, association or sporting organisation as deemed proper by the Board of Management.
- (b) All clubs competing in the AWJFL competitions will be affiliated with the AWJFL upon payment of annual affiliation fees.



8. Membership of the AWJFL

Any club or person fulfilling one of the following conditions is entitled to membership of the AWJFL:

- (a) If they are elected to a position on the Board of Management;
- (b) If they are a club affiliated with the AWJFL (2 voting delegates per club); or
- (c) If they are a life member of the AWJFL.

9. Fees

No fee is payable by members except for the affiliation fees payable by clubs.

10. Register of Members

A register of members will be established and maintained specifying the name and address of each member and the date that they became a member. The register will be kept at the AWJFL's place of administration and will be available for inspection by any member upon request and upon reasonable notice.

11. Liability of Members

The liability of a member of the AWJFL to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the AWJFL or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the AWJFL is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by clubs with respect to their annual affiliation fees.

12. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the AWJFL will be held in October each year.

13. Special General Meetings

- (a) All general meetings other than the AGMs will be called Special General Meetings.
- (b) The Board of Management may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a Special General Meeting.
- (c)
  - (i) The Board of Management, on the requisition in writing by not less than 5 persons eligible as members must convene a Special General Meeting within 21 days of such a request being received by the Secretary;
  - (ii) Any requisition for a Special General Meeting must state the objects of the meeting and may consist of several documents, each signed by the 5 eligible members.
- (d) If the Board of Management does not cause a Special General Meeting to be held within 21 days of such a notice being received by the Secretary, the members making the request may convene a Special General Meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- (e) A Special General Meeting convened under Rule 13(d) will appoint a Chairman for the meeting and all the decisions reached (provided the agenda items voted upon were included in the original requisition for the Special General Meeting) must be adopted by the AWJFL and all costs of such a Special General Meeting will be borne by the AWJFL.

14. Notice of Meetings

The Secretary must give at least 7 days' notice of all Special General Meetings and AGMs either electronically, by post, a paid advertisement in the print media, or in person.

15. Procedure

- (a) All business that is transacted at a Special General Meeting will be deemed to be Special Business, except at an AGM.
- (b) No item of business will be transacted at a Special General Meeting (except AGMs) unless prior notice has been given in accordance with Rules 13 and 14 and unless a quorum is present.

16. Board of Management

The Board of Management will at all time act independently and in the best interests of the AWJFL.

- (a) The Board of Management of the AWJFL will consist of seven (7) persons elected to the following positions:
  - (i) President;
  - (ii) Secretary; and
  - (iii) Five (5) Board Members.
- (b) The AWJFL Committee will consist of:
  - (i) The members of the Board of Management;
  - (ii) Up to two (2) voting delegates from each club; and
  - (iii) Life members of the AWJFL.

17. Chairman

The President, or in his/her absence a person elected by the quorum present, will preside as Chairman of all constituted meetings of the AWJFL (except Special General Meetings convened under Rule 13(d)).

18. Voting

The following will be eligible to vote at all AWJFL Committee meetings:

- (a) The Board of Management;
- (b) Up to two (2) delegates from each affiliated club; and
- (c) Two (2) Life Members of the AWJFL in a capacity other than as delegates for their respective clubs.

19. Proxy Votes

Proxy votes will not be accepted; therefore, only eligible voters present at a meeting will be able to cast one vote each.

20. Board of Management Powers

- (a) The affairs of the AWJFL will be managed by a Board of Management as constituted in Rule 16(a).
- (b) The Board of Management will:
  - (i) Control and manage the business and affairs of the AWJFL; and
  - (ii) May, subject to these Rules and the Playing Rules and By-laws exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the AWJFL, other than those powers and functions that are required by these Rules to be exercised by the AWJFL Committee.

21. The Officers of the AWJFL

The Officers of the AWJFL will be the Board of Management as detailed in Rule 16(a) and:

- (a) The members of the Board of Management will serve two (2) year terms, with the exception that two (2) of the five (5) members of the Board of Management elected at the 2010 AGM will serve a one (1) year term only. All retiring members of the Board of Management will be eligible for re-election. A casual vacancy on the Board of Management will be filled by election at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose and the person elected will serve the balance of that term.
- (b) Each club affiliated with the AWJFL may appoint up to 2 voting delegates to the AWJFL Committee. All delegates will be members of the AWJFL Committee until the AGM following their appointment.

22. Election of Board of Management

Nominations will be accepted at the AGM provided any nomination is proposed and seconded by persons eligible to be members of the AWJFL as detailed in Rule 8.

23. Quorum and Procedures at Meetings

- (a) The Board of Management will meet each month.
- (b) Four (4) persons eligible as voting members will constitute a quorum at all Board of Management meetings.
- (c) The AWJFL Committee will meet in March, May, July and October (AGM) each year.
- (d) Thirteen (13) persons eligible as voting members will constitute a quorum at all AWJFL Committee meetings.
- (e) No business may be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. If a quorum cannot be achieved within one (1) hour of the scheduled time for a meeting to commence then the meeting will be re-scheduled to be held at the same time seven (7) days later.
- (f) The Board of Management and AWJFL Committee will be chaired in accordance with Rule 17.
- (g) Each person eligible to vote at meetings is entitled to one (1) vote only, except in the event of an equality of votes on any question where the person presiding at the meeting may exercise a second (casting) vote.
- (h) No resolutions will be voted upon by postal ballot.

24. Minutes

The Secretary, or in the Secretary's absence a person nominated by the quorum, will keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of all meetings, together with a record of the names of the persons present at meetings.

25. Management of Funds

- (a) The Funds are to be used in pursuance of the objects of the AWJFL in such manner as the Board of Management determines.
- (b) All cheques and negotiable instruments must be signed by two of the three persons appointed by the Board of Management to be signatories.

26. Sources of Funds

- (a) The funds of the AWJFL will be derived from entrance fees to finals matches, affiliation fees, donations and such other sources as the Board of Management determines.
- (b) All moneys received by the AWJFL must be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the AWJFL's bank account.
- (c) The AWJFL must, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

27. Financial Year

The financial year of the AWJFL will be from 1 October to 30 September each year.

28. Rules

All persons, players and clubs affiliated with the AWJFL must abide by these Rules, the Playing Rules and the By-laws. Where these Rules, the Playing Rules or the By-Laws do not cover any subject then the Rules of the AFL VC must be adhered to.

29. Amendments

- (a) Amendments to these Rules (including the Objects) may only be made by a special majority vote at an AGM or at a Special General Meeting by a special resolution where a notice of motion has been given at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
- (b) Notices of motion are to be delivered to the Secretary.
- (c) Amendments to the By-laws may be made at a Special General Meeting or the AGM by a special resolution where a notice of motion is given to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
- (d) Amendments to the Playing Rules may be made by the Board of Management by a special resolution where a notice of motion is given to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
- (e) In exceptional circumstances amendments to these Rules and the By-laws may be made at a Special General Meeting or the AGM, providing a motion to suspend Standing Orders is moved, seconded and passed by a special resolution which requires a three-quarter majority of those present and eligible to vote to be carried.
- (f) In exceptional circumstances amendments to the Playing Rules may be made at a meeting of the Board of Management, providing a motion to suspend Standing Orders is moved, seconded and passed by a special resolution which requires a three-quarter majority of those present and eligible to vote to be carried.
- (g) If the motion to suspend Standing Orders is adopted the amendment can be put to the meeting. The amendment must also be moved, seconded and passed by a special resolution which requires a simple majority to be carried.

30. Honorariums

The honorariums payable to any Officer will be determined each year at the AGM. Petty cash will be provided to cover out of pocket expenses incurred in the conduct of any office.

31. Tribunal Chairman

The Board of Management may appoint an Independent Tribunal chairman at any Board of Management meeting.

32. Public Officer

The Secretary will act as the Public Officer of the AWJFL.

33. Custody of Books

The Public Officer must keep under their custody or control all records, books and other documents of the AWJFL.

34. Inspection of Books

The records, books and other documents of the AWJFL must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the AWJFL at any reasonable hour

# Albury Wodonga Junior Football League Rules and Regulations

## 1.0 Season

At all times the word 'season' shall mean the current season of the League (unless specific mention is made to another season or seasons), and each season shall commence on the first day of January and end on the thirty first day of December of that year.

## 2.0 Player Registration – Age

- 2.1 All players must be correctly registered with their respective team and club before being eligible to compete in the AWJFL competitions.
- 2.2 AWJFL Player Age Range – Players must be turning 11 to 16 in the year of competition unless given special consideration permission in writing from AFLNEB.
- 2.3 Proof of Age - if at any time proof of a player's age is questioned; the Board may demand that the player's club provide proof of the player's age to the League Manager within seven (7) days of such demand.
  - a. The player shall be ineligible to compete in any team in the AWJFL competitions until such proof of age is provided to the League Manager.
  - b. Acceptable forms of proof of age are:
    - Birth certificate (or extract)
    - Baptism certificate iii)
    - Baby health card
    - A statutory declaration signed by the player's teacher or school official
    - A statutory declaration signed by a player's parent or guardian.

## 3.0 Non- Registered Players

Should a team win a match with a non-registered or uncleared player, the team must forfeit the match and premiership points to the opposing team; percentages will not be counted under this rule.

## 4.0 Transfer and Clearances

- 4.1 Players who have been previously registered with a club or team must obtain a clearance/transfer before being eligible to play for the new club or team.
- 4.2 Refer to Rule 1.0 Clearances – Players AFL VC Handbook which provides the guidelines for the movement of players between clubs.

## 5.0 Team Officials

Team officials shall consist of a coach plus four (4) other persons, making a total of five (5). Only those acting as team officials are permitted inside the oval boundary fences during play. All personnel, including players on the bench, must remain at least two (2) metres clear of the boundary line.

**Runners** must leave the playing field immediately after delivering a message. They may not coach, barrack or in any way deliberately obstruct play or interfere with a player or official from the opposing team.

**Water Carriers** must be under 18 years of age and competent to perform the task. One (1) Water Carrier is permitted to enter the field of play to deliver water to players in the Under 12 competition. Two (2) Water Carriers are permitted to enter the field of play to deliver water to players in the Under 14's and Under 16's. Water Carriers are **not permitted** to pass messages or give instructions to players, or disrupt play.

## 6.0 Playing Time for Matches

- 6.1 Home and Away Matches
  - a. Under 12 – 15 minute quarters
  - b. Under 14 – 15 minute quarters
  - c. Under 16 – 20 minute quarters
- 6.2 Breaks in Matches
  - a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  time – 3 minutes
  - b.  $\frac{1}{2}$  time – 4 minutes
- 6.3 Finals Matches
  - a. Playing time as per by-law 6.1 a) to c)
  - b. The Board will determine  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  time breaks.

## 7.0 Draw in Finals Series Matches

In the event of a draw in a final series match including the Grand Final, extra time will be played on the following conditions:

- 7.1 There will be an interval of five (5) minutes between the end of regular time and the commencement of extra time. The timekeeper will sound the warning siren t h r e e ( 3 ) times at

the three (3) minute mark and twice at the four (4) minute mark. Clubs not having dispersed and moved to position at the sound of the four (4) minute sirens will be reported to the AWJFL by the field umpires. The timekeeper will sound the siren again at the five (5) minute mark to recommence play.

- 7.2** Extra time will consist of two (2) halves each of five (5) minutes duration plus time-on and must commence as soon as possible following completion of regular time.
- 7.3** Teams will maintain the same ends as at the completion of regular time and will exchange ends after the first 5 minute period.
- 7.4** In the event that scores are level following the first two (2) periods of extra time then this sequence will be repeated until a result is determined.
- 7.5** Coaches and other Club staff other than those permitted to enter the arena during normal time, will only enter the field to address players during the interval between the end of regular time and the commencement of extra time.

## **8.0 Competition Structure**

- 8.1** The Board of Management shall determine the structure for competitions in the AWJFL.
- 8.2** Separate competitions will be conducted each season to determine the premiership in the following age groups:
  - a. AWJFL – Under 16 Elwyn Langford Cup
  - b. AWJFL – Under 14 Bill Schultz Cup
  - c. AWJFL – Under 12 Toon Family Cup

## **9.0 Team Nominations**

All team nominations must be received by the AWJFL board four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of round 1.

## **10.0 Nominating Multiple Teams in an Age Group**

In the event that a club wishes to enter multiple teams into the same age group the following rules shall apply.

- 10.1** When entering more than one (1) team in any age group, clubs must enter teams of equal ability and competitiveness.
- 10.2** Clubs may adopt their own processes to assess player ability and determine each team.
- 10.3** Any movement of players between teams within the same age group is bound by rule 10.4.
- 10.4** A Fixed Player List will be used to manage the movement of players from one team to another team in the same age group. A minimum of fourteen (14) names for each team must be submitted to the AWJFL Management Board by round four (4). These fourteen (14) players will make up the base number of each team. The remaining players available can play for either team, but once a player plays more than 8 games for any one team, they are then deemed to be a permanent member of that team and may no longer move between the two (2) teams.

## **11.0 Underage/Overage Players**

Submission must be forwarded to the AWJFL Board seeking approval for a player to play up or down an age group setting out the grounds on which the request is made.

All approvals are only current for the season in which the request is lodged and will be decided upon at the discretion of the AFL NEB.

No player will be allowed to play outside of their Age Group without first seeking approval from the AWJFL board.

## **12.0 Permit Players**

***Purpose Statement*** - Permit players are only to be used to ensure a team achieves a maximum number of 20 players in which case, if using a permit player no more than 20 players may appear on the team sheet.

- 12.1** Registered players must be given preference over any permit player.
- 12.2** If a team has at least 1 permit player, they shall not be allowed to have more than 20 players on the team sheet.
- 12.3** A maximum of 4 permit players shall be allowed on any team sheet.
- 12.4** A player may play a maximum of 10 permits in total, including finals, in any one season.
- 12.5** Permits may be issued in more than 1 league but must not exceed 10 in total.
- 12.6** Permits shall not be issued to any player after June 30<sup>th</sup> unless they have played on an eligible permit with that team prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 12.7** Permit players shall only play in the one team on the one day.
- 12.8** AFL Victoria Country and League finals eligibility criteria shall apply.

### **13.0 Qualifications for Finals' Matches**

- 13.1** Players must have been properly registered with their club/team and have played a minimum of three (3) home and away competition matches for the team in the current season to be eligible to compete in AWJFL Finals' matches.
- 13.2** Players must satisfy the conditions of Bylaw 13.1 to qualify for finals in the higher grade.
- 13.3** Should a player qualify to participate in finals in more than one team/age group, the club must determine in which team/age group the player will participate.  
If a player who has qualified to participate in finals in more than one team/age group, has played in the higher grade five (5) games or more, without playing in the lower grade on the same day they will be ineligible to play in the lower grade in finals.
- 13.4** In finals clubs that have two (2) teams playing in the same age group on the same day may select players in either team as it sees fit, with the exception of players who have been nominated on the 'fixed players' list or have played more than eight (8) games for one team as per Bylaw 10.4.
- 13.5** Should an ineligible player, i.e. one who has not qualified as per Rule 14.1 participate in a finals match the league executive shall determine the appropriate penalty.
- 13.6 Permit Players** - Permit players are permitted to play AWJFL Finals provided that they have played at least 5 Home & Away games in the team of the grade in which they have been selected to play finals and have met any additional league eligibility requirements. Please refer to the AWJFL's governing body area agreements which are set prior to the start of each season.
- 13.7** If a match is forfeited during the home and away series no player from the forfeiting team can count that match as a qualifying match for finals.

The team that is forfeited against shall submit a team sheet listing players who would have played to the League Secretary on the match day and those players shall have that match counted towards qualifying matches for finals. Under this rule a player's name may appear on only one team sheet for that round of matches

### **14.0 Under 12 Division**

- 14.1** Clubs may field more than 1 team in the under 12 Age Group as per rule 10.
- 14.2** No player shall register or participate with an AWJFL Club unless he/she turns a minimum of 11 years of age in the year of competition.
- 14.3** No players still eligible for under 10 Auskick will be eligible to participate in any AWJFL competition.
- 14.4** Squad numbers will not be limited however a maximum of 24 players may be nominated on the team sheet of that round to participate.
- 14.5** Matches played under 'AFL Junior Policy: AFL Junior Match Program 11 – 12 Year Old's as modified by the AWJFL Board.
- 14.6 Purpose**
- To provide children in this age group with a fun, safe and positive experience through a well structure match program that considers the level of maturity in their motor, cognitive, social and emotional skills.
  - The consolidation of basic game skills is still the focus at this age level rather than competition and winning, while further developing technical and tactical concepts. These concepts include positional skills and basic performance enhancing techniques.

### **14.7 Spirit of the game**

- Prior to the commencement of play:*
  - All players, coaches and umpires will gather on the ground and shake hands; and
  - The umpire and coaches will ensure all players are aware of the rules of the game and procedures to be followed in the conduct of the game.
- The spirit of the game is to give all available players a game of football. Therefore:*
  - Where difficulty occurs fielding full numbers, both coaches must agree to even up player numbers;
  - Excess players should be given to an opposition team unable to field required numbers;
  - Coaches should consider modifying the numbers per side to ensure all players participate.
- The umpire should at all times:*

- i. Endeavour to apply the rules of the game while awarding free kicks to players in preference to calling for ball-ups;
- ii. Understanding the spirit of AFL Junior match rules for this age group is to enable all players to gather possession and give the player in possession of the ball every opportunity to kick or handball. For this reason, restrictions are placed upon body contact.
- iii. Attempt to involve all players as the opportunities arise, particularly when indicating which player is to receive a free kick after the ball has been kicked out of bounds and by ensuring the effective rotation of players through all positions; and
- iv. Enforce the full possession rule at all ball-ups where a player contesting a ball up must knock, palm or punch the ball to a teammate or open ground, and may not play the ball again until it has been touched by another player or it has hit the ground.

#### **14.8 The game – Premiership Points Competitions**

- a. To be delivered in a well conducted league with appropriate development structures based on the alternative premiership conditions outlined in the AFL Junior Match Program for 13-14 years youth competition.

The Laws of Australian Football apply with some modifications

#### **14.9 The ball**

A synthetic or leather size 3 football made specifically for this age group should be used.

#### **14.10 Playing ground and officials**

- a. The playing field will be approximately 140m x 100m.
- b. All AWJFL venues with the exception of John Foord Oval (Corowa) and Birallee Park (Wodonga Raiders) are to use full length of oval with restricted width of 100m with markers to follow the natural shape of existing boundary.
- c. John Foord Oval and Birallee Park to use portable goals set at 140m apart (70m from centre of ground) with restricted width of 100m with markers to follow the natural shape of existing boundary.
- d. The AWJFL will supply all clubs with sufficient goals and cones to adjust field dimensions for this age group.
- e. 1 or 2 field umpires and 2 goal umpires are needed. There are no boundary throw-ins, so no boundary umpires are required.

#### **14.11 The Team**

18 players participate (an interchange of up to 6 players).

- a. Interchanges may take place at any time, but all players must play at least 3 quarters of a match.
- b. Rotate players every quarter to give them opportunities in several positions.

#### **14.12 Playing time**

4 x 15-minute quarters with no time on.

#### **14.13 Bumping**

As per the Laws of Australian Football.

#### **14.14 Tackling**

- a. A player in possession of the ball may be tackled by an opponent wrapping both arms around the area below the top of the shoulders and on/above the knees. The tackle may be from either side or from behind, providing the tackle from behind does not thrust the player with the ball forward.
- b. A player in possession of the ball, when held by an opponent applying the wrap around tackle, should be given a reasonable chance to dispose of the ball by kick or by handball, or by attempting to kick or handball. If he or she fails to do so, a free kick shall be awarded to the tackler for holding the ball.
- c. The field umpire shall conduct a ball-up when the player with the ball has it held to the body by an opponent, unless the player has had a reasonable time to dispose of it prior to being tackled. In that case, a free kick shall be awarded to the tackler for holding the ball.
- d. The field umpire shall allow play to continue if the ball is knocked out of a player's hands by an opponent.
- e. A player, who is held by an opponent when not in possession of the ball, shall be awarded a free kick.
- f. No player shall be deliberately slung, dumped or thrown to the ground in any tackle.

#### **14.15 Barging**

No barging or chopping past opponents is allowed. A free kick is awarded. Fending off with an open hand to the body, provided it is not above the shoulders or in the back, is allowed.

#### **14.16 Mark**

Any player catching a ball directly from the kick of another player shall be awarded a mark provided the ball has travelled at least 10 metres.

#### **14.17 Bouncing the ball**

Bouncing is optional, but no more than 2 bounces are permitted.

#### **14.18 Distance run**

While a player in possession of the ball is moving, the player must bounce the ball within 15 metres, irrespective of whether that player is running in a straight line or otherwise. As above, only 2 bounces are permitted before a player must dispose of the ball.

#### **14.19 Kicking off the ground**

Not permitted unless accidental.

#### **14.20 Distance penalty**

A player can be awarded 25 m advancement towards their goal if after a mark or free kick the umpire is of the opinion an opposing player hinders that player. This could include acts such as overstepping the mark, wasting time, and using abusive language and behaviour.

#### **14.21 Order Off rule – U12's**

The Order Off Rule as specified in the AFL VC Handbook will be applied with the exception to the time spent off the ground for a Yellow Card offence.

- a. A Player ordered off the Playing Surface under a **Yellow Card**, shall remain off the Playing Surface for a period equivalent to one quarter of football which is 15 minutes of actual match playing time and cannot be replaced within that time. At the conclusion of the mandatory period of time the player is permitted to return to the field through the interchange area. E.g. if sent off at the 10-minute mark in a 15-minute quarter then they can return or be replaced after the 10-minute mark of the next quarter.

#### **14.22 Coaches**

- a. The coach is not allowed on the ground. Messages may be delivered to a runner. However, the runner must follow the procedure of going directly to the player involved, delivering the message and returning directly to the coaching bench
- b. At the end of the game, all players and coaches should gather on the ground and shake hands. The umpire should also take this opportunity to address the players.

### **15.0 Area / Day Match Permits**

**15.1** For permit player conditions refer to AWJFL Rule 13.0 and AFL Victoria Country local Area Agreements as stated in the yearly AWJFL handbook.

**15.2** Permit breaches shall be addressed under AFL Victoria Country ineligible player regulations Rule 1.3 – Penalty for playing ineligible or unregistered players.

**15.3** Player ineligibility shall be the responsibility of the club playing the permit player.

### **16.0 Match Results and Match Results Forms**

**16.1** The Coach (or Team Manager) of the Home team is to collect all match details (i.e. Umpire's Match Report sheet, score cards, Best and Fairest voting {in a sealed envelope}, and team sheet detailing scores, goal kickers and 6 best players for each team) and deliver same to the Club Secretary or designated person who will complete the online entry of results for all matches conducted at that venue on that day.

**16.2** The completed and entered match results, including permits and completed registration forms, for all games conducted at that ground are to be delivered to the League Manager as soon as practicable following the matches.

**16.3** All reports of player or official misconduct by umpires should be advised to the League Manager on the same day as the match was played.

**16.4** The League Manager will finalise the ladder for each competition and

- a. submit results and ladders to the Border Mail for publication.
- b. ensure results and ladders are accurate on the website.

### **17.0 Player Registration**

All players must register online through SportsTG with registration the responsibility of the player's family. Registrations will not be rolled over from the previous season.

All player transfers are processed as per AFL National Player Transfer Regulation Rule 3.1 and will require a completed clearance form.



## **18.0 Ground Admission Charges**

The AWJFL may charge admission fees to finals' matches. Admission fees will be determined each season by the Board of Management.

## **19.0 Protests Regarding Match Results**

- 19.1** Protests must be entered within 48 hours of the completion of a match and a sum of \$40 must be lodged with the protest. The onus of proof that the protest was lodged within 48 hours of completion of the disputed match resides with the protesting club.
- 19.2** Protests must be made in writing and directed to the League Manager.
- 19.3** A sum of \$20 will be forfeited to the League if a protest is deemed to be frivolous.
- 19.4** If, in the opinion of the League Chairman and Manager, grounds for the protest are disclosed, the dispute will at once be referred to the Board of Management [see Item 4 Discipline of AWJFL Rules], which will decide the question at issue.
- 19.5** If, however, in the opinion of the League Chairman and Manager the protest is irregular or involves the jurisdiction of the AWJFL over the Clubs, a meeting of the AWJFL Committee will be called as soon as possible to hear evidence.
- 19.6** The League in such cases reserves to itself the right to determine whether any protest lodged with it shall be forwarded to the Investigating Officer (appointed by the Board of Management for the specific purpose), provided that the majority of at least two (2) votes be cast in favour of the decision; otherwise the matter must be referred to the Investigating Officer.
- 19.7** The two clubs interested shall be permitted to take part in the discussion but not vote.
- 19.8** No protest may be withdrawn without the consent of the League.
- 19.9** In the event of being entered, the club losing shall pay a forfeit of \$40, or part thereof, at the discretion of the League, and the match shall be replayed unless by order of the League.
- 19.10** In the case of an appeal from the decision of the League or the Investigating Officer a further deposit, as determined under AFL VC Rules, will be lodged.

## **20.0 Interchange Rule**

Interchange rules as specified in the AFL VC Handbook will be applied with the following exceptions:

- a. All competitions shall have an interchange bench of no more than 6 players when all players listed are registered to that club.
- b. All competitions shall have an interchange of no more than 2 players when permitted players are listed.

## **21.0 Order Off rule**

The Order Off Rule as specified in the AFL VC Handbook with the exception to the time spent off the ground will be applied to all AWJFL matches. Bad language, poor sportsmanship and disputing umpiring decisions should be actively discouraged.

### **21.1 Yellow Card**

A field umpire has the authority to order off the field any player or official who commits "a yellow card" offence (order off - cool off), for behaviour detrimental to football. The "yellow card" offence will require the field umpire to order off the field an offending player or official for a period of one (1) quarter of playing time. No replacement is permitted.

- a. In the event that a player or official is issued with two "yellow card" offences in the one (1) game, then the offender shall be reported for misconduct and consequently be deemed to have committed a red card offence.
- b. If a player or official is ordered off for a "yellow card" offence and fails to immediately leave the field as directed by the field umpire, then the offender shall be reported for misconduct and consequently be deemed to have committed a "red card" offence. The player may not return to the field and will automatically be on report for misconduct. This player can be replaced by another player after the elapsed playing time of one (1) quarter has passed.

### **21.2 Red Card**

A field umpire has the authority to order off the field any player or official who commits a 'red card' offence. The offending player or official shall take no further part in the match and will be reported for misconduct by the umpires. This player can be replaced by another player after the elapsed playing time of one (1) quarter has passed.

- 21.3** The umpire will escort the sent off player to the interchange gate citing red or yellow card and both team managers must note the players number and the game time.

#### **21.4 Repeated Order Off Penalties in a Single Match or Across the Season**

An automatic one-match suspension will be incurred by any player or official receiving:

- A second red card in a season;
- A yellow card after receiving a red card in a prior game; or,
- A third yellow card in three separate games; and
- Any subsequent order offs (yellow or red cards) will incur an automatic two-match suspension.
- The penalty will then be double for each subsequent send off.

**21.5** For under age matches, field umpires may order a player off the ground for one (1) quarter without reporting him. Note: This would only apply when a player has not committed a reportable offence but has breached the law and given away a free kick in a deliberate or undisciplined manner or behaves in a manner detrimental to the image of the game. The intention of this rule is to provide the player with a cooling off period.

### **22.0 Equalisation**

These Equalisation Rules apply to all AWJFL home and away matches but not in the final's series. Some aspects of equalisation are compulsory, whilst others will be by agreement of both competing Clubs.

The league expects all team officials to understand and adhere to the 'spirit' of this rule, which is, the team that has the greater number of players available shall lend as many players as possible to equalise numbers with the other team so that all players available to participate in that match shall have the opportunity to play in as much of that match as possible.

**22.1** Fourteen (14) players to a team is the minimum number required to field a team.

**22.2** A team can borrow up to two players to make the 14.

**22.3** A game, which commences with the minimum number of 14 players per team, is considered legal for premiership points and best and fairest votes and goal kickers will be recorded as normal.

**22.4** If a team cannot field 14 players the game will be forfeited and four premiership points will be awarded to the team that does not forfeit. If a 'scratch match' is then played there will be no percentage, no best and fairest votes and no goal kickers recorded.

**22.5** If neither team can field 14 players, the game is a forfeit and no premiership points will be awarded.

**22.6** If either team has less than 18 players then there must be even numbers on the ground at the start of the match.

**22.7** Clubs are encouraged to discuss any player shortages and make decisions in the best interests of the players. This could include loaning players to have even numbers on both sides, both on the field and on the bench. If players are offered, but not accepted, then the team with the greater number of players is not required to reduce playing numbers, i.e. the evening up rule does not apply.

**22.8** Daily loan of players - When players are loaned, the Team Manager of both teams shall note on the Team Sheet the players name with 'on loan' against their name. Players may be loaned on a quarter by quarter rotating basis or for the whole match as appropriate.

**22.9** Once a game commences, if the numbers of either team are reduced due to injury or "order-off" rule the game is to proceed.

**22.10** No interpretation of these rules should allow the team loaning players to be disadvantaged.

**22.11** Excess players (above the agreed starting number) will form an extended interchange bench.

**22.12** Equalisation Policy does not apply in finals.

**22.13** It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure all coaches have read and adhere to this policy.

### **23.0 Re-arrangement of Matches**

Any club wishing to rearrange a League fixture must first obtain the permission of the League Manager, and the mutual agreement of the other participating club.

### **24.0 Number of Players**

A team must field a minimum of 14 players or forfeit the match.

### **25.0 Representative Players**

All players selected to represent the AWJFL in any representative matches must be registered AWJFL players

### **26.0 Working with Children Checks - WWCC**

The Albury Wodonga Junior Football League is committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of its junior participants with the aim to minimise the risk of harm to children by ensuring clubs adhere to screening procedures when employing people in positions (paid or voluntary) whose usual duties involve, or are likely to involve, contact with children (those under the age of 18 years).

Please note that for the purposes of working or volunteering at an AWJFL club, the only exemption that applies is if the person is under 18 years of age themselves. As such, personnel who would normally fall under another exemption category must still obtain a WWCC to perform their role at the club.

Clubs are required to:

1. Working with Children Checks - Request as a minimum requirement the following people obtain a WWCC:
  - All Board member's and Committee member's i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, as well as Canteen Manager / Supervisor;
  - Child Safety Officer;
  - Coaches / Assistant Coaches;
  - Team Manager of a team;
  - Runners;
  - Trainers;
  - Coaching Coordinator;
  - Any adult attending an overnight trip with a junior team;
  - Other members of the junior club who are involved in regular contact with children that are not directly supervised by a person who has completed a WWCC.
2. Check any person's referees (verbal or written) and interview a person about his/her suitability for the role and his/her suitability for working with children for both paid and voluntary positions they have not previously held with the club.

## **27.0 Enquiries**

All enquiries to the League Manager are to be directed through Club Secretaries, Presidents or League delegates.

**Information is available on the official web site at**

[www.awjfl.com.au](http://www.awjfl.com.au)

## AWJFL Player Code of Conduct

- Play by the Rules
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Treat other players and officials, as you would want to be treated. Never engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, sledging, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, trash talking, taunting or other actions that are demeaning to other players, officials or supporters.
- Never argue with an official/umpire, always respect their decision. If you disagree, discuss the matter with your coach and or team manager after the game.
- Avoid unnecessary confrontation and allow match officials to control the game rather than retaliate against foul play.
- Always play within the rules and true spirit of the game. Never become involved in acts of foul play including fighting.
- Recognise that most officials, coaches and umpires in junior football are volunteers who give up their time to provide their services for your enjoyment and development. Please treat them with the utmost respect.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good players whether they be your team, or the other team.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your Coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Care for and respect the facilities and equipment made available to you during training and competition.
- Remember, you are a representative of the game of Australian Rules Football and of your club, both on and off the field. Never behave in a manner that would bring the game into disrepute.
- Please use social media responsibly. Players will not post inappropriate comments about the League or its members. Breaches of this policy may be investigated by the league and serious incidents referred to Police. The AWJFL Cyber Safety & Social Media Policy provides information about the leagues expectations in relation to acceptable and proper use of social media.
- Do not expect or accept "special" favours from a coach or person involved in team or club management.
- Speak to an adult you trust if you have an issue, feel unsafe or are concerned about someone else.

## **AWJFL Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct**

- Abuse, verbal or physical, of players, match officials and of other spectators in any way, shape or form, is not tolerated by the Albury Wodonga Junior Football League, or its affiliated clubs.
- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment not yours, nor are they miniature professionals.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules - respect opposition players and match officials.
- Never ridicule, shout at or abuse any child for making a mistake or not winning. Remember, mistakes are part of the learning process.
- Recognise the value of volunteer coaches, umpires and officials - They give up their time to provide recreational activities for your children.
- Applaud good performance and efforts - from all individuals and teams.
- Respect officials' decisions - encourage children to do likewise. Never publicly criticise umpires, coaches and officials, raise your concerns with club officials in private.
- Congratulate all participants- regardless of the game's outcome.
- Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse or vilification in any form - regardless of whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Support involvement in modified rules games and other junior development programs.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person - regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Ensure you are aware and follow the correct processes to follow if you have an issue or complaint - do not perpetuate issues with gossip or general criticism.
- Support your club officials in maintaining the highest standard of behaviour both on and off the field for the betterment of the league and your family. Offer your assistance to the team that your child is playing in so that every opportunity is being provided for the very best supervision and support. Your involvement will give both yourself and your child far more satisfaction.
- Remember that young people learn best by example.
- NO ALCOHOL is to be consumed at Junior Football Games or Training.
- NO SMOKING of tobacco or any other substances in all Clubrooms, Playing Arenas, Grandstands and within 10 metres of any such areas during Junior Football Games or Training.
- Please use social media responsibly. Parents/guardians of players will not post inappropriate comments about the League or its members. Breaches of this policy may be investigated by the league and serious incidents referred to Police. The AWJFL Cyber Safety & Social Media Policy provides information about the leagues expectations in relation to acceptable and proper use of social media.

## AWJFL Coaches/Support Staff Code of Conduct

- Support all efforts to promote a positive and supportive sports environment and remove verbal, racist and physical abuse from junior football.
- Respect the rights of all players and treat them all equally and sensitively, regardless of their talent, gender, ethnic origin, physical capacity or cultural background.
- Seek to maximise the participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability; avoid the tendency to over-use a talented player.
- Teach players to play by the rules of junior football and to follow fair play and ethical guidelines.
- Teach players that an honest effort and competing to the best of their ability is as important as victory.
- Maintain a thorough knowledge of the rules of the game and keep abreast of current coaching methods; Coaches are to maintain or improve their current accreditation level.
- Promote the safety, well-being and protection of all players, ensuring that no training and playing demands are detrimental to the social, emotional, intellectual and physical needs of the individual.
- Encourage independence of the individual players in accepting responsibility for their own behaviour and performance within training and competition.
- Remember, young people are involved in junior football for their own enjoyment and development, not yours.
- Ensure the coaching reflects the level of the competition being played; do not be a “win at all costs” coach.
- Never ridicule, shout at or abuse any player for making a mistake. Remember, mistakes are part of the learning process.
- Never abuse, verbally or physically, players, match officials or spectators in any way, shape or form. The Albury Wodonga Junior Football League and its affiliate clubs have adopted a zero-tolerance policy concerning this. Avoid confrontation, walk away and report breaches of this code to a club representative.
- Remember that young people learn best by example.
- Recognise the value of volunteer coaches, umpires and officials. Conduct yourself at all times in a manner in all situations, that shows leadership, respect for the game of Australian Football and respect for all those involved in the game – players, officials, parents and supporters.
- Never manipulate rules and regulations solely for personal gain or to obtain an unfair advantage for your club.
- Follow the advice of a qualified person when determining when an injured player is ready to play or train again.
- Your club’s child safety policy – ensure you are aware of your mandated responsibility to report suspicion of child abuse and neglect. Complete the online training on [www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au).
- Ensure that any physical contact with a young person is appropriate –is it necessary for the player’s skill development?
- Avoid developing any ‘special’ relationships with children – ensure that you show no favouritism such as the offering of gifts or special treatment. This includes intimate relationships and personal online social networking with team members.

- Please use social media responsibly. Coaches and Support Staff will not post inappropriate comments about the League or its members. Breaches of this policy may be investigated by the league and serious incidents referred to Police. The AWJFL Cyber Safety & Social Media Policy provides information about the leagues expectations in relation to acceptable and proper use of social media.
- **NOTE: The Coach's and Support Staff behaviour at training and at every junior football league match must be above reproach and be a positive example to all others. All Coaches/Support Staff have an added responsibility towards maintaining an acceptable level of conduct and behaviour by the players, Leagues and the parents/spectators associated with their team. Coaches are to make this position clear to all the players, team officials and parents/primary care providers of the players within their team, and seek the commitment of all involved in maintaining a positive and supportive atmosphere at all games.**

## **Coaching Practices**

AWJFL has adopted the following Coaching Practices Policy to assist in the development of players. AWJFL Coaches are required to implement the policy in their coaching practices. AWJFL takes very seriously breaches to its coaching practices and philosophies and will impose the appropriate disciplinary actions.

### **'Taggers'/'Run Withs'**

'Taggers' whose sole aim is to stop the opposition player from gaining possessions are not to be used in the AWJFL.

It is acceptable however that 'run withs', who seek to gain possessions themselves whilst maintaining close checking of their opponent, are used. The same players are not to be used as 'run-withs' each match.

### **Positional Rotations of Players**

Coaches are required to give players the opportunity to demonstrate proficiency at playing in a variety of positions and players should be used in a number of roles throughout the season.

### **Extra Player in Defence**

'Flooding' the opposition's forward line or midfield (i.e. the practice of moving multiple players to fill space in the opposition's forward half) is not to be used in the AWJFL. It makes it very difficult for forwards to develop, does not encourage accountability for mid fielders, and reduces the skill development of back line players.

For AWJFL purposes 'Crowding' is defined as having two or more additional players positioned permanently on the defensive side of the ball in the opposition's forward fifty-metre area.

'Flooding' is the proactive practice of moving multiple forward line players into the opposition's defensive half of the ground with the aim of restricting space and retarding the fluent delivery of the football to the forwards.

At centre square bounces, teams are only to have 6 players in the defensive half.

Crowding and Flooding as defined above are not permitted in the AWJFL as it is contrary to the development philosophy of the competition. Crowding and Flooding do not assist the development of the:

- Midfielders for the attacking team who can gain many uncontested possessions and who will have many uncontested disposals;
- Defenders of the defending team who are receiving support from additional team members;
- Attacking team's forwards who are being crowded by additional defenders and not therefore able to develop their skills as effectively as otherwise possible.
- 'Crowders' or 'flooders' and their accountability for an opponent.

### **Coaching & Support Staff Match Day Behaviour**

Coaches, team officials and players are role models within the competition and swearing or over the top aggressive, intimidating actions will not be tolerated in the AWJFL.

Coaches and team officials are to be controlled in the coaches' box due to the audibility of their coaching with the small crowds that are in attendance at AWJFL matches and players shouldn't be coached in a way that results in them swearing, being excessively aggressive etc, before or during play.

Team officials shall consist of a coach plus four (4) other persons, making a total of 5. Only those acting as team officials are permitted inside the oval boundary fences during play. All personnel, including players on the bench, must remain at least two (2) metres clear of the boundary line.

Runners must leave the playing field immediately after delivering a message. They may not coach, barrack or in any way deliberately obstruct play or interfere with a player or official from the opposing team.

### **Coaching & Support Staff Agreement**

As a coach or member of my club's support staff being affiliated with the Albury Wodonga Junior Football League, I agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct, Practices and Behaviour including all rules set down by the AWJFL and AFL Victoria Country.

## **AWJFL Code of Conduct – Summary of Offences**

***Please be advised whether you are a spectator, player, coach, manager, umpire or official that when you enter any Junior League grounds you are bound by the Albury Wodonga JFL Codes of Conduct which do not tolerate any type of unsportsmanlike behaviour from anyone involved in junior sport.***

Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents/carers of players, coaches, officials and club supporters. Breaches of the Albury Wodonga Junior Football League Code of Conduct may result in penalties, including but not limited to:

- requesting a person to change their behaviour;
- issuing a formal or informal warning;
- asking a person to leave a facility;
- Termination of a match (including potential forfeiture of competition points for offending team/club);
- banning a person from entering a facility and/or attending future matches;
- Suspension of a player, team, official or club from the competition on a temporary or permanent basis;

These penalties are in addition to any penalty which may be imposed by the League's judiciary.

In rare and serious cases, where a breach of the code constitutes unlawful behaviour, it may be necessary to involve the police.



## AWJFL Cyber Safety & Social Media Policy

In an increasingly "Social" world, The Albury Wodonga Junior Football League (AWJFL) and all its members must adhere to an appropriate Social Media Policy. This Policy is intended to provide guidelines and to protect the players, officials, club members, umpires and the wider football community. We expect our members to conduct themselves appropriately when using electronic communication to share information with other members or posting material on public websites connected to the league and clubs.

This policy applies to all persons who are involved with the activities of Albury Wodonga Junior Football League (AWJFL), whether they are in a paid or unpaid/voluntary capacity and including:

- Players;
- coaches and assistant coaches, support personnel, including team managers, runners, trainers and others;
- umpires and other officials;
- parents, spectators and family members;
- life members of the AWJFL;
- AWJFL board members, Club Committees and sub-committees;

Social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and YouTube can be a great way for clubs to provide information, promote their sport, their activities and successes.

As with off-line communities, some social media users can act anti-socially and show disrespect for their online community with little consideration of the social and potentially legal implications. Issues like bullying and harassment, unwanted or inappropriate contact, uploading of inappropriate or offensive content can cause issues for individual club members or the club involved.

All social media postings, blogs, status updates and tweets are treated as public 'comment'. Players, officials, club members and supporters are reminded that Social Networking postings, whilst you may think they remain in a private domain can be seen by others or made public.

### Policy breaches

Breaches of this policy include but are not limited to:

- Using AWJFL's name and/or logo in a way that would result in a negative impact for the league, clubs and/or its members.
- Posting or sharing any content that is abusive, harassing, threatening, demeaning, defamatory or libellous.
- Posting or sharing any content that includes insulting, obscene, offensive, provocative or hateful language.
- Must not be misleading, false or injure the reputation of another person
- Posting or sharing any content, which if said in person during the playing of the game would result in a breach of the rules of the game.
- Posting or sharing any content that is a breach of any state or Commonwealth law.
- Posting or sharing any material to our social media channels that infringes the intellectual property rights of others.
- Posting or sharing material that brings, or risks bringing AWJFL, its affiliates, its sport, its officials, members or sponsors into disrepute. In this context, bringing a person or

organisation into disrepute is to lower the reputation of that person or organisation in the eyes of the ordinary members of the public.

Think before you post any content, video, images or text, online. You can put it up, but you can't necessarily take it down. Ask before posting images or stories about others. What you see as harmless fun may be embarrassing and humiliating for them and create a poor club image

### **Rationale**

The AWJFL has an obligation to maintain a safe physical and emotional environment for league officials, staff, registered players, umpires, coaches, club members, parents, spectators and sponsors. This responsibility is increasingly being linked to the use of the Internet and Information & Communication Technologies (ICT), and has seen the emergence of a number of related Cyber-Safety issues. The Internet and ICT devices/equipment bring great benefits to all users.

The AWJFL places a high priority on the acceptable use of ICT devices/equipment which will benefit members however; it recognises that the presence in the sporting arena of these technologies can also facilitate anti-social, inappropriate, and even illegal behaviour and activities. The AWJFL aims, therefore, to maximise the benefits of these technologies, while at the same time to minimise the dangers and manage the risks.

### **Images of Children**

Images of children and adults should not be used inappropriately or illegally. Wherever possible, obtain permission from a child's parent/guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own and ensure that the parent knows the way the image will be used. The privacy of others needs to be respected and clubs should disallow the use of camera phones, videos and cameras inside changing areas, showers and toilets.

Clubs or Associations displaying an image of a child should avoid naming or identifying the child or, wherever possible, avoid using both the first name and surname. Do not display personal information such as residential address, email address or telephone numbers without gaining consent from the parent/guardian.

Additional information such as hobbies, likes/dislikes, school, etc should not be included as this information can be used as grooming tools by paedophiles or other persons.

It is the responsibility of the organisation to only use appropriate images of a child, relevant to the sport and ensure that the child is suitably clothed in a manner that promotes the sport.

### **Cyberbullying**

Cyberbullying includes, but is not limited to, the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, racially vilifying or threatening another person by sending or posting inappropriate and hurtful e-mail messages, instant messages, text messages, phone messages, digital pictures or images, or Web site postings (including social network sites e.g. Facebook or blogs) and the sending, receiving and/or possession of naked or sexually explicit images of a person.

Club members must also be aware that postings from their individual accounts, whether done by themselves or another person will remain the responsibility of the account owner.

All members of the AWJFL and individual clubs must be aware that in certain circumstances where a crime has been committed, they may also be subjected to a criminal investigation by Police over which the league and/or club will have no control. This particularly applies to 'sexting' where the image is of a person under the age of 18 years whereby Police will be informed immediately a club becomes aware of the situation.

### **Procedure**

AWJFL and/or club officials or members who feel that they have been the victims of such misuses of technology should save and store the offending material on their computer, mobile phone or other device. They should then print a copy of the material and immediately report the incident to the relevant club/league representative.

All reports of cyberbullying and other technology misuses will be investigated fully and may result in a notification to Police where the AWJFL or club is legally obliged to do so.

If the AWJFL and/or individual League's executive receives a complaint about an online issue, the allegations will be forwarded to the League Operations Manager.

If there is evidence, charges will be laid and the complaint will proceed to the league's Independent Tribunal, the same as if the investigation relates to physical violence or other reportable offences.



## AREA AGREEMENT – Albury Wodonga JFL and Ovens & Murray FNL

This agreement is signed pursuant to the AFL Victoria Country Rules and Regulations pertaining to clearances and permits and in particular clause 2.10 whereby an interchange of players between Clubs of the above-mentioned Leagues may take place without clearance and is subject to any provisions contained within this agreement.

### PROVIDED HOWEVER:

- (i) That this Agreement is in force for the current season only.
- (ii) That the player(s) concerned are acquainted with AFL VC regulations 2.1 and 2.5 regarding one day permits to Major Leagues and eight (8) matches.
- (iii) That prior to each match played, the player shall obtain permission to do so from his parent club. The permit shall be completed online via the “type 2” selection as required under Regulation 2.1 of the AFL VC Rules and Regulations.
- (iv) With the exception of players of junior age competitions, players of any club having a bye will not be allowed to play with another club on that day, unless he has previously played with that club in the current season under this agreement. The club playing the player from the other League shall show his registered club on the match team sheet. ***Players of third 18 teams of Senior Grade competitions are not to be classified as players of junior age competitions.***
- (v) That this agreement cannot be altered unless agreed to by a **Football Development Manager**.
- (vi) That in order for a player playing under such Area Permit to participate in a finals series in that season the player must have played a minimum of five (5) games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play in the finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements.

### LOCAL CONDITIONS:

Registered players must be given preference over any permit player

Any player who has played District League Seniors shall not be eligible to play in any Junior League match on the same weekend.

No permits are issued for Senior or Reserve grade.

### Permit Purpose Statement

A permit request should only be approved providing that at least one of two purposes is achieved:

- 1) A player is being permitted to a higher level of football being Junior or District player to a Major League in which case up to 22 players may appear on the team sheet or;
- 2) To ensure a team achieves a maximum numbers of 20 players in which case, if using a permit player no more than 20 players may appear on the team sheet

### 1. Permit Conditions

The following Permit condition shall apply to all AFL North East Border League Agreements:

- 1.1 If a team has at least 1 permit player, they shall not be allowed to have more than 20 players on the team sheet
- 1.2 A maximum of 4 permit players shall be allowed on any one team sheet
- 1.3 A player may play a maximum of 10 permits in total, including finals, in any one season

- 1.4 Permits may be issued in more than 1 league but must not exceed 10 in total
- 1.5 Permits shall not be issued to any player after June 30<sup>th</sup> unless they have played on a eligible permit with that team prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>
- 1.6 Permit players shall only play in the one team on the one day
- 1.7 AFL Victoria Country and League finals eligibility criteria shall apply

## **2. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS**

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Permits between the Albury Wodonga JFL and the Ovens & Murray FNL

- 2.1 Any player who plays major league seniors or reserves shall be ineligible to play in any junior league match on the same weekend

## **3. FINALS PERMITS & ELIGIBILITY**

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Finals Permits between the Albury Wodonga JFL and the Ovens & Murray FNL.

- 3.1 AWJFL players are permitted to play OMFNL U18 Finals provided that the player must have played at least 5 H&A games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements

## **4. REPORTED PLAYERS**

A player playing on permit that is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League of which the offence was committed. Any penalty that is imposed shall apply in all competitions.

## **5. PERMIT BREACHES**

Any breach of Permit arrangements and agreements will be referred to AFL Victoria Country Rule 1.3 – Penalty for playing ineligible or unregistered players.

## **6. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Any clubs requesting special circumstance considerations must apply in writing to a WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country Football Development Manager annually, prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> annually.

This agreement has been agreed to by the relevant major and junior leagues and will remain valid unless endorsed by a WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country Football Development Manager.



## AREA AGREEMENT – Albury Wodonga JFL and Hume FL

This agreement is signed pursuant to the AFL Victoria Country Rules and Regulations pertaining to clearances and permits and in particular clause 2.10 whereby an interchange of players between Clubs of the above-mentioned Leagues may take place without clearance and is subject to any provisions contained within this agreement.

### PROVIDED HOWEVER:

- (i) That this Agreement is in force for the current season only.
- (ii) That the player(s) concerned are acquainted with AFL VC regulations 2.1 and 2.5 regarding one day permits to Major Leagues and eight (8) matches.
- (iii) That prior to each match played, the player shall obtain permission to do so from his parent club. The permit shall be completed online via the “type 2” selection as required under Regulation 2.1 of the AFL VC Rules and Regulations.
- (iv) With the exception of players of junior age competitions, players of any club having a bye will not be allowed to play with another club on that day, unless he has previously played with that club in the current season under this agreement. The club playing the player from the other League shall show his registered club on the match team sheet. ***Players of third 18 teams of Senior Grade competitions are not to be classified as players of junior age competitions.***
- (v) That this agreement cannot be altered unless agreed to by a **Football Development Manager**.
- (vi) That in order for a player playing under such Area Permit to participate in a finals series in that season the player must have played a minimum of five (5) games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play in the finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements.

### LOCAL CONDITIONS:

Registered players must be given preference over any permit player

Any player who has played District League Seniors shall not be eligible to play in any Junior League match on the same weekend.

No permits are issued for Senior or Reserve grade.

### Permit Purpose Statement

A permit request should only be approved providing that at least one of two purposes is achieved:

- 1) A player is being permitted to a higher level of football being Junior or District player to a Major League in which case up to 22 players may appear on the team sheet or;
- 2) To ensure a team achieves a maximum numbers of 20 players in which case, if using a permit player no more than 20 players may appear on the team sheet

### 1. Permit Conditions

The following Permit condition shall apply to all AFL North East Border League Agreements:

- 1.1 If a team has at least 1 permit player, they shall not be allowed to have more than 20 players on the team sheet

- 1.2 A maximum of 4 permit players shall be allowed on any one team sheet
- 1.3 A player may play a maximum of 10 permits in total, including finals, in any one season
- 1.4 Permits may be issued in more than 1 league but must not exceed 10 in total
- 1.5 Permits shall not be issued to any player after June 30<sup>th</sup> unless they have played on a eligible permit with that team prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>
- 1.6 Permit players shall only play in the one team on the one day
- 1.7 AFL Victoria Country and League finals eligibility criteria shall apply

## **2. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS**

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Permits between the Albury Wodonga JFL and the Hume FL

- 2.1 Any player who plays major league seniors or reserves shall be ineligible to play in any junior league match on the same weekend
- 2.2 AWJFL players may only play on permit at 1 HFL club in any season

## **3. FINALS PERMITS & ELIGIBILITY**

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Finals Permits between the Albury Wodonga JFL and the Hume FL.

- 3.1 HFL players are permitted to play AWJFL Finals provided that the player must have played at least 5 H&A games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements
- 3.2 AWJFL players are permitted to play HFL Finals provided that the player must have played at least 4 H&A games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements

## **4. REPORTED PLAYERS**

A player playing on permit that is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League of which the offence was committed. Any penalty that is imposed shall apply in all competitions.

## **5. PERMIT BREACHES**

Any breach of Permit arrangements and agreements will be referred to AFL Victoria Country Rule 1.3 – Penalty for playing ineligible or unregistered players.

## **6. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Any clubs requesting special circumstance considerations must apply in writing to a WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country Football Development Manager annually, prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> annually.

This agreement has been agreed to by the relevant major and junior leagues and will remain valid unless endorsed by a WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country Football Development Manager.



## AREA AGREEMENT – Albury Wodonga JFL and Murray FL

This agreement is signed pursuant to the AFL Victoria Country Rules and Regulations pertaining to clearances and permits and in particular clause 2.10 whereby an interchange of players between Clubs of the above-mentioned Leagues may take place without clearance and is subject to any provisions contained within this agreement.

### PROVIDED HOWEVER:

- (i) That this Agreement is in force for the current season only.
- (ii) That the player(s) concerned are acquainted with AFL VC regulations 2.1 and 2.5 regarding one day permits to Major Leagues and eight (8) matches.
- (iii) That prior to each match played, the player shall obtain permission to do so from his parent club. The permit shall be completed online via the “type 2” selection as required under Regulation 2.1 of the AFL VC Rules and Regulations.
- (iv) With the exception of players of junior age competitions, players of any club having a bye will not be allowed to play with another club on that day, unless he has previously played with that club in the current season under this agreement. The club playing the player from the other League shall show his registered club on the match team sheet. ***Players of third 18 teams of Senior Grade competitions are not to be classified as players of junior age competitions.***
- (v) That this agreement cannot be altered unless agreed to by a **Football Development Manager**.
- (vi) That in order for a player playing under such Area Permit to participate in a finals series in that season the player must have played a minimum of five (5) games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play in the finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements.

### LOCAL CONDITIONS:

Registered players must be given preference over any permit player

Any player who has played District League Seniors shall not be eligible to play in any Junior League match on the same weekend.

No permits are issued for Senior or Reserve grade.

### Permit Purpose Statement

A permit request should only be approved providing that at least one of two purposes is achieved:

- 1) A player is being permitted to a higher level of football being Junior or District player to a Major League in which case up to 22 players may appear on the team sheet or;
- 2) To ensure a team achieves a maximum numbers of 20 players in which case, if using a permit player no more than 20 players may appear on the team sheet

### 1. Permit Conditions

The following Permit condition shall apply to all AFL North East Border League Agreements:

- 1.1 If a team has at least 1 permit player, they shall not be allowed to have more than 20 players on the team sheet
- 1.2 A maximum of 4 permit players shall be allowed on any one team sheet
- 1.3 A player may play a maximum of 10 permits in total, including finals, in any one season
- 1.4 Permits may be issued in more than 1 league but must not exceed 10 in total



- 1.5 Permits shall not be issued to any player after June 30<sup>th</sup> unless they have played on a eligible permit with that team prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>
- 1.6 Permit players shall only play in the one team on the one day
- 1.7 AFL Victoria Country and League finals eligibility criteria shall apply

## **2. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS**

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Permits between the Albury Wodonga JFL and the Murray FL

- 2.1 Any player who plays major league seniors or reserves shall be ineligible to play in any junior league match on the same weekend

## **3. FINALS PERMITS & ELIGIBILITY**

Under this agreement, permits may be used during finals matches in accordance to rule 1.3 of the above agreement conditions. Further to this, a player on permit during a finals match must have met individual League bylaws in regards to finals qualification and eligibility.

## **4. REPORTED PLAYERS**

A player playing on permit that is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League of which the offence was committed. Any penalty that is imposed shall apply in all competitions.

## **5. PERMIT BREACHES**

Any breach of Permit arrangements and agreements will be referred to AFL Victoria Country Rule 1.3 – Penalty for playing ineligible or unregistered players.

## **6. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Any clubs requesting special circumstance considerations must apply in writing to a WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country Football Development Manager annually, prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> annually.

This agreement has been agreed to by the relevant major and junior leagues and will remain valid unless endorsed by a WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country Football Development Manager.



## AREA AGREEMENT – Albury Wodonga JFL and Tallangatta DFL

This agreement is signed pursuant to the AFL Victoria Country Rules and Regulations pertaining to clearances and permits and in particular clause 2.10 whereby an interchange of players between Clubs of the above-mentioned Leagues may take place without clearance and is subject to any provisions contained within this agreement.

### PROVIDED HOWEVER:

- (i) That this Agreement is in force for the current season only.
- (ii) That the player(s) concerned are acquainted with AFL VC regulations 2.1 and 2.5 regarding one day permits to Major Leagues and eight (8) matches.
- (iii) That prior to each match played, the player shall obtain permission to do so from his parent club. The permit shall be completed online via the “type 2” selection as required under Regulation 2.1 of the AFL VC Rules and Regulations.
- (iv) With the exception of players of junior age competitions, players of any club having a bye will not be allowed to play with another club on that day, unless he has previously played with that club in the current season under this agreement. The club playing the player from the other League shall show his registered club on the match team sheet. ***Players of third 18 teams of Senior Grade competitions are not to be classified as players of junior age competitions.***
- (v) That this agreement cannot be altered unless agreed to by a **Football Development Manager**.
- (vi) That in order for a player playing under such Area Permit to participate in a finals series in that season the player must have played a minimum of five (5) games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play in the finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements.

### LOCAL CONDITIONS:

Registered players must be given preference over any permit player

Any player who has played District League Seniors shall not be eligible to play in any Junior League match on the same weekend.

No permits are issued for Senior or Reserve grade.

### Permit Purpose Statement

A permit request should only be approved providing that at least one of two purposes is achieved:

- 1) A player is being permitted to a higher level of football being Junior or District player to a Major League in which case up to 22 players may appear on the team sheet or;
- 2) To ensure a team achieves a maximum numbers of 20 players in which case, if using a permit player no more than 20 players may appear on the team sheet

### 1. Permit Conditions

The following Permit condition shall apply to all AFL North East Border League Agreements:

- 1.1 If a team has at least 1 permit player, they shall not be allowed to have more than 20 players on the team sheet
- 1.2 A maximum of 4 permit players shall be allowed on any one team sheet
- 1.3 A player may play a maximum of 10 permits in total, including finals, in any one season
- 1.4 Permits may be issued in more than 1 league but must not exceed 10 in total

- 1.5 Permits shall not be issued to any player after June 30<sup>th</sup> unless they have played on a eligible permit with that team prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>
- 1.6 Permit players shall only play in the one team on the one day
- 1.7 AFL Victoria Country and League finals eligibility criteria shall apply

## **2. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS**

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Permits between the Albury Wodonga JFL and the Tallangatta DFL

- 2.1 Any player who plays major league seniors or reserves shall be ineligible to play in any junior league match on the same weekend

## **3. FINALS PERMITS & ELIGIBILITY**

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Finals Permits between the Albury Wodonga JFL and the Tallangatta DFL.

- 3.1 TDFL players are permitted to play AWJFL Finals provided that the player must have played at least 5 H&A games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements
- 3.2 AWJFL players are permitted to play TDFL Finals provided that the player must have played at least 5 H&A games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements

## **4. REPORTED PLAYERS**

A player playing on permit that is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League of which the offence was committed. Any penalty that is imposed shall apply in all competitions.

## **5. PERMIT BREACHES**

Any breach of Permit arrangements and agreements will be referred to AFL Victoria Country Rule 1.3 – Penalty for playing ineligible or unregistered players.

## **6. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Any clubs requesting special circumstance considerations must apply in writing to a WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country Football Development Manager annually, prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> annually.

This agreement has been agreed to by the relevant major and junior leagues and will remain valid unless endorsed by a WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country Football Development Manager.



## AREA AGREEMENT – Albury Wodonga JFL and Upper Murray FNL

This agreement is signed pursuant to the AFL Victoria Country Rules and Regulations pertaining to clearances and permits and in particular clause 2.10 whereby an interchange of players between Clubs of the above-mentioned Leagues may take place without clearance and is subject to any provisions contained within this agreement.

### PROVIDED HOWEVER:

- (i) That this Agreement is in force for the current season only.
- (ii) That the player(s) concerned are acquainted with AFL VC regulations 2.1 and 2.5 regarding one day permits to Major Leagues and eight (8) matches.
- (iii) That prior to each match played, the player shall obtain permission to do so from his parent club. The permit shall be completed online via the “type 2” selection as required under Regulation 2.1 of the AFL VC Rules and Regulations.
- (iv) With the exception of players of junior age competitions, players of any club having a bye will not be allowed to play with another club on that day, unless he has previously played with that club in the current season under this agreement. The club playing the player from the other League shall show his registered club on the match team sheet. ***Players of third 18 teams of Senior Grade competitions are not to be classified as players of junior age competitions.***
- (v) That this agreement cannot be altered unless agreed to by a **Football Development Manager**.
- (vi) That in order for a player playing under such Area Permit to participate in a finals series in that season the player must have played a minimum of five (5) games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play in the finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements.

### LOCAL CONDITIONS:

Registered players must be given preference over any permit player

Any player who has played District League Seniors shall not be eligible to play in any Junior League match on the same weekend.

No permits are issued for Senior or Reserve grade. **Comply with AFL Vic rules for Seniors & Reserves games.**

### Permit Purpose Statement

A permit request should only be approved providing that at least one of two purposes is achieved:

- 1) A player is being permitted to a higher level of football being Junior or District player to a Major League in which case up to 22 players may appear on the team sheet or;
- 2) To ensure a team achieves a maximum numbers of 20 players in which case, if using a permit player no more than 20 players may appear on the team sheet

### 1. Permit Conditions

The following Permit condition shall apply to all AFL North East Border League Agreements:

- 1.1 If a team has at least 1 permit player, they shall not be allowed to have more than 20 players on the team sheet
- 1.2 A maximum of 4 permit players shall be allowed on any one team sheet
- 1.3 A player may play a maximum of 10 permits in total, including finals, in any one season
- 1.4 Permits may be issued in more than 1 league but must not exceed 10 in total

- 1.5 Permits shall not be issued to any player after June 30<sup>th</sup> unless they have played on a eligible permit with that team prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>
- 1.6 Permit players shall only play in the one team on the one day
- 1.7 AFL Victoria Country and League finals eligibility criteria shall apply

## **2. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS**

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Permits between the Albury Wodonga JFL and the Upper Murray FNL

- 2.1 Any player who plays major league seniors or reserves shall be ineligible to play in any junior league match on the same weekend.

## **3. FINALS PERMITS & ELIGIBILITY**

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Finals Permits between the Albury Wodonga JFL and the Upper Murray FNL.

- 3.1 UMFNL players are permitted to play AWJFL Finals provided that the player must have played at least 5 H&A games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements
- 3.2 AWJFL players are permitted to play UMFNL Finals provided that the player must have played at least 5 H&A games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements

## **4. REPORTED PLAYERS**

A player playing on permit that is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League of which the offence was committed. Any penalty that is imposed shall apply in all competitions.

## **5. PERMIT BREACHES**

Any breach of Permit arrangements and agreements will be referred to AFL Victoria Country Rule 1.3 – Penalty for playing ineligible or unregistered players.

## **6. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Any clubs requesting special circumstance considerations must apply in writing to a WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country Football Development Manager annually, prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> annually.

This agreement has been agreed to by the relevant major and junior leagues and will remain valid unless endorsed by a WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country Football Development Manager.



### **AREA AGREEMENT – AFLNEB Female Football League and AWJFL, HFL, TDFL, WDJFL and UMFNL (Other League Players)**

This agreement is signed pursuant to the AFL Victoria Country Rules and Regulations pertaining to clearances and permits and in particular clause 2.10 whereby an interchange of players between Clubs of the above-mentioned Leagues may take place without clearance and is subject to any provisions contained within this agreement.

#### **PROVIDED HOWEVER:**

- (i) That this Agreement is in force for the current season only.
- (ii) That the player(s) concerned are acquainted with AFL VC regulations 2.1 and 2.5 regarding one day permits to Major Leagues and eight (8) matches.
- (iii) That prior to each match played, the player shall obtain permission to do so from her parent club. The permit shall be completed online via the “type 2” selection as required under Regulation 2.1 of the AFL VC Rules and Regulations.
- (iv) With the exception of players of junior age competitions, players of any club having a bye will not be allowed to play with another club on that day, unless she has previously played with that club in the current season under this agreement. The club playing the player from the other League shall show her registered club on the match team sheet. ***Players of third 18 teams of Senior Grade competitions are not to be classified as players of junior age competitions.***
- (v) That this agreement cannot be altered unless agreed to by a **Football Development Manager**.
- (vi) That in order for a player playing under such Area Permit to participate in a finals series in that season the player must have played a minimum of five (5) games in the team of the grade in which she has been selected to play in the finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

**‘Other Leagues’** – Tallangatta & District Football League (TDFL), Albury Wodonga Junior Football League (AWJFL), Wangaratta & District Junior Football League (WDJFL), Upper Murray Football Netball League (UMFNL) and Hume Football League (HFL)

#### **LOCAL CONDITIONS:**

Registered players must be given preference over any permit player

**Permit Purpose Statement – *not applicable for female players entering AFLNEB Female Football League on permit.***

A permit request should only be approved providing that at least one of two purposes is achieved:

- 1) A player is being permitted to a higher level of football being Junior or District player to a Major League in which case up to 22 players may appear on the team sheet or;
- 2) To ensure a team achieves a maximum numbers of 20 players in which case, if using a permit player no more than 20 players may appear on the team sheet

## **1. PERMIT CONDITIONS**

The following Permit condition shall apply to players registered with an “Other League” and wishing to play on permit in the AFLNEB Female Football Competition.

- 1.1 A maximum of 4 permit players shall be allowed on any one team sheet
- 1.2 A player may play a maximum of 10 permits in total, including finals, in any one season
- 1.3 Permits may be issued to Players for one (1) team in any season
- 1.4 Permits shall not be issued to any player after June 30<sup>th</sup> unless they have played on a eligible permit with that team prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>
- 1.5 Permit players shall only play in the one team on the one day
- 1.6 AFL Victoria Country and League finals eligibility criteria shall apply

## **2. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS**

Not applicable

## **3. FINALS PERMITS & ELIGIBILITY**

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Finals Permits in the AFLNEB Female Football League

- 3.1 Other League players are permitted to play AFLNEB FFL Finals provided that the player must have played at least 5 H&A games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements

## **4. REPORTED PLAYERS**

A player playing on permit that is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League of which the offence was committed. Any penalty that is imposed shall apply in all competitions.

## **5. PERMIT BREACHES**

Any breach of Permit arrangements and agreements will be referred to AFL Victoria Country Rule 1.3 – Penalty for playing ineligible or unregistered players.

## **6. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Not applicable.

This agreement has been agreed to by the relevant major and junior leagues and will remain valid unless endorsed by a WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country Football Development Manager.