



SEASON 2021

PLAYER HANDBOOK

As a club, we pride ourselves on our long history as individual identities; **Goolwa Football Club** and **Port Elliot Football Club** as well as our combined history as the **Goolwa Port Elliot Football Club**.

An all-inclusive football club engaging our community in an active lifestyle.

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Introduction

This handbook has been created to provide clear information of the:

- policies
- guidelines
- rules and regulations
- structure; and
- procedures

of the Goolwa Port Elliot Football Club ('GPEFC').

This handbook is applicable to all players, officials, trainers, volunteers, supporters and parents.

It is important that you read this booklet. It will enable you to clearly understand what expectations the club has of you and the responsibilities the Club has to you.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the President, Football Director or Junior/Womens Football Coordinator.

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1. Club Vision & Commitment

To be a leading and respected Football Club on and off the field in the GSFL.

Everyone in our club:

- Is committed to promoting children's wellbeing and protecting them from harm
- Behaves according to our club's code of conduct
- Is always on the lookout for potential risks to the safety of our children
- Knows how to respond to and report behaviours that threaten or are harmful to children

The people who run our Club ensure:

- Our club rules promote the wellbeing and safety of children
- All reasonable steps are taken to ensure coaches, other staff, officials and volunteers are not a risk to the children they work with
- All our staff, coaches, officials and volunteers receive ongoing training, support and development related to working with children
- Our children can get involved in helping to keep our club child-safe and child-friendly

Children in our club:

- Respect and look out for each other
- Actively participate in club activities and have a say about things
- Know it is their right to feel safe and supported in our Club
- Know someone trustworthy who they can tell if they or their friends feel unsafe or are being harmed in any way

2. Statement

GPEFC was formed from an amalgamation of the Goolwa Football Club and Port Elliot Football Club.

We are an inclusive, family-oriented club that is committed to fostering the growth of its football program in conjunction with sponsors and supporters to ensure longevity and success.

We endeavour to provide a welcoming social environment to both members and guests from all areas of the community.

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The committee and members of the club are determined and professional in seeking the on-field success and respect which coincides with a long and sustainable future.

As a Level 3 Accredited Good Sports Club, we are committed to reducing the effects of consumption of alcohol and other drug-related issues. It is a priority of the club to develop junior/senior footballers and all members into leaders and role models in the community.

3. Registration

GPEFC falls within the Great Southern Football League ('GSFL').

The club consists of:

- Auskick
- Junior grades – moddies, mini colts, junior colts and senior colts
- Senior grades – Reserves and A grade
- Women's Football – U13, U16 and Open

Under GSFL the moddies and mini colts do not play a final series, and no league ladder is kept (although the kids always know who won...). The emphasis on these grades is about having fun and building footy skills. The mini colts do have an annual carnival, which is usually held towards the end of the season and the two winning teams playoff at the GSFL elimination final.

From junior colts through to A grade, the GSFL competition is different in that teams do play for premiership points and finals footy. Information can be obtained from the GSFL website or GPEFC website.

Ages for junior players:

Mini colts - under 12 as at 1 January of the current year

Junior Colts - under 14½ as at 1 January of the current year (under 15 as at 1 July)

Senior Colts - under 17½ as at 1 January of the current year (under 18 as at 1 July)

U13 girls - under 13 as at 1 January of the current year

U16 girls - under 16 as at 1 January of the current year

Registrations are now all completed online. It is expected that players/parents follow the link provided to them by email or on the GPEFC website and register before the season commences. If you are new to the club, please provide us with a copy of your birth certificate.

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4. Selection

Selection preference will be given to players who are registered, financial, attend training and are in the final year of that grade. If grades are struggling for numbers, then players in grades can be selected to play up subject to availability and discussions with players and parents.

The following are the junior player guidelines for playing “A grade or Senior Open’s” football.

- A. If the player is at representative level eg South Adelaide U18’s this player has the choice of being exempt of playing in his registered age group level. Whether the player has been assigned back to his local club or returning from injury.
- B. If the player is NOT at representative level that player is required to fulfil his obligation in the players registered age division first. Player loading will be managed through a discussion with all parties.

If a junior player is selected to play opens football the following points require discussion.

1. Player to fully understand his on field role
2. Player performance expectation clearly described
3. Transparency to player the dedicated on field time
4. Player selection to be formalised by the completion of the last training before upcoming game

The discussion parties are Footy Director, Match Committee, Senior Opens coach, registered player level coach, Player’s parent(s) and Player.

5. Registration Fees

Player fees are set by the committee as part of budget considerations at a level which should cover each section of the clubs financial obligations annually including:

- Registration
- Umpire fees, footballs and club equipment
- Affiliations
- Medical expenses
- Publications
- Player insurance
- Utilities – such as water, electricity, maintenance etc

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We all play a significant role in the operation of the club. The approximate cost of running the club annually is in excess of \$100,000.00 and doesn't include the thousands of volunteer hours, so payment of registration fees on time is crucial.

It is expected that all player registration payments will be finalised by Round 1 of the season proper unless a payment plan has been entered into with the Club Registrar and Treasurer.

Registration payments must be made online when registering through Sporting Pulse via credit card. Alternatively, you can speak to the treasurer at the club and make a cash payment or a bank transfer with reference to your full name. The treasurer can provide the bank account details. At a minimum, a deposit will be required when registering with full payment required by Round 1 or payment plan approved. Failure to pay membership as required means non selection until paid.

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to regulations relating to insurances, players cannot play until registration is finalised.

Existing players who possess a debt from the previous season will not be allowed to register for the new season or cleared until debts are paid in full.

Senior Player Registration (A Grade & Reserves)	\$230.00
Colt Player (Junior & Senior)	\$125.00
Mini/Moddie Player	\$125.00
Womens Football open / Package incl Netball	\$125.00 / \$200.00
Womens U16 / Package incl Netball	\$85.00 / \$150.00
Womens U13 / Package incl Netball	\$75.00 / \$150.00
Primary school age players with sport vouchers	\$0.00

(a) Sports Voucher Program

Sports Vouchers are a Government initiative administered by the Office for Recreation and Sport ('ORS'). This provides an opportunity for primary school-aged children from Reception to Year 7 to receive a discount on sporting club membership fees.

The purpose is to increase the numbers of children playing organised sport and reduce the costs for parents.

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(b) Volunteer Requirement

GPEFC will not remain a successful club without volunteers. Whether learning new skills, sharing your experience/skills, contributing to the community, meeting new people or simply having fun – everyone brings something to the table.

Assisting with canteen (Senior Colt and older are expected to cover their own nominated times), helping with fundraising ventures or general support around the club with training or helping on game day – there is an expectation that we all ‘pitch in’ – players, parents and supporters.

All volunteers regardless of what they are helping out with are required to gain a working with Kids Clearance through Department of Human Services. This free clearance for volunteers is a baseline safeguard for the wellbeing and safety of our younger players. Any volunteer over the age of 14 will find this mandatory under current SA Laws and the clearance is valid for a period of five (5) years. To commence applications, volunteers need to be introduced to either the Secretary or the Junior Football Coordinator in order to create the application.

6. Junior Sub-Committee

(a) Scope and Objectives:

Moddies, mini colts, junior colts, senior colts, U13 and U16 womens.

To ensure that all junior rank footballers enjoy their footy, adhere to club ethos and culture and circulate in a safe and welcoming environment.

(b) Junior Panel Responsibilities and Authorities:

- To work together cohesively as a panel for the betterment of the club and the junior ranked players.
- To work with the coaching staff of junior teams to assist in fostering a solid club culture
- To assist in arranging any extracurricular items for the junior playing groups
- To liaise with players (and parents) periodically to ensure that everyone feels valued, included and safe
- To educate players on club requirements regarding player behaviour standards
- To promote a team-first mindset
- To enforce club rules as required. This may include as an example clearing coaching areas on game day, parent disruption etc. This also includes any items relating to illegal drugs and alcohol.

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- To ensure that all junior grade volunteers have a working with children clearance
- Junior football panel has jurisdiction over representative football and development squads in terms of handing out invites, helping to put names forward for selection and monitoring what programs our kids are part of.

(c) Junior Panel Relationships:

- All junior footballer and their families
- Football Director and Committee

(d) Junior Panel Accountability:

The junior panel are answerable to the Football Director and Committee.

(e) Junior Panel Contact

- Deborah (Deb) Sullivan | Junior Football Coordinator
debsully5214@gmail.com | 0431 700 983
- Kerrie-Ann Moon | Womens Coordinator
moon0082@outlook.com | 0427 118 124

Contact regarding any matters relating to the junior players is to be made to the above in the first instance. First contact direct to Footy Director and/or President will be referred back to the Junior Coordinator. Matters requiring escalation will be made where appropriate and required.

7. Club Policies and Expectations

(a) Player Obligations to the Club

GPEFC recognises any changes to the GSFL, GSFLW and SACFL. AFL rules and regulations may apply/vary and/or if any conflict between rules and guidelines wherein, the Governing body rules and guidelines will apply.

Any breach of GPEFC/GSFL guidelines should be reported to a club official of the GSFL and must remain 'strictly confidential'.

Issues will be dealt with in the appropriate manner by GPEFC/GSFL executive/tribunal in accordance with the guidelines set by SACFL/SANFL/AFL.

All registered players are expected to make their services available if selected to play in any match the club participates in (unless directed by a medical practitioner or club head trainer) in consultation with the coach of that grade.

GPEFC players are required to provide medical clearance prior to team recall being considered after an injury (i.e. Concussion, hamstring/soft tissue injury, broken bones etc).

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The club requests all players abide by the club and team guidelines set from time to time and listed below:

- Assist wherever possible with the volunteer support outlined above. Support team managers and perform matchday functions such as goal umpiring, timekeeping, running water etc)
- Attend presentations when held at the club
- Attend social functions when held by the club
- Club apparel is required to be worn on match day and for presentations. When wearing club apparel, you are representing the club so remember to be respectful and responsible.
- All players are to report to the match venue at the nominated time given by each respective coach. Failure to do so may prevent you from being in the run-on team.

(b) Training and Team Obligations

The number of times per week and types of training will be determined by respective coaches and/or the development officer. Training times and venues will be planned and notified in advance with our home ground being the primary location. All players will be notified by their coaches of sessions, venues and times and a notice will be on the club Facebook page.

Attendance is mandatory. Special arrangements due to work and education requirements can be made with the coach and either football director (senior football), junior coordinator (boys) or women's coordinator.

If you aren't able to attend training or you will be late, you are to advise your coach. Coaches details in section 15.

For Junior players, GPEFC have a Drop off and Pick up Policy which essentially outlines parents knowing when training is and to make sure that your child/children are on time for training but also that parents ensure that they are on time to collect their child/children or make other arrangements for your child's/children's pick up. If other arrangements are made, then the parent must inform the coach as our club is committed to providing a safe environment for the participation of children and young people. Part of this is ensuring that children and young people are not left alone after practice or games.

Failure to do so will eventuate into parents being in attendance for all training and game time, and an agreement is entered into between the Club and parent/guardian.

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8. Codes of Conduct

All people involved in the Club have a right to participate in a healthy, supportive and safe environment.

Everyone involved with GPEFC plays their part in creating this environment, which will continue to attract people to participate in various aspects of Club life.

This Code sets standards of conduct and behaviour for all participants and also reflects how we would all like to be treated by others; that is, fairly, equally and with respect and dignity.

Everyone who claims an association with the Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of others.

(a) Players' Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules – the rules of your club and the laws of the game.
- Never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people, you can't play football.
- Control your temper - verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games.
- Be a team player – It's a team game; treat it that way.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated – fairly.
- Co-operate with your coach, the umpires and team-mates.
- Play for your own enjoyment & to improve your skills.
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your coach, teammates and family if you do – and many such comments are now illegal.
- Physical abuse or verbal abuse of club participants, other clubs supporters or officials is not acceptable behaviour and could be subject to provisions of the constitution.

(b) Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct

- Remember that you are there for the participants (your children and grandchildren) to enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation, but don't force it.
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

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- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticise umpires – raise concerns with the football director or junior coordinator in private.
- Never publicly criticise the footy club and its volunteers – raise personal concerns with the football director or junior coordinator in private.
- Ensure that your children are dropped off and collected on time for training. If you are unable to collect your child, arrangements are to be made for alternate pickups and the coach must be made aware of this for child safety reasons. Failure to do so may trigger the requirement for a child pick up agreement to be entered into. Refer separate policy.

By registering our child, we agree to abide by these principles.

We support the Club in its undertakings and encourage the Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions, including the suspension and banning where warranted, of any players, parents and/or spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Conduct.

(c) Coaches Code of Conduct

- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
- I will abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and the Rules of my Club and League.
- I will be reasonable in the demands I make on the time commitments of the players in my care, having due consideration for their health and well-being.
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care.
- I will have due consideration for the varying maturity and ability levels of my players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition.
- I will avoid overplaying the talented players aiming to maximise participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability.
- I will stress and monitor safety always
- In recognising the significance of injury and sickness, I will seek and follow the doctors' advice concerning the return of injured or ill players to training
- I will endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of my players

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- I will ensure my coaching accreditation is current and maintain this throughout my coaching tenure.
- I will at all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practice fair play
- I will display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
- I will ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are priorities and are not overshadowed by a desire to win.
- I reject the use of performance-enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL DRUG POLICY.

(d) Club officers and Volunteers

- Set the example by role modelling integrity and fairness. They are to be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote fair play and respect for all members of opposing clubs.
- Do not tolerate behaviour that may incite players and spectators against any on-field, official, or public display of displeasure.
- Compliment and encourage players and participants in all club activities.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than concentrate on negatives.
- Accept individual and collective responsibility for the Club's performance.

9. Complaints & Disputes

If it is alleged a person has contravened a policy; an umpire, club or player may lodge a complaint in writing to the GPEFC President by 6.00 pm on match day for review. If deemed necessary, the club GSFL delegate will lodge the complaint with the Secretary of GSFL by 5.00 pm by the first business day after the alleged contravention took place.

All complaints and/or conciliations will be dealt with by GSFL executive/tribunal in **strict confidence and impartiality** in accordance with procedures set down by GSFL. In the absence/inadequacy of a procedure, allegations will be dealt with in accordance with CFB approved regulations.

GSFL and/or GPEFC management have the absolute power to impose disciplinary action for breaches of policy set out herein; in addition, statutory and legal ramifications will be outlined.

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Disciplinary action may include any of the following:

- Warning and counselling
- Suspension from Club matches
- Suspension from Club premises
- Other financial relief
- Other remedies as decided by GSLF, GPEFC or GSLF Tribunal

Disputes may also (at discretion of GSFL executive) be referred to the Country Football Board ('CFB').

Public Statements – where the complaint is resolved by conciliation, the only public statement that can be made concerning the matter is one that is agreed upon by the involved parties.

Where there is conflict with club personnel, the first step is to speak with the Development Officers (Football Director or Junior Coordinator). The matter will be discussed with both parties, and a resolution sought. Failure to do so will result in the matter being referred to the GPEFC executive committee for resolution.

Conflict will at times exist, whether it be coach/coach, parent/coach, player/player or player/coach. There is a 24-hour cooling-off period, as many times the emotion of an event can cloud judgement and the matter may not seem so prominent given the cooling-off period.

The process for conflict resolution is through a restorative practice meeting. Each party listens to the other parties' views of the matter, addresses the concerns and explain their views and then reaches a mutual agreement.

10. Medical and Injury Treatment

Players are requested to adopt the following:

- In the event of an injury, should the Club Doctor and/or Trainers believe the most appropriate transport to a medical facility be by ambulance, this will be the course of action. The Club recommends all players have ambulance cover as we are unable to cover the cost of ambulance transport.
- Report all injury/illness to the head trainer as soon as the matter is apparent.

PLEASE NOTE: The date of reporting the injury is vital for insurance claim purposes – a medical certificate (in the form issued by the club) may also be required.
- Club trainers will, at all times, provide direction to players and coaches with the intention to ensure the wellbeing of the individual. Players are expected to follow this advice.

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- A player may not incur expenses on behalf of the club without the prior consent of the management committee. The Club will not automatically accept responsibility for any payment charges for medical or other services nor is the club legally allowed to fund Medicare gaps or shortfalls.
- The club has player injury insurance through the SANFL policy. Injured players are to complete the JLT Sport Personal Injury Claim Form.
<https://afl.jltsport.com.au/clubs/makeaclaim>
- The decision to play/train remains at all times with the head trainer/club doctor. Further, the club will not take direction from alternative therapists in regards to a player's treatment, diagnosis or ability to play/train.
- Mouthguards must be worn during all games and competitive training sessions. Failure to do so may prejudice your rights to insurance benefits.
- Following injury, you may be provided with instructions from the head trainer with regards to immediate treatment of the particular injury. It is expected that you will follow those instructions.
- Players are expected to follow medical advice regarding rehabilitation following injury. Should assistance be required, please discuss with the head trainer.
- It is strongly recommended that players maintain membership of a private medical/hospital fund, including extras such as dental. This is an addition to Medicare. There may also be benefits under the player insurance scheme ('PIS').

(a) Concussion Policy

Our club takes player welfare seriously. There is no substitute for a high level of care from your team of trainers and the club doctor. Whilst success in sport can be rewarding, the physical and emotional health of players and club members will always take precedence. For this reason, we have spent considerable time updating skills, particularly in the area of concussion, which until recently had been under-recognised as a cause of significant acute and chronic disability.

Concussion is a type of brain injury caused by a knock to the head or body where a force is transmitted to the head. It can also be caused by a fall. It commonly causes short-term impairment of the functioning of the brain and symptoms may evolve over hours or days after impact. All concussions should be assessed by a Doctor, and thankfully most will resolve without special treatment.

Signs and symptoms can include headache, 'pressure in the head', neck pain, nausea/vomiting, dizziness, blurred vision, balance problems, drowsiness, difficulty in concentrating/remembering, fatigue/low energy, confusion, anxiety, sadness, irritability and sensitivity to noise/light. **Players exhibiting these signs will immediately be removed from play and assessed by the club Doctor. If any doubt of concussion, players will also be sat out.**

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After a concussion, a minimum 24-48 hour rest period should be adhered to before returning to sport/work/school. In children under 18, current Australian recommendations are that **14 days minimum must have elapsed prior to returning to sport.**

For more information, please see the concussion policy on our website.

(b) Senior Player Insurance Scheme

Players for GPEFC are all insured by JLT Sport under the Australian Football National Insurance Program ('AFNIP'). Players can access detailed information and place claims online at www.jltsport.com.au/afl.

The cover only provides players with protection while participating in official club training and/or playing activities (including those sanctioned by GSFL and/or SANFL) and direct travel to and from these events. It does NOT cover any other activities unless they are voluntary work activities approved by the club. The cover extends to officials, coaches, trainers, umpires and volunteers for personal accident cover.

The insurance scheme is **NOT** intended to replace the need for private medical insurance, more so intended to 'dovetail' into this cover. Medicare gap is EXCLUDED under the Health Insurance Act 1973, which does not permit a trustee or insurer to contribute to any charges covered by Medicare (including the Medicare gap). The club strongly recommends that all players maintain private medical insurance including hospital and extras.

(c) Use of Performance enhancing drugs

ZERO TOLERANCE!

GPEFC and GSFL have a zero-tolerance stance in relation to drugs not approved in sport. Any player or league/club official caught with or using unapproved drugs will be requested to appear before the GSFL executive and/or tribunal where disciplinary action will be taken

Club players and officials of any Australian Rules Football competition that is operated and managed under the laws of Australian Football are bound by the:

- AFL Anti-Doping Code (Clause 21)
- The AFL's stance on performance-enhancing drugs
- THE AFL is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code (WADA). WADA is the international organisation responsible for fighting doping in sport.

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The anti-doping code exists to:

- Ensure the AFL competition is conducted on the basis of athletic prowess and natural levels of fitness and development and not on any pharmacologically enhanced performance;
- Protect players from using substances which may cause acute or long term harm to their bodies;
- Educate players to understand the dangers and consequences of the use of performance-enhancing substances; and
- Set an example for all participants in the sport of AFL by condemning the use of these substances.

Key resources:

- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority ('ASADA') website (www.asada.gov.au) or hotline 1300 027 232. ASADA can advise if a substance is on the prohibited listing.

All members of community football clubs are bound by the AFL Anti-Doping code under the laws of Australian Football. ASADA is responsible for implementing the AFL's Anti-Doping code at all levels of competition. It is possible that ASADA could test players at community level and they do attend training or match day, players notified of their requirement of a doping test must comply. ASADA works closely with Australian Customs and Border Protection Services to investigate the trafficking of prohibited drugs, medications and substances. Their responsibilities do extend to community football.

What this means for community football:

- Any player that purchases a prohibited substance as defined in the WADA prohibited list (available via the WADA website) or a product containing prohibited substance under the AFL Anti-Doping Code; ASADFA does not endorse the use of supplements as they have a high risk of contamination from prohibited substances.
- Any player purchasing supplements over the internet risks being identified by Australian Customs and referred to ASADA for investigation with the likely outcome to be a sanction under the AFL Anti-Doping Code. You do not have to be tested to breach the Code and receive a sanction.
- Sanctions under the AFL Anti-Doping Code can be up to four (4) years and prevent a person from performing any role at any sporting club – including playing, coaching or being a support staff member. This will include participation in an event, game or activity managed by any sporting organisation with similar obligations under ASADA requirements.

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What this means for community football:

- If players are using, purchasing or trafficking prohibited substances they will be caught by ASADA and sanctioned;
- If requested to undertake a doping test by ASADA as a player, you are required to comply;
- Do not purchase or use any prohibited substances
- Do not purchase supplements over the internet; and
- Before you purchase or use any substances, review the ASADA website or contact the hotline

Next steps:

- The AFL will continue to work with State bodies and Community Leagues to develop anti-doping education resources and messages
- All trainers representing clubs are required to follow the GSFL issued guidelines and in the case of players under 18, ensure approval has been obtained from a parent/guardian.

(d) Player Management in hot conditions

Heat exhaustion is a serious health risk. The following factors can contribute to heat injury:

- High ambient air temperature
- Solar radiation
- Humidity
- Dehydration

Exercising in hot weather conditions can place players at risk of heat injury and, in extreme circumstances, even death.

The GSFL adopt matchday rules recommended by the CFB/SANFL when extreme weather conditions prevail. That is where the wet bulb globe temperature ('WBGT') is 28 or above.

Safety Note: Where the WBGT is 28 or above, players that have consumed alcohol in the 48 hours prior to a match or training session place themselves at significant risk and should not participate in the planned activity.

Fluids should be consumed before, during and after matches/training sessions. Thirst should not be relied upon as an indicator of a players' fluid needs.

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It is recommended players adopt the following guidelines:

- Ensure adequate fluid intake prior to a game and during (500-700ml per quarter)
- Monitor dehydration by use of fluid balance and weighing to estimate fluid loss and percentage dehydration
- Notify medical and coaching staff when affected by heat or when performance is noticeably affected
- Use water and electrolyte drinks
- Use pre-game, game and post-game cooling strategies
- Do not play in the heat with an infectious illness
- Apply 30+ sunscreen in sunny conditions

11. Policies on Social Issues in Sport

(a) SA Community Football League – Child Protection Act.

Clubs must ensure compliance and record-keeping with all employees and volunteers who are involved with child-related work and must comply with relevant legislation with regard to working with children.

All football clubs have a responsibility to provide a safe environment for all participants; this is particularly important for junior clubs to ensure a comprehensive approach to child protection and creating child-safe environments.

Responsible football organisations must ensure:

- All employees and volunteers undergo criminal record screening
- All employees and volunteers undergo background checks
- They have in place relevant policies and procedures to ensure that children are protected.

Background and criminal history screening will also assist clubs in selecting the right people for important committee positions such as those with cash responsibility.

A copy can be found on the website.

(b) SA Community Football League – National Vilification and Discrimination Policy.

The AFL, State and Territory bodies that are affiliated with the AFL (affiliated state and territory bodies) and leagues and bodies that are affiliated with (or licensed by) affiliated state and territory bodies (community bodies) are committed to fostering and maintaining a sporting environment which promotes understanding, accepts the unique differences of all persons affiliated with or interested in Australian Football and recognises the need to prohibit

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certain discriminatory or vilifying conduct. This document establishes the means of redress for members who are aggrieved by what they reasonably consider to be vilification or discrimination based on their individuality (Policy).

The full policy is located on the website.

(c) AFL National Deregistration Policy.

The deregistration policy has been developed to provide a risk management framework and policy base for community football administrators to recognise a duty of care with respect to players/officials who could pose an unacceptable risk to other players/officials.

The full policy is located on the website

(d) Smoke-Free Policy.

The GSFL and affiliated clubs adopt a 'smoke-free policy' in compliance with legislation and in the best interest of the health and safety of all persons visiting the clubs.

GPEFC recognises that passive smoking is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected from tobacco smoke. Passive smoking can lead to serious illnesses such as bronchitis, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease and chest illness in children.

Accordingly, the following policy has been developed by GPEFC to help protect people's health. The move to go smoke-free also compliments GPEFC desire to create a healthy family environment. GPEFC believes that such an environment and image will be advantageous in attracting new members and positively promoting the club in the community.

Under common law, GPEFC has a legal duty of care to ensure that employees, volunteers, players and officials are not exposed to potentially harmful situations. The WHS Act also stipulates that employees and working volunteers must have a safe environment to work in. South Australia smoke-free dining legislation also states that enclosed dining areas must be smoke-free.

The policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, supporters and visitors of GPEFC.

Areas that are smoke-free:

- Club and social rooms
- Administration and office areas
- Changing rooms & Toilets
- Playing areas
- Eating areas
- Indoor spectator viewing areas
- Near entries and exits of buildings and facilities at the ground

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(e) Cybersafety Policy.

GPEFC acknowledges that creating a cybersafe environment is beneficial to all parties.

The full policy is located on the website.

(f) Consumption of Alcohol.

It is an offence under the Liquor Licensing Act 1997 to sell or supply liquor to a person who is intoxicated. An offence may be committed by the licensee, committee member (as responsible person) and the person to whom the liquor is sold or supplied.

The definition of intoxicated under the Act means that a person is intoxicated if a person's speech, balance, coordination or behaviours is noticeably affected; and it is reasonable in the circumstances to believe that the affected speech, balance, coordination or behaviour is the result of the consumption of liquor or some other substance.

This means that intoxication can arise from liquor, an illicit drug such as over the counter substances or an illicit drug (such as amphetamines) or a combination of these substances. Bar staff may refuse service to a person on the basis that they believe the person is intoxicated (even if the person is not intoxicated).

In assessing intoxication, bar staff must consider and rule out any conditions or disabilities that may result in a person displaying symptoms or signs that may be confused with intoxication. It is an offence for bar staff charged with selling or supplying liquor to an intoxicated person if they believe on reasonable grounds that the person to whom it was sold or supplied was not intoxicated. Licensees can refuse entry or remove a person from the premises if the person is intoxicated or behaving in an offensive or disorderly manner.

(g) Respect and Responsibility – Statement of Intent.

GPEFC hereby commit to the objective of the AFL's Respect and Responsibility Policy to create safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for women and girls at all levels of Australian Football.

We understand that creating environments where women feel safe, welcome and included is both an individual and collective responsibility. In order to achieve this, we commit to:

- Actively recruiting women and girls to coaching roles
- Ensuring that all elements of the member protection policy are adhered to
- Communicate and enforce relevant club and leagues codes of conduct
- Engage with the white ribbon campaign (or equivalent)
- Adherence to our RSA obligations

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12. Fixture

The fixture for the season will be provided to all players as soon as it is released.
Copies will also be available on the website.

13. GSLF Clubs and Ground Locations

Club	Colors	Nickname
Encounter Bay		<i>Eagles</i>
Goolwa/Port Elliot		<i>Magpies</i>
Langhorne Creek		<i>Hawks</i>
McLaren ^[note 3]		<i>Eagles</i>
Mt Compass		<i>Bulldogs</i>
Myponga-Selicks		<i>Mudlarks</i>
Strathalbyn		<i>Roosters</i>
Victor Harbour		<i>Kangaroos</i>
Willunga		<i>Demons</i>
Yankalilla		<i>Tigers</i>

Encounter Bay

Armstrong Road, Encounter Bay



Langhorne Creek

Murray Road, Langhorne Creek



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McLaren Vale

Park Drive, McLaren Vale



Mt Compass

School Road, Mt Compass



Myponga/Sellicks

Oval Drive, Myponga



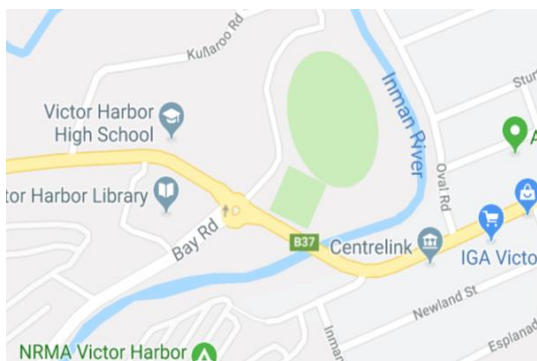
Strathalbyn

Coronation Rd, Strathalbyn



Victor Harbor

Oval Road, Victor Harbor



Willunga

Main Road, Willunga



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Yankalilla

106 Normanville Rd, Yankalilla



14. Club Membership

"Shake down the Thunder"

Join The Club

2021

Membership

Any enquiries about Goolwa Port Elliot FC membership can be directed to Ryan Bridges 0414379528 or ryan.bridges@eldersgoolwa.com.au or Rachael Norde 0439341746 or prnorde@hotmail.com

SOCIAL 	SEASON TICKET 	FAMILY 	PAST PLAYER
<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$80.00</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular Club Updates - Full Voting Rights - 2021 Bumper Sticker - 2021 Key Chain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular Club Updates - Full Voting Rights - 2021 Bumper Sticker - 2021 Key Chain - Home Game Gate Pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular Club Updates - Full Voting Rights - 2x 2021 Bumper Sticker - 2x 2021 Key Chain - 2 x Home Game Gate Pass - Playing mship for 2 or more kids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular Club Updates - Full Voting Rights - 2021 Bumper Sticker - Exclusive Magpie Gift - Home game gate pass - Home Game Drink Specials

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15. Club Apparel



2021 Off Field Apparel



To purchase merchandise, simply download Team App from the app store or Google Play, search for Goolwa Port Elliot Football Club and then join. You will then find all our items in the "store" section. Pick your item, pick a size and check out. It is as simple as that. If you need any help then simply contact Stewart Ratcliff on 0439 181 163 or Stevie Robinson on 0420 528 538



Wet Weather Jacket

\$90



Hoodie

Adult \$65, Kids \$55



Polo Shirt

Adult \$45 Kids \$40

*Available in women's cut



Training T-Shirt

\$40.00



Training Singlet

\$35



NEW—Padded Vest

\$60



NEW—Retro Scarf

\$30



Trucker Cap

\$15



Embroidered Backpack

\$65



Retro Beanie

\$25

Playing guernseys' are provided by the club and returned after each game for laundering by volunteers who help with this every week.

Merchandise (given stock amounts) can be viewed in the clubrooms or online.

Order form – refer website and order online through TeamApp

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16. Club Contacts

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Other			
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Mark Davis	Life Member Liaison	0417 807 272	
Marty Kay	Public Officer	0457 746 379	marty.kay@elders.com.au

17. Fundraising, Events and Sponsorship

Fundraising events will be held during the season. All funds go towards benefiting our club members through improved facilities and additional equipment – it also helps to keep registration to a minimum.

Events provide a terrific opportunity to socialise and meet new members within the club.

Much volunteer effort goes into creating memorable and enjoyable experiences for members, and your support of these events is greatly appreciated.

GPEFC generates revenue through sponsorship and funds are used to improve the club for the players, their families and supporters. Our valued sponsors have been wonderful in their generosity, supporting our club through financial and in-kind support.

A list of our current sponsors is located on our website, and we encourage you to support our sponsors where you can – let them know where you got their details to ensure we can provide maximum value for their sponsorship contributions.

18. Team Song

*Cheer, cheer the black and the white,
Honour the Magpies by day and by night,
Lift that loyal banner high,
Shake down the thunder from the sky,
Whether the odds be great or be small,
We'll come out and win overall,
Whilst our players keep on fighting,
Onwards to victory*

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