

# The Spencer Gulf Football League Inc

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League*

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## Governance

### What does the Board do?

#### 1. General

The Board's work may include the following.

- (a) determine and collect subscriptions.
- (b) develop, upgrade and implement.
  - (1) a strategic plan.
  - (2) an operational plan dealing with investments and processes.
  - (3) policies, procedures and by-laws.
- (c) access resources to achieve the League's objectives.
- (d) liaise with the Clubs and other stakeholders.
- (e) communicate with all stakeholders about the League and its operations. and
- (f) report regularly to Clubs about the progress of projects.

#### 2. Board Powers

- (a) The Board can do anything it needs to do to manage the football league. It must act in the best interests of the League and its Clubs.
- (b) As examples, the Board may.
  - (1) acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of, any real or personal property.
  - (2) administer any property on trust.
  - (3) open and operate bank accounts.
  - (4) invest its moneys in any security in which trust moneys may, by Act of Parliament, be invested.
  - (5) borrow money upon such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
  - (6) give such security for the discharge of liabilities incurred by it as it thinks fit.
  - (7) appoint agents to transact any of its business on its behalf.
  - (8) enter into any other contract it considers necessary or desirable.

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#### **3. Qualification of the Executive**

The Board must, as far as possible, encourage the nomination and appointment of a balanced Board with experience in as many of the following areas.

- (a) business management.
- (b) corporate governance.
- (c) sporting administration.
- (d) legal.
- (e) accounting. and
- (f) community engagement.

#### **4. Appoint Honorary Office Bearers**

The Board may appoint and remove from time to time on the terms it sees fit.

- (a) a Treasurer of the League.
- (b) a Secretary of the League.
- (c) a Public Officer(s) of the League.
- (d) a President or Vice-President of the League. and
- (e) an Umpire's Director

#### **5. Consider Auditor**

The Board must consider every year before it convenes an Annual General Meeting whether its accounts.

- (a) should be audited. or
- (b) are required to be audited by law.

If so, the Board must determine an auditor who ought to appoint and propose a resolution at the annual general meeting to appoint that auditor for this purpose.

#### **6. What does the President do?**

The President's work may include the following.

- (a) liaise between the officers and the Board.
- (b) May assist in writing and receiving correspondence for the League and distribute and advise the responsible officers.
- (c) chair meetings of the Board and the League.
- (d) represent the League at meetings of any affiliated body. and
- (e) represent the League generally.

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#### What are the Executives' duties?

#### 7. Conflicts of interest

- (a) Executives must declare any conflict of interest before appointment and at any time a conflict may arise to.
  - (1) the Board. and
  - (2) at the next Annual General Meeting.
- (b) This does not apply to an interest that exists only because the Executive is an employee of the League.
- (c) An Executive who has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a contract, or proposed contract, with the League must not take part in any decision of the Board with respect to that contract but may take part in any deliberations with respect to that contract.

#### 8. Duties

Each officer of the League must.

- (a) not commit an act with intent to deceive or defraud the League, the Clubs or creditors of the League or creditors of any other person or for any fraudulent purpose.
- (b) not make improper use of information acquired by virtue of his or her position so as to gain, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary benefit or material advantage for himself or herself or any other person, or so as to cause a detriment to the League.
- (c) not make improper use of his or her position as such an officer or employee so as to gain, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary benefit or material advantage for himself or herself or any other person, or so as to cause a detriment to the League.
- (d) at all times act with reasonable care and diligence in the exercise of his or her powers and the discharge of the duties of his or her office.

An **officer** is a Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer, President or Vice President of the League or any person who is concerned, or takes part, in the management of the affairs of the League.

#### 9. The duties of the Secretary

- a) Carry out all clerical work required by the League.
- b) Carry out all directions by the League.
- c) Keep the minutes of the League meetings.
- d) Keep a complete record of all players of the League.

#### 10. The duties of the Treasurer

- a) Open and maintain appropriate account(s) with financial institutions.
- b) Receive and bank all finance.
- c) Pay all accounts issued in the name of the League.
- d) Prepare an annual financial statement.

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#### 11. Positions

The positions of office bearers, that constitute the League, shall be advertised twenty one (21) Days prior in the media with nominations closing fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting.

#### 12. Returning Officer

A Returning Officer (s) shall be appointed from the Board members at the Annual General Meeting such person(s) shall not be a nominee for the position to which they have been appointed Returning Officer. The Returning Officer shall in the event of a tied result have a casting vote.

#### 13. Life Membership

At the AGM of the Board delegates may elect a Life Membership of the SGL to any person deemed to have given outstanding service to the League. The following categories need to be considered when nominating an individual.

- a) **Category 1 Officials (SGL Executive).** 10 years of service.
- b) **Category 2 Players.** 200 League games including Representative games such as SGL and Zone games. If a player represents the Zones at the SA Country Carnival, the player will be awarded the equivalent of one game.
- c) **Category 3 Umpires.** 250 Leagues games including representative games such as Zone SA Country Carnivals and SGL. An Umpire will be awarded the equivalent of one game for each Zone SA Country Carnival at which they umpire. Umpire is a Central Umpire or Goal Umpire or Boundary Umpire. An Umpire will be awarded one game for each weekend they Umpire League.
- d) **Category 4 Other** For those who do not generally meet the above criteria. Life Membership Panel to be formed each season consisting of Chairperson, one Port Pirie Representative and one Port Augusta Representative, nominated at AGM each year
- e) **Other Considerations.** Continuous service is important but not essential. Exceptional circumstances can be taken into consideration.

Any nomination for Life Member for 13 (d) must be submitted in writing to the League at least a month prior to the AGM and a copy sent to each affiliated club.

Life Membership is to be presented at The Official Medal Presentation evening.

A maximum of two (2) Life Memberships can be awarded each year apart from Categories 1,2 & 3.

The Board will appoint a Life Membership Panel each year to review nominations and make recommendations to the Board. The Panel will consist of a Chairperson and one representative from both Port Pirie and Port Augusta.

#### 14. Club Colours

Each Club shall register its colours with the League.

In cases where opposing teams have the similar coloured shorts the visiting team shall wear shorts the colour of which will be determined by the Executive.

The dress colour of the runner will be fluoro lime and trainers/water carriers will be white or black trousers or shorts and predominately white tops.

Umpires, will be black shorts and predominately white top (excluding trainee umpires) as approved by the Executive.

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Any viewed undergarment worn by a player is to be a bone or a similar colour approved by the Board/Executive prior to entering the playing field.

A club looking at changing their design must have the approval of the League Executive.

#### **15. SGL Colours**

The colours of the SGL shall be black and white and uniform will consist of black jumper with a white SGFL logo, black shorts and black socks.

#### **16. Executive Committee**

The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall become the Executive. Each member of the Executive shall be entitled to one vote and the President will have a deliberate and casting vote.

#### **17. Meetings of the Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall meet as when and where required by the President.

#### **18. League Commissioners**

The Executive will, when appropriate, appoint commissioners. League Commissioners hereinafter are referred to as Commissioners. The Commissioners shall become Honorary Office Bearers of the League. A list of Commissioners shall be presented at a timely meeting of the Board for ratification.

Charges against reported persons shall be heard by the Commissioners immediately after the game, or on the following Tuesday night, or in exceptional circumstances, at a time suitable to all parties. The findings of the Commissioners shall be final.

#### **19. The Commissioners Duties include.**

##### **Match day reports**

- a) Charges against reported players shall be heard by not less than three (3) Commissioners, in accordance with By-law 18, unless the set penalty is accepted.
- b) The findings of the Commissioners shall be final. In the event of three (3) commissioners not being available any independent member of the Board may act as a commissioner.
- c) No charge shall be enquired into, heard or adjudicated upon by the Commissioners unless the Umpire(s) or a Spencer Gulf Football League executive official have reported the alleged breach of rules, in writing to the secretary (or his nominated officer) on the prescribed form to the League within sixty (60) minutes of the completion of the game in which the breach is alleged to have occurred.
- d) The Secretary (or his nominated officer) shall thereupon provide one (1) copy of the Umpire(s) or SGL League executive officials report to the Review Panel for assessment.
- e) Upon assessment by the Review Panel, the Club Team Manager or their accredited representative shall be provided with one (1) copy of the Umpire(s) or SGL League executive officials report by the League Secretary (or his nominated officer) by 7pm of the evening of the match.
- f) The Club Team Manager or their accredited representative shall provide the League Secretary (or his nominated officer) by 7pm on the evening of the next day after the

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match, with the decision to accept the Review Panel's decision and, therefore, accept the Early Guilty Plea penalty (where no further action is required by the reported player or his Club) or to challenge the Review Panel's decision. The Club Team Manager, or their accredited representative, is not required to make any decision should the charge be referred direct to the League Tribunal under SGL Tribunal Guidelines.

- g) Should the Review Panel's decision be challenged, or the charged is referred direct to the League Tribunal, the League Secretary (or his nominated officer) shall convene the League Tribunal at a time convenient to all parties.
- h) Failure to meet the time deadline in By-law 13 (f) does not automatically exonerate or preclude the player/official from appearing at the Tribunal.
- i) A reported person may have an Official of their Club present their case. However, the person cannot be a coach or assistant coach, or runner on that match team sheet or any other person at the discretion of the Executive.
- j) The umpire or SGL league executive official and the person charged may call one witness each from the players who participated in the game in which the offence is alleged to have occurred.
- k) The umpire or SGL league executive official, the person charged and his representative shall be present during the hearing of all evidence.

### Player Clearances

- a) A player to whom a league Club refuses to grant a clearance may appeal to his League.
- b) Commissioners through his league Secretary or Registration Officer, who shall within seven (7) days arrange such hearing and give three (3) days notice in writing to all concerned of the time, date and place of such hearing.
- c) The Commissioners shall have the power to hear or not hear any new appeal in the same year.
- d) The Club to which application for clearance is made and refused shall notify the player and the League Secretary concerned within fourteen (14) days of application for such refusal.
- e) If the Club refusing the clearance declines or neglects to appear at the hearing at the time appointed the Commissioners may deal with the appeal in the absence of the Club's representatives.
- f) The Club may be represented by two (2) of its Officials and the Appellant may be assisted by an official of the Club to which he desires to be cleared to and all parties shall be present during the hearing of all evidence. The Commissioners may dismiss such appeal, or may uphold same and grant clearances.

All decisions of the League Commissioners shall be final.

## 20. Reporting other offences

- a) No person who is a member, official or servant of the League or a League club shall during the progress of a game on or about the playing area or at any other time during an official League function.
  - i. Use abusive, threatening or insulting language to the League delegates or umpires or other officials or to players or to gatekeepers of any such oval or League function.
  - ii. Interfere with or assault any League delegate, umpire or other official servant of the League or a playing member or gatekeeper.

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- iii. Be guilty of conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Australian game of football.
- iv. Refuse or neglect to observe or comply with the rules of the League.
- v. Obtain or attempt to obtain entrance to any oval or League function without producing an entrance pass or paying the proper admission charge.
- b) A charge against any person offending against the provisions of this By-law may be made by any League Executive Official or in the case of an infringement of sub- clause (v), by any oval official or gatekeeper providing, in the instance of a player being involved, it occurs outside the actual playing of the game. In the event of an allegation of an infringement of the Constitution and Rules of the League or of the laws of the game in the actual playing of the game, this By-law should be invoked.
- c) Such charge shall be in writing, which shall set out the matter or matters complained of, and the name of the alleged offender.
- d) Such charge shall be lodged with the Secretary of the League not later than two (2) clear days following the alleged offence.
- e) The Secretary of the League shall give to the person against whom a charge has been made, two (2) clear days written notice of such charge, and shall set out a copy of such charge, and shall set out the time and place appointed for the hearing.
- f) Any charge under this rule will be heard by the Commissioners of the independent League Tribunal within five days of the date of receiving the complaint.
- g) Where under this rule has been found to be proved, the Commissioners may inflict such punishment either by way of censure, fine, suspension or disqualification as they think fit.
- h) Any person reported under By-law 20 shall have the right to be represented by a delegate, proxy delegate or office bearer of the Club to which the accused person belongs.

#### **21. Umpires**

- a) The League shall be responsible for the provision of field, boundary, goal and reserve umpires and officials required for Under 18s, Seconds & League matches.
- b) The fees paid to umpires and other persons officiating at any game shall be decided by the Board.
- c) Any Club Chairperson or Secretary may lodge a complaint in relation to any umpire's conduct or ability. Such complaint must be forwarded in writing and signed by the appropriate club official to the Secretary of the League who will refer the matter to the Executive Committee to deal with as they deem fit.
- d) The team captain of the day, as identified on the Team Sheet, at the intervals, shall only be permitted to speak to any Field Umpire during the progress of the match (other than if requesting the umpire for a count of players on the playing surface). Any breach of this by-law shall be reported by the Umpire and referred directly to the League Commissioners Tribunal under the Direct Tribunal Offences criteria of the SANFL Community Football Tribunal Guidelines. In the event of the team captain being absent from the Match Day venue, for example, for hospital treatment, or, if he is incapacitated in any genuine way, then the Vice-captain, as identified on the Team Sheet, shall assume the role as Acting Captain, for this purpose.



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#### **22. Player Restrictions**

- a) Under 18 player(s) cannot transfer between SGL clubs without the agreed permission of both clubs.
- b) No player is permitted to participate in any SGL competition on Type 2 Permits (local Interchange) except local players returning from a SANFL club, only.

#### **23. Qualification of Players**

- A) A player shall only be qualified to play in any League match if he has complied with such conditions as are laid down in the constitution.
- B) This rule only applies to players who are registered as SGL players and who also maybe playing for an SANFL Club under the 'Local Interchange' rule (on permit)
- C) Any registered resident (local) player of the SGL who wishes to play for an SANFL Club may play for his Club in the SGL competition provided he does not play in the SANFL competitions on the same weekend. The weekend consists of Friday Saturday Sunday Monday.
- D) Any registered resident SGL player who on any given weekend plays in the SANFL aged competition shall be eligible to play in the SGL competition on the same weekend.
- E) A Local player is defined as follows.
  - 1. A registered SGL junior player is a player who on 1<sup>st</sup> of January that year is eligible to play in the under 18 competition and who has played a minimum of 25 junior football games for the club he wishes to play for.
  - 2. "Junior Player" means a player under the age of 18 years who has played a minimum of 25 games from the year in which he turns 13 years of age with an Affiliated League Club
  - 3. A registered SGL senior player is a player who achieves 25 Matches (without transferring) for the same SGL Club that he wishes to play for.
- F) Any dispute as to the bona fide of a player under this rule shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee who shall hear the evidence of the parties concerned.

#### **24. Playing Disqualified / Unqualified Player(s)**

- a) No Club shall play a player who is under disqualification by any Australian Rules Football Authority and any Club after having received a written notice from the league Secretary that a player has been disqualified or fined shall not play such disqualified player(s) who has not paid any fine imposed upon him and shall forfeit the match in which it played such a player.
- b) No Club shall play a player who is not registered, or, who for any reason whatsoever, is unqualified.
- c) Any player leaving the league without obtaining a clearance to play with another League or Association which does not require a clearance, shall on his return to play with this League be deemed to be a member of the Club for which he played whilst in this League, but shall not be eligible to play for the remainder of the season in which he played without a clearance in the other League or Association.
- d) By-law 24 (c) does not apply to students, who reside within the areas of the league.

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#### **25. Playing Disqualified / Unqualified Player(s) - Penalties/Adjustments**

- a) Breaches of this rule will be dealt with by the Executive Committee, particularly where the Club disputes the breach.

##### **Penalties**

Clubs found guilty of the offence shall.

- If they are the winning team, forfeit the two (2) premiership points and lose its score for the match.
- If they are the losing team, the loss of two (2) premiership points. If no such points have been accrued, a minus figure is to apply. Loss of the score for the match is to be applied.
- For further breaches during the current season the offending Club will be fined \$500 for each subsequent offence in addition to 25 (a) (Penalties)
- The offending player/s is not entitled to any SGL medal votes in that game.

##### **Adjustments**

Should the opposing team lose, then they shall.

- Be awarded the two (2) premiership points and retain their match score

#### **26. Penalty for late start of match**

- a) Any team not on the field and ready to play three (3) minutes after scheduled starting time may be fined \$100 (provided the Timekeeper reports the fact to the League Secretary).
- b) If not on the field and ready to play five (5) minutes after the scheduled starting time the penalty shall be increased to \$200 and further \$100 for each additional five (5) minutes.
- c) These penalties shall not apply if the secretary is satisfied that the state of emergency makes delay inevitable, or the visiting team has been delayed on account of a transport breakdown. A fine of up to \$500 can be imposed.
- d) Quarter time and Three-Quarter time breaks are not to exceed five (5) minutes for the League, Seconds, Under18s & Under 15s. Half-time is not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Umpires are to advise teams personally when there is one (1) minute to go. Match day official is in charge of any dissent.

#### **27. Disciplinary Disputes**

Unless otherwise provided for in these regulations any person or club found guilty of any infringement or breach of the constitution of rules of the league. These regulations or the laws of the game that the person or league clubs will be punished as follows.

- a) Censure, and /or Suspension or disqualification from playing or exercising any official function or attending any Football Match. and/ or
- b) The withdrawal of, or suspension or disqualification from exercising any right or privilege which a person may have or to which he may be entitled by virtue of any office, position or class of membership held by him in or of the league.
- c) A fine not exceeding \$500 as the league executive determines from time to time. and/or
- d) In the case of a League Club the reversal of the result of a Match and/or the suspension or disqualification of a Team or Teams of that League Club and/or the loss of premiership points.

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#### **28. Record of players playing in match**

- a) In every match a list of Twenty-one (21) players (For all Finals matches the numbers are to change to Twenty-Two) (22) with their respective numbers and the name of the official runner shall be exchanged by an Official of each opposing Club and a copy of the same list must be handed to the League representative and officiating umpires at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled time of the match. Only the Twenty-One players mentioned on the list shall participate in the match. Under 18's can play with Twenty-Two (22) players during minor and major rounds. Under 15's can play with Twenty-Four (24) players during minor and major rounds.
- b) Any Club failing to comply with this rule shall upon complaint by the opposing Club or the League, be dealt with by the Commissioners as they deem fit. In such cases the Club involved shall be represented before the Commissioners by one official of the Club.

#### **29. Qualification for major round matches**

- a) No player shall be eligible for Major Round Games unless he has played in at least three (3) games in the Minor Round for the Club for which he desires to play in the Major Round.
- b) A player registered after the 7<sup>th</sup> August in each year shall not be eligible to play in the Major Round that year.
- c) Seconds Qualifications.
  - i. A player must play at least three (3) Seconds or a lower grade match to be eligible to play in the Seconds Major Round.
  - ii. If a player has fulfilled major round qualifications with the exception of the three (3) seconds or lower grade matches qualification and his League grade team is playing in a Major Round match on the same round as the Seconds team, the player is eligible to play in the Seconds and if he plays, remains eligible to play in the Major Round.
- d) All other eligibility rules notwithstanding any player who plays for a League grade team remains a League grade player until the next League grade side is selected. An Under18s and Under15s player can play in the major round if qualified by age, provided that the player has played three (3) club games during the season.

#### **30. Forfeiture of matches**

- a) No Club or player shall refuse to play under the Field Umpire(s) or other Officials appointed for the Match and no Club shall forfeit any match because of objection to the appointed Field Umpire(s) or other Official.
- b) A Club refusing to play or forfeiting a match or a player refusing to play for such reasons as mentioned herein shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee and may be reprimanded, fined, suspended or disqualified as the Executive Committee may deem fit if the explanation tendered is not acceptable to it.
- c) No Club shall forfeit a SGL match unless it has advised the League Secretary in writing by noon on the previous day of the game. The League Secretary must in turn advise the Executive Committee.
- d) Except as provided for in By-law 30 (c) unless the explanation for failure to give the prescribed notice and reasons for forfeiting a match are acceptable to the Executive Committee the Club forfeiting the match shall pay the League a fee of up to \$500. Percentage will be twenty (20) goals to nil.

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#### 31. Protests

Any appeals or protests against the result of a match must be lodged in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of the finishing time of the match concerned with a member of the League Executive Committee, who shall notify the League Secretary as soon as practical.

#### 32. Major Round Matches

- a) The Secretary of the League shall keep a record of all scores, awarding two points for a win and one for a draw. The percentage basis will be kept in accordance with the South Australian National Football League formula. In the case of a forfeit two (2) points will be awarded to the team given the forfeit, but no percentage will be given. At the conclusion of the minor round of matches the teams of the SGL Clubs which occupy the first four (4) positions on the premiership table shall play for the premiership in a major round of matches in the following manner.
- b) 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. The team in first position and the team in second position on the premiership table shall play in the Second Semi-Final. The team that finishes League Minor Premiers of the SGL has the right to play the Second Semi-Final on their home ground where possible. In the event of the Minor Premiers losing the Second Semi-Final it also loses Minor Premier Privileges.
- c) The team winning the First Semi-Final shall play the team losing the Second Semi-Final in a Preliminary Final.
- d) 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.
- e) It is the responsibility of the SGL Executive to make the decision regarding game allocations for the Major Round.
- f) At least one of these games is to be held at Port Augusta (Central Oval) and Port Pirie (Memorial Oval).
- g) SGL Grand Final will be hosted alternatively between Port Augusta (Central Oval) and Port Pirie (Memorial Oval).
- h) If both league teams are from the same city then the Grand Final is to be played in their home city.
- i) Irrespective, if (g) is interrupted by (h) the right to conduct the Grand Final, on the alternative hosting basis, is not forfeited, but deferred until the next season.
- j) All lower grades' matches are to be played as Curtain Raisers to the League games without exception.
- k) The preliminary final to be played, where possible, in the opposite city to where the grand final is deemed to be played. The exception to this is when both teams competing in the preliminary final are from the same city that the grand final is deemed to be played in.
- l) If any Final (excluding the Grand Final) is designated to be played at Port Augusta then it is to be played on a Sunday if it clashes with other (Saturday) sport.

#### 33. Rules to apply in the event of a drawn game in the major round

Drawn game(s) in any final - additional time of two (2) periods of five (5) minutes, plus time on, shall be played at alternating ends. Such additional times of two (2) periods of five (5) minutes plus time on, shall continue to be played until a result is achieved.

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#### 34. Playing Venues

The Executive Committee will approve the playing venues for all SGL matches.

#### 35. Admission Charges

- a) The Board shall determine the charges for all games wherever they may be played.
- b) Thirty (30) free entry tickets to the Grand Final shall be made available to each team participating players and officials.
- c) SGL passes to be issued to SGL Life Members, Player Life Members and League Honorary Office Bearers.

#### 36. Finance

- a) Bank Account(s) will be maintained by the SGL Treasurer and shall be operated by the Treasurer and another member of the Executive Committee.
- b) All receipts shall be banked to the credit of the SGL and all disbursements shall be made by cheque or Direct Bank Deposit.
- c) Travelling expenses for Clubs participating in the Major Round will be determined by the Board at the Annual General Meeting and will be taken into account in determining the net profit.
- d) All Clubs to pay an Affiliation Fee to the League at an amount to be determined by the Board.

#### 37. Medals and Trophies

- a) A trophy available for the annual competition shall be held by the Premier team of each season until the day of the Grand Final of the succeeding season.
- b) A Spencer Gulf Football League Pennant shall be presented to the Premier team of each year.
- c) A Medal to be known as the **Madigan Medal** for the Best Player in the SGL League minor round matches shall be presented each year and the winner shall be decided by votes of Field Umpires based on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> best players in the said match without any restrictions. In the case of a Club forfeiting a match no Madigan Medal votes shall be considered for that weekend round of matches.
- d) A medal to be known as the **Dyason Medal** for the Best Player in the SGL Seconds Minor Round matches shall be presented each year and the winner shall be decided by a composite vote of each Field Umpire based on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> best players in the said match without any restrictions. In the case of a Club forfeiting a match no Dyason Medal votes shall be considered for that weekend round of matches.
- e) A medal to be known as the **Bishop Medal** for the Best Player in the SGL Under 18s Minor Round shall be presented each year and the winner shall be decided by a composite vote of each Field Umpire based on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> best players in the said match without any restrictions. In the case a Club forfeiting a match no Bishop Medal votes shall be considered for that weekend round of matches.
- f) In the event of players receiving equal votes each player will receive a Medal.
- g) Medals to be known as the **Connelly Medal in the league, McElligott Medal in the Seconds, McAuliffe Medal in the Under 18s and the Williams Medal in the Under 15s** to be awarded to the Best Players in the Grand Final as determined by the field umpires.

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- h) All medals are the responsibility of League.

### 38 Send-Off Rule (Yellow/Red Cards) – All Grades

The SGL has adopted a yellow and red card system for use in all grades whereby a Field Umpire may send-off a player for any indiscretion (outside the spirit of the rules) where the Umpire deems that it is inappropriate for the player to remain in the playing field.

All players sent off will be recorded on the SGL Report Form by the Umpire and the Team Sheet. At the time of the send-off, the player will go to the interchange area after being shown either one of these cards:

- (a) **First Yellow Card in the Match** – the player is sent off the playing field and must serve 15 minutes playing time 'on the bench' and can continue playing the game after this penalty has been served. This player cannot be replaced during this time. The time out will be monitored by the player's Team manager.
- (b) **Second Yellow/Red Card in the Match** – the player is reported and is not allowed back on the playing field for the remainder of the game. This player can be replaced. A player given two yellow cards or one red card during a match receives a one-week suspension with the right to appeal to the Tribunal.
- (c) **A combination of 4 Yellow/Red Cards** – in the one (1) season by a Player, will incur a 1 match suspension and each subsequent yellow or red card in the same season will incur a further 1 match suspension for each. If the 4<sup>th</sup> card be Red, then an additional 1 match suspension will apply.

### 39 Melee Rule - A Melee will consist of 6 or more players/officials

- (a) **In Playing Time** -The Umpire will callout - Melee, followed by a long blow of the whistle, Melee, followed by a long blow of the whistle, Melee, followed by a long blow of the whistle, If the Melee has not ceased both clubs will be fined \$200 each and they will enforce Yellow/Red cards. On each subsequent Melee occasion the club will be fined \$400.
- (b) **After the final Siren** –both clubs will be fined \$500 each. On each subsequent occasion the club will be fined \$750

### 40 Alteration of Bylaw(s)

- a) No bylaw shall be repealed, altered, or added to unless passed by a majority of the voting power of the SGL Board.

### AMENDED

Date	Clause(s)	Date	Clause(s)
15 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	19	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2018	21
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	19	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	22, 24, 25, 27, 32
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	23	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	26 (d)
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021	38 changed to 39	05 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	13
05 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	14	05 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	38
27 February 2022	39 changed to 40	30 July 2023	19(f)
30 July 2023	38	30 July 2023	38(c)
30 July 2023	39		

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22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021	38	27 February 2022	39