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MEMORANDUM

To:	AFL Vic Country RGM's, AFL Vic Country Operations Managers and Country FDM's
From:	Brett Anderson: Community Operations Coordinator
Date:	23rd April 2019
Cc:	Ricky Bell, Rob Auld, Stephen O'Donohue, Sophie Williams, Gerard Ryan, Russell O'Toole
Re:	AFL Laws of the Game 2019

Good Afternoon All,

Attached to this email you will find the updated AFL Laws of the Game for the 2019 season.

The Laws of the Game document has undergone an extensive revamp since last season and as such there are a few items which all Leagues need to be made aware of, particularly in light of the fact that the Laws of the Game were unavailable at the time of going to print with the AFL Vic Country Handbook.

1. Any reference to the Laws of the Game within the AFL Vic Country Handbook needs to take into account that the Laws of the Game were unavailable and numbers referred to in the AFL Vic Country Handbook may not necessarily correspond to the 2019 Laws of the Game. This is particularly relevant for Rule 19, Reporting of Players & Officials, which is now Rule 21.
2. AFL Vic Country Exemptions
 - Definition: The AFL Victoria Country Rules Committee draws attention of Leagues and Clubs that any player listed on the teamsheet must be at the ground, dressed in football playing attire and ready to take the field if called upon.
 - Rule 5.5 Counting of Players: Leagues and Clubs need to be aware of the change in procedure if a club is found to have exceeded the permitted number of players. Previously AFL Vic Country had an exemption from this rule but due to changes in the AFL Laws of the Game in 2019 no exemption is required. **Please read Rule 5.5 carefully to familiarise yourself with the changes.**
 - Rule 11.2.2 Consequence of Forfeiture: this was previously Rule 10.7.2
 - Calculation of percentage
 - Refer WorkSafe AFL Vic Country Rule 19.0

- Rule 17.10.2 Free Kicks Deliberately Rushed Behind: this was previously Rule 15.8
 - Not applicable to WorkSafe AFL Vic Country matches
- Rule 21.4 Sanctions and Suspensions: this was previously Rule 19.4
 - The AFL Vic Country has adopted reporting procedures to be used by all affiliates as outlined in Rule 11.0 of the AFL Victoria Country Rules & Regulations.
- Rule 21.4.4 Effect of Suspension: this was previously Rule 19.4.4
 - The AFL Victoria Country has received permission from AFL Victoria / AFL to adopt a variation to this Law: See AFL Victoria Country Rule 1.19
- Rule 22.2 Order Off Reportable Offences: this was previously Rule 20.2
 - The AFL Victoria Country Rule 10.0 Order Off Rule is to apply in all affiliated Leagues.
- Rule 13.0 Starting Positions
 - AFL Victoria Country affiliated Leagues have been granted an exemption to apply the 6, 6, 6 starting positions rule

Regards,

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