



ADELAIDE PLAINS FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC BY-LAWS

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1. Committees and Coordinators

The following committees and Co-ordinators shall be established each year by the Board of Directors:

- Umpire's Co-ordinator
- Senior A Grade Coach for Landmark Cup
- Junior Football Development Co-ordinator
- Tribunal Panel Chairperson
- Tribunal Secretary
- Tribunal Panel
- Female Football Coordinator
- Sports TG - Registrar

2. Umpires Coordinator

- a) The Umpire's Co-ordinator shall make appointments for Umpires in the Major and Minor Rounds for all U14, U17, Reserves & A Grade.
- b) All Umpires shall be answerable to and under the control of the Umpire's Co-ordinator and the APFL Board of Directors
- c) Complaints against umpires must be forwarded in writing to the League Secretary within 24 hours of the game. They must be signed by the President and Secretary of the Club making the complaint and will be dealt with by the Umpire's Coordinator.

3. Field Umpires

- a) The Umpires Coordinator shall arrange appointment of Field Umpires in the Major and Minor Rounds for all U14, U17, Reserves & A Grade. They will also arrange appointment of Boundary Umpires for every match in the Major Round and for the A Grade matches in the Minor Round where possible.
- b) Field Umpires shall check goal umpire scores and initial the scorecards at the end of each quarter when agreed. At the end of each game the Field Umpire must check that all details on the scorecards are completed and correct. If there is any discrepancy then Timekeeper score cards are to be consulted.
- c) After each match, names of players taking part as recorded on the team sheets, Goal Umpires Score Cards, voting slips and any other reports must be immediately handed in by the Field Umpire to the Home Club Secretary.
- d) The League Secretary will invoice each home club for Umpires payments which are to be paid by that Club. Any Umpires payments not received within seven (7) days will incur a fine of \$100.



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4. Goal Umpires, Timekeepers, Boundary Umpires and Interchange Stewards

- a) Each Club competing shall provide one Goal Umpire, one Timekeeper and two Boundary Umpires for U14, U17, & Reserves Grades; and supply one or more Boundary umpires for the A Grade if requested by the Umpire's Co-ordinator. The Home Club shall provide the Interchange Steward for A Grade and B Grade.
- b) In the Major Round the appointment of Goal Umpires and Timekeepers shall be arranged by the League.
- c) Goal Umpires to wear white coats/polo tops at all times. Goal Umpires shall keep records of all goals and behinds kicked in each game, and check scores at the end of each quarter. If the scores are not agreed between the goal umpires they should check with the timekeepers to determine the correct score. Once agreed the Field Umpire should initial them.
- d) Boundary Umpires for 'A' Grade will be allocated by Umpire's Co-ordinator where possible. Clubs to supply a boundary umpire(s) if they have not been allocated one by Umpire's Coordinator. Boundary Umpires for A Grade & Reserves must be fifteen (15) years of age or over unless appointed by the Umpire's Co-ordinator. They must be dressed in fluro yellow tops. Boundary Umpires must be appropriately dressed and ready at the commencement of the game. If a Field Umpire determines that they are not acceptable, or are unable to carry out their duties, the Field Umpire may reject the Boundary Umpire. If the offending Club does not rectify the situation promptly, the Field Umpire shall make a report to the League and the Club may be fined an amount of \$50.00.
- e) Interchange Stewards for A & Reserve Grades must be 18 years of age and over. They must be located within the defined interchange area. IF an Interchange Steward is not provided when requested by the Field Umpire the offending club may be reported by the Field Umpire. The Interchange Steward shall be responsible for recording all player interchanges and Umpire player send-offs and timing for send-offs.

5. Inter League and Senior Selection Committee

- a) The Coach of this side will be the Premiership coach from the previous year.
- b) At the completion of Round 2, the Coach along with Directors of the League will select a squad of 36 players. These players selected will be notified by the League Secretary and advised of training time & dates, ideally 4 trainings held on alternate Monday and Wednesday nights.
- c.) All registered players shall be available for selection for any Inter League match or matches and it shall be the responsibility of each Affiliated Club to ensure that all their registered players are available to play in such fixtures at no cost to the League.



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- d) Any player selected in the pre-selection training squad who refuses or neglects to train will be ineligible to play their next Club match. (suspended first game after association game)
- e) Any players selected in the team (including emergencies named) will make themselves available to play in the programmed Inter League matches. If they neglect their duty to play, they will also be ineligible to play their next Club match. (i.e. is suspended first game after association game)
- f) The selected Team for the Association (Landmark Cup) game, plus two (2) emergencies and any players who have been considered ineligible to play in the following Club match will be emailed to Clubs on the Friday night after the last Association training.
- g) Any Player suspended (under above rules 5d & 5e) by the League will be notified, via email to the Club Secretary, by no later than the following Monday at 9.00pm. Failure to notify the Club by the League within the time frame will make the penalty null and void.
- h) This suspension rule applies to all senior players over the age of 18 years.
- i) Right to Appeal - All Clubs/Players will be given the 'Right to Appeal' a match ineligibility. This appeal must be emailed to the League Secretary no later than Monday at 5.00pm, following the programmed Inter League match day. Failure to submit this request within the said period will make this appeal null and void. Upon receipt of a valid appeal, the League will organize the Independent Tribunal to hear the case at the earliest convenience. If a Tribunal cannot be arranged prior to the next programmed match, the said player in question will be eligible to play until the tribunal is convened.
- j) If a player is injured and does not represent their Club in the match prior to the nominated Inter League match or is injured during that match and provides the required medical advice from a Registered Practicing Doctor that the player is not fit to represent the APFL in the Inter League match or matches there will be no penalty/game suspension imposed on the subject player. The onus is fully on the Player to communicate above to the Team Manager of the association Team. Prior to next training night.
- h) If any player selected for Association games and has represented his current APFL club on 12 occasions at Inter League level they have the right to decline selection without penalty from the Adelaide Plains Football League. The Team Manager is to be notified of their intentions no later than the first training night.

6. Junior Football Panel

- a) The Board shall appoint a Junior Football Development Coordinator.
- b) The Board shall appoint a representative from the League Board of Directors, to sit on the Junior Panel, whose role will be to advise the Board of any recommendations, regarding the administration of Junior Football.
- c) The Junior Advisory Panel shall consist of eight (8) Club Delegates comprised of one Delegate from each APFL affiliated club.



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- d) Any Club who doesn't provide a delegate for two (2) consecutive meetings shall be fined \$100.00.
- e) The Panel shall recommend Coaches and a Selection Committee for matches in which League representative teams play at the Junior level.
- f) The Selection Committee shall select representative League teams when so required and submit the names of the selected players to the League Secretary, who shall notify the respective Club Secretaries the names of the selected players.
- g) The Selection Committee shall appoint the Captain and Vice Captain and arrange the training times and venues for such teams.
- h) The Panel shall encourage all players selected to attend training and to represent the League.

7. Colts Football Competition

a) Junior Colts Teams

- Twenty four (24) players are allowed – this includes all Finals.
- A twenty five (25) metre penalty is to replace the fifteen (15) and fifty (50) metre penalties.
- The fifteen (15) metre kick is to replace the ten (10) metre kick.

b) Senior Colts Teams

- Twenty one (22) players are allowed in all minor round games
- Twenty one (22) players are allowed in all finals.

c) By mutual agreement between respective Coaches in Colts Grades, both sides to have equal numbers in Minor Round only.

d) Mini Colts – The Mini Colts be recognized as Under 8 and Under 11 modified rules sides, with no points allotted and no finals played. Their scheduled games will be included on program.

8. Senior Playing Numbers

A Grade and Reserves teams are allowed twenty two (22) players in both minor and major rounds.



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9. Clearances

a) All clearances refer to South Australian Community Football League Inc. Regulations.

b) Inter Club Clearances

Any player under the age of fifteen (15) when transferring to another club within the League must be financial with their club before registering with the new club.

Players aged 15 & 16 on the 1st January who seek to transfer from one affiliated Club to another affiliated Club in the APFL, who have not played football in the previous twelve (12) months must be granted a clearance.

Players can not be refused an Inter Club clearance within the League if transferring for a reason listed below:

- a) 'A' Grade Coach
- b) Change of residence and work
- c) By mutual agreement of both clubs

Players have the right of appeal to the Board of Directors for any refusal of such clearance.

10. Registration of Players

a) Clubs must register their respective players (according to the rules in the Procedure Manual) each season with the League Registrar. The means for doing this is through registration on SP Passport (Sporting Pulse); however, the onus of proof as to the eligibility of all players must rest upon the Club registering that player.

b) On request to the League Registrar, any affiliated Club may examine the registration papers of players registered for any affiliated Club.

c) Improper Registrations – If the League Registrar believes that any club has obtained registration of any player by means of false statement, the League Secretary shall refer the matter for determination, to the Independent Tribunal, and the Club shall have the right of appearance before the Independent Tribunal to present their case.

d.) Any Player seeking approval for transfer into the League who has been banned from playing in their previous League(s) will be automatically denied transfer. Players wishing to appeal the denied transfer will need to apply in writing to the Board of Directors and will require supporting statements from the club they are seeking to transfer to.



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11. Qualification of Players

- a) Players qualify for Senior Colts by being Under 17 and Junior Colts by being Under 14 as at 1st January that year. The onus will be on the Club to ensure that their players are qualified to play.
- b) Players can only be registered within one Affiliated League. In certain circumstances, a permit can be requested to allow a player to participate in more than one league, and is to be requested by the gaining club. Any player who is 15 years or over as at 1st January that year may only participate in one league per round.
- c) All players named on the Team Sheet on game day must attend the ground.
- d) No Club shall play a player who is unregistered or unqualified and the League Registrar on discovering such a person, shall advise the Independent Tribunal and Club of the breach of rules. If a breach of rules is proven by the Tribunal, a penalty of loss of the two (2) premiership points and the match may be applied under such circumstances, with the two points and the game awarded to the opposing team. No score to be recorded for the Club found guilty of a breach of the rule, but points against to be recorded, and not recorded against the Club that the breach was committed against, as well as a penalty of \$200.00 per match for seniors and a penalty of \$50.00 per match for Juniors, shall be imposed for each breach of the rule on any affiliated Clubs found guilty by the Tribunal.
- e) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to instigate an investigation to determine proof of age of any person playing in the underage competition upon request from any Affiliated Club within the League. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to dismiss such request or conversely act upon the request, such decision to be made upon the evidence provided by the initiating Club for the enquiry. If it is proven that a player is over age and thus ineligible then Clause 10 c.) shall be acted upon by the League Secretary.

12. Qualification for Major Round

- a) The APFL Clubs shall name their top fifteen (15) 'A' Grade players at the end of the Minor Round who cannot participate in Reserves Grade Finals unless Clause 12 c.) applies.
- b) 'A' Grade players must play three (2) Club games to qualify for the Major Round. Three (2) Reserve games shall be the qualifying period for Reserve Finals for any player who has only played Reserve grade and five (3) Reserve games for any player who has played any 'A' Grade games during the current season.
- c) That when a Club is fielding 'A' and Reserve grade on any one day of a final, a player not playing in the 'A' Grade is eligible for Reserves grade providing the player has played three (2) Club games.
- d) That Senior and Junior Colts be qualified by playing three (2) games in their respective grade for Finals.



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e) Qualifying for Finals in 'A' and Reserves grade can only be credited with the most senior game played on the day and in Colts grade in the most junior game played on that day/round.

13. Suspended Players

Any player found guilty who receives match suspensions as result of any offence reported by an umpire shall be ineligible for any League Best and Fairest Awards.

14. Playing Disqualified Players

No Club shall play any player who is under disqualification by any Australian Football Authority, whether such authority is affiliated with the SACFL Inc. or not, and any Club having received a written notice from the League Secretary that a player has been disqualified or fined and shall play such a player or players whose fine or fines has not been paid shall forfeit the match, and the opposing team shall receive the two premiership points and the match, and the offending team will be fined \$500.00 and the penalized Club shall not be allowed to compete until such fines have been paid.

15. Reporting Offences

No Official or servant of the League or of a League Club or any player shall, on or about the vicinity of the playing arena:-

- a) Use abusive, threatening or insulting language towards a League Director, Delegate, Umpire or other Officials (servants of the league), or to players or to Gatekeepers of any such oval.
- b) Be guilty of any other conduct which is detrimental to the best interests of our Australian game.
- c) Interfere with or assault any League Director, Delegate, Umpire, playing member, Gatekeeper or other Official or servant of the League.
- d) Any breach of the above can be reported by the Club and/or League official and the statement signed by the President and Secretary of the Club and/or League Officials and heard by the League Independent Tribunal.
- e) When a member or members of an associated Club or the League have been reported to the League, it is imperative that Club notify that person or persons and produce them when due notice has been given. If they fail to appear without excuse, the decision of the League shall be arrived at in their absence. Any such report must be made within forty eight (48) hours of the offence.



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16. Reporting of Players and Officials of Clubs or the League

- a) Players guilty of breaches of the laws of the game may be reported by any officiating Field Umpire.
- b) Members of the APFL Umpires Panel who are officiating as boundary umpires also have the power to report.
- c) In the event of an Umpire laying a charge against player(s) the Umpire shall be required to notify the player if practical to do so and also complete a Notice of Report.
- d) At the termination of each game, each Club shall be responsible for the attendance of an Official at the door of the Umpire's dressing room to ascertain if any report(s) are to be made against any player or Official of their Club. In the event of no such Official approach being made the Umpires shall be deemed to have complied with their duty if such reports are left in the Umpire's change room for collection by the Home Club Official and subsequently notified to the SANFL Football Operations Coordinator.
- e) From 2020 the APFL has adopted the State and Territory Tribunal Guidelines. These provide guidance on prescribed penalties and penalties that may be imposed by the tribunal. This guidelines are summarised in the Procedure Manual and published on the website under Community Football documents. Any player or Official on being reported by an Umpire under Laws of the Australian Football in any League or League Club match may choose to accept a Prescribed Penalty, if available.
- f) Any player or Official on being reported by an Umpire under Laws of the Australian Football in any League or League Club match that does not wish to accept a Prescribed Penalty must notify the Tribunal Secretary in writing by 5pm on the day after the game was played. All cases to be heard on Wednesday evening following the match, or at a date convenient to the Commissioners, and at a venue decided by the League. If the player is found guilty by the Tribunal the player will be disqualified for such length of time as a majority of the Commissioners think fit.
- g) A suspended player cannot take part in a match or enter the field of play while under suspension. A suspended player can not participate in any official capacity including Timekeeper, Boundary or Goal Umpire.
- h) The Club of any player found guilty of a report that is heard by the Tribunal will pay a fine of \$300.00 to the League. The \$300.00 will be invoiced to the club and is to be paid within seven (7) days. Failure to comply within the period will incur a further penalty of \$25.00. In the event of a Club allowing the penalized player to play prior to payment of fine, a further \$50.00 penalty will be incurred.
- i) The League is to keep records of all players reprimanded, fined, suspended or disqualified and records to be added to the player's SP Passport record where necessary to ensure accurate recording of offences or suspensions.



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j) Any player reported in a game and in the event that a Tribunal has to be adjourned to another week, due to persons specific to the Tribunal being unavailable, the reported player is permitted to play until that report is heard by the Tribunal.

17. Report of Club

- a) Any officiating Field Umpire may report Clubs guilty of breaches of the Rules and any other infringements, on the Report by Umpire form.
- b) Reports are to be notified to the SANFL Football Operations Coordinator before 5pm Sunday immediately following the Game.
- c) On receipt of the Report, the SANFL Football Operations Coordinator will contact and discuss the report with the President of the League.
- d) If a minor infringement, the President will contact that Club and discuss. The League Secretary will send out an outcome letter.
- e) Serious Breaches will be taken to the Board of Directors and a meeting held with the Club concerned.
- f) The Board of Directors and/or President of the League will decide the penalties for any breach or infringements.

18. Reports of Players by Clubs

- a) Any Affiliated Club may report a player from an opposing Club for a breach under the Rules of Australian Football
- b) Reports must provide details of the allegations against the opposition player and be signed by both the President and Secretary of the Club making the complaint. The Report by the Club must be sent to the Tribunal Secretary before 5pm Sunday immediately following the Game with a copy also provided to the Club of the opposition player. At the same time a bond of \$700 is to be paid to the League which will only be refunded if the reported player is found guilty by the Tribunal.
- c) On receipt of the Report, the Tribunal Secretary will contact and discuss the report with the President of the League.
- d) If a minor infringement, the President will contact that Club and discuss. The League Secretary will send out an outcome letter.
- e) Serious Breaches will be heard by the Independent Tribunal.

19. Disputes and Protests

All disputes or protests arising from any match are to be sent to the Secretary within 72 hours of the completion of the match, together with a fee of \$250.00 and if proved frivolous,



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forfeited. All disputes and protests shall be heard by the League Independent Tribunal, with the exception of the 'Proof of Age' provision in Clause 10c.

20. Send-Off Rule

- a.) The League has adopted a Red & Yellow card system whereby an Umpire may send-off a player for any indiscretion (outside the spirit of the rules) where the Umpire deems that it is inappropriate for the player to remain in the playing arena.
- b.) All players sent off will be recorded on Umpires Match Report by the Umpire.
- c.) At the time of the Send-Off, the Umpire shall escort the player to the interchange area showing either one of these cards:
 - Yellow Card – The player can be reported and must serve his 10 minutes 'on the bench' for 10 minutes of playing time and can continue playing the game after the penalty has been served.
 - Red Card – The player is reported and is not allowed back on the playing field for the remainder of the match.
- d.) Yellow card is shown and the yellow carded player is sent off for ten minutes.
 - i. during this time the player can be replaced regardless of the offence in senior grades only. In Senior and Junior colts the player cannot be replaced.
 - ii. a team must not ask the Umpire during the playing time whether that player can come back on or be replaced.
 - iii. Umpires are not expected to monitor the time. The Interchange Steward or Timekeeper will monitor the time off field.
 - iv. Umpires will record the player's details on their Umpires Report form.
 - v. The yellow carded player may come back on when the ten minutes of playing time has elapsed.
- e.) Red card is shown and the red carded player cannot come back on for the rest of the match.
 - i. The player can be replaced.
 - ii. At the end of the game the umpire will fill out the report sheet advising the player that they need to accept a prescribed penalty or attend the Tribunal.
- f.) Player Sent Off
 - i. Play shall stop.
 - ii. The umpire will escort the player from the ground and advise the player.
 - iii. The umpire will display the correct coloured card to the interchange steward at the time of the Send Off.
 - iv. The umpire can display card from 30m from the interchange to save time.
 - v. The interchange steward will display the same card back to the umpire to show that they have understood which card he or she has seen.



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- vi. A player that has been reported under the RED CARD shall not return to the field for the remainder of the match.
- vii. Play shall recommence when the Umpire returns to his position and a 50m penalty is applied to the free kick.
- g.) Send off period completed
 - i. The send-off period is completed after ten minutes of playing time.
 - ii. A yellow carded player may return to the field at the completion of their send-off period.
 - iii. If that player does not return at that time (due to injury or coaches discretion) then another player from the team can replace them
 - iv. The sent-off player at this time can return to the field through the normal interchange procedure.
 - v. A red carded player may not return to the field during this match.
 - vi. The player can be replaced.
 - vii. The Field Umpire need not be told when a player returns to the field.
- h.) Player sent off and reported –Red Card
 - i. the player shall be informed that they have been reported by the umpire.
 - ii. they cannot return to the field for the remainder of the game.
 - iii. they can be replaced by another player
 - iv. they can choose to accept a Prescribed Penalty or appeal the Report and be heard by the Tribunal.
- i.) Yellow card summary
 - i. ten minutes off
 - ii. can be replaced
 - iii. can be reported and continue playing after 10 minutes sent off. (prescribed penalty for minor infringements)
 - iv. A player in senior grades that accumulates three yellow cards in a season will receive an automatic one week suspension.
 - v. A player in junior grades that accumulates two yellow cards in a season will receive an automatic one week suspension.
 - vi. Subsequent yellow cards beyond 3 for seniors or two for juniors within the same season will result in further automatic suspension for one week for each yellow card.
- j.) red card summary
 - i. player is reported.
 - ii. off for the rest of the game.
 - iii. can be replaced.
 - iv. Tribunal or Prescribed Penalty.



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21. Send-Off Rule for Under 14's & Under 17's

There are two categories which are variations to By-Law 20 above.

- a.) Yellow Card (off for 10 minutes) and cannot be replaced.
 - i. If a player is sent off the Umpire will record this on the day's official team sheet.
 - ii. Team managers should check to make sure this occurs.
 - iii. If a player is sent off 2 times in the one season it is an automatic 1 game suspension following the second and any subsequent yellow cards.
- b.) Red Card (off for the rest of the game) and cannot be replaced. No automatic report/suspension however if the player is reported they can choose to accept the Prescribed Penalty or appeal against the report and be heard by the Tribunal.
- c.) Any red or yellow card indiscretion must be recorded by both timekeepers each stating player number, club and card colour, and the ten minutes recorded. The carded player's club is responsible for checking with timekeepers for elapsed time.
- d.) The umpire will indicate the card colour to both the timekeepers and the club bench.

22. Club Colours

- a) Each Affiliated Club shall notify the Board of Directors no later than February of each year of its colours and designs for the next football season. Only approved colours and designs shall be worn by the respective Club players in the matches under the control of the League.
- b) In the event of an emergency and the right colours and designs not being available, the colours to be worn by any player shall be to the satisfaction of both Captains.
- c) All players must wear a distinguishing number for each match.



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23. Matches

- a) The football season shall commence on the date to be fixed by the League.
- b) All 'A' Grade matches shall commence at 2.45pm in the Minor Rounds. Any Club not ready to start at the appointed time may be fined or otherwise dealt with as the League may think fit and in addition, if not ready to start by 3.10pm shall forfeit the match to the opposing team. The field Umpire shall notify the Secretary of the League of the details of any default and his decision as to time shall be final. All matches shall be of four quarters each of twenty (20) minutes playing time plus time on. The commencement of matches during the Major Round to be determined by the League.
- c) A programme of matches shall be approved by the Board of Directors and the matches shall be played on the grounds of the first named Club unless otherwise stated.
- d) All gates shall open at least forty five (45) minutes before the commencement of the first match in the Minor Round and as decided by the Board of Directors in the Major Round.
- e) Minor Round starting times and game length:

Grade	Start	Finish	Playing time	Time On
Mini colts	9.30am	10.15am		
Junior Colts (U14)	10.20am	11.17am	4 x 12	No
Senior Colts (U14)	11.25am	12.47pm	4 x 18	No
Reserves	1.00pm	2.35pm	4 x 20	No
A Grade	2.45pm		4 x 20	On score & out of bounds

- f) Semi Finals and Preliminary Final starting times and game length:

Grade	Start	Playing time	Time On
Junior Colts (U14)	9.45am	4 x 12	On score
Senior Colts (U14)	10.50am	4 x 15	On score
Reserves	1.00pm	4 x 18	On score
A Grade	2.45pm	4 x 20	On score & out of bounds

- g) Grand Final starting times and game lengths:

Grade	Start	Playing time	Time On
Junior Colts (U14)	9.30am	4 x 12	On score
Senior Colts (U14)	10.40am	4 x 15	On score
Reserves	12.30pm	4 x 18	On score
A Grade	2.45pm	4 x 20	On score & out of bounds



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24. Matches other than League Matches

- a.) No Clubs shall play any match other than a League match, after the commencement of the League playing season, without first obtaining the approval of the Board of Directors.
- b.) The Board of Directors have the discretion, if any Club is found guilty of breach of rule 24 a.), to fine, suspend or disqualify the offending club.

25. Trial Matches

In trial matches arranged between Clubs, prior to the commencement of the home and away games of the Adelaide Plains Football League, the following conditions are to be observed:

- a.) Team sheets are to be filled out naming ALL players in each side.
- b.) Umpires shall have the power to report players in trial games and the League Independent Tribunal will deal with any offence.
- c.) If an unregistered player of an Affiliated Club is found guilty of an offence, the League Independent Tribunal has the power to fine the Club.

26. Match Day Balls

- a.) All Clubs within the League must play with SHERRIN Footballs exclusively on official match days.
- b.) A Grade, Reserves and Senior Colts matches must use the Kangaroo Brand football, and in Junior Colts matches a Sherrin Match football Size 4 will be used.
- c.) A Grade games will use a new Sherrin Kangaroo Brand Football in every game
- d.) This is a sponsorship deal with Sportspower from 2019 to 2021 reviewed annually. All Match Day balls will be purchased through the League. Orders will be placed prior to the end of November in the previous year. Clubs are encouraged to source their Sherrin Footballs for training from Sportspower Gawler.

27. Premiership Conditions

- a) In all matches two points to be counted for a win and one for a draw.
- b) If, at the conclusion of the Minor Round, any two or more Clubs have obtained an equal number of points, the position of such Clubs shall be determined by the percentage arrived at using the formula - TOTAL OF POINTS FOR, DIVIDED BY THE SUM OF THE POINTS FOR AND AGAINST AND THEN MULTIPLIED BY 100.
- c) In the case of a game being forfeited, the Club receiving the forfeit shall, in addition to the two premiership points for a win, receive the average winning margin of points scored in ALL Rounds on that day as their FOR points and zero AGAINST points. The Club giving the forfeit will have the average winning margin in all rounds scored on that day recorded as their AGAINST points and zero as their FOR points



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- d) If a Club forfeits 'A' or Reserves Grade three times throughout the season, then they are disqualified for the remainder of the season, Finals included.
- e) In the event of a team forfeiting to another, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, the League may fine the forfeiting club any umpires fees or other expenditure incurred as a result of the match being cancelled. This may include when next opposed during the season (other than finals) the match being played on the ground of the team who received the forfeit.

28. Major Round

Grounds for Finals to be selected by the Board of Directors.

All Grounds for Finals to be selected prior to the start of the season and named on the program.

- a) In the event of a draw taking place in any Junior Colts Major Round game, three (3) minutes will be added each way and time-on be allowed where applicable.
- b) In the event of a draw taking place in all other Major Round games in Senior Colts, Reserves and 'A' Grade, that five (5) minutes be added each way and time -on be allowed where applicable.
- c) When the event of a draw takes place in Major Round games, the scores to be immediately checked by Officials. Coaches are not permitted on the playing arena during this period and both teams must change ends immediately so that play may continue.

29. Payment of Fines

- a) Whenever a fine has been imposed by the Board of Directors or the Independent Tribunal, on a League Club, a Delegate Member, a Proxy Delegate, or a playing member, such fine shall be paid within seven (7) days from the date of invoice.
- b) Each League Club shall be responsible for the payment of all fines imposed by the Board of Directors or the Independent Tribunal on the Club, Delegate Members, Proxy Delegates or playing members.
- c) In the event of any such fine not being duly paid, the League Club in default may be disqualified by the Board of Directors from playing any of the other League Clubs for the remainder of the season, or the Board of Directors may suspend, for such period as it thinks fit, the right of the Delegate Member and Proxy Delegates of such League Club to vote at meetings of the Board of Directors or any other Committee of the League.



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30. Enforcement of Decisions and Directions of the League

In the event of the refusal or failure of a League Club to comply with this League's Constitution such League Clubs may be fined, or may be disqualified by the Board of Directors from playing any other League Clubs for the remainder of the season, or the Board of Directors may suspend, for such period as it thinks fit, the right of Delegates Members or Proxy Delegate of such League Club to vote at meetings of the League or any other Committee of the League.

31. Permit to play in Finals

The Independent Tribunal shall have the power to grant a permit to any player who through misfortune has not played sufficient matches to qualify for Finals.

32. Affiliation

The League may affiliate with any organisation existing for the benefit of football generally, or of the League in particular, as shall be decided from year to year by the Delegates at the Annual General Meeting.

33. Disbursement of the League

At the Annual General Meeting any surplus monies may, at the League's discretion, be disbursed to all Affiliated Clubs, which are non-profit organisations.

34. Blood Rule

In the event of a player bleeding, the player is to be asked to leave the playing field through the boundary and be attended to. The player may be replaced immediately through the interchange area and the game to continue.

Any clothing contaminated by blood must be replaced immediately before allowing the player to resume play.

35. APFL Changes to AFL Rules

The League will notify each year at the delegates meeting, prior to season commencement, of any changes or variations to the Laws of the Australian Football as published by the AFL.

36. APPS Points System

Refer to SANFL - Community Football website for current regulations and the formula in current APFL Procedure Manual for annual points allocation.

37. Season Passes

The Board of Directors shall decide who will be provided with Season Passes.



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38. APNA – Share of Finals Gate Takings – not applicable to season 2020

Adelaide Plains Netball Association (APNA) to receive 25% of Finals Gate Takings after deducting the joint costs.

APNA Officials and Umpires to have free entry to finals.

To be reviewed bi-annually at the APFL Annual General Meeting.

39. SACFL – Deregistration Policy

The Australian Football Player and Official National Deregistration Policy adopted by the SANFL Community Football will be enforced in the APFL.

40. Representative Teams – Sports Trainer/s

APFL member Clubs are to provide a qualified sports trainer/s at each and every APFL representative competition and all training sessions leading up to the related competition.

Includes U14, U15, and U17 & Senior grades. To be on an annual roster system as per table below.

FOOTBALL CLUB	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Angle Vale		U14		GIRLS		SENIOR	U17
Balaklava	U15		U14		GIRLS		SENIOR
Hamley Bridge	U17	U15		U14		GIRLS	
Hummocks WE	SENIOR	U17	U15		U14		GIRLS
Mallala		SENIOR	U17	U15		U14	
Two Wells	GIRLS		SENIOR	U17	U15		U14
United		GIRLS		SENIOR	U17	U15	
Virginia	U14		GIRLS		SENIOR	U17	U15



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41. Returning to training and matches during COVID 19

APFL clubs are required to adhere to all laws and regulations made by governing bodies regarding COVID 19. These may include government, AFL, SANFL/Community Football or the APFL. Clubs found to not be compliant with return to training or return to play protocols may face suspension of training/matches, fines, and loss of Premiership Points.

42. Inclusion of Bute Football Club for season 2020

Following the cancellation of the Yorke Peninsula League football season, Bute FC have requested, and are approved, to participate in the APFL for season 2020. Bute FC will participate in the season as a participating club, not an affiliated club, removing the requirement for payment of significant costs required by section 3 of the APFL Constitution.

Bute FC will be required to pay the equivalent of the APFL member club's annual affiliation fee to be a participating club in 2020, and will become subject to all APFL rules, regulations and by-laws for the participating season.

In any match where Bute FC is playing Two Wells, Bute FC will be required to wear on-field attire that is distinctively different from Two Wells, and acceptable to both TWFNC and the APFL.

For the purposes of this by-law, players from Bute FC will not be required to play for APFL association matches, but are permitted to represent YPFL.