



Whyalla Football League Incorporated

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WHYALLA FOOTBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

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1. AFFILIATION

Subject to Clause 21 of the Constitution, the League may affiliate with any other body controlling the game in Australia and may at any time by resolution passed at any Annual or Special General Meeting of the League retire from such membership or affiliation.

2. LEAGUE CLUBS

Each League Club shall have, in connection with, and to foster the interests of such League Club, a League team, a Reserves team, an Under Eighteen (18) team, Under Fifteen (15) team, Under Twelve and one half (12½) team and Under Ten (10) team, as at the commencement of the season.

3. PLAYER REGISTRATION AND PERMITS TO PLAY

- a. Every person desiring to play for a Club in this League shall, before being allowed to play, apply to the Permit Committee of the League to obtain registration and a permit to play, in accordance with By-Law 3(d) and By-Law 4, with the exception of all incoming clearances which have been duly endorsed by the Club and Association or League from which the clearance was sought, wherein such cases a permit shall be automatically granted by the Whyalla Football League.
- b. Every registration and permit to play, granted in accordance with By-Law 3 (a) shall remain in force until such person is granted a clearance by his Club and this League to play with another League Club in this League or another League, or until the Permit Committee revokes such registration and permit to play for any breach of the League's Constitution or By-Laws.
- c. All players playing in any junior grade are to be within the 3yr age bracket for that particular grade. For exception refer to SACFL Reg. 33.
- d. The Whyalla Football League shall maintain a register of the persons who have obtained registration and a permit to play through Sporting Pulse. If proof of age of any player is required a birth certificate, statutory declaration or the registered full name and date of birth as recorded by the South Australian Education Department will be accepted.
- e. No permit shall be granted to a player whose clearance has not been lodged on or before the thirtieth (30th) of June in any one season. Refer to SACFL Reg. 8.4.1
- f. The submitting of clearances and permits must be lodged with the Permit Committee by seven (7) pm on the Friday preceding that weekend's round of matches. All paperwork must be submitted.

4. IMPROPER REGISTRATION

A Player who has obtained a registration and permit to play by means of a false statement or without having the necessary qualifications shall be dealt with in accordance with By-Law 9 herein.

5. PERMITS AND PLAYER TRANSFERS

- a. The Permit committee are appointed by the Whyalla Football League and shall meet as required.
- b. The Permit committee shall have the power to grant, refuse, or revoke player's registrations and permits to play, and apply terms and conditions at their absolute discretion, providing the necessary documentation has been lodged with the WFL.
- c. No player will play in any WFL competition on a temporary permit without the prior consent of the League. Players who are listed with SANFL Clubs and permitted to their local WFL club via Local Interchange Permit shall be the only exception.
- d. Player transfers will be resolved according to the player transfer system per APPENDIX 1
- e. Any person who has been suspended or disqualified pursuant to these Rules or pursuant to the Rules of any Affiliated Association or league or anybody with which the League is affiliated shall not while so suspended or disqualified hold any official position in a League club except with the permission of the Permit Committee.

5. PERMITS AND PLAYER TRANSFERS (cont)

- f. If any League club refuses to grant a clearance or permit the person who was refused the clearance or permit, or the League club with which the person sought a clearance or permit may appeal to the Permit committee against the decision of the first mentioned League club to refuse such clearance or permit as the case may be; notice of which appeal shall be given to the league in writing. When such notice of appeal is received by the League it shall immediately give notice thereof of the person or League club or League clubs affected thereby, and of the date and place set for the hearing of such appeal, which date shall be not less than seven days after the date upon which such notice of such appeal shall be given to the person or League club or League clubs as aforesaid. The decision of the Permit committee on such appeal, subject to the provisions of the SANFL Permit Regulations, shall be final and binding on all parties affected thereby.

6. REFUSAL OF CLEARANCE

- a. Any player registered with an affiliated League Club who is refused a clearance to transfer from one club in the League in which they are registered, to another club in the same League, may appeal against that refusal to the WFL Executive. The club refusing the clearance must provide evidence supporting the refusal in line with CFL regulations before the appeal is lodged.
- b. If evidence can be provided to support the refusal (evidence of unpaid subs or a current contract) then the player should have to appeal to the WFL and pay a fee of fifty dollars (\$50).
- c. Any such appeal for clearance shall be made in writing and lodged with the WFL Executive, along with a further clearance application completed by the player within five (5) days of the clearance application being refused.
- d. The WFL Secretary shall acknowledge receipt of the appeal by calling a meeting within five (5) days of the appeal being received by the League.

7. PLAYING A DISQUALIFIED PLAYER

Refer SACFL Reg. 23.

8. PLAYING AND UNQUALIFIED PLAYER

No club shall play a player who is unregistered or who for any reason whatsoever is unqualified. A club breaking this rule shall forfeit the match or matches if reported by the Permit committee to be in breach of any registration, permit, clearance or qualification by-laws of the league or if a protest, is lodged in writing with the Whyalla Football League Secretary not later than five (5) pm on the second business day after the date such unqualified or unregistered player played. The club will also be fined an amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) for up to and including Under 18's and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for Reserves and League.

9. TRIBUNAL

- a. At its Annual General Meeting the League shall appoint at least six (6) Commissioners, none of who shall be a registered Official of any club within the League, to comprise the Whyalla Football League Tribunal (known as the Tribunal).
- b. Three (3) Commissioners are to preside over a hearing of the Tribunal.
- c. Initially half of the Commissioners comprising the Tribunal shall hold office for a term of two (2) years and the other half for a term of one (1) year. Retiring member shall be eligible for re-appointment. These appointments must be notified to the S.A.C.F.L. Inc. within seven (7) days of the Annual General Meeting.
- d. The Tribunal shall have the power to adjudicate upon any matter referred to them provided that in making its determination, they take into consideration all the circumstances and matters which they consider relevant to each case before them, and including the following where appeals by players and Clubs are concerned:
 - i. All rules of the Whyalla Football League
 - ii. The age of the applicant
 - iii. The interests of the League
 - iv. The interests of the Australian Game of Football
 - v. The interests of the person or Club appealing
 - vi. Any hardship, financial or otherwise, likely to be suffered in the event of any appeal being disallowed

9. TRIBUNAL (cont)

- e. In all matters referred to the Tribunal, they shall have power to:
 - i. Summon any person or Club to appear before them and give evidence.
 - ii. To admit or reject any evidence that may be put to them, at their discretion.
 - iii. To adjourn its proceedings to some time and place as they shall deem fit.
 - iv. To adopt or apply any procedures to the conduct of any hearing, as they deem fit.
 - v. To reprimand, censure, suspend and/or fine any person or Club in accordance with the By-Laws of the League.
- f. Both the player accused or appealing and the Club accused or against which the appeal has been lodged, shall be entitled to an advocate in attendance at any hearing, providing such advocate shall not be a member of the legal profession, but is an office bearer of the Club concerned.
- g. The decision of the Tribunal shall be final and conclusive in all matters referred to them in accordance with the By-Laws of the League and no further appeal shall lie to any other Tribunal or body, whether judicial, quasi-judicial or otherwise, except as expressly provided in By-Law 17.

10. CLUB COLOURS

- a. The registered distinguishing colours of the Clubs shall be as follows:
 - West Whyalla Green & Gold.
 - Weeroona Bay Black & Gold
 - North Whyalla Black & White
 - South Whyalla Red & Blue
 - Roopena Double Blue
 - Central Whyalla Red & White
- b. Any modification to colour or design, or the use of the advertising logos, shall be approved by the League.
- c. Any League or Reserves playing member who does not conform to the approved Club colours may be prohibited by the Umpire from taking part in the game and upon written notification by the Umpire to the Whyalla Football League before five (5) p.m. on the second (2nd) business day following such breach, the Permit Committee may impose a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50) on the offending player.

11. DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS

All players must wear distinguishing numbers for each match which must agree with those numbers shown on lists handed to the Field Umpire before the start of each match.

12. MATCHES

12.1 Time of Starting

- a. The WFL season shall commence on the date and times to be fixed by the League.
- b. Any Club not ready to start at the appointed time may be fined or dealt with as this League may deem fit, and, in addition, if not ready to start within five (5) minutes of the appointed commencing time, shall be fined per Bylaw 30.

12.2 Length of Games

- a. League Matches shall be four (4) Quarters of twenty (20) minutes duration with time-on.
- b. Reserves Matches shall be four (4) Quarters of twenty (20) minutes duration with no time-on, except where provided for in By-Law 12.3 (b).
- c. In all matches, in the event of a central umpire signalling (by raising crossed arms above his head) the need for the use of a stretcher or the use of the blood rule, the time keepers will allow extra time (time off) until the umpire signals the restart of play.
- d. The duration of matches in all other grades will be determined and ratified by the League on a seasonal basis.

12. MATCHES (cont)

12.3 Time On

- a. The following procedure applies to the grades specified.

Under 15's	4 x 15min quarters	NO TIME ON
Under 18's	4 x 20min quarters	NO TIME ON
Reserves	4 x 20min quarters	NO TIME ON
League	4 x 20min quarters	PLUS TIME ON
- b. All Grades - EXCEPTION TO TIME ON – STRETCHER. Where a stretcher is called for, ADD TIME ON in all grades from the time when the stretcher enters the playing arena until the stretcher leaves the playing arena.
- c. LEAGUE GAME ONLY.
 - i. **ADD TIME ON** when the goal umpire waves the flags for a goal. Start time when the umpire signals to restart the game (Centre Bounce).
 - ii. **ADD TIME ON** when the goal umpire wave's one flag for a point and the ball has not yet been brought back into play. Time back on when player brings ball back into play or field umpire calls for player, waiting to bring the ball back into play, to play on
 - iii. The Central Umpire signals time on and time off and will blow whistle whilst holding one hand up to signal time off. Time is back on when the umpire holds one hand up (usually blows whistle again) or (in the case of the umpire not signaling time back on) when play recommences.

13. FORFEITURE OF MATCHES

- a. No Club shall refuse to play under the Field Umpire appointed by the S.A.C.F.L. or the Whyalla Umpires Panel Appointment Board and no Club shall forfeit any match because of objections to the appointed umpire. A Club so refusing to play or forfeiting a match shall be suspended or expelled by this League, or otherwise dealt with as this League may determine.
- b. Any player or players who refuse to play or take part in a match, resulting in the forfeiture of a match on account of objections to the appointed Umpire, may be dealt with by the Tribunal, as they deem fit.
- c. A Club forfeiting a match for any reason shall notify the League Executive of its reasons for forfeiting by 8.00pm Thursday night preceding the match and this League may accept the explanation or deal with the Club so forfeiting or the players of such Club, as it may deem fit.
- d. Financial penalties shall apply as per Bylaw 30.
- e. A Club receiving a forfeit approved by the League shall be credited with two (2) premierships match points (if applicable) plus twenty (20) goals or 120 points for, and nil against.

14. REPORTING OF PLAYERS

The following conditions shall apply to a charge laid by an umpire in respect of a breach of the "Laws of the Game" by a player. All charges shall be heard by the Tribunal in accordance with the procedures for Tribunal Hearings followed by the S.A.N.F.L. Inc. as contained in the Affiliated Leagues Constitution from time to time.

- a. Each Umpire who makes a charge shall fill in duplicate copies in respect of each Club which has a player to be reported. Such copies shall set out the name of such player and particulars of the charge. Each Umpire who makes a charge shall sign both copies and if he is a boundary or goal umpire shall hand both copies to the field Umpire. The field Umpire shall deliver one copy of each charge to the Whyalla Football League no later than five (5) p.m. on the first (1st) business day following the match.
- b. Each Club shall be responsible for the attendance of an Official at the door of the Umpire's room at the termination of the match, and where charges are made, the field Umpire shall hand to the Official of the Club concerned, the duplicate signed copy of such charges. In the case of non-attendance of an Official, the Club in default and any player concerned in a charge shall be deemed to have waived compliance with the provisions of this clause and the charge will be heard as if the Official received the copy of the charge.
- c. On the handing to the Club Official of the copy of the charges as required by By-Law 14 (b), the Club concerned shall be deemed to have duly received notice of such charge and thereupon such Club Official shall forthwith notify the player concerned of the making of the charges.
- d. When an Umpire intends to make a charge against any player, he shall, if such charges relate to matters arising in the first three-quarters of the game, notify the players concerned as soon as reasonably possible after the incident, and in any event, not later than the start of the next quarter.

14. REPORTING OF PLAYERS (cont)

- e. Where in the opinion of the WFL Executive, the Report falls within the parameters of the Player Report Matrix (Appendix 3), the player reported shall have the opportunity to accept an early guilty plea and have the penalty decided by the Matrix without referral to the Tribunal.
- f. Charges shall be heard by the Tribunal before the next League or Inter-League fixture. The Whyalla Football League shall fix the time and place for hearing any charges and notify the Club Official and Umpire of such time and place.
- g. The accused player shall, where possible, attend the hearing of such charge, and may give evidence, call witnesses and question all witnesses who give evidence at the hearing subject to By-Law 14 (h). If the player fails to attend after having been duly notified in accordance with By-Law 16(c) the Tribunal may proceed to hear the charge in his absence.
- h. The reporting Umpire may give evidence and call witnesses and question all witnesses who give evidence at the hearing, but, in the event of the person appointed by the League under By-Law 14 (i) being present, that person shall call and question witnesses on behalf of the umpire.
- i. An Office bearer of the reported player's club shall also be allowed to attend the Tribunal subject to the Commissioner's discretion and may call and question any witness who gives evidence at the Tribunal. Where represented by this delegate the player forfeits his right to questioning of umpires or witnesses.
 - i. The League may appoint a person to present charges to the Commissioners.
 - ii. A playing member against whom a charge has been made shall not be eligible to play League or Interleague fixtures until the Tribunal have adjudicated on the charge.
 - iii. Any person who conducts themselves disrespectfully during a Tribunal hearing may be dealt with at the Tribunal's discretion.
 - iv. Any player disqualified or suspended by the Tribunal for a period in excess of six (6) matches for any offence, may appeal to the Commissioner for Country and Junior Football of the S.A.C.F.L. Inc.
 - v. Accredited Umpires appointed to officiate in a game on that day, at that venue shall have the broader power to report a player(s) in other scheduled games if alleged breaches of the laws occur at that venue.
 - vi. A complaint alleging an infringement of the Constitution or By-Laws of the League or of the laws of the game may be made by a League Executive Official, by a Club Official of a participating club (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer) or by a Registered Official named on the team sheet of a participating team. Complaints made must be in writing and approved in writing by the President of that Club before being lodged with the League.
 - vii. A complaint pursuant to By-Law 16(n) must be lodged with the League Executive no later than five (5) p.m. on the first (1st) business day following the match in which the event or conduct, which is the subject of the complaint, is alleged to have occurred.
 - viii. After due consideration of the complaint, the League Executive may refer the complaint to the Tribunal in the form of a report. The League Executive must then provide a copy of the complaint, together with particulars to the person, or body alleged in the complaint as soon as practical.
 - ix. The League Executive must also inform such person or body named in the report of the time and place fixed for hearing of such report.
 - x. A report alleging a breach of laws of the game pursuant to By-Law 15(n) shall be heard by the Tribunal in accordance with the procedures for tribunal hearings as per the SACFL Inc. contained in the Affiliated Leagues Constitution.

15. REPORTING OTHER OFFENCES

- a. A person who is a member, player, official or servant of the League or a League Club shall not;
 - 1. Use abusive, threatening or insulting language.
 - 2. Interfere with or assault any other person.
 - 3. Be guilty of conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Australian game of football.
 - 4. Refuse or neglect to comply with the rules of the League.
 - 5. Obtain or attempt to obtain entrance to any oval or League function without producing a valid entrance pass or paying the proper admission charge.
- b. Any charge must be made in writing, including the offence and the name of the alleged offender.

15. REPORTING OTHER OFFENCES (cont)

- c. The charge(s) shall be lodged with the League Executive not later than 5pm on the first business day following the alleged offence.
- d. The League Executive shall give, to the person against whom a charge has been made, two (2) clear days written notice of such charge, and set out details of the charge including the time and place appointed for the hearing.
- e. Any charge under this rule must be heard by the Tribunal before the person(s) can attend the next League or Interleague fixture.
- f. Where a charge under this rule has been found to be proved, the Tribunal may impose such punishment either by way of censure, fine, suspension or disqualification as they think fit.

16. INTERLEAGUE SELECTION

16.1 Coach

The Interleague coach to be selected by WFL Delegates no later than within one calendar month of the WFL AGM.

16.2 Players

- a. Any player selected to play is to make themselves available for training and final selection in any match arranged by the Whyalla Football League.
- b. Those players who are unavailable must in the first instance communicate in writing (text or email) with the Interleague Coach.
- c. If a player is selected and does not make themselves available without a reason acceptable to the interleague coach, may receive a 2-club game suspension.

17. RIGHT OF APPEAL

Refer to SACFL Reg 11.1

18. PREMIERSHIP CONDITIONS

- a. In all matches, in grades for ages 12 and one half and over, two (2) points shall be counted for a win and one (1) for a draw.
- b. If at the conclusion of the minor round any two (2) or more Clubs have obtained an equal number of points, the position of such Clubs shall be determined by the percentage of points kicked, for and against such Clubs.
- c. In the case of a game being an approved League forfeit, the Club receiving the forfeit shall be credited with points and percentage in accordance with By-law 13 (e).
- d. The Club which occupies top position at the conclusion of the Minor Round shall be called Minor Premiers.
- e. At the conclusion of the Minor Round the third and fourth teams on the Premiership Table shall play the first semi-final, and the first and second teams shall play the second semi-final. A Preliminary Final shall be played between the winner of the first Semi-final and the losers of the second Semi-Final. The Grand Final shall be played between the winner of the second Semi-Final and the winner of the Preliminary Final.
- f. Should a tie take place in any of the matches played in the Major round, an additional five (5) minutes each end shall be played, with a three (3) minute break between the match and extra time. In the event of scores still being tied the same format shall be repeated after a three (3) minute break until a result is achieved. Only coaches and trainers to enter field while tie breaker is applied.

19. MAJOR ROUNDS – PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS

- a. A playing member of a League club may in any one season interchange between the League, Second, Thirds and Colts teams of the League club with which he is registered subject to the following conditions:
 - i. Interchange of any player or players pursuant to this rule shall be subject at all times to any age limits which the League may from time to time impose upon teams playing in any grade.
 - ii. To be eligible to play in Reserves Finals a player must play five (5) Reserves games for the season.
 - iii. Exception - Any player who has not played in the League side (A grade) during the season need only play 3 games in Reserves to qualify. Penalty for breach of this rule will be loss of the game in the finals.

19. MAJOR ROUNDS – PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS (cont)

- b. When more than one team of the same League club is competing in the major round of matches, a player omitted from the team playing in the higher grade may be eligible for selection in the lower grade team.
- c. None of the players who were selected to play in the last match played by the team of the League club in the higher grade shall be eligible to play for such lower team should such higher grade team be eliminated from the major round of matches and such lower grade team still be playing in such major round matches. Exception: Refer clause (5) (e) of this rule for Thirds and Colts players.
- d. Thirds and Colts players may interchange between all grades in both minor and major rounds with no restrictions, subject only to their age when dropping back to any lower grade at any time.
- e. A playing member of a League club who has obtained registration as a player in Whyalla under the relevant regulations shall play not less than three (3) (Exception is reserves finals refers refer a(ii) and a (iii)) minor round games in any grade before becoming eligible for selection in a major round
- f. Any registered player of the Whyalla Football League who plays for a SANFL Football Club in any grade in Adelaide and who wishes to resume playing football in Whyalla is required to re-qualify for the Whyalla League and Seconds major round games by playing not less than three (3) minor round games for the season.

20. JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS

- a. The age qualification for any junior grade shall apply from the first (1st) day of January in that season except for Under 12 and one half and Under 15's: The birth year will change each season, but the birth month remains the same. For example, the 2020 season the following birth years apply:
Under 12½ - 2009, 2008, July – December 2007
Under 15 - January to June 2007, 2006, 2005
- b. All junior grade teams shall come under the jurisdiction and organisation of the Whyalla Football League Junior Committee.
- c. Any player under the age of fifteen (15) years on the first (1st) of January may only transfer once from one club to another in this League, before the thirtieth (30th) of June that year but is not allowed to do so during the same round.

21. TEAM FORMS AND INTERCHANGE PLAYERS

- a. In every minor and major round match a list of twenty-one (21) players (League), twenty three (23) players (Reserves and Under Eighteen), and all Junior grades twenty four (24) players, shall be exchanged by officials of the opposing Clubs and only the players mentioned in such list shall be eligible to play. A copy of each list shall be handed to the Field Umpire and opposing club Team Manager no later than half-time of the match.
- b. If an Under 18 Grade side or below is unable to field eighteen (18) players, then whatever number they have available will be matched by the opposing team on the field, with the minimum amount set at fourteen (14) players. Excess players may be used as interchange. It is also a requirement that where possible, clubs are to advise the opposition twenty-four (24) hours prior when a problem with numbers is anticipated and thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled match time the numbers shall be confirmed. This rule applies to minor round games only.
- c. The Interchange players must be on the ground, in uniform to play and must remain so ready until the conclusion of the match and must be identified on the team sheet.
- d. The Interchange players shall be available for use at the discretion of the Captain or Coach, as a substitute player at any time during the match providing that, if a player is used as an interchange the players concerned make their entrance and departure from the playing arena through the designated area, otherwise they will not be permitted to take any further part in that particular game with the exception of players incapacitated through injury, who may be taken off the playing arena at the nearest vantage point with the right of return if subsequently required.

22. PROTESTS OR DISPUTES

- a. Protests or disputes arising out of any League match must be made in writing by the Secretary of the Club concerned to the WFL Executive not later than five p.m. on the second business day following the match in which such incident occurred.
- b. Such protest or dispute shall be accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars (\$50) to be forfeited if, in the opinion of the body appointed to hear such protest or dispute, the same is frivolous.
- c. All such protests or disputes shall be heard by the Tribunal, no later than the next League or Interleague fixture following the reported incident and the Club or persons involved in the protest or dispute shall be allowed representation at the hearing by the permitted club advocate prescribed in By-Law 14 (i).

23. UMPIRES

- a. The SACFL Umpires Panel and the WFL Umpires Panel shall provide where possible the field umpire for every match under its control and the WFL Umpires Panel, where possible, shall provide two (2) boundary and two (2) goal umpires in proper attire.
- b. The Field Umpire's remuneration per match and other umpire's fees, to be fixed by this League from time to time.
- c. No WFL Umpires Panel Umpire who has acted as such shall be allowed to play in a League match during the season in which he has acted except with the consent of this League. A Club or Umpire breaking this rule shall be dealt with as this League may think fit.
- d. The WFL Umpires Selection Panel, comprising two (2) members from the WFL Umpires Association and one (1) member from the Executive, may annul the appointment of any umpire during the season.
- e. The scores shall be kept on scoring cards supplied by this League to the Goal Umpires and are to be initialled by the Field Umpire and handed to the Match Day Supervisor after the match, together with the lists of players duly initialled.
- f. The League shall approve or reject the WFL Umpires Association appointments.

24. TIMEKEEPERS

All Clubs shall appoint a registered timekeeper to officiate at each Club game conducted by the League.

25. OFFICIALS ON PLAYING ARENA

No official (Trainers, Coach, Team Manager and Runners excepted) of any League Club is allowed within the playing arena during the progress of any game. (Playing arena meaning within the fenced enclosure). Trainers must not leave their position unless for attention to players. Coach and Team Manager are not to leave their positions except at quarter, half and three-quarter time. The Runner is to leave his position only to relay messages to players.

26. VOTING

26.1 Voting at Board meetings

At all Board meetings of the League every Board Member present shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

- a. At every meeting of the Board all questions shall be determined by a show of hands, unless a ballot is demanded by at least three (3) members. Any Member of the Board may call for a division.
- b. Every ballot shall be taken in such manner as the Chairperson of the Board directs.
- c. In the event of a tied vote the Chairperson of the meeting will have the casting vote.

26.2 Voting at Committee meetings

- a. At all committee meetings of the League every delegate member present personally or by proxy approved by the Board, shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
- b. At every meeting of the League all votes shall be determined by a show of hands, unless a ballot is demanded by at least three (3) members. Any member of the committee may call for a division.
- c. Every ballot shall be taken in such manner as the Chairperson of the Meeting directs.
- d. In the event of a tied vote the matter will be referred to the Board to decide.

27. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS

- a. All clubs are expected to have their nominated representative(s) or a proxy representative(s) at official committee meetings, functions and activities and failure to do so without an acceptable reason at the discretion of the WFL Executive may incur a fine of up to \$100 to any club not represented.
- b. Failure of a club to be represented at the same committee, function or activity in a calendar year will see the fine doubled to two hundred dollars (\$200), a third offence to four hundred dollars (\$400) and so on, at the discretion of the WFL Executive.

28. FALSE STATEMENTS

Any person, official or servant of the League, or playing member of the League, who makes a false statement to the League or a Committee of the League, may be charged with such offence and such charge will be referred to the Board of Directors who may deal with the matter as they see fit.

29. ENDORSEMENT OF DECISIONS AND DIRECTIONS OF LEAGUE

In the event of the refusal or failure of a Club to obey a decision or direction of this League in accordance with this Constitution such Club may be called to explain their actions to the Board of Directors, who may deal with the matter as they think fit.

30. FINES

- a. Any Club forfeiting or causes any team to forfeit a scheduled match shall be subject to a fine.
- b. The fine relates to teams involved in the Under 15, Under 18, Reserves and League matches in the Whyalla Football League.
- c. Under 15's and Under 18's able to give 48 hours' notice — no fine.
- d. The following fines will occur:
 - i. First forfeit in a season: -
 - ii. Under 15's \$100
 - iii. Under 18's \$100
 - iv. Reserves \$200
 - v. League \$500
- e. Fines will double for 2nd and subsequent offence when a team forfeits during the Whyalla Football League season.

31. PAYMENT OF FINES

- a. Whenever a fine has been imposed by the League on a Club or a delegate member or proxy delegate, or on a playing member, or official member of the League, such fine shall be paid within seven (7) days from the posting by the League Secretary of a notice of the imposition of such fine.
- b. Each Club shall be responsible for the payment of all fines imposed by the League or the Commissioners on the Club, or on its delegate members, or proxy delegates, or on its playing members, or Officials registered with the League. In default, the club shall be dealt with in accordance with By-Law 30.
- c. All clubs need to have paid overdue monies owing to Whyalla Football League by 31st December of that year.

32. LAWS OF THE AUSTRALIAN GAME OF FOOTBALL

The Laws of the Game as passed from time to time by the Australian Football League of Australia shall be adopted as a By-Law of this League except where variations have been approved by the S.A.C.F.L. Inc., in accordance with the A.F.L. Laws of the game.

33. REGISTERING OF OFFICIALS

All elected Officials and Office bearers of each Club must be notified to the League prior to or at the Annual General Meeting of the League. All appointed Officials of each Club must be notified to the League by the meeting subsequent to their appointment.

34. SEND - OFF RULE

The following procedure applies in all grades:

- a. A player reported for any direct tribunal offences (as defined in the WFL Tribunal Procedures Appendix 3) or any other act of misconduct, if the Umpire is of the opinion that the act constituting misconduct is serious in nature, shall receive a red card and be ordered from the field with no further participation in the remainder of the match, a replacement player allowed.
- b. A player who commits or threatens to commit an offence, whether verbal or physical, that in itself is not reportable but is considered by the Umpire to not be in the spirit of the game, may receive a yellow card and be ordered from the field for ten (10) minutes, with replacement player allowed.
- c. A player who receives two (2) yellow cards in a game, for any reason, shall receive a red card and be ordered from the field with no further participation in the remainder of the match, with replacement player allowed.
- d. A player who receives two (2) yellow cards under By-Law 36 (c), shall, in addition to the penalties applying under By-Law 36 (d), also be reported for misconduct.
- e. Any player sent off must exit through the interchange gate. Failure to do so will result in that player forfeiting further participation in the match.
- f. The Team Managers is responsible for the keeping of time for players sent off for a yellow card offence. Where there is no reserve umpire, both team managers will be responsible for the keeping of time. Until directed back onto the field, the player must wait and re-enter through the interchange gate.
- g. If a junior receives 1 red card penalty, it makes the player ineligible for further games on that day irrespective of whether player has been reported or not. Time Keepers to keep track of ten minutes. Umpires to advise timekeepers when a yellow card is issued.

35. PERMITS FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS

Dispensation to play over-age players in junior grades may be sought from time to time and granted by the League Permit Committee provided the following guidelines have been fulfilled.

- a. Permission to play over-aged players must be requested in writing on the appropriate form, by delegates of the Club concerned, to the Whyalla Football League.
 - i. Approval will be given on a full round of matches with any finals to be considered separately, except whereby the Permit committee may choose to revoke a permit during the full round formerly granted.
 - ii. Permits may apply to all grades under the jurisdiction of the Junior League.
- b. All Clubs must be notified, in writing, of a request for a player permit at least one (1) week prior to the meeting at which the request is to be considered.
- c. Players issued with a permit must be indicated on any team sheet by writing the word 'permit' after their name.
- d. A player granted a permit shall not be eligible for any voting or trophy considerations in the age group for which they are permitted.
- e. A record of all such permit approvals to be kept by the League.
- f. When re-applying for, or renewing a permit after a full round, a Club need only apply in writing unless requested otherwise by the Permit committee.

36. BLOOD RULE

- a. When, in the opinion of a field umpire, a player has incurred bleeding which needs to be stopped, play shall be halted, and the player sent from the field for treatment. Once the game has stopped and the bleeding player has been told to leave the field the replacement player may enter the field of play. The game will recommence once the bleeding player has left the field and the replacement player has taken his position on the field.
- b. The player will be allowed back on the field once the bleeding has stopped.
- c. The bleeding player may leave the field by the shortest path to receive treatment, however, the player may only return to the field of play through the interchange gate.

37. PLAYER INSURANCE

All affiliated clubs must have Player insurance (Currently JLT 2020) in place prior to the start of the season.

38. MATCH PROGRAM

The program of matches to be played by teams of League clubs during any season shall be such as the League shall from time to time determine and the League may divide such programme of matches into a minor round of matches and a major round of matches.

MINOR ROUND

- a. Each team of each League club shall play such equal number of matches as such places and at such times as shall be decided by the League Directors.
 - i. The programme of minor round matches shall be drawn up so that:
 - ii. In a season when fifteen minor round matches are to be played each League club shall play each other League club three times.
 - iii. In a season when sixteen minor round matches are to be played, each League club shall play each other League club three times and in addition the League clubs which finish in first and second position, third and fourth position and fifth and sixth position, in the previous season shall play each other in an additional match.
 - iv. In a season when seventeen minor round matches are to be played the formula for determination of the programme as contained in paragraph (ii) hereof shall be observed and in addition the League clubs which finish in first and third position, second and fifth position, and fourth and sixth position, in the previous season shall play each other in an additional match.
 - v. In a season when eighteen minor round matches are to be played, the formula for the determination of the programme as contained in paragraph (3) hereof shall be observed and in addition the League clubs which finish in first and fourth position, second and sixth position and third and fifth position, in the previous season shall play each other in an additional match.
- b. In all matches two premiership points shall be awarded to the team which shall win, and no premiership points shall be awarded to the team which shall lose any match. If any match shall result in a drawn game, each team participating in such match shall be awarded one premiership point.
- c. If at the conclusion of the minor round of matches any two or more teams have obtained an equal number of premiership points, the position on the premiership table of such teams as shall have obtained such equal number of premiership points shall be determined according to which of such teams shall have the higher or highest percentage, which percentage shall be calculated by expressing as a percentage the proportion which the total number of points scored by such club during such minor round of matches bears to the sum of such total number of points scored by such club during such minor round of matches and the total number of points scored against that club during such minor round of matches.

MAJOR ROUND

- a. At the conclusion of the minor round of matches the teams of League clubs which occupy the first four positions on the premiership table shall play off for the premiership in the following manner:
 - i. The team in third position on the premiership table shall play the team in fourth position on the premiership table in the first semi-final and the team in first position on the premiership table and the team in second position on the premiership table shall play off in the second semi-final.
 - ii. The team winning the first semi-final will play the team losing the second semi-final in a preliminary final.
 - iii. The grand final will be played between the team winning the second semi-final and the team winning the preliminary final to determine the premiership.
- b. Refer Bylaw 18 if a draw takes place.
- c. At the conclusion of the major round of matches the teams of League clubs which competed in that round should be placed according to their respective positions at the conclusion thereof. All teams of other League clubs not participating in the major round of matches shall be placed according to their respective positions at the conclusion of the minor round.
- d. No League club shall permit or cause any team of that League club to forfeit any match or abstain from playing in any match arranged by the League without that League club first obtaining the permission of the League to do so.

39. RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION

- a. No Player in his capacity as player of a Club or, in the course of carrying out his duties or functions as or incidental to a Player of a Club or any director, officer, servant or agent of a Club (including without limitation any coach, assistant coach, trainer, medical officer, runner or person entitled to enter the arena during the course of or prior to or during any break in play in any match) shall act towards or speak to any other person in a manner, or engage in any other conduct which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person ("the person vilified") on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.
- b. In the event that it is alleged that a person has contravened Rule (a) an umpire, Club or Player may by midday on the second business day following the day on which the contravention is alleged to have occurred, lodge a complaint in writing with the person appointed from time to time by the Whyalla Football League as the Secretary for the purposes of this Rule.
- c. The Secretary shall:
 - i. Inform the President of the Whyalla Football League and the person alleged to have contravened Rule (1) of the complaint and provide that person with an opportunity to respond to it.
 - ii. Arrange for the complaint to be conciliated and take all steps necessary for the complaint to be conciliated.
- d. Where the President is of the opinion that the matter has not been resolved by conciliation, the President shall:
 - i. In the case of a Player, refer the complaint to the Whyalla Football League Tribunal to be dealt with as a reportable offence under the Laws of the Whyalla Football League Constitution, or
 - ii. In the case of any other person, refer the complaint to the Whyalla Football League Tribunal to be dealt with under Section 3, Rule 7 —5 (1 to 5)
- e. Where a person alleged to have contravened Rule (1) has previously taken part in conciliation (other than as a person vilified), the President may refer the complaint directly to the Tribunal to be dealt with as a reportable offence under the Laws of Australian Rules Football in the case of a Player, or directly to the Tribunal to be dealt with under Section 3, Rule 7 — 5 (1 to 5) in the case of any other person.
- f. Any conciliation referred to in Rule (c) shall be conducted by the President provided that if the President is unable or unwilling to nominate, the Whyalla Football League Tribunal Commissioners shall nominate a person to conciliate.
- g. In the event that a complaint is referred to the Tribunal under Rule (d) no evidence shall be given to or accepted by the Tribunal relating to anything said or done in any conciliation carried out pursuant to Rule (c)
- h. In the event that a Secretary has not been appointed for the purpose of these Rules or if appointed, is for any reason unavailable to act under these Rules the Whyalla Football League Operations Manager shall be appointed to undertake the mediation in Rule (c).
- i. The Secretary shall ensure that conciliation of the complaint under Rule (c) is completed by 5.00 p.m. on the third working day following the day on which the incident is alleged to have occurred.
- j. In any case where the President determines to refer the complaint to the Tribunal the complaint shall be referred in time for the Tribunal to deal with it by no later than the fourth working day following the day on which the incident is alleged to have occurred.
- k. Any time limit for the doing of anything referred to in this Rule may be extended by the Whyalla Football League Executive if in the opinion of the Whyalla Football League Executive it is just and equitable to do so.
- l. In the event that a complaint under these Rules in respect of conduct engaged in by a person is found to have been proven by the Tribunal or where the Tribunal determines that a person the subject of a complaint has been involved in conduct which is unbecoming or prejudicial to the interests of the League, the Club employing, engaging or otherwise associated with the person at the time of the conduct shall be deemed to be vicariously liable for the conduct of the person and shall pay the League a penalty determined by the Whyalla Football League.
- m. Rule (1) does not apply to a contravention by a person if in the opinion of the Whyalla Football League the Club took all reasonable steps to prevent persons employed, engaged or otherwise associated with the Club from engaging in the conduct which contravened the vilification rules.

39. RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION (cont)

UMPIRES INSTRUCTIONS

In the event that an umpire hears what he interprets to be a racist remark on the field he is to write to the Secretary of the Whyalla Football League Inc. advising of:

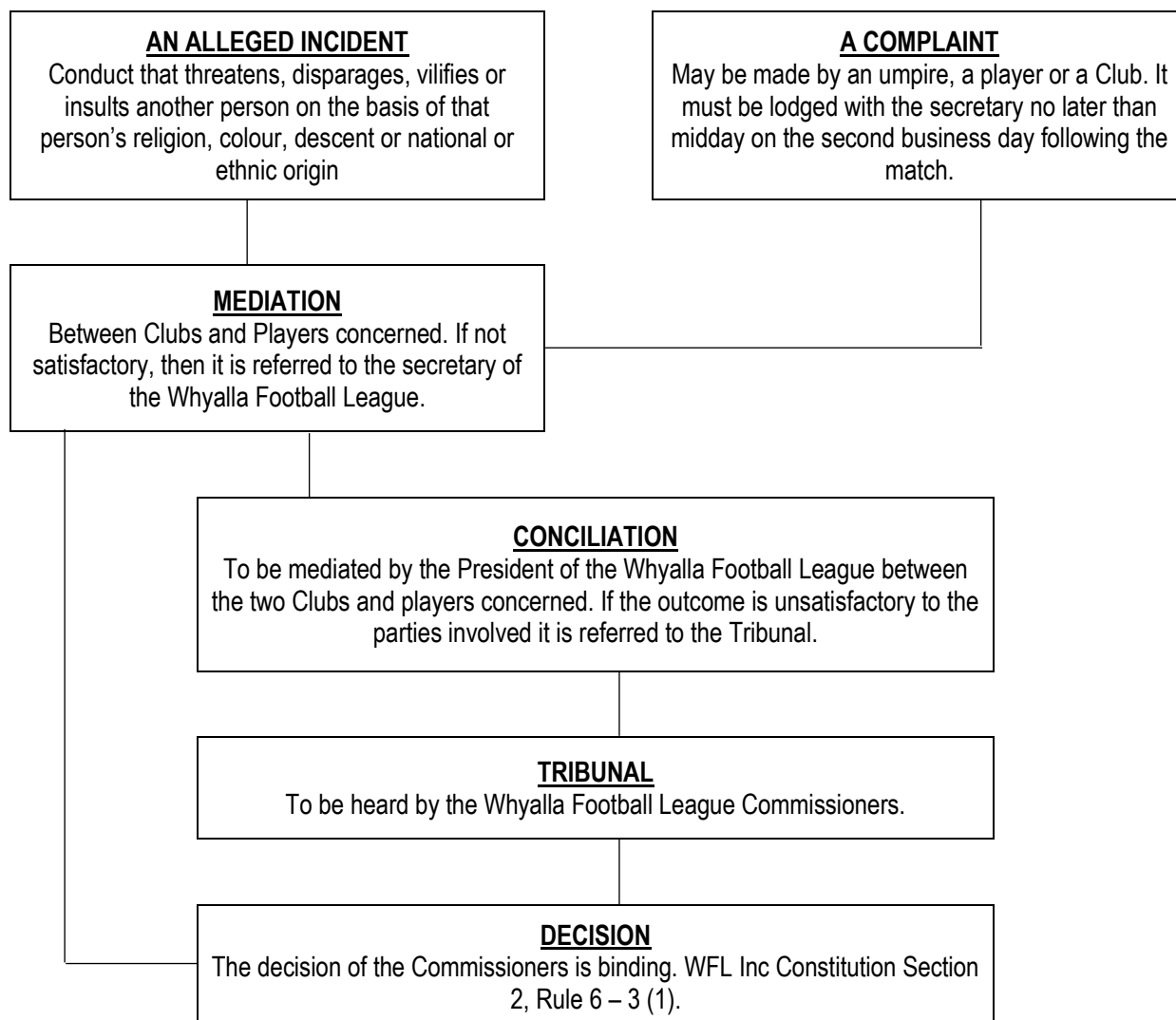
- What was said;
- By whom;
- At whom it was directed;
- Whether or not it was heard by the person at whom it was directed;
- Whether or not the person at whom it was directed was offended;
- Any other relevant information such as a witness who heard the remarks and was offended, or other players who may have made comment on the event.

Letters to be marked **Confidential** and must be received by the secretary of the Whyalla Football League Inc. no later than midday on the second business day following the match.

There is no need to advise the offender of either club of your intention to write to the secretary of the Whyalla Football League.

You may advise the player at whom the remark was directed that you will be writing to the secretary of the Whyalla Football League, if you think it is appropriate to do so

THE WHYALLA FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC POLICY PROCEDURE FOR RACIAL VILIFICATION



40. BLACKOUT PROCEDURE

In the event of failure of the Bennett and Memorial Oval lighting system, the following procedures will apply:

- **BLACKOUT OCCURS BEFORE HALF TIME**
The match shall be replayed at Bennett or Memorial Oval at a time and date acceptable to both clubs involved, such date and time being set by the WFL Executive.
- **BLACKOUT OCCURS DURING THIRD QUARTER OR PRIOR TO THE HALFWAY MARK OF THE LAST QUARTER**
The half time scores will prevail and the team leading at that time will be awarded the match points. The match will not be replayed.
- **BLACKOUT OCCURS IN THE LAST HALF OF THE LAST QUARTER**
The scores at the time will be considered the final scores and the team leading at that time will be awarded the match points. The match will not be replayed.

41. APPROVED PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (APPS).

Per SACFL Regulation No. 32 Approved Player Points System and Appendix 1. The allocated number of Points allocated to teams in the Whyalla Football League is determined by the following formula.

Average games won in minor round last 2 seasons:

Points allocation basis:

0-4	4.1-7	7.1-11	11.1-14	15+
13pts	12pts	10pts	8pts	6pts

Example - APPS for Whyalla Football League 2020

	Central	North	Roopena	South	W/Bay	West
2018	3	14	5	9	8	14
2019	15	12	3	0	7	17
Total	18	26	8	9	15	31
Av.	9	13	4	5.5	7.5	15.5
APPS						
2020	10	8	13	12	10	6

TRANSFER COMPENSATION FEES POINTS SYSTEM

Section A - Age of Player (As at 1st of January)

15 - 17 Years:	150 Points	25 - 29 Years	150 Points
18 - 20 Years	200 Points	30 - 35 Years	50 Points
21 - 24 Years	200 Points	Over 35 Years	No Points

Guidelines:

Consideration is given to the quality of player measured by their age and experience. For example;

- A 15 - 17-year-old who has not played A Grade football by that age then no points can be claimed for that Age Group.
- A 17 - 19-year-old who has played only 5 or fewer A Grade Games, then no points can be claimed for that Age Group.
- A 20 - 24-year-old who has played 20 or fewer A Grade Games, then no points can be claimed for that Age Group.
- A 25 - 29 year has played 50 or fewer A Grade Games, then no points can be claimed for that Age Group.

SECTION B – Years of Service

Use either Section B.1 or B.2, not both.

SECTION B.1 – League Level

YEARS:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
POINTS:	150	150	180	170	150	130	100	80	50	Nil

SECTION B.2 – Senior Colts Level

Junior colts do not accrue points when playing up a grade.

YEARS:	1	2	3
POINTS:	50	75	100

SECTION C – League games played with present club (Excl. Reserves)

GAMES:	1-20	21-39	40-99	100-149	150-199	200+
POINTS:	100	150	200	250	100	Nil

SECTION D – Representative Achievements

Maximum point allocation for this Section is 250 Points.

LEAGUE COMBINED TEAM:	250 Points
SENIOR COLTS COMBINED TEAM:	150 Points
LEAGUE MEDAL WINNER:	250 Points
LEAGUE MEDAL RUNNER UP:	200 Points
SENIOR COLTS MEDAL WINNER:	250 Points
SENIOR COLTS MEDAL RUNNER UP:	200 Points
RESERVES MEDAL WINNER:	150 Points
RESERVES MEDAL RUNNER UP:	100 Points

SECTION E – Club Best & Fairest Voting

A Grade and Thirds Level only.

POSITION:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
POINTS:	200	175	150	125	100

SECTION F – Reserves Players – 150 Points

- Must have played at least 5 Reserve Games in the previous year.
- Must not have played more than 10 A Grade games over the last 2 seasons.

SECTION G – Senior Colts Players – 150 Points

- Must have played at least 5 Senior Colts Games in the previous year.

SECTION H – Nil Transfer Fees

- 1.1 Any player over the age of 35 Years as at the 1st of January – NO TRANSFER FEE APPLICABLE.
- 1.2 Any player available for selection, but unable to gain a regular position in the Reserves or Senior Colts side – NO TRANSFER FEE APPLICABLE.
- 1.3 Any player who achieves Whyalla Football League Life Membership through service with one club only – NO TRANSFER FEE APPLICABLE.
- 1.4 Any player still registered with a Whyalla Club who hasn't played with that club during the past 24 months – NO TRANSFER FEE APPLICABLE.

SECTION I – Definitions

REGULAR POSITION:

- At least 30% of matches played by that team for which the player was available.

AVAILABLE FOR SELECTION:

- The player must attend regular training (Deemed to be a minimum of 1 night per week) and who is not recognised by his Club as being on the "injured" list. (If club is to protest this clause, they must show evidence of training log highlighting player's non-attendance.)

YEARS OF SERVICE:

- For Section B.1 League Level, player must have played 5 or more games in one season to constitute 1 years' service. (Can be easily tracked on Sporting Pulse)
- For Section B.2 Senior Colts Level, player must have played 5 or more games in one season to constitute 1 years' service. (Can be easily tracked on Sporting Pulse)

YEARS OF SERVICE FOR SENIOR COLTS SCETION B.2:

- Section B.2 shall take precedence over Section B.1 if the player has not played more than 10 league games whilst eligible for Senior Colts.

SECTION D - REPRESENTATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Carries a Maximum of 250 Points.
- It can only be applied over the preceding and/or penultimate seasons.

SECTION E - CLUB BEST AND FAIREST VOTING AT GRADE LEVEL:

- Applies to the last season in which the player played at the club he wishes to transfer from.

NOTE: Clubs must provide the Whyalla Football League with Official Copies of club voting when claiming points in this section.

SECTION J – Reimbursement of Transfer Fees

- If a player that has transferred from one Whyalla Club to another Whyalla Club, then transfers to another league, then any transfer fee paid to the original Club is to be reimbursed to the Club he transferred to on a pro rata basis over a 3 year period, provided it cannot be claimed from another source, and subject to the proviso stated hereunder:

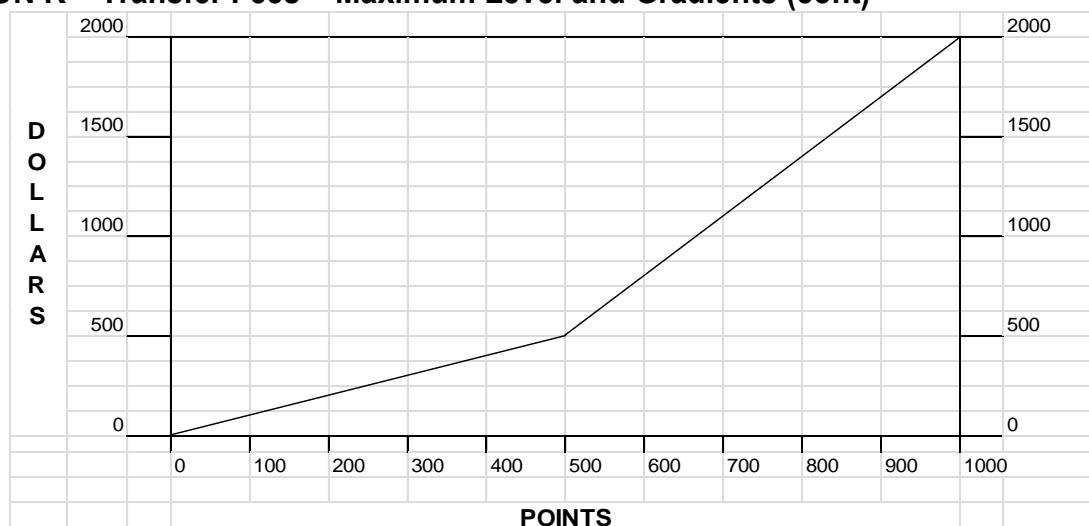
REIMBURSEMENT SCALE:

- If only 1 year of Service – 40% Refundable
- If only 2 years of Service – 20% Refundable
- After 3 years of service - no refund.
- A Proviso of the reimbursement is that: Clubs who knowingly enter into transfer compensation in the case of a player reasonably expected to provide less than 3 years' service SHALL NOT be entitled to any reimbursement.

SECTION K – Transfer Fees – Maximum Level and Gradients

- 1.1 The Maximum Transfer Fee shall be TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2000.00) unless amended by the 30th September in any year by the Board of Directors and the Whyalla Football League Executive Committee.
- 1.2 Gradients of transfer fees shall be established by extrapolation of the accompanying Points/Dollars Graph. Scales are linear with a "knee" point at 500 Points = \$500.00.
- 1.3 The Maximum Points accrued are 1,000.

SECTION K – Transfer Fees – Maximum Level and Gradients (cont)



SECTION L – Disputes

- Where two clubs Affiliated with the Whyalla Football League are unable to reach an agreement on an application for a clearance from one club to another, the issue will be directed by the Whyalla Football League Permit Committee to the Whyalla Football League Tribunal.
- If the Whyalla Football League Tribunal subsequently grants the clearance, then the Whyalla Football League directs the Tribunal to impose the Transfer Compensation Fee payable, as determined by reference this established scale of fees. Such fee is to be paid prior to the clearance being processed.

SECTION M – Clearance & Registration Procedures

CLEARANCES FROM OTHER LEAGUES:

- Clubs are to process the clearance on line through Sporting Pulse.
- Once Clearance has been lodged on line, the club is required to supply a hard copy version of the Registration & Clearance Form to the Whyalla Football League Permit Officer. The Club is to ensure the Registration & Clearance Form has all the player details and sign off, and the club is to provide their Calculated Point Rating. (Heavy Penalties apply for deliberate misleading information when calculating player point allocation)
- The Whyalla Football League Permit Officer verifies the Point Rating the Club has allocated and on confirmation of the Clearance going through on Sporting Pulse, the Club is to ensure the Point Rating is attached to that player on the Clubs playing list on line on Sporting Pulse to ensure the Point Rating is captured on team sheets.
- Both the League and Club are to keep copies of the Registration & Clearance.

CLEARANCES FROM CLUBS WITHIN THE WHYALLA FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

- A hard copy version of the Registration & Clearance Form is to be lodged with the Whyalla Football League Permit Officer. The Club is to ensure the Registration & Clearance Form has all the player details and sign off.
- The Club requesting the transfer will contact the Club the player is requesting a transfer from, and ask them to calculate the fee they believe they are entitled to as per this Transfer Fee Compensation Document plus any outstanding Financials that player may have with the Club.
- The club has 2 weeks to reply with the figure they have calculated or reject the Clearance for matters such as Player Contracts.
- If either clubs dispute the Calculation or Clearance, a Permit Meeting is called to discuss, if there is still no agreement, than the Clearance will be directed to the Tribunal as per Section L.
- Once both parties agree, the Club requesting the transfer is to lodge the Clearance on line on Sporting Pulse and pay the agreed sum of money.
- The Club receiving the money will finalise their part of the Clearance on line and the Club the player is transferring to, is to ensure the Point Rating is attached to that player on the Clubs playing list on line on Sporting Pulse to ensure the Point Rating is captured on team sheets.
- Both the League and Club are to keep copies of the Registration & Clearance.

EVEN NUMBERS RULE

GENERAL

1. The Coach, team manager or responsible officer is to inform the opposition side if they are unable to field a full side, along with communicating throughout the game if an extra player or players have arrived.
2. The number of players to constitute a game is 14. If a team cannot field 14 players, a forfeit will take place, however a practice game can take place.
3. The penalty for forfeiture of a scheduled match will be recorded as 20 goals for all grades.
4. The team with the most players may strongly encourage players to the short team, to provide two even teams. (Once the game starts, no players can be loaned to the other side, as team sheets should be complete).
 - Example: Central has 19 players and South has 11. Central lend 4 players to South for the day and play a 15/15 a side match.
5. Starting numbers at commencement of each quarter (This is only valid for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd quarters)
 - Example 1: At the start of the game if one team has 15, then both sides must be 15/15. If a player arrives after commencement of the first quarter, they can only go on at the start of the second quarter, thus both teams can now field 16/16, and that becomes the new starting numbers.
 - Example 2: If a player turns up before 1/2 time, they can only go on the field at commencement of the third quarter, and both teams can field 17/17, once again becoming the new starting numbers.
6. The cut off period is half time for players.
 - Example: If a player arrives during the 3rd quarter they cannot be added to the team sheet, and they cannot partake in the game.
7. If a player gets injured throughout the game, the starting number of players at commencement of the 1st, 2nd & 3rd quarters apply.
 - Example 1: Central has 17 and North has 16, therefore starting line-up is 16/16 with Central having one (1) player on the bench. Central player gets injured making it 15/16, the Central player on the bench can go straight on once again making it 16/16.
 - Example 2: Central has 17 and North has 16, therefore starting line-up is 16/16 with Central having one (1) player on the bench. North player gets injured making it 16/15, and this is how the remainder of the quarter is played as North have no spare players. At the start of the next quarter the new starting numbers will become 15/15 with Central having two (2) players on the bench.
8. In the event that a team places another player on the field without advising the opposing team, the opposing coach has the right to have the game stopped and request a head count.
9. If a team is found to have an extra player on the field, their score will be reset to 0.0.0, and game restarted. The team that has adhered to the even/starting numbers rule will not be penalised (This rule applies to U12½, U15 & U18).
10. The even numbers ruling and sharing of players only applies for minor round games. During the finals, clubs are permitted to play 18 per side (even if the other side cannot field 18) and there are no requirements to loan players to the opposition side.

BEST AND FAIREST VOTING/PLAYERS STATISTICS

1. Umpires will award votes as normal, and if a player is loaned to another side, they are still eligible for votes.
2. Team sheets to show players numbers with the letter 'L' alongside to avoid any confusion (eg: North Team Sheet – 18L – John Smith)
3. League records will credit the loaned player with game statistics, and it is recommended that the Club records the same.

STARTING LINE-UP (minimum 14 players)

- | | |
|---|---|
| 17 per side = Drop a wing | 16 per side = Drop both wings |
| 15 per side = Drop both wings and one rover | 14 per side = Drop both wings, one forward line and one back line |

SANFL COMMUNITY FOOTBALL TRIBUNAL GUIDELINES

1. OVERVIEW

These guidelines are designed to be used by an umpire, review panel or tribunal in assessing an alleged offence and appropriate sanctions for such an offence. It should be noted that a Tribunal may determine the appropriate sanction in its absolute discretion.

2. PROCESS

The following process should be followed in dealing with a reportable offence:

- Umpire (or other authorised Official) completes Umpire Report on Match Day
- Umpire Report is Lodged with the League
- League requests all relevant information (medical report and other)
- League (or Independent Review Person/Panel) assess evidence and uses these guidelines to determine guilty/not guilty and penalty
- League notifies Club of guilty/not guilty finding and penalty
- Club Accepts OR Challenges decision
- Tribunal Hearing held if the Club Challenges the decision (if the Club unsuccessfully challenges the decision the Player will receive the Base Sanction penalty instead of the Early Guilty Plea penalty)

3. REPORTABLE OFFENCES

Reportable Offences are set out below and can be graded in accordance with the Classification Table:

- Charging
- Eye-Gouging / Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact to the Eye Region
- Forceful Front-On Contact
- Headbutt or Contact Using Head
- Kicking
- Kneeing
- Rough Conduct
- Scratching
- Stomping
- Striking
- Tripping
- Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact to the Face

4. CLASSIFICATION TABLE

Conduct	Impact	Contact
Intentional	Severe	All
	High	High/Groin
		Body
	Medium	High/Groin
		Body
	Low	High/Groin
		Body
Careless	Severe	All
	High	High/Groin
		Body
	Medium	High/Groin
		Body
	Low	High/Groin
		Body

- If a Club **accepts** the decision of the League (or independent Review Person/Panel) then the player will receive the Early Guilty Plea penalty.
- If a Club chooses to **challenge** the decision of the League (or Independent Review Person/Panel) at Tribunal and is **unsuccessful** then the Base Sanction penalty will apply.
- A one match additional penalty will be added to the base sanction of a Reportable Offence for a **bad record** (bad record = 1 match suspension in 12 months or 2 match suspension in 24 months).

(a) Conduct (Intentional OR Careless)

Intentional conduct:

A Player intentionally commits a Classifiable Offence if the Player engages in the conduct constituting the Reportable Offence with the intention of committing that offence.

For example, a strike will be regarded as Intentional where a Player delivers a blow to an opponent with the intention of striking them.

Careless conduct:

A Player's conduct will be regarded as Careless where it constitutes a breach of the duty of care owed by the Player to all other Players. Each Player owes a duty of care to all other Players, Umpires and other persons (as applicable) not to engage in conduct which will constitute a Reportable Offence being committed against that other Player, Umpire or other person (as applicable). In order to constitute such a breach of that duty of care, the conduct must be such that a reasonable Player would not regard it as prudent in all the circumstances. Further, a Player will be careless if they breach their duty to take reasonable care to avoid acts which can be reasonably foreseen to result in a Reportable Offence.

(b) Impact (Low, Medium, High or Severe)

In determining the level of impact, regard will be had to several factors.

- The extent of force and in particular, any injury sustained by the Player who was offended against.
- Strong consideration will be given to the potential to cause injury.

For example – striking to the head:

- Low Impact: Very minimal force, no laceration and victim player continues to participate in match unaffected
- Medium Impact: Laceration or victim player dazed by contact
- High Impact: Victim player affected for an extended period of time (or takes no further part in match) and/or low-level concussion apparent or indicated post-match
- Severe Impact: Victim player immediately unconscious, serious injury incurred and takes no further part in match

(c) Contact (High/Groin, Body)

High contact is not limited to contact to the head and includes contact above the shoulders. Contact to the Groin includes contact to the crease or hollow at the junction of the inner part of each thigh with the trunk together with the adjacent region and including the testicles.

Contact shall be classified as High or to the Groin where a Player's head or groin makes contact with another Player or object such as the fence or the ground as a result of the actions of the offending Player. By way of example, should a Player tackle another Player around the waist and as a result of the tackle, the tackled Player's head made forceful contact with the fence or the ground the contact in these circumstances would be classified as High, even though the tackle was to the body.

5. DIRECT TRIBUNAL OFFENCES

Direct Tribunal Offences are those Offences (specified in the table below) which are referred directly to the Tribunal for determination without grading because of the seriousness of the offence.

- Attempting to Strike an Umpire
- Behaving in an Abusive, Insulting, Threatening or Obscene Manner Towards or in Relation to an Umpire
- Intentional Contact with an Umpire
- Spitting on Another Person
- Spitting on or at an Umpire
- Striking an Umpire
- Any Classifiable Offence or Low-Level Offence which attracts a base sanction that a Panel finds inappropriate
- Any Other Act of Serious Misconduct which the Panel considers appropriate to refer to the Tribunal

6. PLAYER TRIBUNAL RECORD/HISTORY

No Reduction for Good Record - Players will not receive a reduced base sanction for a good record.

Impact of Bad Record - A one match additional penalty will be added to the base sanction of a Reportable Offence for a bad record (bad record = 1 match suspension in 12 months or 2 match suspensions in 24 months)