



NORTHERN TERRITORY FOOTBALL LEAGUE BY-LAWS



2015-16 Edition

This edition is valid for the 2015-16 season, and shall continue to be current until a new edition is released by AFL Northern Territory. These By-Laws are specific to the Northern Territory Football League competition and are to be read in conjunction with the AFL Northern Territory By-Laws.

Preamble

AFL Northern Territory (AFLNT) is responsible for the conduct of the premier competition in the Northern Territory, known as Northern Territory Football League (NTFL). These By-Laws are drafted and designed to provide direction for the administration of all grades of NTFL Club competition as recognised in the Constitution of the AFLNT. These By-Laws are current and effective after endorsement by the AFLNT Board.

This Manual was prepared by the Community Football Department of the AFLNT. The Manual is designed to act as a reference source for all Northern Territory Football Leagues and should be read in conjunction with the most recent version of the Laws of Australian Football Handbook and the AFL Northern Territory By-Laws. Should any Club or Club representative have a suggestion for improvement of this publication, it would be appreciated if they could be passed on to the AFLNT Competition Manager, in order that the publication be as beneficial as it is intended.

Statement of purposes of the AFLNT Inc

The purposes of the Northern Territory Football League are as follows:

1. To provide an organised framework for the control and management of all Football matches in all grades of football played by clubs affiliated with the Northern Territory Football League.
2. To establish Tribunals to resolve all disputes that may arise in connection with matches played between Clubs affiliated with the League including disciplining players.
3. To establish Tribunals to resolve disputes that may arise between various clubs affiliated within the League.
4. To provide an organised framework for conducting football matches between the various Clubs affiliated with the League.
5. To generally promote the game of Australian Rules Football.

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1 Operation of By-Laws

1.1 Member Protection Policy

1.1.1 In these By-Laws, unless a contrary meaning is required by the context, the Operation of these By-Laws are as listed in the AFL Northern Territory By-Laws.

1.2 Amendments to Member Protection Policy

1.2.1 AFLNT has made the following amendments to the AFL Member Protection Policy (MPP) for the operation of the Northern Territory Football League:

- (a) NTFL By-Law 5.1 (NTFL Club Transfer Period) applies in addition to Schedule 5, Section 3.7 (Transfer Application Period)
- (b) NTFL By-Law 5.2 (Appeal against Transfer Refusal) applies in addition to Schedule 5, Section 3.5 (Appeals).

1.3 Amendments to NTFL By-Laws

1.3.1 AFLNT has made the following amendments to the 2014-15 NTFL By-Laws

- (a) 3.1 Competitions
- (b) 3.2 Age Qualifications (Youth Girls)
- (c) 3.2.7 Removed (Obsolete)
- (d) 3.3 Playing Numbers
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2 Definitions

2.1 In these By-laws, unless a contrary meaning is required by the context, definitions are as listed in the AFL Northern Territory By-Laws.

3 Football Operations

3.1 Competitions

3.1.1 In addition to those grades listed in the AFLNT By-Laws, the NTFL shall conduct competitions in the following grade:

- (a) Under 15 Girls

3.2 Age Qualifications

3.2.1 The NTFL Age Qualifications differ from the AFLNT By-Laws in the following grades:

3.2.2 Each participating player in Under 18 Girls Grade must be:

- (a) turning 15, 16, 17 or 18 years of age in the year the competition commences;
- (b) less than 18 years of age on 1st July in the year the competition commences;
- (c) female; and
- (d) underage players are eligible to play in this competition once they turn 14 years of age.

3.2.3 Each participating player in Under 15 Girls Grade must be:

- (a) turning 12, 13 or 14 years of age in the year that the competition commences;
- (b) less than 15 years of age on 31st December in the year the competition commences;
- (c) female; and
- (d) underage players are eligible to play in this competition once they turn 11 years of age.

3.3 Playing Numbers

3.3.1 Teams playing in the Under 15 and Under 18 Girls Grades shall have no more than the following maximum number of players per team.

- (a) 20 (15 + 5 interchange)

3.3.2 If during a match playing numbers for any Under 15 or Under 18 Girls Team fall below 12 for any reason, the provisions of clause 20.7 of the Laws of Australian Football shall apply.

3.4 Match Footballs

3.4.1 A minimum of three new footballs are to be available for the commencement of each Premier League match.

3.4.2 Size 4 footballs are to be used for Under 15 Girls matches.

3.5 Modified Rules – Under 12

3.5.1 Mercy Rule:

- (a) In the case of a team leading by 60 points, the game is deemed to be won by the team in front and scoring ceases.
- (b) The Goal Umpires are to inform the Field Umpire at quarter time, half time or three quarter time, where the score differential between the teams equals or exceeds sixty (60) points. No matter when the Mercy Rule is applied the end score will only be sixty (60) points difference. The Field Umpire will instruct the Goal Umpires to cease further scoring for the remainder of the match.

3.5.2 Player Numbers Rule:

- (a) Where one team has more players than their opposition, teams must loan players to their opposition to 'even up' the sides for home and away matches so that all junior participants are given the greatest opportunity to participate.
- (b) Where an odd number of players occur, the team with the greater number of players may retain one additional player.
- (c) If a team has 'borrowed' players, it is that team's responsibility to complete a Match Day Permit on FootyWeb for the loaned player(s).

3.5.3 It should be acknowledged that the AFL's Junior Football Match Guide is the basis in which the spirit of these games should be played under. Refer to <http://www.aflcommunityclub.com.au> for further information.

3.6 Modified Rules – Under 15 Girls

3.6.1 In acknowledgement of the Under 15 Girls competition being skill development grades the following special rules will apply:

- (a) The ball must be thrown up at all ruck contests.
- (b) The umpire must identify one player from each opposing side to contest the ruck and only those nominated can contest the throw-up
- (c) Players are allowed to bounce the ball twice before they must dispose to another player.
- (d) Handballing to themselves or taking a third bounce must be penalised as "holding the ball".
- (e) Players may not deliberately kick the ball off the ground at any time.
- (f) An accidental kick off the ground will not be penalised and a "play on" call will result.
- (g) When the ball goes out of bounds, the field umpire will conduct a "ball up" 15 metres inside the boundary line.
- (h) Where the 50 metre rule applied under offences within the Laws of the Game a distance of 25 metres will be substituted.

- (i) No player shall be deliberately slung, dumped or thrown to the ground in any tackle. A free kick shall be awarded against the player who contravenes this rule.

3.6.2 It should also be acknowledged that the AFL's Female Football Match Guide is the basis in which the spirit of these games should be played under. Refer to <http://www.aflcommunityclub.com.au> for further information.

3.7 Player Points System – Premier League

3.7.1 Each Premier League Player will be given a Points Value by the Community Football Department in consultation with the AFLNT Laws Committee

3.7.2 Each club must select 22 players for each Premier League Match and have them listed on the relevant Team Sheet 30 minutes prior to the commencement of that club's Premier League Match.

3.7.3 Each team must comprise players whose Total Points Value (TPV) does not exceed 20 points in any one Premier League Match.

- (a) A club which plays a team with a TPV greater than 20 Points will forfeit the match in which that team played and be fined up to \$250 at the discretion of the Competition Manager.

3.7.4 Players will receive a Points Value based on the following criteria:

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| (a) NTFL Player from another NTFL club | 4 points |
| (b) Tier 2 players from States and Territories other than NT | 3 points |
| (c) AFL players | 2 points |
| (d) Tier 1 players | 2 points |
| (e) AFLNT Affiliate League players | 0 points |
| (f) Local club player | 0 points |

3.7.5 Points will be initially given to players on the basis of the competition they played in during the previous season with the exception of players described in (a), (b), (c) or (d) who have already played one or more seasons in the NTFL, in which case points will be initially given on the basis of the last season played in a competition other than the NTFL.

3.7.6 Each player's Points Value will decrease by 1 point with every year played at the same club within the NTFL.

- (a) To avoid confusion, previous seasons will only be recognised if a player has not played for another NTFL Club in the same time period.

3.7.7 If a player has played in the NTFL in the previous NTFL season, that season takes precedence over having played elsewhere in a dry season (or Winter) competition, when assessing a player's Points Value.

3.7.8 If a player has played less than five (5) NTFL Premier League matches in the previous 12 months without legitimate reason such as injury, education or

work commitments will be given zero (0) points when transferring to another NTFL club.

3.7.9 A local club player who is 30 years of age or older on the 1st of January in the year the competition commences, and has played a minimum of 100 NTFL Premier League Games for the same club will be given two (2) points when transferring to another NTFL club.

3.7.10 An AFL or Tier 1 player returning to his local club will be given zero (0) points.

- (a) To avoid confusion, an AFL player is a player recruited directly from an AFL Club
- (b) To avoid confusion, a Tier1 player is a player recruited directly from a Tier 1 Club
- (c) To avoid confusion, any player who is recruited from a Tier 2 Competition and has played five (5) or more games in a Tier 1 Competition under permit, in the season immediately prior to his recruitment, will be deemed a Tier 1 Player.

3.7.11 Notwithstanding 3.7.4 (b), (c) and (d) A NTFC player returning to his local club will be given zero (0) points for so long as they are contracted as a NTFC player.

3.7.12 To avoid confusion, a NTFC Player is:

- (a) Any player contracted to play for the NT Thunder for as long as a contract remains in place.

3.7.13 To avoid confusion, a Local Club Player is:

- (a) any player who has played for the same NTFL club for four seasons without having played for another NTFL club in the same time period;
 - i. To avoid confusion, any player who has played the minimum matches to achieve major round eligibility in that one season will be considered to have played one season for that club.
- (b) any player who has played junior football for the same NTFL club without having played for another NTFL club in the same time period; and
- (c) any player who has had transfer fees paid in full by the NTFL club they play for prior to the implementation of these rules.
- (d) Where a club located in the Northern Territory is admitted to a Tier 2 Competition of another State, the players of the club located in the Northern Territory will be considered Local Club Players.

3.8 Major Round Eligibility – Premier League

3.8.1 A player is eligible to play a major round Premier League match for a club if they have played at least five (5) matches for that club or another club that has an approved Interchange Agreement with that club, in the minor round in any Division or Grade.

3.9 Training and Change Room Allocation

3.5.1 AFL Northern Territory By-Laws apply, in addition to:

- (a) Grand Final Training Clubs can make application to the Competition Manager to train at TIO Stadium in the week prior to the Grand Final, which may be refused at their absolute discretion.

3.10 Awards

3.10.1 The AFLNT will award medals for the Best and Fairest in each Grade except Under 12s, in addition to identifying a Rising Star and Most Valuable Player recipient in accordance with these By-Laws

3.10.2 The AFLNT will award the Club of the Year Award in accordance with these By-Laws

3.11 TIO Stadium Lighting

3.11.1 The Competition Manager may switch on flood lights during the progress of a match at their discretion

4 Club Requirements

4.1 Publication of Teams

4.1.1 Premier League;

Each club shall submit the names and numbers of 30 players (including 8 emergencies) for their Premier League team each week that their Premier League team is competing in the NTFL competition. Names are to be submitted prior to 8pm on the Thursday night preceding each round of matches, to all media outlets (determined by the AFLNT) and the AFLNT.

- (a) If any player whose name was not submitted by a Club in accordance with this by-law, takes the field, a fine not exceeding \$100 per player not named may be imposed on the Club at the discretion of the AFLNT

- (b) Failure of a Club to submit a team in accordance with this by-law may result in a fine not exceeding \$250 at the discretion of the AFLNT.

5 Transfers and Permits

5.1 NTFL Club Transfer Period

- 5.1.1 No transfer is to be lodged prior to 1 September in a given season
- 5.1.2 No transfer shall be lodged after 30 November in a given season
- 5.1.3 The above commencement and conclusion period is only applicable for transfers from one NTFL Club to another NTFL Club
- 5.1.4 The use of Temporary Transfers for NTFL Club to NTFL Club Transfer is not permitted.
- 5.1.5 Unless otherwise agreed between the respective clubs, clubs may apply for clearances for no more than five (5) players from any one other club in any NTFL season.

5.2 Grounds for Appeal

- 5.2.1 Where the player disputes the reason for a Transfer Refusal, the player/ destination club can appeal against the refusal of transfer by notice in writing lodged with the relevant Football Body by 5pm on the fifth business day following the refusal.

5.3 Permits

5.3.1 Interchange Agreements

(a) Club Interchange Agreements

- i. A Club may enter into an agreement with another NTFL Club at the discretion of the AFLNT Community Football Department.
- ii. A copy of the Interchange Agreement must be submitted to the Community Football Department within ten (10) days of its execution.
- iii. All Club Interchange Agreements must be in place by the 1st of August in any given year.
- iv. Players entering into this agreement will be deemed as participating in 'one club' in matters relating to finals eligibility.
- v. Once a Club Interchange Agreement has been lodged with the Community Football Department it will be considered ongoing unless revoked by AFLNT.
- vi. Once the agreement is in place, a Permit must be initiated by the Destination Club by logging into AFL Footyweb and submitting a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit Application when moving a player from one club to another.
- vii. Any club found to have breached these By-Laws will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and will be dealt with in accordance with AFLNT By-Laws.

(b) Senior Grade Division 2 Interchange Agreements

- i. A Club may enter into a Senior Grade Division 2 Interchange Agreement with another NTFL Club at the discretion of the AFLNT Community Football Department.

- ii. A copy of the Interchange Agreement must be submitted to the Community Football Department within ten (10) days of its execution.
- iii. An Interchange Agreement may be entered into at any time during a season at the discretion of the Community Football Department.
- iv. Players entering into this agreement must meet all finals eligibility requirements in accordance with NTFL and AFLNT By-Laws.
- v. Once a Senior Grade Division 2 Interchange Agreement has been lodged with the Community Football Department it will be considered ongoing until the completion of that season, unless revoked by AFLNT.
- vi. Senior Grade Division 2 Interchange Agreements are not to be used to allow a player to play in any Grade or Division other than Senior Grade Division 2 with the club in which the agreement was entered into (the Destination Club).
- vii. Once the agreement is in place, a Permit must be initiated by the Destination Club by logging into AFL Footyweb and submitting a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit Application when moving a player from one club to another.
- viii. Any club found to have breached these By-Laws will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and will be dealt with in accordance with AFLNT By-Laws.

(c) Player Interchange Agreements

- i. A Player registered with a club may enter into an agreement with another club at the discretion of AFLNT Community Football Department.
- ii. A copy of the Player Interchange Agreement must be submitted to the AFLNT Football Operations Department within ten (10) days of its execution.
- iii. A Player Interchange Agreement may be submitted at any time during the season.
- iv. A Player can only be included in one Player Interchange Agreement in any one season.
- v. Players entering into this agreement will be deemed as participating for 'one club' in matters relating to player eligibility.

- vi. Once a Player Interchange Agreement has been lodged with the Football Operations Department it will be considered valid until the conclusion of that Season unless revoked by the Football Operations Department.
- vii. Player Interchange Agreements are not to be used to allow a player to play in a Grade or Division that would otherwise be available to that player should he remain at his original club.
- viii. Once the agreement is in place, a Permit must be initiated by the Destination Club by logging into AFL Footyweb and submitting a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit Application when players are moving from club to club.
- ix. Any club found to have breached these By-Laws will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and will be dealt with in accordance with AFLNT By-Laws.
- x. No more than two (2) Player Interchange Agreements are allowed between the same two clubs in any one season.

5.3.2 Match Day Permits

- (a) Match Day Permits are only available for the following competitions;
 - i. Under 12's
 - ii. Youth Girls
 - iii. Division 2 Competitions (Junior and Senior)
- (b) Match Day Permits are only to be used by teams scheduled to play against each other on the day the permit is requested.
- (c) The Match Day Permit must be initiated by the Destination Club by logging into AFL Footyweb and submitting a Type 1 Match Day Permit Application when moving a player from club to club.
- (d) The Match Day Permit must be completed within 24 hours of the match being completed.
- (e) Any club found to have breached these By-Laws will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and will be dealt with in accordance with AFLNT By-Laws.
- (f) Match Day Permits are only available to players who are registered in the Northern Territory Football League.
- (g) Matches played under a Match Day Permit will be deemed as being played for the club that the player is registered to in matters relating to finals eligibility.

6 Special Provision

6.1 Season

6.1.1 Unless otherwise determined by AFLNT, the NTFL competition shall generally be conducted each year in the period 1 October to 31 March the following year.

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Appendix 1 NTFL Club Uniform

BANKS

Jumper: White, with Royal Blue yoke & Bulldog motif
 Numbers: Blue
 Shorts: Blue with White stripes
 Socks: Blue

BIG RIVER HAWKS

Jumper: Brown and Gold
 Numbers: Black on White
 Shorts: Brown with Gold stripe
 Socks: Brown & Gold hoops

DARWIN

Jumper : Navy blue with light blue yoke
 Numbers: White
 Shorts: Navy blue / light blue stripe
 Socks: Navy blue

JABIRU

Jumper: Black with Red sash
 Numbers: White
 Shorts: Black with Red stripe
 Socks: Black & Red hoops

NIGHTCLIFF TIGERS

Jumper: Black with gold sash
 Numbers: White
 Shorts: Black with gold stripe
 Socks: Black with gold hoops

NIGHTCLIFF SPARTANS

Jumper: White with Red motif
 Clash: Maroon with motif
 Numbers: Red
 Shorts: Red
 Socks: Red

MINDIL

Jumper: Mid Green, with Black yoke & Shark motif
 Numbers: Black
 Shorts: Black with Green stripes
 Socks: Black with Green top

PALMERSTON

Jumper: Black & White vertical stripes with Magpie motif
 Numbers: White
 Shorts: Black with white stripe
 Socks: Black

PINT

Jumper: Green with Yellow/ White yoke
 Numbers: Green
 Shorts: Green-Yellow Stripe
 Socks: Green

ST MARYS

Jumper: Bottle green with gold SMFC monogram
 Clash: Reversed
 Numbers: Gold
 Shorts: Gold with green stripe
 Socks: Green

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

Jumper: Black, White, Red panels, white back
 Clash: with Crocodile motif
 Numbers: Black
 Shorts: Black with Red, White stripe
 Socks: Black, Red, White hoops

TRACY VILLAGE

Jumper: Red with Yellow yoke & Razorback motif
 Numbers: Yellow
 Shorts: Black with Yellow & Red stripes
 Socks: Black

TIWI BOMBERS

Jumper: Black, Red with Bomber motif
 Clash: Nil
 Numbers: White
 Shorts: Black with Red stripe
 Socks: Black & Red hoops

UNIVERSITY

Jumper: Black with White V
 Numbers:
 Shorts: Black with White stripes
 Socks:

WANDERERS

Jumper: Royal blue and gold
 Numbers: White
 Shorts: Royal blue with gold stripe
 Socks: Royal blue

WARATAH

Jumper: Red with White V
 Clash: Reversed
 Numbers: White
 Shorts: Red with white stripes
 Socks: Red with white hoop

Appendix 2 Best & Fairest Awards

1. Best & Fairest Awards
 - (a) Premier League Nichols Medal
 - (b) Senior Men's Division 1 Mitch Lee Medal
 - (c) Senior Women's Division 1
 - (d) Senior Men's Division 2 Lancaster Medal
 - (e) Under 18 Boys Abala Medal
 - (f) Under 18 Girls
 - (g) Under 16 Boys Div 1 Hickman Medal
 - (h) Under 16 Boys Div 2 Leverence Medal
 - (i) Under 15 Girls Sharon Smith Medal
 - (j) Under 14 Div 1 Gundersen Medal
 - (k) Under 14 Div 2 Lewfatt Medal
 - (l) Under 12 Div 1 Not Applicable
 - (m) Under 12 Div 2 Not Applicable

2. In each grade Field Umpires shall collectively award three, two and one votes to the players they judge to be the best and fairest in each Minor Round match.

3. The players in each grade receiving the highest number of votes shall be awarded best and fairest medals for their respective competition.

4. Where two or more players in a grade are tied on equal points each shall receive a best and fairest medal.

5. Ineligibility:
 - (a) A player suspended during the minor round of the current season in any competition shall be ineligible to receive a best and fairest award.

 - (b) In the case of (a) above, the following does not apply, a player who has been found guilty of Time Wasting, Wrestling or refusing to play representative football for the NTFL

Appendix 3 Grand Final Best Player Awards

1. Grand Final Best Player Awards
 - (a) Premier League Chaney Medal
 - (b) Senior Men's Division 1 Clark Medal
 - (c) Senior Women's Division 1 Brenda Williams Medal
 - (d) Senior Men's Division 2 Gear Medal
 - (e) Under 18 Boys Haritos Medal
 - (f) Under 18 Girls
 - (g) Under 16 Boys Div 1 Jeffrey Medal
 - (h) Under 16 Boys Div 2 Cooper Medal
 - (i) Under 15 Girls Sharon Knight Medal
 - (j) Under 14 Div 1 A.T. Shaw Medal
 - (k) Under 14 Div 2 Damaso Medal
 - (l) Under 12 Div 1 Atkinson Medal
 - (m) Under 12 Div 2 Deslandes Medal

2. Player awards for Grand Finals will have voting panels coordinated by the Competition Manager. All players participating in the match will be eligible.

Appendix 4 Nichols Medal Conditions

The award shall be made on the votes of the field umpires officiating in league matches. Such votes shall be cast in the manner appearing hereunder.

1. At the conclusion of each match played during the minor rounds, the field umpires will record their votes on the form provided in order of merit of the three fairest and best players engaged in the match.
2. Immediately after such votes have been cast, the voting form will be sealed in the envelope provided and handed to the Match Manager.
3. The envelopes will be opened at the Nichols Medal and counted by a panel appointed by the Chief Executive Officer.
4. Three points will be awarded for each first preference vote, two points will be awarded for each second preference vote and one point will be awarded for each third preference vote.
5. Any player who has been found guilty and suspended by the AFLNT Independent Tribunal or has accepted a prescribed penalty in respect to a charge or an offence against the laws of the game shall be ineligible to win the Nichols Medal in that year, unless they have been suspended for the following reasons;
 - (a) attempt to trip another person,
 - (b) engaging in time wasting,
 - (c) Engaging in an act of staging,
 - (d) Engaging in a melee,
 - (e) Wrestling another person,
 - (f) Interfering with a player kicking for goal,
 - (g) Intentionally shaking a goal or point post,
 - (h) Wearing prohibited boots, jewellery and equipment, and
 - (i) Refusing to play representative football.
6. Players who are suspended as a result of an incident which occurred whilst playing in a representative match will remain eligible to win the Nichols Medal.
7. The Nichols Medal count shall not commence until all charges pending at the end of the minor round of matches in respect of alleged offences against the laws of the game shall have been heard and determined by the AFLNT Independent Tribunal.
8. In the event that two or more players secure the same number of votes, the League shall declare both or all such players equal winners of the award and two or more medals (as the case may be) shall be presented.
9. All senior NTFL clubs will receive one (1) free table to the Nichols Medal provided by AFLNT, but will be required to purchase one (1) additional table for the Nichols Medal. Clubs do have the option to purchase additional tables if they wish.
10. The minor grade medals will be counted by the Competition Manager at the end of the minor rounds.
 - (a) All provisions (1-10) pertaining to the Nichols Medal shall apply.

Appendix 5 Most Valuable Player Award Conditions

The NTFL Most Valuable Player Award is a prestigious award that identifies the NTFL player most respected by their peers.

1. Each Premier League Coach and Captain are to jointly award votes to the best five (5) players in order of 1 to 5 after each Premier League Match, that is the Best Player receives five (5) votes.
2. NTFL Clubs are to submit their vote cards, sealed in the envelope provided, to the appointed Match Manager at the completion of each match.
3. Players who have been suspended are eligible to win the MVP Award
4. The player who receives the most votes will be declared the winner of the MVP Award

Appendix 6 Rising Star Award Conditions

1. The NTFL Rising Star Award is a prestigious award that identifies the most promising young player in the Premier League Competition.
2. Any player who attains the age of 22 years or older in the year that the competition commences is not eligible to win the NTFL Rising Star Award.
3. Players that have previously won the NTFL Rising Star Award are not eligible to win the award a second time.
4. Each Premier League Club is to nominate one (1) eligible player from their own club, no later than the 31st of January.
5. The NT Thunder Head Coach and AFLNT Coaching Manager are to jointly nominate one (1) player from each club no later than the 7th of February.
6. The NT News Football Writers are to nominate one (1) player at the completion of each round of the NTFL Home & Away Season.
7. The NTFL Rising Star Adjudication Panel shall consist of a panel of five (5) members.
8. The Rising Star Award will be awarded at the Nichols Medal Count.

Appendix 7 Club of the Year Award Conditions

1. A ranking system has been developed to determine the NTFL Club of the Year using the five (5) categories listed below:
 - (a) Administration
 - (b) Junior Development
 - (c) Volunteers
 - (d) On Field
 - (e) Financial
2. The Administration Category will see clubs ranked in accordance with their participation and successful completion of programs designed to improve the quality of a club's governance, such as;
 - (a) The Quality Club Program,
 - (b) The Good Sports Program, and
 - (c) Compliance with the AFL Member Protection Policy.
3. The Junior Development Category will see clubs ranked in accordance with their participation numbers and involvement in participation programs such as;
 - (a) Participation Numbers,
 - (b) Involvement in Thunder Juniors, and
 - (c) Involvement in Auskick Programs.
4. The Volunteer Category will see clubs ranked in accordance with the way they recruit, retain and manage volunteers such as;
 - (a) Appointment of a Club Volunteer Coordinator,
 - (b) Number of Volunteer Umpires, and
 - (c) Volunteer of the Year Nominations.
5. The On Field Category will see clubs ranked in accordance with their on field performance and will include data such as;
 - (a) Overall participation and performance,
 - (b) Number of Forfeits, and
 - (c) Number of Suspensions.
6. The Financial Category will include information such as;
 - (a) Unpaid debts over 30 days old,
 - (b) The Clubs Financial standing, and
 - (c) The Clubs overall debt.
7. The following are mandatory requirements, without which, clubs are not eligible to win the NTFL Club of the Year;
 - a. Appointment of a Club Coaching Coordinator,
 - b. NTFL Licence Agreement signed and adhered to prior to the commencement of Round 1, and
 - c. Audited Financial Documents presented to AFLNT Community Football Department prior to the commencement of Round 1.
8. AFLNT reserve the right to adjust the criteria for the Club of the Year Conditions at it's discretion from time to time in consultation with clubs.