

AFL NSW/ACT Commission Limited



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&
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INTRODUCTION

The following regulations and by-laws have been made by the AFL NSW/ACT Commission Limited (ABN 53 086 839 385) pursuant to its object to administer and promote Australian Football in the State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations & By-Laws, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meaning:

Administration Committee means and shall consist of any two (2) from the following positions or otherwise designated by the League:

- Football Operations Manager or Coordinator;
- Secretary;
- Chairman/President;
- Competition Management Committee Member; or
- Their nominees.

Regional Law:

Administration Committee shall consist of three of the following four positions:

- * Steve Mahar: Regional Manager – ACT and Southern NSW;
- * Garry Lawless: Community Football Manager;
- * Mark Spear: Football Operations Manager; or
- * Lauren Hodgson: Football Operations Coordinator.

AFL means the Australian Football League (ACN 004 155 211).

AFL Marks means AFL logos, AFL club logos, the AFL NSW/ACT logo, trade names and other Intellectual Property, registered or unregistered owned by the AFL and/or AFL NSW/ACT (whichever is applicable).

AFL NSW/ACT means AFL NSW/ACT Commission Limited (ABN 53 086 839 385).

Appeals Board means the panel constituted pursuant to the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT or State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT (as the case may be)

Australian Football means the game played in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

Australian Football Match Policy means the AFL guidelines for the conduct of Australian Football for players aged 5-18 years as issued and amended from time to time.

Coach means the individual appointed, engaged or employed to coach a Club's team in a Competition.

Constitution means the Constitution of the AFL NSW/ACT effective 13 February 2015 or as subsequently amended

Chief Executive Officer means the Chief Executive Officer of AFL NSW/ACT or his/her nominee.

Club means a Club affiliated to a League with teams participating in Competitions.

Code of Conduct means the AFL NSW/ ACT Code of Conduct in Appendix C, as amended from time to time.

Community League Club refers to all teams directly comprising Clubs within an Australian football competition, other than the AFL, State Leagues or Unaffiliated Leagues.

Competition means any Australian football competition conducted and organised by AFL NSW/ACT or the League.

Footyweb means the AFL Competition Management System & Membership Database implemented for Competitions within New South Wales or the Australian Capital Territory.

Independent School means a school that is not a government operated public school.

Intellectual Property means all company and business names, trade names, trademarks, logos, symbols, emblems, designs or other indicia, inventions, patents, trade secrets, processes and any other intellectual property whatsoever (including copyright), registered or unregistered, currently owned and in existence or to be developed in the future by the AFL and/or AFL NSW/ACT.

Junior means Players up to and under the age of 17 as at 1 January in the year of the relevant season.

Juniors or Junior Competition means Competitions up to and including Junior Players.

Regional Law:

Example: to be eligible to play in the Under 12's competition in a year a player must be aged 11 or less on 1 January of that year (turn 12 during the year).

Junior Competition for the purpose of the applications of these By-Laws, shall also include Youth Girls Under 18's.

Laws of the Game means the Laws of Australian Football as administered and controlled by the AFL, as amended from time to time

League means an AFL NSW/ACT governed or affiliated league which operates or conducts an Australian Football Competition within New South Wales or the Australian Capital Territory.

League Equalisation Panel means the independent equalisation panel established by the League to administer the Player Points System prescribed for a Competition.

Match means any football Match played between or directly or indirectly involving any Club or Independent School, including without limitation any practice Match, Competition Match, representative Match or exhibition Match.

State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT means the AFL's State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines, as amended from time to time, which have been formally adopted by AFL NSW/ACT to establish the tribunal and appeal process with respect to disciplinary matters.

National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT means the AFL's National Match Tribunal Guidelines, as amended from time to time, which have been formally adopted by AFL NSW/ACT to establish the tribunal and appeal process with respect to reportable offences.

National Player Transfer Regulations means the rules and regulations, as amended from time to time, regulating the transfer of players between clubs.

National Vilification and Discrimination Policy means the AFL's National Vilification and Discrimination Policy, as amended from time to time, establishing the means to address vilification and discrimination.

Official means AFL NSW/ACT, League and Club (as the case may be) employees, servant or agent having official duties in connection with a Match, Competition, League or the AFL NSW/ACT Regulations and By-Laws, including (unless otherwise stated) Club and League Umpires.

Player means a player registered with a Club.

Player Points System means the community club sustainably player point's system policy approved by AFL NSW/ACT and implemented by a League with respect to a Competition or Competitions, as outlined in Appendix E or as amended from time to time.

Regional Board means the board established by AFL NSW/ACT pursuant to clause 17 of its constitution.

Regional Law:

AFL Canberra does not have a Regional Board. The AFL Canberra Administration Committee shall fulfil the requirements of this group.

Regional Law:

Regional Law means a Law that is specific to AFL Canberra.

Reportable Offence means a Reportable Offence within the meaning of the Laws of the Game, as amended from time to time.

Regional Law:

Services Personnel means Army, Navy and Air Force personnel

State League Club refers to clubs competing in the North East Australian Football League who are not an AFL club's reserves team.

Tribunal means the tribunal constituted under the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT or State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT, as the case may be, as amended from time to time.

Umpire means the field, boundary, goal and emergency Umpires.

INTERPRETATION

In the interpretation of these regulations, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (a) words importing the singular shall be deemed to include the plural and vice versa;
- (b) words importing any gender shall be deemed to include the other gender;
- (c) headings are included for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of these regulations;
- (d) "including" and similar words are not words of limitation;
- (e) Any words, terms or phrases defined in the remainder of these regulations shall have the meaning prescribed within the particular regulations; and Words, terms or phrases not otherwise defined in these regulations shall be given their ordinary meaning.

PART A – REGULATIONS

1. OBJECTIVES AND APPLICATION

These Regulations specify the regulations applicable for the conduct of the Leagues in NSW and the ACT. These Regulations aim to promote the proper conduct and standards of the Leagues.

The Regulations specify the rules and regulations for the administration of the playing, participating, coaching and officiating in football within AFL NSW/ ACT's jurisdiction.

1.1 Objectives

The objectives of the Regulations are to:

- (A) promote, develop and protect Australian Football in NSW and the ACT by ensuring that the appropriate conduct and standards apply;
- (B) ensure that the Leagues and Competitions are regulated in a consistent and co-ordinated manner across NSW and the ACT; and
- (C) align Leagues with AFL and AFL NSW/ ACT rules and regulations.

1.2 AFL NSW/ ACT Jurisdiction and Obligations

- (A) AFL NSW/ ACT is responsible for the organisation, promotion and administration of Australian Football throughout NSW and the ACT. Accordingly, it has jurisdiction over all NSW and the ACT Leagues including the relevant Matches and Competitions.
- (B) AFL NSW/ ACT will:
 - (i) comply with these Regulations and ensure that these Regulations are not inconsistent with AFL rules and regulations;
 - (ii) ensure compliance of these Regulations by Leagues;
 - (iii) investigate any complaint about a breach of these Regulations by a League;
 - (iv) impose disciplinary sanctions against a League within its jurisdiction found to have breached these Regulations; and
 - (v) provide appropriate education and training to those who manage and implement these Regulations.

2. AFFILIATION CONDITIONS

2.1 Affiliation Conditions

Any Australian football league, the membership of which includes any club or clubs in NSW or the ACT, may apply to affiliate with AFL NSW/ACT subject to compliance with the following conditions in Regulation 2.

2.2 League Constitution

The League must be incorporated pursuant to the relevant legislation in New South Wales or the Australian Capital Territory and its current constitution lodged with the AFL NSW/ACT at all times.

2.3 Laws of the Game

The League must adopt the Laws of the Game as administered and controlled by the AFL and as endorsed by AFL NSW/ACT.

2.4 Contact Details

The League must submit to AFL NSW/ACT each year:

- (A) A list of the names, addresses, telephone and email addresses / fax number of its Officials by 31 January;
- (B) A list of the Clubs and Club teams by 31 March; and
- (C) A list of the names, addresses and contact details of the officers (including the President and Secretary) of each Club by 31 March.

2.5 Affiliation and Licence Fees

The League must pay an annual affiliation fee as determined from time to time by AFL NSW/ACT in its absolute discretion.

2.6 Insurance

The League must ensure that its Officials and Clubs, as a condition of affiliation to the League, are insured under the Australian Football National Risk Protection Program as arranged by JLT Sport or any substitute policy as arranged or administered by the AFL.

2.7 Appointment of Umpires

The League must engage Umpires appointed by the League and/or Club from a panel of Umpires to be approved by AFL NSW/ACT.

2.8 Sponsorship / Marketing Affiliation

The League acknowledges and agrees that:

- (A) AFL NSW/ACT's major sponsors or partners provide in part the financial resources for AFL NSW/ACT to develop, implement and support the development of Australian football generally and specifically in the NSW and the ACT; and
- (B) It will not enter into any contract, arrangement, agreement or understanding with any corporation/person for the supply, endorsement, approval or sponsorship of goods or services of the type provided by or associated with the operations of AFL NSW/ACT major sponsors or partners, unless otherwise approved by AFL NSW/ACT in writing.

2.9 Application of Competition Rules

The League agrees to be bound by the Constitution of AFL NSW/ACT and these Regulations insofar as they apply to such League and agrees that in the event of any inconsistency between the constitution of such League and the Constitution or Regulations of AFL NSW/ACT, then the constitution and/or by laws of such League will be invalid to the extent of such inconsistency.

Regional Law:

2.9.1 Where the Regional Law differs from the Generic Law, the Regional Law shall be the Law that is applied.

2.10 Club Affiliation and Licence Agreement with League

Each League must have an affiliation agreement with AFL NSW/ACT as well as a Club licence agreement with its affiliated Clubs, in the format determined by AFL NSW/ACT from time to time.

Regional Law:

2.10.1 Refer to Attachment A for AFL Canberra Club Licence Agreement

2.11 Refusal or Cancellation of Affiliation

Any League which fails to comply with these Regulations, either in whole or part, may be refused application for affiliation or have its affiliation cancelled or suspended by AFL NSW/ACT in its absolute discretion.

Regional Law:

2.11.1 Any Club which fails to comply with Regulation 2.10, either in whole or part, may be refused application for affiliation or have its affiliation cancelled.

3. NOTICE AND DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

3.1 Compliance

Each League, Club, Player and Official acknowledges that in order to meet the stated objectives of these Regulations, their terms must be strictly complied with and their spirit and intent honoured and AFL NSW/ACT has the right to impose disciplinary sanctions to enforce and encourage such compliance.

3.2 Disciplinary Sanctions

AFL NSW/ACT may enforce the terms of these Regulations and invoke the sanctions only if it has given the party alleged to have breached these Regulations:

- (A) reasonable and sufficient notice of each and every particular of the alleged breach or breaches;
- (B) notice of possible sanctions; and
- (C) the opportunity to be heard and to make submissions in relation to that alleged breach or breaches.

3.3 Exclusion of Liability

AFL NSW/ACT may excuse:

- (A) a League, Club, Player or Official from liability if that party ought reasonably and fairly be excused, wholly or partly, from that liability on such terms as AFL NSW/ACT thinks fit; and
- (B) a Player or Official from liability in consideration of the Player's co-operation and assistance in establishing a breach of the Regulations by any League, Club or Official.

4. PLAYER REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Each League agrees to apply and use the uniform system of registration of players as set out in these Regulations.

4.1 Player Registration

- (A) Any person wishing to play in Competition Matches with a Club must be registered.
- (B) All Player registrations are processed through Footyweb, or any other system as determined by AFL NSW/ACT or the AFL from time to time.
- (C) No person will be registered or re-registered under an assumed name unless such assumed name and the reason for its necessary use is notified to and accepted by the League and the person's legal name and current address are submitted to the League at the time of registration. Such information shall be kept confidential by the League.
- (D) Upon a person's registration application being approved, the person shall be deemed a player of that Club until such time as the person has either been granted a transfer to play with another club or a period of twenty-four (24) calendar months has elapsed since the person last played competition football for the Club with which he or she was last registered.
- (E) Players are required to re-register with their existing Club each season through Footyweb. A new registration form is not required to be completed for re-registration.

Regional Law:

4.1.1 Match Day Registrations

Player registrations on match days may be granted provided:

- * Players are to register online by 11.59pm Sunday night following the game.
- * New Player(s) name, address, birth date are noted on the back of the Team Sheet.
- * The opposing Team Manager is informed that a new Player is being registered.
- * Players must be added to online team list through Footyweb by 11.59pm Sunday night following the game.

Should the player later be found to be ineligible, the player's team will be considered to have forfeited the match/es in which they played and the Club, player and officials involved may be subject to penalty prescribed in Regulation 4.7 as determined by Football Operations.

4.2 Registration Documentation

- (A) All Player registrations must be submitted electronically via Footyweb by the player or, where the Player is Under 18 years of age as of 1 January in the year of registration, the registration must be submitted by the Player's parent or legal guardian.

Regional Law:

4.2. (A) (i) All player registrations must be submitted electronically via Footyweb by the player or, where the player is Under 18 years of age (at the time of registration) by the player's parent or legal guardian.

- (B) For the registration to be active, the Club must accept the Player's registration.

- (C) Clubs must not register a Player without the Player's consent.
- (D) Documentation evidencing proof of age in the form of an original birth certificate, photo licence, passport, immunisation booklet or student identification may be requested by the League at any time. Failure to produce such documentation may lead to the Player's registration being refused or cancelled.

4.3 Register of Players

Each League, through Footyweb, must keep an up to date register of all Player registrations which includes the following information:

- (A) Full name, address, date of birth and contact telephone number(s); and
- (B) Date the Player registration was granted.

4.4 Dual Registration

No player can be registered with more than one club at the same time except as provided for under the National Player Transfer Regulations and Regulation 5 below or in special circumstances as determined by the League with which the player is registered.

4.5 Closing Date for Registrations and Transfers

- (A) New Player registrations will be accepted until the end of the home and away series in the season in which the Player intends to play.
- (B) Player transfer applications will be dealt with in accordance with the National Player Transfer Regulations.

4.6 Misleading and Incorrect Information

- (A) Any Player who knowingly submits incorrect information or who intentionally fails to disclose information on any registration form or transfer application may be subject to the following penalties as determined by the League in its absolute discretion:
 - a. De-registration; or
 - b. Up to four (4) weeks suspension; and
- (B) In addition to Regulation 4.6(A) above, the League may also be deem or determine that the Player was ineligible for any Competition Matches in which he/she has played.
- (C) Any Club Official or Club that is party to a breach of this Regulation may be sanctioned by the League in its absolute discretion.

4.7 Unregistered and Ineligible Players

- (A) Any player not properly registered, or any Player registered based upon incorrect or omitted information on the registration application will be deemed to be ineligible. Any Club that either knowingly or unknowingly plays an ineligible player may lose all Match points for that Competition Match and be fined up to \$100 for each Competition Match in which such player has played.
- (B) Any ineligible Player(s), Official(s) and/or Club(s) found by the League to have

been involved with allowing a player to compete in a Competition Match in accordance with this Regulation may be liable for suspension or deregistration in addition to any loss of Match points and fine(s).

- (C) If an allegation has been made against a Club for playing an ineligible Player, the Club will be responsible for the appearance of the player at any investigation conducted by the League.

4.8 Eligibility of Minors or Juniors

- (A) Players must be eligible for to play in the specific age group of the relevant Competition as of 1 January in the year of the relevant season.
- (B) In accordance with the Australian Football Match Policy, the minimum age for Players to participate in a Competition is as follows:
 - a. Senior/ Open Grade Competitions – sixteen (16) years of age (subject to consent of the Player’s parents/guardians);
 - b. Under 18’s Competitions – sixteen (16) years of age (subject to consent of the Player’s parents/guardians); and
 - c. Under 17’s Competitions – fifteen (15) years of age (subject to consent of the Player’s parents/guardians).
- (C) The Administration Committee may consider any request for an exemption to the minimum age upon receipt of a written application from the Player’s Club including written consent from the Player’s parents/guardians.

Regional Law

4.8 (C) (i) Age Exemptions – Junior

Junior players considered by clubs to have the required playing ability and necessary maturity may play in a higher grade with the consent of their parent/guardian by completing an Out of Age Approval Form and lodging it with their club. A hard copy of the signed form must be produced to Football Operations upon request.

4.8 (C) (ii) Age Exemption Disability - Junior

A junior player with a disability as defined in the AFL NSW/ACT Exemption and Dispensation Policy may apply to Football Operations for permission to play down an Age Group during the current season.

Clubs must lodge with Football Operations a written explanation supporting the request for an age exemption and written medical evidence from a registered medical practitioner in support of the request.

5. PLAYER TRANSFERS

5.1 Player Transfers

All Player transfers must be processed through Footyweb.

5.2 Transfers between Clubs

Procedures for the transfer of players between Clubs within the same League (Domestic Transfers) will be in accordance with the National Player Transfer Regulations and Regulations 3.7 and 3.8 below.

Regional Law:

5.2.1 Maximum Transfer numbers

To enable Clubs to become established and for existing Clubs to be guaranteed longevity the following restrictions apply to domestic transfers between Clubs;

Clubs may only receive a maximum of three Players from each AFL Canberra club (Juniors and Seniors are separate in this instance); the following exemptions may be applied:

- * Pending approval from the player's former club, a club may request more than three transfers. In circumstances where the former Club agrees to allow more than three players, the approval of the Administration Committee must also be obtained by the Club prior to completing the transfer
- * Home Players returning to their original club are exempt from this rule, pending approval of the Administration Committee
- * Rule 5.2.1 will not be applicable where the former Club does not field a team in the competition level the player is moving to and the former Club has informed the League that they will not be fielding a team in the division
- * Where a player has not played for 24 months they will be excluded from the transfer limit
- * This applies to both the Senior and Junior Clubs

Junior Clubs – For the purpose of this Law, a team in the age group of the players concerned includes a combined team, where there is an agreement by the former Club to field its Players in or refer its Players to that combined team.

Regional Law:

Refer to Attachment H for AFL Canberra Development Compensation Levy

5.3 Transfers between Leagues

Transfer of players between AFL NSW/ACT Leagues must be in accordance with the National Player Transfer Regulations.

Regional Law

5.3.1 Transfer of Defence Personnel

Where a player (or family) is transferred by the defence force, either resulting in them joining or leaving an AFL Canberra competition their transfer may take place during the July 1 – January 31 period and be considered valid provided they are approved by their Club and League.

A player may only be declined an approval request based on one of the following reasons:

- * they are under contract with their current Club
- * they owe money to their Club
- * they owe property to their Club

5.4 Interstate Transfers

Procedures for the transfer of players between States will be in accordance with the National Player Transfer Regulations.

5.5 Interchange Agreements

Neighbouring Leagues may enter into Match Day Permit Agreements (or Interchange Agreements) to enable the movement of players between such Leagues other than as provided for in these Regulations. For Match Day Permit Agreements to be binding, they must be in writing and formally adopted by each League and lodged with the AFL NSW/ACT via Footyweb.

Regional Law:

Refer to Attachment B for Interchange of Players between AFL Canberra Clubs

Refer to Attachment C – Sapphire Coast AFL Interleague Agreement

Refer to Attachment D – AFL South Coast Interleague Agreement

5.5.1 AFL Canberra Club may have additional Memorandums of Understanding or Affiliation agreements which allow movement of players between clubs and between grades

5.6 No Transfer Required

The transfer provisions do not apply to any player who has not been registered with a League at any time during the past two (2) seasons.

Regional Law:

In the instance of an individual that has not played in 24 months, please email Football Operations with the Full Name and Date of Birth so a Manual Transfer can be processed through AFL NSW/ACT. Registration through Footyweb is still required.

5.7 Appeals Board – Domestic Transfers Only

- (A) An Appeals Board will be established by the Administration Committee to hear and determine all appeals relating to the refusal of Domestic Transfers.

Regional Law:

5.7 (A) (i) An Appeals Board will be established by the Administration Committee to hear and determine all appeals relating to the refusal of Domestic Transfers upon request by either club involved in the Transfer.

- (B) The Appeals Board shall be appointed each year by the League and shall consist of a panel of at least three (3) and no more than five (5) members, each of whom shall not be an Official of any Club playing in the League.
- (C) The Appeals Board shall hold office for one (1) year. Each member may be reappointed for further terms of office.
- (D) A Chairman and Deputy Chairman shall be appointed by the League.
- (E) At any sitting of the Appeals Board, a minimum of two (2) members shall constitute a quorum and where possible, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman shall preside.
- (F) For the avoidance of doubt, the Appeals Board referred to in this Regulation 5.7 and Regulation 5.8 will rule on appeals on domestic transfers only.

5.8 Refused Domestic Transfer

- (A) Requests for a Domestic Transfer can only be refused by the Player's registered Club if the player:

- a. is indebted to the Club;
 - b. is in possession of Club property (e.g. jumper) that needs to be returned; and/or
 - c. wishes to withdraw their transfer application. Clubs can only submit this as a reason for refusal where the player has signed the forms as required by AFL NSW/ACT from time to time.
 - d. Is currently a contracted player to their registered club
- (B) The transferor Club must clearly state the reason(s) why the transfer is refused and must simultaneously provide supporting documentation.
 - (C) Where a transferor Club refuses to transfer a player, the player may lodge an appeal in writing, together with a \$100 bond (of which \$20 is not refundable), to the League within five (5) business days from receipt of refusal.
 - (D) Upon advice from the League that an appeal has been lodged the transferor Club has five (5) business days to lodge the same bond outlined in Regulation 4.8(C) to the League for the matter to be heard by the Appeals Board. The Appeals Board will hear the matter within five (5) business days of both bonds being lodged. Should the transferor Club fail to lodge the bond within five (5) business days then the transfer will automatically be granted by the League.
 - (E) Bond monies may be forfeited at the discretion of the Appeals Board if it deems either the appeal or the refusal to be frivolous. If the transferor Club does not lodge a bond in the time stipulated then the transfer shall be automatically granted by the League.
 - (F) Where, since the refusal of a transfer, the transferor Club and the player have come to an agreement, the transfer will take effect when the League receives either the original transfer form or a second transfer form, which has been suitably endorsed by the transferor club.
 - (G) Where the Appeals Board is satisfied that the transferor Club does not have reasonable grounds for refusing the Player a transfer, the Appeals Board may grant the transfer.
 - (H) The determination of the Appeals Board will be binding upon the Player and Club and an unsuccessful transfer application will not be renewed during the season in which the transfer was sought, provided always that where a material change in relevant circumstances occurs later, the Player may apply to the Appeals Board for a review by way of re-hearing.

The Appeals Board must report to the Administration Committee any circumstances of which it may become aware which may suggest that false or misleading information has been provided to the Appeals Board by a party at or in connection with the hearing of any appeal.

5.9 Refused Interstate Transfers and Transfers between Leagues

Refusals of Players wishing to transfer between AFL NSW/ACT Leagues or interstate will be dealt with in accordance with the National Player Transfer Regulations.

5.10 Student Permits

- (A) Subject to Regulation 5.10(D) below, a Player who transfers to another Club to attend an educational institution on a full-time and continuous basis may, during official semester vacations / school holidays, receive a permit to play with his immediate former Club subject to written endorsement from the current Club, the former Club and their respective Leagues.
- (B) The permit application is to be endorsed by those outlined above in Regulation 5.10(A) prior to 1 July in a given year.
- (C) The permit period lasts until the Player ceases his commitments at the educational institution and is subject to any relevant regulations of any of the parties, including participation in finals.
- (D) In order to be eligible for a Student Permit under this Regulation, the player must provide a school or university calendar which sets out vacation periods.

5.11 Match Day Permits

- (A) A Player registered with a League Club may play with another League Club (in the same League) under the following conditions:
 - a. The interchange of all players under this Regulation must be approved by the Administration Committee;
 - b. The Player only plays with one Club on any weekend or round;
 - c. The Footyweb permit system shall be the facility used to activate such interchanges (A Match Permit);
 - d. Competition Matches played on Match permit do not count towards finals eligibility with either Club;
 - e. A Player cannot play on interchange on a day or weekend when his Club has the bye or is otherwise not playing.

The spirit of this rule is to allow a Club with surplus Player(s) on a given Competition Match day to give these Player(s) a Competition Match of football with another club. It is also designed to allow a Player to trial with another Club which is playing in a higher grade or division.

Regional Law:

Refer to Attachment B – Interchange of Players between AFL Canberra Clubs

5.12 State League Player Trial Permit

- (A) A Player registered with a Community League Club may obtain a permit to trial with a State League Club under the following conditions:
 - a. The permit of all Players under this Regulation must be approved by the Administration Committee, the NEAFL Manager and the Player's Community Club;
 - b. A Player is only permitted to play with one club on any weekend or round;

- c. A Player may only be granted a permit to one (1) State League Club per season;
- d. A Player is eligible to trial in up to six (6) State Competition Matches per season with the one (1) State League Club;
- e. A Community League Club can only permit one (1) Player to each State League Club on any given weekend or round;
- f. For each trial Match a Player's weekly Match payments and/or contract with their current Club must be honoured by the State League Club;
- g. Competition Matches played on permit shall count towards finals eligibility for both the State League and Community Club.

The spirit of this rule is to facilitate aspiring Community League Player(s) the opportunity to trial with a State League Club.

5.13 Leagues / Clubs Disbanding / Amalgamating

- (A) In the event of the transfer of a Club from one League to another, all registered Players of that Club shall be transferred with the Club to the new League. The Secretary or authorised person of the transferor League shall supply a certified list of all registered Players of the Club concerned to the Club's new League.
- (B) If a Player's Club has disbanded or amalgamated, the Player must obtain a transfer from his/her League prior to playing with another Club.
- (C) If a Player's League has disbanded, the Player must obtain a transfer from AFL NSW/ACT prior to playing with another Club.

5.14 General

- (A) Each League must keep a register of all transfer applications which contains the following information:
 - a. Player's name and date the application was received by the League;
 - b. Name of the Club/League from which the Player desires to transfer and name of Club/League to which the Player desires to transfer;
 - c. Date the application was forwarded for decision; and
 - d. Date the response was received and decision.
- (B) A Player or Coach under disqualification by a League or Tribunal may be granted a transfer to a Club in another League during his period of suspension but such Player or Coach must serve the remainder of his or her suspension before playing or coaching in Competition Matches with the new Club.
- (C) Notwithstanding anything within these Regulations and By-Laws, Leagues may make provision in their own by-laws for a player to register after 1 July, subject to transfer approval by his/her registered Club/League, where such Player is transferred by the defence force or by their employer of at least 3 months to another branch, department or related entity of the employer company.
- (D) AFL NSW/ACT may, in extenuating circumstances and in consultation with the relevant League, grant a transfer after 1 July of the relevant season.

Regional Law:

5.15 Players from Outside the AFL Canberra League

Players from outside the AFL Canberra League are ineligible players unless granted a permit to play from the Administration Committee.

Junior Players from NSW/ACT may be granted, by their club of origin, permission to play four games as a permit player with the AFL Canberra Junior League.

No players from outside of the AFL Canberra League, including the South and Sapphire Coast players will be eligible to play in AFL Canberra Junior Finals games.

Permits will only be granted where the AFL Canberra match is on a different day to their local competition match or the local competition team has a bye that round. Permits to play are only valid for the game day on which the permit is requested.

Each time a permit player is participating in the AFL Canberra League the club needs to lodge a permit approval to Football Operations.

The permit must be processed in Online Match Report System through submitting a Match Day Permit. The Temporary Permit should only be submitted upon receipt of approval by Football Operations. The Temporary Permit needs to be approved by both the player's club of origin in the other league and club of destination in AFL Canberra prior to playing a game.

6. CLUB TRANSFERRING

- (A) Clubs desiring to transfer to another League must first obtain the permission of that League to join it, and if the permission is granted the Club must lodge a written application to transfer with its current League which shall be required to deal with such application. Should the Club's current League fail to determine the application within sixty (60) days of lodgement, the Club shall be permitted to transfer automatically to the new League. A copy of the application must be lodged with the AFL NSW/ACT at the same time as lodgement with the League.
- (B) If any League is seeking a Club(s) from any other League, then the inviting League must notify the Secretary of the current League of such Club(s) at least fourteen (14) days prior to the invitation to the Club(s). Any Club(s) that accepts the League's invitation must provide its current League with no less than fourteen (14) days' notice of its intention to transfer to another League. Should the Club's current League fail to determine the application within sixty (60) days of lodgement, the Club shall be permitted to transfer automatically to the new League. A copy of the application must be lodged with the AFL NSW/ACT at the same time as lodgement with the League.
- (C) Leagues must obtain the prior written approval of AFL NSW/ACT prior to affiliating with any newly formed Club.
- (D) In the event of a Club being refused permission to transfer to or join another League, the Club may appeal to AFL NSW/ACT in accordance with Regulation 10 below.
- (E) In the event of a League disbanding, the Clubs affiliated with that League will be transferred to another League as determined by AFL NSW/ACT in its absolute discretion.

- (F) Any League or Club may appeal a decision made by AFL NSW/ACT pursuant to Regulation 6 (E) in accordance with Regulation 11 below.

7. COACHES AND OFFICIALS

7.1 Coaches to be Registered and Accredited

- (A) All Coaches must be registered in Footyweb.
- (B) All Coaches must be accredited to at least Junior Level 1 and/or Youth Level 1 by 1 July in the year of Competition however Senior Level 1 supersedes younger age group accreditation.
- (C)
- (D) The League may revoke or suspend a Coach's permit or authorisation to coach a Club's team at any time in its absolute discretion.

Regional Law:

7.1 (D) All competition Coaches must be listed on official match paperwork both online and match day copies. If coaches are not listed on the Team Sheet or are not accredited, a \$25 fine will apply per offence.

7.2 Unregistered and Unaccredited Coaches

- (A) Any Coach not accredited or registered, or registered based upon incorrect information is ineligible to coach a Club's team in a Competition Match.
- (B) Any Club who engages or permits an ineligible Coach to officiate during a Competition Match may be subject to disciplinary sanctions including loss of Competition Match points and/ or a fine of up to \$1,000.
- (C) Ineligible Coach(es) may also be liable for disciplinary sanctions including a fine, suspension, deregistration or ban on registration as determined by the League in its absolute discretion.
- (D) When an allegation has been made against any Club for engaging an ineligible Coach the Club is responsible for the appearance of the Coach at any investigation or hearing conducted by the League.

7.3 Suspended Players / Coaches / Officials

- (A) Any suspended Player, Coach or Official is an ineligible person and will not be allowed to act in any way as a Coach, Umpire, trainer, runner, water-carrier or any official "on field" capacity in any Competition Match for the duration of his/her suspension.
- (B) Any Coach suspended in his/her capacity as a Coach will not be permitted to enter the field of play at any stage of a Competition Match that is sanctioned by the League.

7.4 Working with Children Policy

- (A) All persons must comply with the requirements of the Child Protection Legislation.

- (B) All Coaches and team managers must obtain a Working with Children Check clearance, whether or not they would otherwise be exempted under the Regulations of the Child Protection Legislation as not requiring a check by reason of their being a parent or close relative of a Player in a team in which the Player usually participates.
- (C) All Working With Children Check clearances must be valid and effective by 1 April each season.

8. DISQUALIFICATIONS – PERSONS NOT TO ACT

Any person who has been refused a transfer or permit to play or has been suspended or de-registered shall not hold any on field position with any League or Club until the transfer or permit is granted, or the period of suspension or de-registration has expired or is removed by the body imposing the suspension or de-registration.

9. DISCIPLINARY AND TRIBUNAL PROCEDURES

Leagues must adopt the procedures set out in the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT and the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT, as amended from time to time, for any disciplinary related matter.

10. OFFENCES IN INTER-LEAGUE MATCHES

In the event of a Player being reported in an inter-league/ representative Match or in a Match between clubs of different leagues, the independent Tribunal of the League with which the Player is registered shall hear the charge.

11. APPEALS

- (A) AFL NSW/ACT adopts the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT including in respect of “Section 4 – Competition Appeal Rules” and State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT including in respect of “Section 3 – Appeal from Disciplinary Tribunal Decision” such that Players, Coaches, Officials, spectators, administrators and any other people reasonably connected to AFL NSW/ACT are required to comply with those Guidelines.
- (B) Any Player, Club or League may appeal to its Appeals Board where constituted or where no such body exists, to AFL NSW/ACT against a decision of his/her/its governing body, including any decision arising out of these Regulations and By-Laws (where applicable).
- (C) All appeals, whether against a tribunal finding or against a decision in Regulation 11(B) above, will be conducted in accordance with Section 4 of the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT or Section 3 of the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT (as the case may be).
- (D) The decision of the Appeals Board will be final and binding on all parties.

12. DOMESTIC MATTERS

- (A) Each League has the power to promulgate supplementary rules or by-laws to provide for the effective management of its own affairs, provided that any such supplementary rules or by-laws are not inconsistent with these Regulations and By-Laws.
- (B) In the event of any inconsistency between a League rule or by-law and a provision contained with these Regulations and By-Laws, the latter will prevail to the extent of such inconsistency.
- (C) In the event of any inconsistency between Regulations and By-laws and National/State policies, Regulation and By-laws will prevail to the extent of such inconsistency.

13. AFL NSW/ACT COMPETITION BY-LAWS

Unless agreed to in writing by AFL NSW/ACT each League adopts the By-Laws provided in Part B.

14. AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Constitution, AFL NSW/ACT may from time to time amend or repeal any of these Regulations as may be necessary for the proper conduct and management of AFL NSW/ACT and the regulation of its affairs.

15. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

AFL NSW/ACT has the power to decide or determine any matters not provided for in these Regulations.

PART B – BY-LAWS

16. CLUB AFFILIATION

All Clubs must affiliate with the League in the form and on such conditions determined by the League and/or AFL NSW/ACT from time to time.

17. COMPETITION ARRANGEMENTS

17.1 Fixture

- (A) Following receipt and acceptance of Club affiliation applications, the League will prepare a schedule of Competition Matches (fixture draw) for each grade of Competition for distribution to Clubs prior to the start of the season.

Regional Law:

Refer to Attachment J for Competition Details.

- (B) Other than in exceptional circumstances as approved by the League, these fixture draws will not be varied once the season has commenced.

Regional Law:

17.1 (B) (i) Football Operations will have the final say on fixtures.

- (C) Each Competition fixture draw will consist of a series of home and away Matches followed by a finals series of Matches.

Regional Law:

17.1 (C) (i) Each competition fixture draw shall consist of a series of home and away premiership matches followed by a finals series, with the exception of Non-Competitive Age Groups who will not participate in a finals series

17.2 Match Times

- (A) Starting time of all Competition Matches will be advised when the fixture draw is released. The starting times may be varied by the Administration Committee in its absolute discretion.

Regional Law:

17.2 (A) (i) Starting times of all matches will be advised when the fixture is released. The starting times may be varied at the discretion of Football Operations.

- (B) Competition Matches must start and finish on time. If a Competition Match commences after its scheduled start time, or there is a lengthy delay during the Competition Match, the Ground Manager and field Umpires will decide on the duration of the breaks at quarter time, half time and three quarter time and if necessary will also reduce the length of quarters to ensure that the following Competition Match can commence as scheduled.
- (C) Subject to By-Law 17.2(D), if for any reason a team is not ready to commence play twenty (20) minutes after the scheduled time, the opposing Club's team may claim the Competition Match as a forfeit to be determined by the Administration Committee.

- (D) If the start of a Competition Match is delayed due to unforeseen circumstances and the Competition Match is rescheduled by the Administration Committee or by mutual agreement between the competing Clubs, the Clubs must agree on a shortened time of play.
- (E) For Juniors Competition Matches where teams do not have the minimum number of Players at the scheduled Competition Match start time, the Competition Match shall commence with reduced and equal Player numbers on each team on the field. No time-on will be allowed for such home and away Matches.
- (F) If for any reason a Club cannot or does not complete a Competition Match, the field Umpire must report the matter to the Administration Committee for investigation.

Regional Law:

17.2 (F) (i) If for any reason a club should not finish a match, the Field Umpire must report the matter to Football Operations for investigation.

17.3 Match Duration

- (A) The duration of quarters for all home and away Competition Matches will be determined by the League.
- (B) For Competition Matches where time on is to be implemented, the following is to apply:
 - a. To indicate the commencement of the time added period, the field Umpire shall blow his/her whistle and raise one arm above his/her head. To indicate that the time added period has elapsed, the field Umpire shall raise one arm above the head.
 - b. Where the field Umpire fails to signal the completion of the time added period, or the timekeepers fail to hear his/her whistle or see his/her signal, the timekeepers must restart the clock when the ball is clearly back in play.
 - c. In the case of a goal or behind being scored, the time added is that which elapses between the time that the goal Umpire first signals the goal or behind and:
 - i. the bouncing of the ball or ball up by the Umpire in the centre (after a goal); or
 - ii. the ball being brought back into play (after a behind).
 - d. In the event of a Player being replaced under the blood rule, timekeepers are to stop the clock from the time that the blood rule signal is given by the field Umpire until the field Umpire signals time back on or the ball is clearly in play.
 - e. In case of a Player being replaced using a stretcher, the field Umpire shall signal time off as outlined in By-Law 17.3(B)(a).

Regional Law:

Refer to Attachment J for Competition Details

- (C) For Competition Matches where time on is not applicable, the following will apply:

- a. The clock is only to be stopped for the blood rule or when a Player is replaced using the stretcher with the procedure as follows:
 - i. In the event of a Player being replaced under the blood rule, timekeepers are to stop the clock from the time that the blood rule signal is given by the field Umpire until the field Umpire signals time back on or the ball is clearly in play.
 - ii. In case of a Player being replaced using a stretcher, the field Umpire shall signal time off as outlined in By-Law 17.3(B)(a).

17.4 Warning Sirens

Timekeepers are to sound the siren as an indicator to Players and Officials as follows:

- a. As Umpires enter the playing field prior to the start of Competition Match and after half-time – Once;
- b. Five minutes prior to scheduled starting time of the Competition Match and start of the third quarter – Once;
- c. Two minutes prior to scheduled starting time of each quarter – Twice;
- d. One minute prior to scheduled starting time of each quarter – Once;
- e. Scheduled starting time of each quarter – Once.

Regional Law:

17.4 (e) The siren should occur for the actual start of the quarter rather than the scheduled time.

17.5 Ladder

A premiership ladder for each Competition shall be maintained throughout the duration of the home and away season as follows and as determined by the Administration Committee:

17.5.1 Even Number of Teams and/or Even Number of Competition Matches Played

The teams will be positioned in accordance with the total number of premiership points accrued (four (4) points will be allocated for a win, two (2) points for a draw and nil (0) for a loss). Where more than one team has the same “number of premiership points accrued” those team will be positioned on the premiership ladder in order of percentages calculated from the points scored for and against, by such teams.

17.5.2 Uneven Number of Teams and/or Uneven Number of Competition Matches Played

- (A) The teams will be positioned in the order of their “Winning Percentage” or “Match Ratio” in place of total premiership points accrued. A team’s Match Ratio will be the percentage of wins against Competition Matches played (draws will be 0.5 of a win). Where more than one team has the same “Match Ratio” those clubs will be positioned on the premiership ladder in order of percentages calculated from the points scored for and against, by such teams.

- (B) The premiership ladder will not count cancelled Competition Matches as Competition Matches played and thus 'Match Ratio' is only affected by the number of Competition Matches played where a win, loss or draw can be affected.

Regional Law:

17.5.3 All AFL Canberra Competitions will be based on the "Winning Percentage" Ladder described in 17.5.2

17.6 Premier Team

The Premier team is the team which wins the Grand Final in each respective Competition for the season.

17.7 Forfeits

- (A) Any Club unable to play a Competition Match for which it is drawn is to advise the opposing Club and the League no later than the predetermined time on the Friday prior to the Competition Match concerned. The Competition Match will be treated as a forfeit and provided an explanation is furnished to the League to its reasonable satisfaction, no sanction or penalty other than those specified in this By-Law will be imposed.

Regional Law:

17.7 (A) (i) Any club unable to play a match for which it is drawn is to advise the opposing Club and the League no later than 10am on the Friday prior to the match concerned.

- (B) Should a Club forfeit a Competition Match without the required notice, a fine of up to \$1,000.00 may be imposed at the absolute discretion of the Administration Committee.

Regional Law:

17.7 (B) (i) Fines for Forfeits

Should a senior club forfeit a match it is scheduled to play, a \$300 fine shall be imposed on them. Depending on the circumstances of the forfeit, a further penalty may be applied by the Administration Committee.

Should a junior club forfeit a match it is scheduled to play, a \$50 fine shall be imposed on them. Depending on the circumstances of the forfeit, a further penalty may be applied.

For any forfeit called and due to the timing financial costs cannot be recovered i.e. ACT Sportsgrounds costs, the Club that forfeited will be responsible for costs that can be substantiated.

For forfeits, the Club that was forfeited to (received forfeit) can invoice the Club directly that forfeited the relevant costs. The Clubs are expected to liaise with each other to agree on costs prior to creation of an invoice.

- (C) Where the League is unable to advise the appointed Umpires prior to such Umpires attending a forfeited Competition Match, the League will pay the Umpires any Match fees or expenses and the forfeiting Club will be invoiced for the full amount.
- (D) Subject to By-Law 17.2(C), if for any reason a team is not ready to commence play 20 minutes after the scheduled commencement time for a Competition

Match, the opposing Club may claim the Competition Match as a forfeit to be determined by the Administration Committee.

- (E) All Clubs must field a senior grade team in the home and away Competition unless otherwise arranged with the Administration Committee. Should a Club play in a reserve grade fixture and subsequently forfeit their senior grade Competition Match in the same round, that Club will not be awarded any points for the reserve grade Competition Match and will be liable to disciplinary sanctions as the Administration Committee may determine in its absolute discretion.

Regional Law:

17.7 (E) (i) Clubs must field a team in the highest grade they have entered i.e. Senior Club – First Grade and Community Club – Third Grade. If this does not occur, a forfeit shall be recorded against all corresponding grades i.e. would be a forfeit in First and Second Grade (Senior Club) and Third Grade and Fourth Grade (Community Club)

- (F) A team shall forfeit a Competition Match if it is unable or fails, refuses or neglects to complete a Competition Match already commenced.
- (i) The team receiving the forfeit shall submit a team sheet for the purpose of Player eligibility for finals.
- (G) In the event of a forfeit, the result of the Competition Match will be determined as follows:
- (i) Juniors (under 14s and below): a sixty (60) to nil (0) point win to the team who did not forfeit the Competition Match;
- (ii) Youth (under 15s-17s): a ninety (90) to nil (0) point win to the team who did not forfeit the Competition Match;
- (iii) Seniors (under 18s and over): a one hundred and twenty (120) to nil (0) point win to the team who did not forfeit the Competition Match.

Regional Law:

17.7 (G) (iv) Ladder impact from forfeits

Where a forfeit occurs, the team receiving the forfeit shall:

- * Receive four match points
- * Have their points for increased by the average of the points scored by the winners of the other matches in that round in that division
- * Have no points added to their points against

The forfeiting team shall:

- * Receive no match points
- * Have no points added to their points for
- * Have their points against increased by 200 points

Regional Law:

17.7 (G) (v) If a team forfeits three home and away matches in a season, the Administration Committee shall consider the issue and determine the continued participation of the club and team in the respective competition. The Administration Committee can decide to withdraw the team from the competition following their forfeits

- (H) Competition Ladders will be adjusted accordingly by the League.

17.8 Adverse Weather

- (A) From time to time the League may vary the playing conditions due to adverse weather.

- (B) In the case where there is lightning during a Competition Match, the Umpire has the authority to delay the Competition Match where they believe the conditions have become unsafe.

Regional Law:

17.8.1 When, due to adverse weather or the unsuitable condition of a playing arena or the withdrawal of an oval by the ground controlling authority, Football Operations postpones a match or a round of matches, it shall notify its decision:

* relating to a round of matches - to the President, General Manager or equivalent or Team Manager of all clubs no later than 9am on the morning of the day on which they are scheduled to be played; or

* relating to other matches - to the President, General Manager or equivalent or Team Manager of the clubs concerned as soon as practicable, but not later than forty-five minutes prior to the scheduled commencement time of the match.

Subject to notification being made in accordance with above, all decisions of the Administration Committee shall be final.

15.9.2 A match postponed under these rules must be replayed from the commencement under arrangements made by the Football Operations. Football Operations shall have in its complete discretion power to nominate the venue, time and place for the replaying of that postponed match after consultation with the competing teams.

17.9 Wet Weather Procedures

- (A) Where wet or adverse weather conditions prevail, Clubs are to advise the League as early as possible of the likelihood of ground closures to enable alternative arrangements for the playing of scheduled Competition Matches to be considered.
- (B) Where a venue to which a Competition Match has been scheduled is unfit for play or has been closed, the League will, in consultation with the Clubs concerned, provisionally reschedule the Competition Match to be played on the away Club's ground if available.
- (C) Where a Competition Match is transferred to the opposing Club's venue, that Club will assume the home team responsibilities. Where practicable, the venue of the next Competition Match between the two Clubs concerned will be reversed to compensate for the loss of the home ground privilege.
- (D) Where neither venue is available, the League will make every effort to reschedule the Competition Match to an alternative venue. Clubs whose venues are vacant and playable will be expected to co-operate with the League by making their venue available to minimise the likelihood of cancellations. In this situation, the home team responsibilities will be assumed by the home team as nominated in the fixture.
- (E) If a Competition Match is not played because neither venue nor an alternative venue is available, the Administration Committee will decide whether or not the Competition Match is to be rescheduled to another date or cancelled.
- (F) Should it appear likely that more than one Competition Match in a round may be unable to be played, the Administration Committee may postpone or cancel all Competition Matches for that round.

- (G) In the event that any Competition Match is cancelled, the Competition Match does not contribute to either team's "Match Ratio" pursuant to By-Law 16.5.2 and such Competition Match shall not count towards player eligibility for finals. Where two or more of a Club's home and away Competition Matches are cancelled due to wet or adverse weather, the Administration Committee will determine player eligibility for finals.
- (H) Each Club is required to have procedures in place, which will enable them to contact their Players, and Officials to notify them at short notice of any changes to scheduled Competition Matches.

17.10 Other Matches

No Club shall arrange or play in any Competition Match other than the official fixture schedule without the approval of the Administration Committee.

Regional Law:

17.10.1 Divisions – Juniors

Where team numbers and/or team ability warrant, separate Divisions may be set up within an Age Group competition to determine the premiership for that season.

17.10.2 Teams in the Same Age Group – Juniors

In the event that a club has more than one team in an age group, players need to be allocated to a specific team for the entire year and be notified to Football Operations for public display.

17.10.3 Movement of Players (Special Conditions) – Juniors

In special circumstances, clubs can submit an application to Football Operations to request a player from one team to be made eligible to play for the other team in the same Age Group.

In cases where one team does not have enough players to field a team, clubs are first encouraged to promote players from a lower Age Group to play in their higher division before submitting an application.

If Football Operations deem that you have not made a significant attempt to promote younger players, your application will be denied.

17.11 Player Points System

- (A) The League has prescribed a Player Points System which is outlined in "Appendix E".
- (B) Each Club must submit the proposed point's allocation for each Player to the League by the date as prescribed by the League for verification and assessment by the League Equalisation Panel. Each Player's final point's allocation will be uploaded into FootyWeb by personnel appointed by the League.
- (C) A Club's team for a Competition Match must comply with the Player Points System applicable for the relevant Competition, if any. A Club who does not comply with the Player Points System may be subject to disciplinary sanctions.
- (D) A Club, Official or Player who provide false or incorrect information may be subject to disciplinary sanctions imposed by the League.

Regional Law:

17.17 (E) The Player Points System will be applicable to the First Grade competition only.

18. FINALS

18.1 Finals Structure

The Administration Committee will refer to League guidelines to determine the length of any finals series upon release of the Competition Season Fixture and prior to the first home and away Competition Match of the season.

18.2 Venue Selection

The Administration Committee will determine the venues for finals series Competition Matches in its absolute discretion.

Regional Law:

18.2.1 Football Operations shall determine the venues for all finals series matches on an annual basis

18.3 Match Duration

The duration of finals Competition Matches will be as determined by the League in accordance with By-Law 17.3

18.4 Match Conditions

Subject to By-Laws 18.3 and 18.5, all other Competition Match conditions applicable for the home and away season will apply to all finals Competition Matches.

18.5 Drawn Finals

In the event of a drawn finals Competition Match, the following will apply:

- a. The goal Umpires will confirm the scores;
- b. The field Umpires will re-commence the Competition Match for a further duration of five (5) minutes (plus time on) and the teams will not change ends (i.e. they will kick towards the same goal that they did in the final quarter);

Regional Law:

18.5 (b) (i) Time on will only apply for the First Grade competition.

- c. The siren will sound after the initial period of extra time, the teams will change ends and a further five (5) minutes (plus time on) is to be played;
- d. If the Competition Match is still drawn after the second five (5) minute (plus time on) period, the Competition Match will continue until the next score at which time the siren will sound; and

Regional Law:

18.5 (d) (i) If the game is still drawn after the second five minute period the siren will then sound and the Golden Point rule will apply.

The Golden Point Rule:

After the Goal Umpires have consulted, both teams remain tied, the umpire will recommence the game with a centre ball up and allow play to continue until the next score when the Time keeper will sound the siren. The team that scores first is the winner.

- e. At no stage before or during extra time are Coaches permitted to address Players.

Regional Law:

18.5 (e) (i) Coaches are permitted to address players post the final siren and post the second five minute period. Umpires will direct players to return to their position once scores are confirmed by the goal umpires.

18.6 Emergency Umpires

Emergency Umpires, when appointed to officiate, shall have the power to order Players from the field as well as the ability to report Players.

Regional Law:

18.6.1 Emergency umpires, when appointed to officiate, shall have the power to order players from the field and award free kicks for behind play offences as well as the ability to report players.

18.7 Player Eligibility

- (A) The League will determine the eligibility provisions prior to the commencement of the home & away season.

Regional Law:

Refer to Attachment E for Player Eligibility in Finals

- (B) A Player is only permitted to play in one finals Competition Match for his Club on any given weekend or round unless determined otherwise by the League pursuant to this By-Law 18.7.
- (C) Any Player who has played in a total of 50% or more of home and away Competition Matches of a higher grade or grades in the relevant season will not be eligible to play final Competition Matches in a lower grade unless the Matches in the higher and lower grades are to be played on the same day (as defined by the League).
- (D) On application by a Player's Club, the Administration Committee may vary the number of qualifying Competition Matches required where Services personnel are posted a significant distance away during the home and away Competition Matches or where a Player misses a significant number of Competition Matches due to serious injury, transfers in employment, or under other exceptional circumstances as determined by the Administration Committee. Such transfer in employment should follow three (3) calendar months of continuous employment preceding the transfer date with the existing employer, unless otherwise approved by the League.

18.8 Provision of Officials

During finals series Competition Matches, non-competing Clubs may be required (as determined by the Administration Committee) to provide personnel to assist with event and ground management duties including as gatekeepers, timekeepers, interchange steward, scoreboard attendants and other operational requirements.

18.9 Catering and Gate Receipt Rights

Catering and gate receipt rights for finals Competition Matches will be determined by the League

Regional Law:

Please refer to Attachment I for Finals Hosting Responsibilities

19. TEAMS

19.1 Number of players – Senior Competitions

The number of on field and interchange Players for each Competition will be determined by the Administration Committee.

Regional Law:

Please refer to Attachment J for Competition Details.

Regional Law:

19.1.1 All AFL Canberra competition matches, except Rising Stars, shall be played with 18 players on the field and four players on the interchange bench.

Rising Stars matches shall be played with 18 players on the field and six players on the interchange bench

Regional Law:

19.1.2 Playing Numbers – Second Grade, Fourth Grade, Rising Stars and Women's

AFL Canberra Second Grade, Fourth Grade, Rising Stars and Women's will be 18 players per side default.

In the case where either side has less than 20 available players at the start of the match, they may request to play 16 a side (no wings). This request cannot be denied by the club receiving the request. This must be communicated with the opposition manager, coach and the umpire's pre match no less than 30 minutes prior to the start of the match. Post game this must be communicated via email to football operations staff.

If a game commences as 18 a side it will remain at 18 per side independent of injuries or send off during the game.

16 a side is not permitted in finals.

19.2 Number of players – Under Age Competitions

- (A) The maximum number of Players that can be listed on the team sheet/ list for a team in a Competition Match is twenty two (22).
- (B) If both teams have eighteen (18) Players or less listed on the team sheet/ list, the number of Players on field at the start of the Competition Match shall be sixteen (16) Players per team, unless both teams agree in consultation with the Umpires to start with either seventeen (17) or eighteen (18) 'on field' Players.
- (C) If both teams have more than eighteen (18) Players listed on the team sheet/ list, the number of 'of Players on-field at the start of the Competition Match shall be eighteen (18) Players.

Regional Law:

Please refer to Attachment J for Competition Details. This Attachment outlines the number of players for the AFL Canberra Junior Competitions.

Regional Law:**19.2.1 Even Up Rule**

If a team has less than the maximum number of players as outlined in Attachment J on their team sheet prior to the commencement of a game the following will apply:

- * If a team does not have the minimum required number of registered players as per Attachment J, a scratch match will be played with the opposing team receiving a win by forfeit.
- * Where a team does not have the maximum number of players as per Attachment J, their Team Manager must approach the opposing Team Manager to inform them and request a decision on evening the playing numbers.
- * The team receiving this approach then must either decide to a) reduce the number of players on the field to be the same as the opposition or b) loan players to the opposing team to ensure team numbers are the same (up to the maximum). The umpire must be informed of this decision.
- * Players on loan can be rotated back each quarter

Decided playing numbers should be updated on a quarter by quarter basis as available numbers increase or decrease.

The Even Up Rule will not apply in finals.

19.3 Minimum Number of Players (ex Juniors)

- (A) The minimum number of on-field Players required for a team to commence and complete a Competition Match is fourteen (14).
- (B) Instances of non-compliance with By-Law 19.3(A) will be deemed to be a forfeit by the relevant team.

Regional Law:

Please refer to Attachment J for Competition Details. This Attachment outlines the number of players for the AFL Canberra Junior Competitions.

19.4 Team Sheet / List

- (A) For each Competition Match, each Club must provide three (3) copies of an official team sheet/ list using the Footyweb system.

Regional Law:

19.4 (A) (i) For each match, six copies of an official team list containing player's names and jumper numbers and the names of team officials is to be prepared by each competing team. Copies should be distributed as below:

- * Copy handed to the Field Umpires prior to the commencement of the game.
- * Copy handed to your opposition manager prior to the commencement of the game
- * Copy handed to the Announcer (if applicable) including the captain(s) identified prior to the commencement of the game
- * Completed version to the umpire post game
- * Completed copy hand to opposition manager post game
- * Completed copy to keep on record

- (B) The official team sheet/ list must contain each Player's name and jumper number and the name of each team Officials.
- (C) A copy of the official team sheet/ list is to be provided by each Club to:

- a. The field Umpires prior to the commencement of the Competition Match as designated by the League.
 - b. The timekeeper, to be clearly marked with the quarter-by-quarter scores and goal-scorers at the conclusion of the Competition Match and returned to the League Office with the relevant Match paperwork, and
 - c. The opposing Club.
- (D) Player and Official names on team sheets/ lists are to be completed in alphabetical order.
 - (E) Alterations or additions may be made to the original team sheet/ list up until the end of the half time interval by arrangement with the field Umpires. Players arriving late may take the field prior to being listed on the team sheet/ list provided that the opposition team manager and Umpires are advised. Such Players must be included on the team sheet/ list before the second half commences.
 - (F) Players included on the team sheet/ list but not in attendance at the Competition Match venue must be removed from the team sheet/ list before the second half commences. No amendments may be made to any team after the half time interval.

Regional Law:

19.4 (F) (i) Players can be added to the Team Sheet after the half time interval upon approval of the Ground Manager.

- (G) Goals not listed on the team sheet/ list at the time it is received at the League shall not be credited to a Player's tally if subsequently disclosed.
- (H) Clubs providing incorrect or incomplete team sheet/ list may be subject to disciplinary sanctions including a determination that the Club's team be recorded as losing the Competition Match (with a score of sixty (60) to nil (0)).

19.5 Signature Checks

In the event that there is a question on the authenticity or eligibility of a Player listed on a team sheet / list on Match day, at the request of either Team Captain, the field Umpire shall at the earliest opportunity (before the Competition Match, quarter interval or after the Competition Match) request that the Player provide his full name, address, identification and signature.

- (A) Should any Player fail to comply with a request pursuant to By-Law 19.6(A), the Player may be subject to disciplinary process pursuant to the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines. It is the responsibility of the Ground Manager to arrange for the safe delivery of these particulars to the League. Should any discrepancies be found, the matter will be dealt with at the discretion of the Administration Committee in accordance with these By-Laws.

Regional Law:

Refer to Attachment F for Specific Competitions

Regional Law:**19.6 Length of nails**

The nail should not be above the level of the finger or thumb itself and if in doubt, the umpire should 'feel' for the nail by running one of their fingers over the finger of the player. If the umpire should feel a nail the player must leave the field and cut the offending nail/s and return via the inspecting umpire. If the player is unable to cut the offending nail/s they have to apply tape. Should the tape fall off during the course of the game they must leave the field immediately and replace the tape.

Regional Law:**19.7 Pregnant Players**

Football is classified as an unlimited collision and contact sport. As per the Sports Medicine Australia's, Participation of the Pregnant Athlete in Contact and Collision Sports document, participation in the AFL Canberra female competitions is recommend only during the first trimester of a "normal" pregnancy. The decision to participate whilst pregnant is the decision of the pregnant player. The pregnant player should consult with their medical practitioner as to if they participate and to what extent this participation is.

A player may not be disqualified or ruled ineligible from participating due to being pregnant.

The pregnant player is provided with the same personal accident policy that is provided for all registered members of AFL Canberra. However, the player is not covered if the resultant injury is found to be due to the pregnancy or child birth. No cover is provided for the foetus/unborn baby.

20. MATCH DAY REQUIREMENTS

The Club named first on the official fixture draw is the home Club, and is responsible for ensuring that the following provisions for Competition Matches are adhered to.

20.1 Ground Marking

- (A) The following lines must be clearly marked:
 - a. Goal-squares, boundary lines, centre square;
 - b. Arc at each end of the ground, 3 metre centre circle (with intersecting line), 10 metre centre circle (with intersecting line);
 - c. Interchange area, comprising two short lines across the boundary line 15 metres apart, should be marked on one wing and adequate seating provided equidistant on either side not less than 50 metres apart for the interchange Players and team Officials of each Club;
- (B) The boundary line must be marked at least three (3) metres inside the fence line.
- (C) A Coach's line should be marked comprising 5 metres in length and 1 metre in from the fence / fence line. It should be marked in front of the Coach's box / area. No Official or bench Player is allowed to stand in front of this line during play.

20.2 Goal Post Pads

Padding must be provided on all goal and behind posts to a height of at least 2.5 metres from the ground.

20.3 Scoreboard

A suitable scoreboard with numbers and team names clearly visible to Players, Umpires and spectators must be in operation for all Competition Matches.

Regional Law:

Scoreboards are not required for Junior competitions (excluding finals).

20.4 Change rooms

- (A) Separate and adequate changing facilities and showers must be provided for each Club and the Umpires
- (B) These rooms must be presented in a clean and tidy condition at the commencement of each Competition Match.

Regional Law:

20.4 (C) For instances where facilities are not available for every team i.e. multiple fields and matches and common change rooms or lack of permanent facilities, opposing teams should be notified prior to the day of the match.

20.5 Timekeeping Facilities

A table and seating with an unobstructed view of the playing area must be provided for Club timekeepers together with a suitable time clock and a sounding device which can be clearly heard at any location on the playing surface.

Regional Law:

A table and seating are not required for Junior competitions (excluding finals).

20.6 Footballs

- (A) Two footballs of a suitable standard must be provided for use in each Competition Match. Subject to this Regulation 20.6, the standards and requirements relating to footballs for all grades of Competition will be determined by the League.

Regional Law:

20.4 (B) (i) Three footballs of a suitable standard must be provided for use in each First Grade competition match. These footballs should be provided by the Home Club who should also have strategies in place to prevent time being lost when the ball is out of play.

- (B) AFL NSW/ACT's approved suppliers of footballs are licensed and authorised as the only suppliers to use the AFL NSW/ACT logo on footballs. Where applicable, the official Match ball supplier(s) are licensed and authorised as the only suppliers to use the AFL NSW/ACT logo on footballs used in Competition Matches. The current list of AFL NSW/ACT official Match ball supplier(s) and approved suppliers are on the AFL NSW/ACT website.

Regional Law:

20.4 (B) (i) Clubs will be fined \$25 per game where a Sherrin football is not used.

- (C) Match balls used in Competition Matches must include the AFL NSW/ACT logo, unless otherwise agreed by AFL NSW/ ACT in writing.
- (D) Unless otherwise agreed by AFL NSW/ ACT in writing, the football sizes to be used in Competition Matches are as follows:
 - a. Open Men's Competitions – Size 5;
 - b. Open Women's Competitions – Size 4;
 - c. Boys Under 17, 18 & 19 Competitions – Size 5;
 - d. Boys Under 15 & 16 Competitions – Size 5;
 - e. Boys Under 13 & 14 Competitions – Size 4;
 - f. Boys Under 11 & 12 Competitions – Size 3;
 - g. Boys Under 8, 9 & 10 Competitions – Size 2;
 - h. Girls Under 18 Competitions – Size 4;
 - i. Girls Under 15 Competitions – Size 4;
 - j. Girls Under 12 Competitions – Size 3;
 - k. Girls Under 10 Competitions – Size 2.

Regional Law:

Refer to Attachment J for Competition Details.

20.7 Emergency Medical Arrangements

- (A) The League has adopted the AFL Sports Trainers in Community Australian Football Policy ("**Sports Trainers Policy**"). All Clubs must comply with the Sports Trainers Policy.
- (B) Training courses will be available to Clubs that do not have the appropriate access to the necessary resources as required under the Sports Trainers Policy.
- (C) The host Club is responsible for ensuring compliance to the minimum requirements of the Sports Trainers Policy for all Competition Matches for which it is the host Club.
- (D) There must be at least one person with the minimum competencies outlined in the policy at any Competition Match as follows:
 - a. Junior (Under 14s and below): First Aid Certificate
 - b. Youth and Seniors (Under 15s and over): Emergency Response Coordinator Certificate

Regional Law:

20.7 (D) (c) The intention of Emergency Medical personnel is that they can be called upon by the opposition in major emergencies to assist. Primarily the care of players is the responsibility of the Club they play for.

- (E) The visiting Club should confirm with the Ground Manager prior to the commencement of each Competition Match that the host Club is able to comply with the requirements of this By-Law. In the event that the host Club is unable to comply with these requirements, then, if the visiting Club agrees, the Competition Match will be postponed or rescheduled.
- (F) Any decision to replay a postponed Competition Match must be agreed to by both Clubs and the Administration Committee within seven days of the scheduled Competition Match. In the event that neither Club has the appropriate requirements at the scheduled commencement of the Competition Match a

delayed start of 20 minutes may be applied. If there are additional fixtures following Competition Match it should be shortened appropriately to not delay the commencement of Competition Matches following.

- (G) The Competition Match may proceed if the visiting Club is able to provide the appropriate resources under the Sports Trainers Policy.
- (H) If the visiting Club does not agree to postponement or cancellation of the Competition Match, then the visiting Club may claim a forfeit. The Regulations and By-Laws in relation to forfeits will apply. If a Competition Match is started or played without the attendance of a First Aid Official (as defined), the host Club will forfeit the Competition Match and may be subject to a maximum fine of \$200.
- (I) The Sports Trainers Policy refers to first aid usually being provided by sports trainers or by other volunteers with medical or higher level allied health qualifications. If a Club has a person present in any of the following occupations they are deemed as acceptable under the Policy:
 - a. Nurse;
 - b. Physiotherapist;
 - c. A certified Sports Trainer;
 - d. St John Officer Paramedic;
 - e. Doctor.
- (J) A stretcher in good condition must be located in a quickly accessible location for the duration of the days play. The home Club must ensure that it can promptly facilitate ambulance access to the field of play if necessary.

20.8 Concussion

- (A) Primary responsibility for the management of concussion lies with the Club of the Player, and their Officials.
- (B) The guidelines in this rule on concussion are based on a position statement on the management of concussion in Australian Football by the AFL Medical Officer's Association which can be found here: <http://www.aflcommunityclub.com.au/index.php?id=66>
- (C) Any Player who has suffered a concussion or is suspected of having a concussion must be medically assessed as soon as possible after the injury or incident, and must not be allowed to return to play in the same Competition Match or train in the same practice session. Generally, initial decisions regarding potential incidents of concussion should be made by a medical doctor or, if there is no medical doctor in attendance, the head trainer.
- (D) Decisions regarding return to play after a concussive injury (a disturbance of brain function) should only be made by a medical officer with experience in concussive injuries. A concussed Player must not be allowed to return to training or playing until and unless the Player has received a formal medical clearance which has been provided to the Club.

20.9 Match-Day Safety Check

A representative of all competing Clubs is required to conduct a Match day health and safety check prior to the commencement of the first Competition Match and at any other time during the day if conditions change. The representatives must complete the checklist online via the JLT app. If a Club is unable to complete the checklist online they are to complete a manual JLT checklist. Completed checklists are to be retained by home Clubs for a period of seven (7) years for future reference by the League or its insurers if so required.

Regional Law:

20.9.1 As of 2015, the JLT Match Day check list must be completed online.

Regional Law:

20.10 Boots

Boots with metal studs are not permitted to be worn

Regional Law:

20.11 Spectacles

If a player must wear prescription spectacles, they must have plastic frames and lenses. The spectacles must also be secured with a strap. Should a field umpire deem the spectacles to be unsafe, they may ask the player to remove them, before or during the match.

Regional Law:

20.12 Compression Garments

In non-competitive divisions, long and short compression garments are permitted to be worn.

In competitive divisions, the use of compression garments will be permissible to be worn by a player (underneath their official uniforms) and must be barely visible with no prominent logos.

Dispensation for using visible compression garments may be granted on a case by case basis. Dispensations would be approved for religious or cultural reasons but details still need to be lodged.

Clubs are encouraged to have long sleeve uniforms available to combat low temperatures during games.

21. CLUB OFFICIALS AND DUTIES

21.1 Ground Manager

Regional Law:

21.1 does not apply insofar as when describing submission and completion of match day paperwork. All AFL Canberra competition match day paperwork must be submitted online through the relevant online forms.

- (A) The home Club must appoint a Ground Manager (or designate the following tasks to a nominated person(s) who will be responsible for the Match day requirements and Match paperwork for the day).
- (B) The Ground Manager must introduce him/herself to the Umpires and Officials of the visiting Club on arrival and acquaint them with the ground facilities as well as provide details of the closest emergency medical facilities. Should the Ground Manager be replaced during the day, the newly appointed person should immediately inform both the Umpires and visiting Club accordingly.

- (C) Prior to the commencement of play, the Ground Manager must identify compliance of the home club with the Sports Trainers Policy as outlined in By-Law 20.7.
- (D) Prior to the commencement of play in each Competition Match, the Ground Manager should distribute the following paperwork provided by the League.

Scorecards	To Club goal Umpires
Send Off Form	To the Timekeeper
Timekeepers Card	To the Timekeeper
Envelope	To the field Umpires
Umpires Match Report	To the field Umpires
Best & Fairest Vote Slips	To the field Umpires

The Ground Manager should also have on hand an Umpire Reporting Booklet for Club Umpires wishing to make any reports.

- (E) At the completion of each Competition Match, the Ground Manager should collect the following;

From Umpires	From Timekeepers
Sealed Envelope (Note 1)	Completed Team Lists (Note 2)
Umpire Player Report Form (if any)	Send Off Form
Goal Umpire scorecards	Timekeepers Card & Scorecard

Note 1: The Umpires Sealed Envelope will include a copy of each Clubs team sheet, the Umpires Match Report & Best & Fairest Voting Slip. This envelope is to remain sealed.

Note 2: The Ground Manager should ensure that each Club has entered the quarter-by-quarter scores; best Players and the goals scored by Players on their team sheets/ lists. The tally of goals entered for Players must equal the number of goals scored by the respective teams.

- (F) The ground manager also has the additional responsibility of overseeing the League's Code of Conduct at a venue as specified in Appendix 'A' of these By-Laws.
- (G) At the end of the Competition Match, the ground manager should collate all paperwork and arrange to have it returned in the prescribed manner, to reach the League by no later than the designated time.
- (H) Finally, it shall be the ground manager's responsibility to ensure that a representative of the home Club:
- Either SMS or telephones the results of all the days Competition Matches to the required person(s), prior to 5.30 pm (or as defined by the Administration Committee) on the day concerned (this is not required for Competition Matches played on Saturday or if the results have been input into "Footyweb" for Competition Matches played on Sunday)
 - Inputs all results and Player information (i.e. team lists, goal kickers & best players) of all the days Competition Matches into the Footyweb on-line results system by the League designated time on the day of the Competition Match.

Regional Law:

21.1.1 Input of First Grade results online must occur by 6:00pm on Saturdays. Each instance where match information is not entered into Footyweb will carry a fine of \$50.

21.1.2 No match day paperwork is required to be submitted with AFL Canberra in hard copy form unless called upon by Football Operations.

It is the responsibility of each team to retain a copy of their completed team sheet which includes player changes, jumper numbers, goal kickers and best players.

21.1.3 Each team is responsible for the entry of their match information into Footyweb following each match in which they participate. This includes updating the team list, player jumper numbers, goal kickers and best players.

21.1.4 Best players should be allocated as below:

- * 1 – best player from own team
- * 2 – second best player from own team
- * 3 – third best player from own team
- * 4 – fourth best player from own team
- * 5 – fifth best player from own team
- * 6 – sixth best player from own team

21.1.5 Football Operations has the power to fine clubs for non-compliance in regards to the entry of their match paperwork into Footyweb. Match information, including updated team list, player jumper numbers, goal kickers, best players and umpire match reports is required to be entered by 11:59pm Sunday night following the match played.

21.2 Team Managers

- (A) Each Club shall appoint a manager for each team it fields in the Competition. It shall be the Team Manager's responsibility to ensure that his or her teams' Players and Officials comply with the requirements specified in these By-Laws and with any request reasonably made by the Umpires officiating in a Competition Match in which their team is participating.
- (B) Each Team Manager shall introduce themselves to the Umpires prior to a Competition Match for identification and to ensure that the team lists/ sheets are handed in on time (no later than 30 minutes or as designated by the League prior to the scheduled start time). The Team Managers should also arrange for the team sheets to be exchanged with the opposition Club at this time.

Regional Law:

19.2 (B) (i) Each Team Manager shall introduce themselves to the Umpires prior to a match for identification and to ensure that the teams sheets are handed in on time (no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time). The Team managers should also arrange for the team sheets to be exchanged with the opposition club at this time.

- (C) Each Team Manager is to ensure that at the conclusion of the Competition Match, the goalkickers and best Players for their respective teams are noted on the official team list/ sheet, which is held by the timekeeper.

Regional Law:

19.2 (C) (i) The Team Manager shall be required to keep a hard copy of their team list with the goal kickers and best players.

- (D) It shall be the Team Manager's responsibility to ensure that a representative of the Club waits on the Umpires at the conclusion of each Competition Match to

ascertain whether or not any reports of Players or Officials have arisen from the Competition Match or to receive the "all clear".

Regional Law:

19.2 (D) (i) The umpires shall advise the team representative "verbally" as to whether or not there were any reports from the game.

Football Operations shall provide the club with details of the report on the first business day following the match.

21.3 Team Runner

- (A) The sole duty of the official Team Runner is to deliver messages to players of his club and then leave the field immediately having done so.
- (B) The Team Runner must be clearly identifiable as determined by the League.

Regional Law:

19.3 (B) (i) Runner's Attire

Each Runner must wear an official Runner's shirt as approved by Football Operations. The Runner shall also wear either club shorts or track pants. Jeans are not permitted

Footwear must be either running shoes or football boots and Club football socks should be avoided. A Club Hat or plain hat should be used.

Football Operations may vary the uniform requirements of a Runner from time to time and will advise clubs accordingly.

Runner's Attire must be easily identifiable as a Runner as opposed to a player or spectator. Umpires are the sole judge in this regard.

- (C) Suspended Players or Officials are not permitted to act as the official Team Runner.
- (D) Each team is permitted to use a maximum of one (1) Team Runner. Runners are not required to enter the field via the interchange area.

Regional Law:

19.3 (D) (i) Runner/s

Where a team has one Runner that Runner may enter and leave the field of play directly from the bench of their team.

Where a team has two Runners, only one runner per team shall be allowed on the field of play at any one time. Both Runners are to enter and leave the field of play through the interchange area

21.4 Trainers, Other Medical Support Staff and Water Carriers

- (A) Clubs may utilise a maximum of six (6) Trainers, Other Medical Support Staff and Water Carriers per team.
- (B) These personnel are only permitted onto the field during play to attend to injured Players or to provide Players with water. They must not be used to deliver messages to Players.

- (C) Trainers, Other Medical Support Staff and Water Carriers for each team must be dressed as approved by the League.

Regional Law:

19.4 (C) (i) Trainers, Other Medical Support Staff and Water Carriers

Each Trainer and Medical Support staff shall wear a shirt with Trainer clearly identifiable on the back of the shirt. The Trainer and Medical Support staff shall also wear either club shorts or track pants. Jeans are not permitted.

Each Water Carrier must wear a shirt with Water clearly identifiable on the back of the shirt. The Water Carrier shall also wear either club shorts or track pants. Jeans are not permitted

Footwear must be either running shoes or football boots and Club football socks should be avoided. A Club Hat or plain hat should be used.

Football Operations may vary the uniform requirements of all support staff from time to time and will advise clubs accordingly.

Trainers, Other Medical Support Staff and Water Carriers Attire must be easily identifiable as an Official as opposed to a player or spectator. Umpires are the sole judge in this regard.

- (D) Umpires will ask any Trainer/Medical/Water carrier to leave the ground if they do not have a compliant uniform and they should not return unless they have changed into the compliant uniform.
- (E) Water Carriers shall not be younger than an age approved by the League.

Regional Law:

19.4 (E) (i) Water Carriers

The minimum age of Water Carriers shall be 13 years as at 1st January of the year in which the competition is being held.

21.5 Umpires Escort

- (A) For each Competition Match, the home Club must appoint a suitable person to ensure the safety of Umpires (ideally the Ground Manager or appointee). The Umpires Escort is to escort the Umpires (including club Umpires) to and from the Grounds as designated by the League.
- (B) In addition, an Umpire Exclusion Zone should be implemented at quarter and three-quarter time encompassing the centre square. The Umpires Escort is to stand with the Umpires during the quarter and three-quarter time intervals and arrange for water to be provided to the Umpires, if required.
- (C) The Umpires Escort is expected to be identifiable as required by the League.
- (D) Any Umpire Escort provided is expected to assist in providing and/or obtaining details of any alleged breach of the Code of Conduct immediately after completing his/her duties in liaison with/at the request of the Umpires or Ground Manager in accordance with By-Law 26.2.

Regional Law:

21.5 (D) (i) Senior Clubs will be fined \$25 per game where an Umpire Escort is not provided when required.

21.6 Timekeepers

- (A) The home Club must provide a Timekeeper for each Competition Match.
- (B) The away Club is entitled to also appoint or supply a Timekeeper for each Competition Match.
- (C) The Timekeeper(s) are to perform the duties as set out in the AFL Laws of the Game, these Regulations and By-Laws and as otherwise specified by the Administration Committee from time to time.
- (D) In the event of a dispute or disagreement between the two Timekeepers, such dispute shall be reported to the field Umpire, at half time if the dispute occurs during the first half or at the conclusion of the Competition Match if it occurs during the second half. The field Umpire(s) shall report the matter to the Administration Committee for attention.
- (E) In addition to performing timekeeping duties, Timekeepers will be required to record the scores of each Competition Match in which they officiate. The quarter by quarter scores are also to be recorded on each Club's team sheet.
- (F) Timekeepers are also required to record the time that Players, who are ordered off by the field Umpires, leave the field and shall be the sole judges as to when such Players may resume playing (if applicable). It is the Club of the offending Players responsibility to obtain the all clear from the Timekeepers for such Players to resume playing. The Timekeepers are to acknowledge the Umpires decision to send off a Player by showing the appropriate red or yellow card to the controlling Umpire.
- (G) The field Umpire(s) shall have the power to dispense with the services of either or both Timekeepers during a Competition Match.

21.7 Officials on the Bench

In addition to the maximum number of trainers, other medical staff and water carriers, interchange Players and team runner/s, each team is permitted a maximum of four (4) other Officials on the bench area inside the ground during play.

21.8 Club Umpires

- (A) From time to time each Club is required to provide suitable persons for the League Club Umpire Program. Such persons will be provided minimum level accreditation and support. Clubs will be advised of the Club Umpire commitment for the season prior to the start of the season as designated.
- (B) Where the League has not appointed Official field Umpires or accredited Club Umpires, it shall be each Club's responsibility to arrange for a suitable person or persons to umpire the Competition Match. Club field Umpires are to be attired as approved by the League.
- (C) Club Field Umpires are required to complete all the necessary Match Paperwork (i.e. Umpires Match Report (which they are to sign)) and Best & Fairest Votes.
- (D) Each competing Club is responsible for the payment of their own Club Umpires, or in the case of one Club providing both Club Umpires, the payment of one of the Club Umpires.

Regional Law:

21.8 (D) (i) Umpire Payments

AFL Canberra shall pay all League and Club Field Umpires for services provided. Umpires shall be paid at the rate per match per discipline as determined by AFL Canberra prior to the season

- (E) Where Official goal and boundary Umpires have not been appointed by the League, each competing Club must be prepared to provide a suitable goal and boundary Umpire to officiate. Club goal Umpires must be equipped with two white flags and attired in a uniform as approved by the League and Club boundary Umpires must be attired as approved and equipped with a suitable whistle.
- (F) Official field Umpires shall have the power to overrule decisions by Club goal and/or boundary Umpires and remove them should they consider that such Club Umpires are not competent to carry out the required duties.
- (G) Payment of Club goal and boundary Umpires (if any) shall be the responsibility of the respective Clubs or as determined by the Administration Committee. Club goal and boundary Umpire's names must not be added to the Umpire's attendance sheet.

Regional Law:

21.9 Regional Clubs

For AFL Canberra Clubs based in Batemans Bay, Cooma, Cootamundra, Goulburn, Riverina and Yass arrangements regarding the supply of umpires for home games (at regional venues) shall be made between the club and AFL Canberra prior to the season and communicated to all necessary parties.

22. UNIFORMS AND LOGO REGULATIONS

22.1 Uniform Design

- (A) New Clubs are required to submit complete details of the proposed colour and design of its uniform to the Administration Committee for approval. Once approved, such Club has exclusive rights to its uniform design.
- (B) Existing Clubs must submit details of any proposed variation of their uniform design for prior written approval of the Administration Committee.

Regional Law:

22.1 (B) (i) Uniform Designs

Electronic copies of uniform designs should be submitted to Football Operations prior to the commencement of the season.

22.2 Jumper Numbers

- (A) Players of each team must play in their Club uniform as registered with the League and wear numbers on the back of their jumpers corresponding to the numbers shown on the team sheet/ list.

- (B) All numbers must be whole numbers between 1 and 99 inclusive. No Players from the same team are permitted to wear the same number in a Competition Match.
- (C) Numbers must be between 20cm and 28cm in height and in plain font.

22.3 AFL NSW/ACT Logo and League/Club Logo

- (A) AFL NSW/ACT approved suppliers are licensed and authorised as the only suppliers to use the AFL NSW/ACT logo. The current list of AFL NSW/ACT approved suppliers are on the AFL NSW/ACT website.
- (B) Jumpers worn by Clubs must have the AFL NSW/ACT logo on the right breast and must not exceed 8cm x 8cm in size.
- (C) Jumpers worn by Clubs may have the League or club logo on the left breast and must not to exceed 8cm x 8cm in size.
- (D) Shorts worn by clubs must have the AFL NSW/ACT logo on the left thigh and must not exceed 39cm² with a maximum width of 7cm.

22.4 Sponsor's Logos / Approved Suppliers

- (A) Sponsor's logo may be worn on the Players' jumpers as approved by the Administration Committee in its ultimate discretion.
- (B) Sponsor's logo may only be worn on shorts if approved by the Administration Committee in its absolute discretion and provided:
 - a. The logo does not exceed 39cm² with a maximum width of 7cm.
 - b. The logo is placed on the front of the right leg.

Regional Law:

22.4 (B) (i) ActewAGL

All Junior Clubs should have the ActewAGL logo on their players shorts.

- (C) The Administration Committee will consider any other proposals for the display of club or sponsors logos on Player's uniforms.

22.5 Inspection of Equipment

No Player shall be permitted to play in a Competition Match wearing apparel or protective equipment which may cause injury to himself or other Players. The field Umpires may at their discretion inspect Players' equipment either before or at any time during the Competition Match.

22.6 Club Names and Club Logos

- (A) New Clubs shall be required to submit complete details of the proposed Club name and Club nickname and design of its Club logo to the Administration Committee for approval. Once approved, such Club shall have exclusive rights to its Club name, Club nickname and Club logo.
- (B) Existing Clubs must submit details of any proposed variation of their Club name, Club nickname and Club logo design for approval by the Administration

Committee before use, such approval to be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of the Administration Committee.

22.7 AFL Marks and Logos

For the purposes of this By-Law refer to the definition of “**AFL Marks**” in the Definitions section of these Rules:

- (A) Clubs and the League must not make use of AFL Marks without the prior written consent of the AFL and/or AFL NSW/ ACT which consent may be given or withheld at the AFL and AFL NSW/ ACT’s discretion (reasonably exercised). Clubs of the League, Leagues and associations affiliated or directly associated with the League or leagues controlled by AFL NSW/ ACT must submit details of any proposed use of AFL Marks to AFL NSW/ ACT prior to any use thereof including use for advertising or promotional purposes.
- (B) Clubs and the League acknowledge that the AFL and AFL NSW/ ACT are the owners of the AFL Marks and of the goodwill attaching to the AFL Marks and agree that the AFL Marks must remain vested in the AFL and/or AFL NSW/ ACT and agree not to challenge the validity or ownership of the AFL Marks.
- (C) Clubs and the League must not register any trade marks, company or business names, logos, symbols, emblems, designs, or other indicia using the AFL Marks or any component thereof.
- (D) Clubs and the League agree not to alter the AFL Marks in any way nor to affix, incorporate or use the AFL Marks, in connection with or as part of another trade mark, distinctive mark, name, brand or thing.
- (E) Clubs and the League recognise the great value of the AFL Marks and acknowledge the goodwill attached thereto and that all rights, title and interest therein including the copyright thereto vests in and belongs to AFL and/or AFL NSW/ ACT.
- (F) Clubs and the League agree that they will not at any time do any act, matter or thing intended to or which might otherwise have the effect of interfering with, restricting, limiting or challenging the proprietary rights of AFL and/or AFL NSW/ ACT in and to the AFL Marks.

Regional Law:

22.7 (G) Player Shorts

For AFL Canberra First Grade, Second Grade and Rising Stars Competitions, players are required to wear white club playing shorts for their away games.

During Finals, the club that is ranked the lowest shall be the away team and be required to wear white playing shorts.

Football Operations may vary this Law from time to time. .

23. UMPIRES

23.1 Appointments

The League or delegate will appoint official Umpires to all Competition Matches as available and the names of the appointed Umpires will be issued to participating Clubs prior to each Competition Match.

Regional Law:

23.1.1 Where AFL Canberra is unable to appoint umpires to a game the Club Umpire Program shall be adopted for the affected game/s. Clubs involved in the affected game/s will be required to provide one Field Umpire each for their match.

23.2 Availability

All members of the Umpires' panel must make themselves available to the League for appointment as a field, boundary or goal Umpire as required. All Umpires must conform to the rules and arrangements of the League and shall appear when called upon by the Administration Committee.

23.3 Umpire Requirements

Umpires must attend at the ground before the official starting time of the Competition Match and must be on the field correctly attired a minimum of ten (10) minutes before the scheduled Competition Match start time.

23.4 Field Umpire Numbers

- (A) A minimum of two field Umpires are required in order for a Competition Match to commence unless determined otherwise by the League. These must be accredited Umpires or registered club field Umpires (or a combination).
- (B) In the event that two Umpires are not available, the Competition Match will be cancelled and the matter referred to the Administration Committee for determination.

Regional Law:

23.4.(B) (i) If two umpires are not available, the Clubs should consult whether they are willing to participate with less field umpires.

- (C) Where two field Umpires commence a Competition Match and for any reason one of the field Umpires is unable to complete the Competition Match, the remaining field Umpire may continue to control the Competition Match as a single Umpire in the event that there is not a suitable replacement Umpire.

23.5 Umpires' Fees

The Umpires' fees for the ensuing season will be determined by the Administration Committee and communicated to all Clubs no later than February in the year the season in which they are applicable.

23.6 Payment of Umpires

- (A) Appointed Umpires are to sign the Umpires' Match Report prior to the commencement of their scheduled Competition Match. Clubs will be invoiced for the appropriate fee based on actual attendance of officially appointed Umpires.

- (B) In the event of a Competition Match being cancelled, other than because of forfeit as provided for in By-Law 17.7(E), no payment shall be due to the Umpires appointed to the Competition Match.

Regional Law:

21.4 (A) (i) If a game cancelled by a Club on the day of the game, they should make an effort to inform the allocated Umpire(s).

23.7 Umpires' Match Report

- (A) At the conclusion of each Competition Match, the field Umpire(s) shall provide a report to the Administration Committee on the prescribed Umpires Match Report form. All Umpires, including Club Field Umpires, are required to sign the Match Report. Umpire payments will only be paid to those Umpires who sign the Match Report.

Regional Law:

23.7 (A) (i) At the conclusion of each match, the field umpire(s) shall provide a report to Football Operations via the online match report form by 9:00am the Monday following the match.

- (B) The field Umpires shall also complete the best & fairest player voting slip.

Regional Law:

23.7 (B) (i) Field Umpires of AFL Canberra matches shall complete the best and fairest player voting through the online form. The votes should be allocated as follows:

- * 3 votes – best player on the field regardless of team
- * 2 votes – second best player on the field regardless of team
- * 1 vote – third best player on the field regardless of team

- (C) The Umpires' Match Report form and best and fairest voting slip will be placed in the envelope provided and sealed and submitted to the League as designated with the Match day paperwork.

Regional Law:

21.7 (C) (i) Both the umpire's match report form and voting be completed via the online match report.

23.8 Club Report on Umpires

To assist the League in its assessment of Umpires, Clubs may at their discretion, provide a report on the Umpire(s) performance to the League. Such report must be provided on the form as prescribed by the League.

23.9 Reporting of Players and Officials

- (A) Umpires may report to the League any Player or Official who, during the progress of a Competition Match or within the immediate proximity of the ground on the day of the Competition Match, commits a reportable offence. The procedure for making and lodging such a report shall be as specified by the Laws of the Game and by the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT.
- (B) For the purposes of Section 3 of the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT, Registered Club Field Umpires are permitted to report Players. Unregistered Club field Umpires, Club boundary and goal Umpires are not permitted to report Players.

- (C) All reporting Umpires are required to reference the Offence Grade Template as outlined in 5.2(b) of the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT when lodging a report.

23.10 Minimum Umpire Age

- (A) Subject to By-Law 23.10(B), the Administration Committee will determine the minimum age of field, boundary and goal Umpires (Official or club Umpires) for all open age and under age Competitions.
- (B) The age of a controlling field Umpire of a Junior Competition Match should be a minimum of two (2) years older than the nominated age group when officiating. For example, the Umpire should be a minimum of thirteen (13) years of age for an Under 11 Competition Match.

Regional Law:

23.10 (B) (i) The minimum age of umpires shall be 13 years as of the 1st January in the year of the competition.

23.11 50 Metre Penalties

A free kick or a 50 metre penalty may be awarded against a team if a Player, Official or clearly identifiable supporter of a team:

- a. uses abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards an Umpire;
- b. behaves in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards an Umpire; or
- c. intentionally, recklessly or negligently engages in conduct which affects, interferes with or prevents an Umpire from performing his or her duties.

24. ORDER OFF RULE

24.1 Yellow Card

- (A) A player who is reported by a field Umpire or field Umpires for a breach of the Laws of the Game may be ordered from the field of play for a period of fifteen (15) minutes. In this instance, an Umpire will hold up a yellow card.
- (B) At the discretion of the field Umpire, a Player may be ordered from the field of play for a period of fifteen (15) minutes and not be reported. In this instance, an Umpire will hold up a yellow card.
- (C) A Player ordered off with a yellow card is required to leave the playing area immediately through the interchange area. The offending Player's Club is responsible for obtaining the approval from the timekeepers for such Player to resume playing in the Competition Match.
- (D) For the purposes of this By-Law, a yellow card will result in the Player concerned remaining off the field of play for a total period of fifteen (15) consecutive playing minutes, excluding breaks between quarters only. E.g. a Player sent off five (5) minutes before half time would be permitted to resume playing ten (10) minutes after the third quarter commenced.

Regional Law:

24.1 (D) (i) The 15 minutes period starts when the player has left the playing field.

- (E) Unless determined otherwise by the Administration Committee, all Players who are ordered from the field of play with a yellow card can be replaced immediately.

24.2 Red Card

- (A) A Player who is reported by a field Umpire or field Umpires for a breach of the Laws of the Game twice in the same Competition Match for separate incidents, or who is reported for a serious breach (as listed in By-Law 24.2(B) below), shall be ordered from the field for the remainder of the Competition Match. In this instance, an Umpire will hold up a red card.
- (B) Serious breaches include where a Player or Official:
 - a. Intentionally, recklessly or negligently makes contact with or strikes an Umpire;
 - b. Attempts to make contact with or strike an Umpire;
 - c. Behaves in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire;
 - d. Intentionally, recklessly or negligently kicks another person;
 - e. Commits an act of misconduct - if the Umpire is of the opinion that the act constituting misconduct is serious in nature.
- (C) A Player ordered off with a red card is required to leave the playing area immediately through the interchange area. The offending Player is not permitted to sit on the bench, or enter the playing arena at any time (including breaks) for the remainder of the Competition Match.
- (D) Unless otherwise determined by the Administration Committee in its ultimate discretion, all Players who are ordered from the field of play with a red card can be replaced after a period of fifteen (15) minutes has elapsed. The offending Player's Club is responsible for obtaining approval from the timekeepers for the replacement Player to resume playing.
- (E) For the purposes of this By-Law, a red card will result in the Player concerned being unable to be replaced for a total period of fifteen (15) consecutive playing minutes, excluding breaks between quarters only. E.g. a Player sent off five (5) minutes before half time would not be permitted to be replaced until ten (10) minutes after the third quarter commenced.

Regional Law:

24.2 (F) The 15 minutes period starts when the player has left the playing field.

24.3 Recording of Send Offs

- (A) When a Player is sent off from the field of play in accordance with this By-Law 24, the Umpire will show the appropriate yellow or red card to the timekeeper who will in turn acknowledge the send-off by showing the same colour card to the Umpire.

- (B) Timekeepers are required to record the time that Players, who are ordered off by the field Umpires, leave the field of play and determine when such Players may resume playing in the Competition Match, or be replaced in the Competition Match (whichever is applicable). It is the offending Player's Club's responsibility to obtain approval from the timekeepers for such Players to resume playing in the Competition Match.

25. LAWS AND POLICIES

25.1 Laws of the Game

- (A) Except where otherwise noted in these By-Laws, Competition Matches shall be played under the Laws of Australian Football as prescribed by the AFL from time to time.
- (B) Use of gloves by Players in junior Competitions is prohibited for development purposes. The field Umpire may permit or allow the use of a glove(s) by a Junior Player in a Competition Match under exceptional circumstances such as injury.

Regional Law:

25.1 (A) (i) Gloves

Players are discouraged from wearing gloves for development purposes; however, they are permitted to wear approved gloves

- (C) All Clubs, Players and Officials agree to comply with AFL, AFL NSW/ACT and League rules and regulations including:
- a. the Laws of the Game;
 - b. the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT;
 - c. the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT;
 - d. the National Player Transfer Regulations;
 - e. the National Member Protection Policy;
 - f. the National Vilification and Discrimination Policy;
 - g. the National Player and Official Deregistration Policy;
 - h. the Anti-Doping Policy;
 - i. the AFL NSW/ACT Regulations,
 - j. the AFL NSW/ACT Code of Conduct;
 - k. these By-Laws.

25.2 Kick-In Rule

The same football used to score the behind, must be utilised for the resultant kick-in unless otherwise instructed by the field Umpire.

25.3 Loss of Points

- (A) Where a team is determined as losing a Competition Match as a result of a breach of the Regulations or these By-Laws, the Competition points or 'win' for the Competition Match concerned will be credited to the opposing team.
- (B) Points scored for and against each team and goals kicked by Players shall be credited in the normal manner.

25.4 Infectious Diseases Policy

- (A) All Clubs are to comply with Section 22 of the Laws of Australian Football and the AFL NSW/ACT Code of Practice for infectious diseases (H.I.V. and Hepatitis B).
- (B) AFL NSW/ACT Code of Practice for infectious diseases provides that:
 - a. Clubs should ensure that all Players and Officials are vaccinated against Hepatitis B.
 - b. Clubs should ensure that their dressing rooms are clean and tidy, with particular attention to hand basins, toilets and showers. Spitting and/or urinating in the team areas is not permitted.
 - c. Trainers must wipe all blood away from Players' faces or limbs if they have been injured.
 - d. Soiled towels should be discarded and clean towels should be made available to avoid re-use or sharing of bloodied material. Appropriate containers need to be accessible for storing soiled towels.
 - e. Jumpers soiled with blood should be changed at the earliest opportunity.
 - f. Trainers should wear protective gloves when dealing with a bleeding wound.
 - g. Players with wounds that are bleeding profusely are to leave the field for treatment and will not be permitted to resume playing until the bleeding has stopped and the wound is adequately covered.
- (C) Field Umpires who observe a bleeding Player are empowered to stop play and send a Player from the field for treatment if in their opinion such action is warranted. Such Player shall leave the field immediately through the interchange area. The replacement Player may enter the field of play while the bleeding Player is in the process of leaving the field and should do so through the interchange area also. The Umpire shall wait until the replacement Player has reached his position on the field before restarting play. If there is any undue delay in the replacement Player entering the field of play, the Umpire may restart play at his/her discretion.

25.5 AFL Vilification & Discrimination Policy

The League and Clubs agree to comply with the AFL National Vilification & Discrimination Policy.

25.6 Conduct of Matches – Juniors

All Junior & Youth Competition Matches will be conducted according to the principles outlined in the Australian Football Match Policy.

26. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

26.1 Prescribed Penalties

A prescribed penalty system will operate in the Competitions in accordance with Appendix "C" of these By-Laws.

26.2 Code of Conduct

Clubs are required to adhere to the Code of Conduct as per Appendix "A" and the Code of Conduct Disciplinary Procedures as per Appendix "B" to these By-Laws. Clubs are required to ensure that all Club members receive a copy of the Code of Conduct. The Code seeks to regulate the conduct and behaviour of Players, Officials, Club administrators, parents and spectators (supporters).

26.3 Power to Investigate

- (A) The Administration Committee may investigate or nominate a person to investigate any matter which it considers relevant to whether or not a person may have committed a Reportable Offence or a Code of Conduct Breach.
- (B) Without limiting the powers and discretions conferred upon the Administration Committee in By-Law 26.3(A), a nominee may investigate any matter:
 - a. of his own motion; or
 - b. on the basis of video evidence; or
 - c. upon the written request of an Authorised Officer of a Club pursuant to By-Law 26.8; or
 - d. upon the written request of either an Authorised Officer of a Club or a non aligned individual pursuant to By-Law 26.2.

26.4 Co-operation

- (A) For the purpose of conducting an investigation under this By-Law, a person shall if requested by the Administration Committee:
 - a. fully co-operate with the investigation;
 - b. truthfully answer any questions asked; and
 - c. provide any document in that person's possession or control requested by the investigating person.

26.5 Failure to Co-operate

A person who fails to observe and comply with By-Law 26.4 or who provides any information or has acted in a manner which is in any respect false or misleading or likely to mislead, is deemed to have engaged in conduct which is unbecoming or prejudicial to the interests of the League and may be referred to the Tribunal by the League for determination.

26.6 Interpretation

For the purposes of this clause a reference to the League designate shall be read as a reference to the League and/or any person nominated by the League to conduct an investigation on the basis of video evidence or otherwise. The League designate may report such person and refer the matter to the Tribunal for hearing and determination by the Tribunal. The person who has been reported will be notified in writing of the charge laid against him and the date and time for the hearing and determination of the charge by the Tribunal.

26.7 Power to Report

- (A) If the League designate is of the opinion that a person may have committed a Reportable Offence, whether on the basis of an investigation, video evidence or otherwise, the League Designate may report such person and refer the matter to the Tribunal for hearing and determination by the Tribunal. The person who has been reported will be notified in writing of the charge laid against him and the date and time for the hearing and determination of the charge by the Tribunal.
- (B) Report where Notice of Report not completed – Juniors:
 - a. This Rule applies where a Player is sent off twice or more in a season (i.e. yellow and/ or red cards), but the Umpire has not completed a Notice of Report in any sending off. Following the Player being sent off for the second time, the Player will automatically receive a one Competition Match playing suspension. The League will inform the Club President or delegate of the Player and the Tribunal Chairperson as soon as reasonably practical following the Competition Match of the referral.
 - b. Where a Player receives notice of an automatic playing suspension as provided by this Rule, the Player may, through the Club President or delegate, request the automatic suspension be referred to the Tribunal for hearing. The Tribunal may impose such conditions on the Player as it deems appropriate, pending the hearing. The Tribunal may, after the hearing, affirm or vary the suspension (including increasing the suspension), or apply any other penalty as it deems appropriate.

26.8 Citings by Clubs

- (A) Where a Club wishes to lodge a complaint against a Player or Official for an alleged "on field" offence (a citing), such complaint must be noted on the appropriate League Incident Referral Form (see Attachment D) and must be lodged in writing with the League no later than midday on the second business day after the incident out of which the complaint arises. An Incident Referral Form must be submitted for each citing. An intermediate advice, on the incident form may be initially emailed with the written lodgement to follow as required.

Regional Law:

26.8 (A) (i) When video footage is available, the Administration Committee is able to grade the citing in line with the National Match Tribunal Guidelines.

- (B) Any and each such citing by a Club must be accompanied by a \$300 (with \$150 non refundable) citing fee which may be forfeited should the Administration Committee deem the complaint to be frivolous. The citing fee shall be paid by cheque or be evidenced as paid by attaching to the Incident Referral Form evidence that the citing fee has been electronically or deposited manually to the League's bank account.

- (C) The Administration Committee shall decide whether or not the matter should be referred to the independent Tribunal for consideration. The person against whom such a complaint is lodged will be notified in writing of his rights (may be via Club Secretary) and the procedures to be followed for the investigation. Each of the Clubs concerned will receive a copy of such correspondence.

Regional Law:

26.8 (D) The person against whom such a complaint is lodged will be notified in writing of his/her rights via their club's President or Football Manager (or equivalent) and the procedures to be followed for the investigation.

26.9 Appointment and Role of Tribunal

- (A) A panel of independent Tribunal members shall be appointed annually by the League in accordance with the requirements in the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT or the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT (as the case may be).
- (B) The independent Tribunal shall hear the following matters in accordance with the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT or the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT (as the case may be).
- a. reports by Umpires against Players or Officials participating in League Competition, pre-season or practice Matches;
 - b. such other matters (including citings by Clubs) as may be referred to it by the League;
 - c. referrals pursuant to By-Law 26.8.

26.10 Tribunal Hearings

- (A) A reporting Umpire, the reported person and a representative of the reported person's Club shall attend a hearing at a time and place specified by the Administration Committee.
- (B) In the event that a reported person be unable to attend the hearing, the procedures as set out in the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT and the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT (as applicable) will apply.
- (C) Should the reporting Umpire be unable to attend the hearing, the Administration Committee may defer the hearing in which case the reported Player or Official may continue to play or act until such time as the hearing is held.
- (D) Should any of the above persons be unable to attend a hearing the Administration Committee may allow appropriate communication devices such as telephones or video links to be utilized to proceed with the Tribunal hearing.
- (E) The Tribunal may, in its ultimate discretion, utilize photo or video evidence for the purposes of the hearing.
- (F) Legal representatives are permitted to attend Tribunal hearings, but are not permitted to act in the role of Player, Official or Umpire advocate unless agreed to by the Tribunal.

26.11 Player and Official De-registration

The League and Clubs agree to comply with the AFL Player and Official Deregistration Policy.

27. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

27.1 Participation

- (A) Competition representative teams shall participate in inter-league Matches as directed by the League from time to time.
- (B) The League shall have first call on the services of all Players for its representative Matches and representative training sessions. In accordance with AFL NSW/ACT Regulations, any Player who does not make himself available or declines selection for such training sessions and Competition Matches, without the written approval of the Administration Committee, may automatically be suspended for the next two (2) Competition Matches in which the Player's Club is participating immediately subsequent to the representative Match concerned.

Regional Law:

27.1 (B) (i) In addition to 27.1 (B), any club which does not allow or discourages players from participating in training sessions and matches, may be subject to sanctions, including loss of premiership points subsequent to the representative match concerned, or fines up to the value of \$1000.

- (C) Any Player who declares himself or herself unavailable because of injury or illness must make themselves available for a medical examination by a medical practitioner of the League's choice.
- (D) Any Player who fails to attend a scheduled representative training session of which he or she has been properly notified must tender an explanation to the Administration Committee. If in the opinion of the Administration Committee the Player's explanation is unacceptable, such Player may be dealt with as the League thinks fit.
- (E) Except in exceptional circumstances as approved by the Administration Committee, Players selected in a representative team will not be permitted to play with their Club on the same weekend of the representative Match concerned. Any player who takes part in a Competition Match in violation of this By-Law shall be liable for further disqualification. The team with which the Player participates for may lose any premiership points gained and his Club may be fined up to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

27.2 Venue Selection

- (A) Where the League schedules a representative Match to be played, the Administration Committee shall select a venue taking into consideration the standard of playing surface and facilities, ground hire costs and the ability to charge admission.
- (B) The League may allocate catering rights to the host Club or any other Club which is prepared to undertake all ground management duties for the fixture. Any gate takings will be used by the League to offset staging costs.

28. AWARDS

- (A) Each season, the Administration Committee shall arrange for the presentation of designated awards.
- (B) Any Player that has been suspended for any offence in the home and away season will not be eligible to win a Competition Best and Fairest award at Senior or Junior Level.

Regional Law:

Refer to Attachment G for AFL Canberra Awards

29.0 ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

29.1 Administration Committee

The Administration Committee controls the day-to-day operation of the League's Competitions.

29.2 Attendance at Meetings

The League will determine the number of representatives required in attendance at League meetings for which notice has been properly given.

29.3 Fees

- (A) The Administration Committee will prepare a detailed budget each season taking into account all known and projected income and expenditure items.
- (B) League Clubs will be levied an annual licence fee, which will be used to offset the operational cost of the respective competitions.
- (C) Licence fees and other relevant charges will be levied on an annual basis each season.

29.4 Fines

- (A) Where a Club, Player, Official or Umpire has been fined by the Administration Committee or incurs an automatic fine, such fine shall be paid within fourteen (14) days of notification of the penalty except where otherwise specified by the League. Failure to pay such fine by the specified time without a satisfactory explanation may result in the fine being increased by the Administration Committee.
- (B) Where a fine has not been paid within three (3) months of the invoice date, the Player's or Official's Club or, in the case of an Umpire, the Umpires Association, is responsible to pay the fine to the League.

Regional Law:

27.4 (C) If any club is financially in arrears to AFL Canberra (debtor of more than 60 days), they will appear last on the ladder for all their teams until the debt is settled.

Clubs which are under a financial management scheme of arrangements with Football Operations and are up to date with all payments under that scheme shall be considered financial.

29.5 Outstanding Accounts

- (A) Except as provided for under By-Law 29.5 (B), any Club which is in arrears to the League for a period in excess of sixty (60) days from the date of the invoice, will be ineligible to receive any Competition points which may be accrued by its teams, from that point in time until the overdue amount has been paid.
- (B) Where extenuating circumstances exist, the Administration Committee may in its discretion, place a Club on a financial scheme of arrangements for the repayment of outstanding accounts. Any Club operating under such an arrangement shall be considered to be financial with the League provided that it is up to date with all payments specified by the scheme and for the current year.

29.6 Dishonoured Cheques

Any Club which pays an account to the League by an instrument which is not honoured by its bank or other institution upon presentation, shall automatically be fined fifty dollars (\$50) on each occasion.

29.7 Club Finances

- (A) Each Club shall be required to furnish to the League by 31st January each year, or as otherwise designated by the League, a Financial Statement or Profit and Loss Statement of its operations for the previous season.

Regional Law:

29.7 (A) (i) If any club fails to provide this information, they will appear last on the ladder for all their teams until the debt is settled.

- (B) Each Club shall provide the League with a Club Budget for the ensuing season by the 31st January each year or as otherwise designated by the League.

29.8 Insurance

- (A) Each Club is covered by the League's compulsory insurance cover with JLT Sport under the AFL's National Risk Program. All Players and Officials of a Club will have minimum cover for public and products liability, association liability, personal accident and non-Medicare medical.
- (B) Each Club may elect higher levels of cover directly through JLT Sport. Specific details of cover shall be provided to Clubs each year and can also be viewed at www.jltsport.com.au/Afl/

30. GENERAL

30.1 League Colours

The official colours of the League will be as designated by the League. The design of the League's representative jumpers is the responsibility of the Administration Committee.

30.2 Interpretation of the By-Laws

Where there is a dispute with respect to the interpretation of these By-Laws, the view of the Administration Committee will prevail and will be final.

30.3 Matters not provided for

The Administration Committee may regulate any matters not provided for in these By-Laws in its sole and absolute discretion.

30.4 Amendments to By-Laws

Regional variations to these By-Laws may be amended by the League on the recommendation of the Administration Committee in consultation with the Clubs.

30.5 Club Websites

- (A) Any Club that operates or having operated on its behalf a website, blog or social media account representing the Club and its activities ("Club Website"), agrees that it is prohibited from publishing, displaying or otherwise disseminating on the Club Website any content, information, images or other form of communication that is inappropriate, offensive or damaging to the reputation of a Player, Official, Club, the League or AFL NSW/ACT ("Offending Material"), including by providing links to other websites that may contain Offending Material.
- (B) Any Club that is found to be in breach of By-Law 30.5 (A) as determined by the League or the Administration Committee in its absolute discretion, must immediately upon receipt of notification of the breach remove the Offending Material, confirm in writing to the League that it has done so and shall be liable to sanctions as is deemed appropriate by the League or Administration Committee in its absolute discretion.

30.6 Appeals

Any Player, Official, Umpire or Club who feels aggrieved by any decision involving these By-Laws may appeal to the League in accordance with the appeal procedures as prescribed by the Regulations and By-Laws.

30.7 Public Statements

- (A) Only authorised and approved personnel may make public statements regarding League matters.
- (B) Any person or Club alleged to have breached this By-Law 30.7 may be referred by the Administration Committee to the Tribunal for determination as the League thinks fit.
- (C) Any Player, Official, or other person making a statement injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of any other Player, Official, Umpire, any other person, Club or the League may be subject to an investigation by the Administration Committee for the matter to be referred to the Tribunal in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
- (D) A Club whose Official has made a statement contrary to the provisions of By-Law 30.7 (A), or 30.7 (C) in the case of any other person, with the apparent authority, agreement, consent or approval of the Club, may be referred to the Administration Committee or Conduct Committee which may, in the event of a breach, levy a fine of up to a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and forfeit past or future Competition Match points.

Appendix “A”

CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct aims to promote and strengthen the reputation of Australian Football in NSW and the ACT by establishing a standard of performance, behaviour and professionalism for its participants and stakeholders. It also seeks to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all participants and stakeholders, and deter conduct that could impair confidence in the honest and professional conduct of Matches or in the integrity and good character of its participants.

1. PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

Each Player and Official understands and agrees to:

- (A) Not bring the game of Australian Football, the AFL, AFL NSW/ACT or the League into disrepute;
- (B) Participate in Competition Matches in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football;
- (C) Respect the spirit of the Laws of Australian Football and fair play, and behave accordingly;
- (D) Display and foster respect for Umpires, opponents, Coaches, administrators, Officials, parents and spectators;
- (E) Never to argue with or dispute a decision of an Official. If a Participant disagrees with a decision, they should deal with their dispute in accordance with the relevant Rules, Regulations, Policies and Determinations;
- (F) Control their emotions, and not engage in verbal abuse of Officials, sledging Players and/or Coaches or behaviour that deliberately distracts or provokes an opponent;
- (G) Comply with the AFL and AFL NSW/ ACT Rules and Regulations including the National Member Protection Policy, the League By-Laws and this Code of Conduct;
- (H) Never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field;
- (I) Contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual differences, and behave accordingly;
- (J) Cooperate with their Club Officials, Coaches and team-mates;
- (K) Participate for their own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of their teammates, Coaches and Club Officials;
- (L) Comply with and observe the AFL Vilification and Discrimination Policy including respecting the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion;
- (M) Not behave in any way so as to bring themselves, Australian Football, the AFL, AFL NSW/ ACT, the League or the Club into disrepute;

- (N) Not engage in conduct that is (in the AFL NSW/ ACT's reasonable opinion), unethical, unbecoming or likely to cause harm to the reputation of the Participant, the AFL, the AFL NSW/ ACT, the League, the Club or Australian Football;
- (O) Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media;
- (P) Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL or the League. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs);
- (Q) Use appropriately the facilities and equipment made available for administration, coaching, training, Competition Matches and events, including facilities provided by the opposing teams;
- (R) Comply with and observe the AFL Anti-Doping Code and any relevant Illicit Drugs policies; and
- (S) Be responsible for their actions.

2. PARENTS & SUPPORTERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Each Parent and Supporter understands and agrees to:

- (A) Support the participants and enjoy the Match;
- (B) Encourage participation, but don't force it;
- (C) Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning;
- (D) Never ridicule mistakes or losses;
- (E) Lead by example and respect all Players, Coaches, Umpires, Officials and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated;
- (F) Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time;
- (G) Never publicly criticise Umpires and instead raise personal concerns with Club Officials in private;
- (H) Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your Coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks;
- (I) Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs;
- (J) Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any Player, Official, Umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable;
- (K) Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, Coaches, Officials or Players;
- (L) Refrain from using abusive language.

- (M) Not to enter the field of play in any sanctioned Competition Match unless granted permission by an Official to do so;
- (N) Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media;
- (O) Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL or the League. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs);

Appendix “B”

CODE OF CONDUCT DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

1. The Scope of the Code

1.1. This Code:

- a) forms part of the AFL NSW/ ACT Regulations and applies to the conduct and behaviour of Leagues, Clubs, Players and Officials;
- b) applies to all forms of Australian Football under AFL NSW/ ACT’s jurisdiction;
- c) continues to apply to a participant even after that participants association, registration, employment or engagement has ended, if that participant breached this Code while a current participant; and
- d) does not limit or restrict the application of AFL or AFL NSW/ ACT Rules and Regulations and, in particular, the National Match Tribunal Guidelines, State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines, Member Protection Policy, National Vilification and Discrimination Policy or Anti-Doping Policy.

1.2. The Code of Conduct does not govern Reportable Offences, the Order-Off Rule \ or “Citations.

1.3. Where an incident may constitute both an Reportable Offence or a breach of the Code of Conduct, the charge of a Reportable Offence will take precedence. An individual must not be penalised under both the Tribunal/ Prescribed Penalty System and the Code of Conduct.

1.4. This Code of Conduct may be supplemented by additional codes of behaviour or ethics, provided that they are not inconsistent with the terms of this Code.

2. Categories of Breach

2.1. There are three categories of breach as follows:

- a) Level 1 – Minor indiscretion;
- b) Level 2 – More serious offence or second Level 1 offence within previous 3 years; and
- c) Level 3 – Serious offence, third or subsequent Level 1 offence within previous 3 years or second or subsequent Level 2 offence within previous 3 years.

2.2. Any Player, Official or supporter bringing a Club into disrepute will be entitled to one warning for a ‘Level 1’ breach.

2.3. Level 2 or Level 3 breaches must be dealt with in the following manner:

A written ‘complaint’ may be made by:

- a) An authorised Club Official on behalf of the Club and any of its members;
- b) The Administration Committee directly;
- c) Officiating Umpires (on Umpire Match Report Form).

2.4. All written complaints shall be referred to the Administration Committee. Complaints directly to the League will be accepted within three (3) business days of an alleged indiscretion.

- 2.5. Any alleged breach will be initially assessed by the Administration Committee. The Administration Committee may in its absolute discretion taking into account all the available evidence either:
- impose a Level 1 breach;
 - refer the matter to the Conduct Committee for hearing and determination; or
 - dismiss the complaint including determining such complaint to be frivolous.
- 2.6. Should the Administration Committee or Conduct Committee determine a complaint made by a Club or Club Official to be frivolous, a fee of \$100 will be imposed upon that Club.
- 2.7. Individuals and Clubs will be notified via their Club President in writing of any case to answer and the time and date of a convened hearing. Those requested to attend a convened hearing into the matter are compelled to attend or have a representative attend in their place.
- 2.8. The following is indicative of the process and available sanctions:

Breach	Description	Sanctions	Referred
Level 1	Minor Indiscretion	Individuals name recorded; counselling, mediation or written apology if appropriate; official warning or reprimand	Usually Not
Level 2	More Serious Infraction or repetition (within 3 years)	Suspended sentence, registration ban or removal of affiliation/ membership rights; the assigning of the individual to a mentor program by the League; counselling, mediation or written apology; suspended fine for Club	Yes
Level 3	Serious Infraction or 'Third Strike' (third Level 1 or second Level 2 within 3 years)	Any of the above; AND/ OR suspension, registration ban, removal of affiliation/ membership rights of an individual; fines and/or loss of competition points to a Club/team	Yes

- 2.9. As such penalties may potentially be apportioned to either an individual or Club or both as determined by the Conduct Committee, Clubs are liable for the conduct and behaviour of its Players, Officials and supporters.

3. Promoting the Code of Conduct

- A copy must be available on each Club's website.
- A copy must be in a prominent position in the following locations: on canteen wall, in front of canteen; in the home and visitors change rooms; and at entrances to public toilets.
- The League will provide Clubs with an initial supply of A4 signs and a large corflute sign to be displayed outside a Club's canteen.
- All Clubs are required to ensure that all members receive a copy of the Code of Conduct.
- Clubs must ensure that its Players Officials, Coaches and parents of Under 18 Players sign off on their understanding of their obligations under the Code of Conduct.

Liability for Spectator Conduct

- 2.11. A Club is responsible, and liable, for the conduct and behaviour of its supporters, whether at home or away Matches.

- 2.12. Each patron at a Match must comply with the Spectator Code of Behaviour. It is the host Club's responsibility to ensure the Spectator Code of Behaviour is implemented and enforced against all spectators.

Ground Manager Responsibilities

- 2.13. In maintaining the Code of Conduct, the Ground Manager shall:

- 2.13.1. Liaise with Club Officials as requested (from either the home or visiting Club) to help identify and find details for the alleged offender(s), those affected and any witnesses.
- 2.13.2. Where an incident appears to represent a minor breach, the Ground Manager may issue a warning to any person that they may be close to breaching the Code of Conduct.
- 2.13.3. Where a formal complaint is warranted, the Ground Manager shall advise the affected Club to submit a formal complaint to the Administration Committee and follow the procedures as described in paragraph 1.2 of these Code of Conduct Disciplinary Procedures.
- 2.13.4. The Ground Manager shall ensure that appropriate signage (provided by the League) is maintained and clearly visible at the venue's canteen and in each change-room.

- 2.14. The Ground Manager should also assist the Umpires upon request to:

- 2.14.1. Identify and obtain the details of any supporter, member or non-member spectator that they believe to be an offender or witness to a breach.
- 2.14.2. Identify and obtain the details of any Club Official or member that they believe to have been involved in a reportable offence where the Umpire has not been able to ascertain the individual's identity.

- 2.15. Club Officials must co-operate in assisting the Ground Manager upon request to identify and obtain details for any member or supporter belonging to their Club. Where it is believed that a Club Official has not co-operated appropriately, it will be considered a Level 2 breach.

3. Conduct Committee

- 3.1. The Conduct Committee is an independent committee whose duties are to determine and adjudicate upon such matters that the Administration Committee may from time to time refer.
- 3.2. The Administration Committee shall appoint the Conduct Committee of not less than three members which may consist of a combination of the following: a representative from the independent Tribunal Panel, a representative from the Administration Committee or nominee(s) and/or an independent Club President.
- 3.3. Where reasonably practicable, the Conduct Committee will meet on the first Wednesday evening after all relevant parties can be notified of the hearing date and time and any formal investigations completed.

4. Scope and Powers of the Conduct Committee

- 4.1. The Conduct Committee is governed by the same the procedures applying to the Tribunal as outlined in By-Law 26 and the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines.
- 4.2. Decisions may be appealed to the Conduct Committee in accordance with the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines.
- 4.3. The Tribunal representative will chair all Conduct Committee hearings and ensure Tribunal procedures are followed.
- 4.4. The Conduct Committee has the power to dismiss or change the grading of a breach, as well as postpone a hearing as they deem necessary in relation to the evidence produced.
- 4.5. The Conduct Committee may impose any of the following disciplinary sanctions:
 - 4.5.1. Appointing a mentor to an individual for a period of time ;
 - 4.5.2. Requiring that the individual participate in a remedial program or counselling;
 - 4.5.3. Requiring a written apology;
 - 4.5.4. Requiring mediation between parties including on specified conditions;
 - 4.5.5. Revoking a Player, Umpires or Coach's registration for a period of time;
 - 4.5.6. Revoking a child's/associated Player's position to play for a period of time in the case of a parent/spectator;
 - 4.5.7. Banning or prohibiting an individual from admission to any recognised League event and venue;
 - 4.5.8. Banning an individual from holding any post as an Official, administrator or committee person in the League.
 - 4.5.9. Deducting Club of the Year Award points for the season in which the indiscretion has taken place;
 - 4.5.10. Imposing a fine on a Club (up to \$1,000 per first offence);
 - 4.5.11. Imposing the loss of 'competition points' upon a team/Club;
 - 4.5.12. Imposing a suspended penalty of any of the above.
- 4.6. A third violation/breach of the Code of Conduct within a period of three (3) years in any capacity as Player, Coach, Official and/or spectator will bring about an automatic revocation or suspension of the Player's eligibility to play and/or Coach's permit to coach for a period of time as determined by the Conduct Committee in its absolute discretion.
- 4.7. Failure to comply with any penalty or sanction imposed by the Conduct Committee may result in further disciplinary sanctions as determined by the Conduct Committee in its absolute discretion.

5. Notice and Disciplinary Sanctions

- 5.1. AFL NSW/ ACT or a League may enforce the terms of this Code of Conduct and invoke the sanctions only if it has given the party alleged to have infringed this Code of Conduct:
 - 5.1.1. reasonable details of the alleged infringement;
 - 5.1.2. notice of possible sanctions; and
 - 5.1.3. the opportunity to be heard in relation to the issues of infringement and sanction.
- 5.2. The imposition of a sanction is immediate or as otherwise notified by the party imposing the sanction.
- 5.3. If a participant disputes the sanction or purported action taken under this Code of Conduct that party may appeal in accordance with the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines.

Appendix “C”



AFL NSW/ACT PRESCRIBED PENALTY SYSTEM FOR REPORTED PLAYERS

Introduction

The League has adopted the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT for the purposes of dealing with Reportable Offences. Section 5 of the National Match Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT contains grading templates for various classifications of offences and outlines the prescribed penalties which can be offered to reported Players (where applicable).

The system will not apply to Officials who are reported. Those reports will be heard by the Tribunal.

Procedure

Umpires shall report and charge Players in the usual manner. The reporting Umpire shall complete the Player Report Form template and forward to the League by 10.00 am on the Monday immediately following the Match.

Once the Player Report Form and Report Template has been received the League’s Football Operations Co-ordinator will process the report and decide whether:

1. the offence by the Player is suitable for determination under the Prescribed Penalty System; or
2. the report should be referred to the Tribunal for determination.

If the offence and/or Player is suitable for determination under the Prescribed Penalty System, the prescribed penalty shall be offered to the Player (via the Club) on the Monday following the Match in which the Player was reported.

The Player (either directly or via the Club) shall notify the League of the acceptance or refusal to accept the set penalty no later than 5.00pm on the Monday following the Match in which the Player was reported. If accepted, the penalty shall be recorded against the player’s record kept by the league. If the prescribed penalty is rejected the report shall be referred to the Tribunal for hearing at a time to be advised the League.

Appendix "D"

INCIDENT REFERRAL FORM

TO: Football Operations Coordinator

E-mail:

Fax:

I, the undersigned give notice I wish to refer an incident:-

- (i) that is not subject of a Notice of Report under By-Law 24.8; and
- (ii) which may constitute a Reportable Offence or Breach of Code of Conduct

Round:

Match: vs.....

Venue: **Date:**.....

Player/s involved (please state offending player/s):

Type of Infringement:

Vicinity on Ground:

Quarter: **Time of Incident:**

Other relevant information:

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How do you rate the seriousness of the incident? (1 = Moderate; 5 = Extreme)

1	2	3	4	5
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Print Name: **Club:**.....(if applicable)

Signed:..... **Dated:**.....

Umpire / Umpires Coach / Club Official / Other.....(Please Circle)

This form is to be completed and lodged, along with the deposit in accordance with the League By-Laws.

League use only:

Lodged with League on/...../..... at(time)

AFL CANBERRA CLUB LICENCE AGREEMENT

Application for a Licence for Participation in a Competition of the AFL NSW/ACT for the season of 2017

Club Name: (the Club)

Of: (Address)

The Club hereby applies for a Licence to field teams in the Competition conducted by the AFL NSW/ACT Inc. (the Association) * Senior's / Junior's –) on the terms set out below

**Cross out inapplicable Leagues*

Upon acceptance of this application by the Association, the terms set out below will record the agreement between the parties.

1. That I, the undersigned (Position in Club) of the
..... (Name of Club) declare that I am authorised to sign and bind the said club, hereby and on its behalf commit and confirm that the club shall comply with and use the best endeavours to ensure that each of its officers, players, officials and persons concerned or taking part in the running of the club, for the time being or otherwise, complies with and observes the following:
 - (a) In so far as they affect the club, any document, rules or regulations of the AFLNSW/ACT Commission Ltd which the Association is obliged to observe by reason of any agreement between the Commission and the Association;
 - (b) In so far as it affects the Club, the Constitution of the Association;
 - (c) Any rules, regulations or By-laws of the Association, as amended from time to time;
 - (d) The Codes of Conduct adopted by the Association;
 - (e) Any determination or resolution of the Association or Commission made before or after the date of this Application; and
 - (f) Any marketing or sponsorship commitments made on behalf of the Club by the Association in relation to use of logos or approved equipment or suppliers.

2. The Club shall:
 - (a) ensure that's its players compete in the Competition conducted by the League in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football, as amended;
 - (b) ensure that all players competing in the Competition conducted by the League complete a registration form or other approved form of registration and remain registered on the Club's Footyweb database;
 - (c) maintain and ensure that each of its officers, players, officials and persons concerned or taking part in the running of the Club (whether paid or unpaid) maintain a high and good reputation and not jointly or severally engage in any unbecoming conduct or conduct which is prejudicial or likely to be prejudicial to the

interests of the AFL, the Commission, the Association, the League or the playing of Australian football;

- (d) prompt the growth and development of Australian football, by ensuring the participation and/or assistance of the Club in all Association and League events;
- (e) Community Clubs will be required to nominate an aligned Senior Club;

Nominated Senior Club (if applicable)

- (f) Pay all invoices within 30 days of receipt (or payment terms agreed to); and
- (g) Adhere to any additional requirements requested by the Association and documented in league by-laws and policies.

- 3. The Club shall pay to the Association in each year, an annual affiliation fee as determined by the Association from time to time. The affiliation fee may be deducted by the Association from any funding given to or amounts paid on behalf of the Club by the Association.
- 4. That the Association has the ability to impose fines due to breaking the Regulation and By-Laws and/or bringing the game into disrepute.
- 5. The Association may terminate this agreement:
 - (a) By giving the Club 3 months' notice;
 - (b) Immediately, if the Club fails to comply with all or any of its obligations contained in this Agreement;
 - (c) Immediately, if the Club does or permits any act or thing which reflects unfavourably upon the reputation, standing or goodwill of the AFL, the Commission, the Association, the League, or the game of Australian football; or
 - (d) Unless it has been previously given special consideration, immediately if the Club is unable to field the required number of teams in the League's competition.
- 6. I have read this document and fully understand its contents. The information I have supplied is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

Signed for and on behalf of the Club:

Principal

Witness

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Attachment B – Interchange Of Players between AFL Canberra Clubs

1.1 A player registered with an AFL Canberra Club may play with another AFL Canberra Club (in the same league) under the following conditions;

1.1.1 That both Clubs have an approved alliance that is registered with AFL Canberra. The alliance may cover matters of mutual assistance including promotion and relegation of players between the two clubs for all matches, coaching assistance and sponsorship arrangements.

1.1.2 Below is a list of approved Senior alignments:

- a) Ainslie (Senior Grades)
 - i) Ainslie (Community Grades – Third and Fourth Grade)
 - ii) ANU (Community Grades – Third and Fourth Grade)
 - (1) Yass (Community Grade – Fourth Grade)

Any ANU player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Ainslie for the opportunity. Any excess ANU players should be made available for Ainslie and vice-versa.

Any Yass player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Ainslie for the opportunity. Any excess Yass players should be made available for Ainslie (Fourth Grade).

- b) Belconnen (Senior Grades)
 - i) Cootamundra (Community Grade – Third Grade)
 - (1) Belconnen Magpies (Community Grade – Fourth Grade)

Any Cootamundra player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Belconnen for the opportunity. Any excess Cootamundra players should be made available for Belconnen (Fourth Grade).

Any excess Belconnen players should be made available for Cootamundra.

- c) Eastlake (Senior Grades)
 - i) Woden (Community Grades – Third and Fourth Grade)

Any Woden player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Eastlake for the opportunity. Any excess Eastlake players should be made available for Woden.

- d) Gungahlin (Senior Grades)
 - i) Batemans Bay (Community Grades – Third and Fourth Grade)
 - (1) Goulburn (Community Grade – Fourth Grade)

Any Batemans Bay player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Gungahlin for the opportunity. Any excess Batemans Bay players should be made available for Gungahlin and vice-versa.

Any Goulburn player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Gungahlin for the opportunity. Any excess Goulburn players should be made available for Batemans Bay (Fourth Grade).

- e) Queanbeyan (Senior Grades)
 - i) Googong (Community Grades – Third and Fourth Grade)
 - (1) Southern Cats (Community Grade – Fourth Grade)

Any Googong player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Queanbeyan for the opportunity. Any excess Googong players should be made available for Queanbeyan and vice-versa.

Any Southern Cats player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Queanbeyan for the opportunity. Any excess South Cats players should be made available for Googong (Fourth Grade).

- f) Tuggeranong (Senior Grades)
 - i) Molonglo (Community Grades – Third and Fourth Grade)
 - (1) Tuggeranong (Community Grade – Fourth Grade)

Any Molonglo player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Tuggeranong for the opportunity. Any excess Molonglo players should be made available for Tuggeranong (Fourth Grade).

Any excess Tuggeranong players should be made available for Molonglo.

1.1.3 Below is a list of approved Junior alignments:

- a) Ainslie (Senior Club)
 - i) Ainslie (Junior Club)
- b) Belconnen (Senior Club)
 - i) Belconnen Cats (Junior Club)
 - ii) Magpies Juniors (Junior Club)
- c) Eastlake (Senior Club)
 - i) Eastlake (Junior Club)
- d) Gungahlin (Senior Club)
 - i) Gungahlin (Junior Club)
- e) Queanbeyan (Senior Club)
 - i) Queanbeyan (Junior Club)
- f) Tuggeranong (Senior Club)
 - i) Calwell Swans (Junior Club)
 - ii) Tuggeranong Bulldogs (Junior Club)
 - iii) Tuggeranong Hawks (Junior Club)
 - iv) Tuggeranong Lions (Junior Club)
 - v) Weston Creek Wildcats (Juniors Club)

1.1.4 The Footyweb permit system shall be the facility used to activate such interchanges (the lodgement of a Local Interchange Agreement)

1.1.5 There may be instances where Clubs still have excess players. In this instance, players can play for Clubs that they are not aligned to as long as the avenues listed above have occurred first. In this instance, the Footyweb permit system shall be the facility used to activate such interchanges (the lodgement of a Match Day Permit) pending “Approval” from Football Operations.

1.1.6 Games played on a Match Day Permit do not count towards finals eligibility with either club.

The spirit of this By-Law is to allow a club with surplus player(s) on a given match day to give these player(s) a game of football with another club no more than one division lower than they normally participate. It is also designed to allow a player to trial with another club which is playing in a higher grade or division.

1.2 Subject to 1.4 below, a player who transfers to another club to attend an educational institution on a full-time and continuous basis may, during official semester vacations / school holidays, receive a permit to play with his immediate former club subject to written endorsement

from the current club, the former club and their respective leagues. The permit application is to be endorsed by those outlined above prior to 1 July in a given year. The permit period lasts until the player ceases his commitments at the educational institution and is subject to any relevant regulations of any of the parties, including participation in finals.

1.3 Students referred to in By-law 1.2 must provide a school or university calendar which sets out vacation periods.

1.4 Permits issued under By-laws 1.2 shall apply to home and away matches only. Matches played under such a permit will not be counted towards finals eligibility.

Players/clubs with a bye in the higher grade

1.5 Where a club has a bye in the AFL Canberra Competition, that club cannot play players in a lower grade that played in a higher grade in the previous week, unless otherwise determined by the Administration Committee

A player will be considered for selection in his clubs' lower grade team when their higher grade team has the bye if:

- g) In the event that he did play in the higher grade the week before the designated bye, if that player has played less than 50% of his total games played in the higher grade he can be considered for selection in his clubs lower grade team
- h) In accordance with rule 1.5 g) a club shall not have more than two players who fall into this category.
- i) The player has played more than 50% or more of their games in a higher grade but is returning from injury where he has not played the previous three or more weeks.
- j) The player has played more than 50% or more of their games in a higher grade but is returning from suspension where they has missed two or more weeks.
- k) If a club uses a player in a lower grade that falls into any of the categories above, that player will be included in his clubs limit i.e. not more than three

In all cases, clubs must gain approval from Football Operations prior to selecting a player subject to rule 1.5.

The spirit of this law is to allow clubs to play players in a lower grade who are either fringe higher grade players or to be able to bring players back through a lower grade who have missed a significant amount of football through injury or suspension.

1.6 AFL Canberra will make a determination on the allocation of NEAFL listed players to AFL Canberra First Grade Clubs.

Attachment C – Match Day Agreement between AFL Canberra and Sapphire Coast AFL

An Interleague Permit Agreement between AFL Canberra and Sapphire Coast AFL for the movement of players for development opportunities.

1.0 Area Agreement

1.1 This agreement is signed pursuant to the AFL NSW/ACT Regulations & By-Laws and the National Player Transfer Regulations clause 3.9 – Area Agreements.

2.0 Administrative Processes

2.1 That this agreement is in force for the current season only, with the agreement to be signed off at the start of each season. Copies to be distributed to each league and club involved in the permit system.

2.2 That clubs will use a Match Day Permit on the Footyweb system to lodge the player permits.

2.3 That the players involved desire to play with the club in the other League on the day in question.

2.4 That the Clubs involved are agreeable to the players playing on the day in question.

2.5 Players can only be registered with one club to utilise the permit system.

2.6 That all available CLUB REGISTERED players must be selected before permit players can receive endorsement to play.

2.7 That this agreement is developed in good faith to provide players with some additional development opportunities and not to improve team performance

3.0 Local Conditions

3.1 Players may be granted, by their club of origin, to play four (4) permits to play in the AFL Canberra League home and away season.

3.2 Players may play TWO GAMES per weekend but ONLY ONE per day.

3.3 Each team is only permitted to play a maximum of two (2) permit players in any one match.

3.3 Players from Sapphire Coast will NOT be eligible to play finals in AFL Canberra and vice versa.

4.0 Reported Players

4.1 A player playing on a permit that is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League of which the reportable offence was committed.

4.2 Any penalty that is imposed by the tribunal shall apply in all competitions.

5.0 Authorisation

This Agreement shall remain valid until such a time either League or AFL NSW/ACT dissolves the Agreement.

Changes may be made to this Agreement with advice to be provided to each League at the time of the change taking place.

Operations Manager, AFL Canberra

President, AFL Sapphire Coast

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Attachment D – Match Day Agreement between AFL Canberra and AFL South Coast

An Interleague Permit Agreement between AFL Canberra and AFL South Coast Leagues for the movement of players for development opportunities.

1.0 Area Agreement

1.1 This agreement is signed pursuant to the AFL NSW/ACT Regulations & By-Laws and the National Player Transfer Regulations clause 3.9 – Area Agreements.

2.0 Administrative Processes

2.1 That this agreement is in force for the current season only, with the agreement to be signed off at the start of each season. Copies to be distributed to each league and club involved in the permit system.

2.2 That clubs will use a Match Day Permit on the Footyweb system to lodge the player permits.

2.3 That the players involved desire to play with the club in the other League on the day in question.

2.4 That the Clubs involved are agreeable to the players playing on the day in question.

2.5 Players can only be registered with one club to utilise the permit system.

2.6 That all available CLUB REGISTERED players must be selected before permit players can receive endorsement to play.

2.7 A player may NOT play in a match with the other League instead of his match in his registered League.

2.8 That this agreement is developed in good faith to provide players with some additional development opportunities and not to improve team performance

3.0 Local Conditions

3.1 Players may be granted, by their club of origin, to play four (4) permits to play in the AFL Canberra League home and away season.

3.2 Players may play TWO GAMES per weekend but ONLY ONE per day.

3.3 Each team is only permitted to play a maximum of two (2) permit players in any one match.

3.3 Players from AFL South Coast will NOT be eligible to play finals in AFL Canberra and vice versa.

4.0 Reported Players

4.1 A player playing on a permit that is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League of which the reportable offence was committed.

4.2 Any penalty that is imposed by the tribunal shall apply in all competitions.

5.0 Authorisation

This Agreement shall remain valid until such a time either League or AFL NSW/ACT dissolves the Agreement.

Changes may be made to this Agreement with advice to be provided to each League at the time of the change taking place.

Operations Manager, AFL Canberra

President, AFL South Coast

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Attachment E – Player Eligibility in Finals

Finals (Seniors and Juniors)

- 1.1 During finals series matches, non-competing clubs may be required (as determined by the Administration Committee) to provide personnel to assist with ground management tasks such as gatekeepers, timekeepers, interchange steward and scoreboard attendants etc.
- 1.2 A player reported and suspended in any division cannot serve their suspension in another division if the division they were reported in is not playing that weekend.
- 1.3 On application by a player's club, the Administration Committee may vary the number of qualifying games required where Services personnel are posted a significant distance away during the home and away matches; or where a player misses a significant number of matches due to serious injury; or under other exceptional circumstances.

Senior Finals

- 1.1 Players must be named on the official team sheet and play in a minimum of four home and away games for a particular team in a particular division to be eligible to play in finals for that particular team in a that particular division.

For example, a player that has played four home and away games only in Second Grade is eligible to play Second Grade finals.
- 1.2 As long as 1.1 is met, Senior players can play up a division for their actual Club in finals.

For example, a player that has played four home and away games in Second Grade is eligible to play First Grade finals.
- 1.3 Any Senior player who has played in a total of nine or more home and away matches of a higher division shall not be eligible to play final matches in a lower division. The list of grades from highest to lowest is as follows:
 - * NEAFL
 - * First Grade
 - * Second Grade
 - * Rising Stars
 - * Third Grade
 - * Fourth Grade
- 1.4 A player who has played more than nine or more games in a higher grade(s) – can represent his club in the immediate lower division final only if the team/s is playing on the same weekend.
- 1.5 In this case, should the higher division team be knocked out and the lower division team continue, this player will be eligible to play the remaining finals games for the lower division side as long as they are qualified as per Rule 1.1 (minimum 4 games in the lower division).
- 1.6 In Seniors, there may be instances where a player has played a number of games across multiple teams in different division without reaching four home and away games for one particular team in a division.

For example, a player that has played three home and away games in First Grade and three home and away games in Second Grade.

In this instance, the player would be eligible to participate in the finals of the highest division that their Club is playing in. They may also be able to participate in lower divisions based on the rules above.

- 1.7 A player can only participate in one senior final match on any given weekend.

Junior Finals

- 1.1 Players must be named on the official team sheet and play in a minimum of four home and away games for a particular team in a particular division to be eligible to play in finals for that particular team in a that particular division.
- 1.2 Junior players can play up a division for their actual Club in finals unless they have met 1.1

For example, a player that has played four home and away games only in the Under 11's is not eligible to play in the Under 12's finals.

- 1.8 Any Junior player who plays five or more games in a higher division must have played at least fifty percent of the home and away games in the lower division in order to be eligible for finals in both divisions. The list of divisions from highest to lowest is as follows:

Male

- * Under 17's
- * Under 16's
- * Under 15's
- * Under 14's
- * Under 13's
- * Under 12's
- * Under 11's

Female

- * Under 18's
- * Under 15's
- * Under 12's

Senior divisions are not considered a higher division. Senior players can play finals if they are age eligible and qualify to do so.

For example. if a player participates in six Under 12's games and nine Under 13's games, the player will only be able to participate in the Under 13's finals.

If a player participates in nine Under 12's games and six Under 13's games, the player will be able to participate in the both the Under 12's and Under 13's finals.

- 1.3 There is no restriction on the number of finals game a player can participate in on any given weekend, however they player must be eligible for each team they play for. Player welfare should be taken into consideration when selecting a player to play more than one game on any given weekend.

For example, a player may play in two junior finals on the same weekend. A player may play one junior and one senior final on the same weekend.

Attachment G – Specific Competitions

Rising Stars Competition

- 1.1 If a player plays for the NSW/ACT Under 18 Representative Team or as a top up player for the GWS Giants Reserves or Sydney Swans Reserves, those games will be considered equivalent to AFL Canberra Rising Stars matches and therefore games played, excluding trial games, by a player in that team will count towards finals eligibility with the player's club.
- 1.2 Further to rule 1.1, if a player is used as a top up player for either the GWS Giants or Sydney Swans, and that player turns 19 or older in that calendar year, the game(s) played as a top up will count as a NEAFL senior game.
- 1.3 Each AFL Canberra Rising Stars team may have up to eight players aged 18 years as at the 1st January in the year of the competition. Any player born in 1998 and wishing to play in Rising Stars must first be approved.

Eligibility will be determined on a case by case basis but it is unlikely that approval will be given to any of the following individuals:

* Have previously participated in:

- TAC CUP
- NEAFL
- AFL Canberra First Grade
- Giants Academy

* Have played over 100 Junior Games

* Have played over 20 Rising Stars Games

* Have the physical and mental attributes to play Senior Football

We expect that Clubs do not put forward any overage player for consideration that has the physical and mental attributes to play Senior Grade Football.

2.0 AFL Canberra First Grade

- 3.1 When not selected for their respective NEAFL Squads, listed players will return to their allocated Club. Final details on allocations will be communicated with Senior Clubs prior to the start of the season.

Attachment H – AFL Canberra Awards

1.1 AFL Canberra Club Championships

Senior Club Championship

The AFL Canberra Senior Club Championship shall be awarded to the senior club that has the highest number of points at the end of the home and away season based on the below criteria.

Points shall be allocated for;

Number of wins during the season: For every game a team wins they shall receive points as per the table below

Quality Club Program Rating: AFL Canberra clubs shall also receive points towards their club championship based on their AFL Quality Club Program rating at the end of the home and away season

Bronze rating = 10 points

Silver rating = 15 points

Gold Rating = 20 points

Grade	No. of points allocated per win
AFL Canberra First Grade	6
AFL Canberra Second Grade	4
AFL Canberra Women's	6
AFL Canberra Rising Stars Competition	4

Community Club Championship

The AFL Canberra Community Club Championship shall be awarded to the club that has the highest number of points at the end of the home and away season based on the below criteria.

Points shall be allocated for;

Number of wins during the season: For every game a team wins they shall receive points as per the table below

Quality Club Program Rating: AFL Canberra clubs shall also receive points towards their club championship based on their AFL Quality Club Program rating at the end of the home and away season

Bronze rating = 10 points

Silver rating = 15 points

Gold Rating = 20 points

Grade	No. of points allocated per win
AFL Canberra Third Grade	6
AFL Canberra Fourth Grade	4

1.2 Following each season AFL Canberra shall present the following awards in each senior grade;

Leading Goal Kicker Award – presented to the player who has kicked the most goals in that competition at the end of the home and away season.

Best and Fairest Player – shall be awarded to the player with the most votes in a competition at the end of the home & away season based on umpire 3-2-1 votes from each game played.

In the event more than one player has won either award, all players with the leading number of goals and votes shall receive an award.

1.3 AFL Canberra may also at its discretion present other competition awards at the end of the home and away season.

1.4 AFL Canberra Junior Awards

a) Club of the Year – Prime Minister’s Trophy

A Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the AFL Canberra Junior Division Club that performs best across all grades of their respective competitions. Points will be accrued on the basis of on-field results and Club administrative completed tasks.

The club which wins the club of the year in each season in accordance with these By-Laws shall hold the Prime Minister’s Trophy until the conclusion of the Home and Away matches in the following season.

The winner of the Prime Minister’s Trophy shall be determined by the Football Operations.

b) Gary Matheson Memorial Award

Clubs nominate prospective recipients taking into consideration a junior player or club person who has overcome personal adversity to achieve his/her maximum potential through persistence, commitment and courage.

The winner of the Gary Matheson Memorial trophy shall be determined by the Football Operations.

c) Joe McDonald Memorial Trophy

Clubs nominate a prospective recipient with whom they feel deserves recognition for their contribution to junior football. This trophy is awarded at the discretion of the Football Operations as a special trophy, to a Junior Player or Official.

d) Alan Phillips Memorial Trophy

This Memorial Trophy was established to recognise the contribution of an official who has made significant contribution to the operations of the game. Clubs nominate a prospective recipient with whom they feel deserves recognition for their contribution to junior football. This trophy is awarded at the discretion of the Football

e) Junior Player of the Year

The Junior Player of the Year recognises an individual who has best displayed the values and attributes of the AFL Canberra Junior League. This award was introduced in 2013.

1.5 AFL Canberra Women’s Awards

a) Junior Player of the Year

Awarded to a junior player who has demonstrated excellent up and coming talent within the AFL Canberra Women’s competition.

b) Rising Star

Awarded to the player who has displayed excellence in their first year completing in the AFL Canberra Women’s competition.

1.6 Teams of the Year

AFL Canberra will be selecting a Men’s, Women’s and Future Stars Team of the Year.

The selection criteria for each team is as follows:

Men’s – participate in First Grade

Women’s – participate in the Women’s competition

Future Stars – eligible to play Rising Stars

Each Club will be asked to six of their players to feature in each of the above team's of the year. These nominations will form a squad of players that will be re-sent out to nominating clubs only to select the full teams of the year in positions. Only one final nomination for each team will be accepted from each club.

Please note – AFL Canberra will have final say on all selections in the teams of the year.

Attachment I – AFL Canberra Development Compensation Levy

1.1 AFL Canberra Development Compensation Levy

This By-Law applies to all registered players who have been active players with an AFL Canberra Club or Affiliated League Club for five seasons or longer;

1.2 When a player transfers to another club within AFL Canberra or an Affiliated League in accordance with these Rules, that club shall pay to the player's former club such amount as per agreement with the player previous club, provided that amount shall not exceed the maximum levy set in accordance with these Rules.

- The original club must notify the transferring club in writing of their intent to request the development compensation levy

1.3 The transferor club agrees to issue an Invoice to the transferee club, no later than 14 days post transfer completion on Footy Web.

1.4 AFL Canberra Interclub Player Compensation Levy Schedule

A player wishing to transfer from one AFL Canberra Club to another within the League or Affiliated Leagues would command a Development Levy based on the length of service to his/her original club. The development level may be up to \$4000, all Development Levy's are GST inclusive.

The spirit of this by-law is that amount is to be negotiated between the two clubs. It is important to acknowledge a player's past experience and the 'value' this may demand, examples of this may include:

- Junior Player – up to \$2000
- Junior player with Representative/talent experience - up to \$2000
- Has played 1st grade football - up to \$2000
- 100+ 1st grade games - up to \$3000
- 200+ 1st grade games - up to \$4000

1.5 If clubs are unable to come to an agreement on the final amount, the AFL Canberra Administration committee will determine the levy payable

Notes

A player transferring back to AFL Canberra after a period of 24 months has elapsed (from the time of his initial clearance interstate) is eligible to play with the club of his/her choice.

A player who transfers from an AFL Canberra club to a club in another competition, upon transferring back to AFL Canberra within a period of 24 months must transfer back to the club he/she left or obtain a domestic clearance from that club to the club he/she wishes to join. Development Levy's would apply if within the 24 months less the discounts mentioned in the next paragraph.

For a player who has missed a season of football in AFL Canberra (for any reason) their clearance will be 25% cheaper than 'retail' rate. For every year of missed football in AFL Canberra there is a further 25% discount.

Spirit of the By-Law

This By-Law was en-acted to acknowledge the 'development' work a club may have put into a player who for what ever reason decides, after a five (5) year 'registration' period with his/her club, to transfer to another club within AFL Canberra or an Affiliated League.

Considerations:

Acceptable exemptions to the payment of the Levy would be under a Father and Son arrangement or a Family residential relocation (i.e. moving from Tuggeranong to Gungahlin or Belconnen to Googong) or for Educational purposes (i.e. Pambula to Erindale College or ANU)

The Transferee club is under no obligation to request the Levy.

Attachment J – Finals Hosting Responsibilities

Hosting rights for all AFL Canberra finals series may be allocated to a club as determined by Football Operations. Football Operations may charge a fee for the rights to host a finals series and will have the authority to limit the prices of any articles it sees fit.

1.0 Ground Hire

The host club will be required to pay for any ground hire fees.

1.1 Admission Fees

a. Senior Club Hosted

Host Clubs may charge an admission fee. If Host Clubs wish to, players and officials are to be let in for free.

b. Senior League Hosted

An admission fee will be charged for all AFL Canberra hosted finals matches.

Participating teams will be given 35 entry passes which are to be given to security upon entry. These can be collected at the AFL Canberra Office or by other arrangement. If you do not have a pass (regardless of if you are a participant), you will be asked to pay at the gate.

c. Junior Finals

Host Clubs may not charge admission.

d. Junior Grand Finals

A gold coin donation will be asked for the AFL Canberra Junior Grand Finals, with proceeds going towards the Rusty Taylor Scholarship. Buckets will be left at the entrance to venues.

1.2 Canteen

The host club will be responsible for providing Canteen facilities at the ground allocated to them. The Canteen should be adequately staffed and stocked for the durations of all matches during the finals day allocated to them. All profit from the Canteen is retained by the host club. A planned menu with prices should be communicated to Football Operations so that it can be publicised.

1.2 Ground Markings

The host club shall be responsible for the ground markings at the ground in which they are allocated.

By-Law 18. By-Laws for ground marking requirements:

- a. Interchange Area - The interchange area must comprise two short lines across the boundary line 15 metres apart on one wing and adequate seating provided equidistant on either side not less than five metres apart for the interchange players and relevant team Officials of each Club.
- b. Coaches Box – A coach's line should be marked two metres in from the boundary line in front of the coach's box/area and extend from one coaches box to the other.

1.3 Post Pads

For finals played on grounds with fixed goal posts, padding must be supplied by the host club. The padding must cover the posts from the ground to a height of at least 2.5 metres.

1.4 Scoreboard

A suitable scoreboard with numbers and team names clearly visible to players and spectators should be in operation for all finals matches.

1.5 Timekeeping Facilities

A timekeeper's box or table and seating are to be suitably situated to ensure that timekeepers have an unobstructed view of the whole playing field.

1.6 Ground Manager

The host club must supply a Ground Manager to every finals game they are assigned. The Ground Manager will be responsible for ensuring the match day environment is safe, inclusive and enjoyable for all involved.

1.7 Footballs

AFL Canberra will supply and cover the cost of one match ball for every AFL Canberra Final. The teams involved in finals should be able to supply an additional ball each if required.

The Host Club will be required to pick up the footballs for the AFL Canberra able to keep the AFL Canberra supplied footballs in recognition of their assistance.

1.8 Emergency Medical Equipment

The host club needs to ensure there is appropriate medical equipment available at each venue they host. This includes a stretcher, first aid kit, ice etc

1.9 Cleaning

It is the host clubs responsibility to ensure the venue is cleaned properly at the conclusion of use to the standards set by ACT Government Sportsgrounds conditions of use.

1.10 Signage

The Host club must display all signage as directed by AFL Canberra at the venue for the duration of all games being played at the venue.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms of this document relating to AFL Canberra Finals Hosting responsibilities

Football Operations

Host Club

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Attachment K – Competition Details

1.1 Senior Requirements

	Grade	Competition	Ball Size	Game Duration	Break Durations	Player Numbers
Senior Football	First Grade	Competitive	Full Size KB	4 x 20 minute quarters (with time on)	6-15-6 minutes	18 a side, 4 Bench
	Second Grade	Competitive	Full Size KB	4 x 25 minute quarters	5-12-5 minutes	18 a side, 4 Bench, By-Law 19.1.2
	Rising Star	Competitive	Full Size KB	4 x 20 minute quarters	5-12-5 minutes	18 a side, 6 Bench, By-Law 19.1.2
Community Football	Third Grade	Competitive	Full Size KB	4 x 25 minute quarters	5-12-5 minutes	18 a side, 4 Bench
	Fourth Grade	Competitive	Full Size KB	4 x 25 minute quarters	5-12-5 minutes	18 a side, 4 Bench, By-Law 19.1.2
Female	Women's	Competitive	Size 4.5* or Size 4	4 x 20 minute quarters	5-12-5 minutes	18 a side, 4 Bench, By-Law 19.1.2

* As a result of the decision to use a size 4.0 football for the inaugural AFL Women's competition (as opposed to size 4.5 typically used in women's football), Sherrin intends to cease the manufacture of a 4.5 size ball.

Either size football can be used in 2017 with an expected transition to size 4.0 in 2018. Size 4.5 footballs will be used for finals.

1.2 Junior Requirements

	Age Group	Competition	Ball Size & Type	Game Duration	Break Durations	Players (min-max)	Max. Ground Size
Development	Under 9's	Non-Competitive	Synthetic or Leather Size 2	3x 15 minute thirds	5 minutes between thirds	9-15 a side	100 m x 80m
	Under 10's	Non-Competitive	Synthetic of Leather Size 2	3 x 15 minute thirds	5 minutes between thirds	9-15 a side	100m x 80m
Junior	Under 11's	Competitive	Synthetic or Leather Size 3*	4 x 15 minute quarters	3-8-3 minutes	14-18 a side	Full Size
	Under 12's	Competitive	Synthetic or Leather Size 3*	4 x 15 minute quarters	3-8-3 minutes	14-18 a side	Full Size
Youth	Under 13's	Competitive	Size 4 Leather	4 x 15 minute quarters	3-8-3 minutes	14-18 a side	Full Size
	Under 14	Competitive	Size 4 Leather	4 x 17 minute quarters	4-8-4 minutes	14-18 a side	Full Size
	Under 15's	Competitive	Full Size Leather	4 x 20 minute quarters	4-10-4 minutes	14-18 a side	Full Size
	Under 16's	Competitive	Full Size Leather	4 x 20 minute quarters	4-10-4 minutes	14-18 a side	Full Size
	Under 17's	Competitive	Full Size Leather	4 x 20 minute quarters	4-10-4 minutes	14-18 a side	Full Size
Female	Girls Under 10's	Non-Competitive	Synthetic of Leather Size 2	3 x 15 minute thirds	5 minutes between thirds	9-15 a side	100m x 80m
	Girls Under 12's	Competitive	Synthetic or Leather Size 3*	4 x 15 minute quarters	3-8-3 minutes	14-18 a side	Full Size
	Youth Girls Under 15's	Competitive	Size 4 Leather	4 x 15 minute quarters	3-8-3 minutes	14-18 a side	Full Size
	Youth Girls Under 18's	Competitive	Size 4 Leather	4 x 17 minute quarters	4-8-4 minutes	14-18 a side	Full Size

* Synthetic Size 3 footballs will be used for finals.

Attachment L – Melee Matrix

AFL Canberra is looking to reduce the instances of melees with a financial deterrent. In the instance of a major melee, the matrix below will be used to determine the financial fine imposed on each team.

MELEE MATRIX		
Melee Details	Activation Points	Allocated Points
Players actively involved from ONE team		
6 or less	5	
7 - 9 players	15	
10 - 12 players	40	
13 or more players	60	
Duration of Melee		
0 - 30 seconds	5	
30 - 60 seconds	15	
60 - 120 seconds	30	
>120 seconds	60	
Level of Aggression in Melee		
Low (minor wresting, push and shove)	10	
Medium (wrestling, jumper punches, headlocks)	30	
High (striking and/or reports)	50	
Umpires Intervention in Melee		
Not involved	0	
1 ump asking players to break it up	5	
2 ump asking players to break it up	10	
3 umps or more asking players to break it up	15	
Officials involved		
No officials involved	0	
2 or less manhandling own players	10	
3 or more manhandling own players	20	
2 or less manhandling opposition players	40	
3 or more manhandling opposition players	60	
	Total Points	0
	Fine	\$0.00

Attachment L – AFL Canberra Membership

The following individuals are entitled to free entry to AFL Canberra matches in 2017. Membership Cards will be passed on to all individuals listed.

Hall of Members

YEAR	NAME	AREA
2006	James Black	Player - Queanbeyan
	Edney Blackaby	Player - Manuka
	Bob Bloomfield	Player - Ainslie
	Barry Browning	Player - Ainslie
	Jack Dorman*	Player - Manuka
	Roger Duffy	Player - Eastlake
	Keith Miller	Player - Eastlake
	Kevin Neale	Player - Ainslie
	Roy Watterston	Player - Queanbeyan-Acton & Eastlake
	Tony Wynd	Player - Queanbeyan
2007	Geoff Harrold	Player - Ainslie, West Canberra & Queanbeyan
	Harrold Maddigan	Player - Acton & Turner
	Ralph Rendell	Player - Ainslie
2008	Colin Monger	Player - Acton
	John Moody	Player - RMC
	Jack O'Dea	League Administration
	Alan Stevens	Player - Ainslie
2009	Guy Cannon	Player - Manuka, Weston, Southern District & Eastlake
	Robert Franklin	Player - Woden & Manuka
	William Mahoney	League Administration
	Alan Muir*	Player - Queanbeyan
2010	Ken Macdonald	League Administration
	Bruce Whatman	Player - Ainslie
	Robert White	Player - Belconnen
2011	Kevin Delmenico	League Administration
	Robert Hughes	Player - Tuggeranong
	Michael Kennedy	Player - Queanbeyan
	Peter Taylor	Player - Belconnen
2012	Ron Cahill	League Administration
	Ken King	Player - Eastlake
	Steve Mahar	Player - Belconnen
	Charles Smith	Player - Ainslie
2013	Mark Armstrong	Player - Queanbeyan
	David Bennett	Player - Belconnen
	David Grubb	Player - Eastlake
	John Mulrooney	League Administration
2014	Bob Stacey	Umpire, League Administration
	Michael Goiser	Player - Queanbeyan
	Roy William	Player - Queanbeyan & Acton
	Brett Hannam	Player - Ainslie & Southern Districts
2015	Brian Quade	Coach - Manuka & Queanbeyan

	Keith Heales	Administration - Ainslie
	Keith Schow	Player - Queanbeyan
2016	Stafford Cooper	Player - Tuggeranong, Ainslie & Eastlake
	John "Jacko" Pini	Coach - Manuka
	Ronald "Chook" Fowlie	League Administration, Administration - Queanbeyan
	Terry Gallagher	Player - Manuka

200 Club Members

YEAR	NAME	CLUB(S)
1981	C. Smith	Ainslie
	D. Ross	Ainslie
	K. King	Eastlake
	J. Dorman	Manuka
	R. Franklin	Manuka
	T. Gallagher	Manuka
	A. Muir*	Queanbeyan
	C. Wheeler*	Queanbeyan
	H. Williams*	Queanbeyan
	M. McDonald	Queanbeyan & Acton
	K. Blundell	Umpire
L. Hyde	Umpire	
1982	M. Smith	Ainslie
	P. Macdonald	Eastlake
	K. Grigg	Manuka
1983	J. Buxton	ANU
	J. Black	Queanbeyan
1984	D. Hopkins	Queanbeyan & Belconnen
1985	A. Smith	Ainslie
	G. Harrold	Ainslie, West Canberra & Queanbeyan
	M. Briant	Eastlake & Queanbeyan
	F. Leverett	Umpire
1987	N. O'Neill	Ainslie & Belconnen
	A. Duffy	Eastlake
	R. Maiden	Manuka & Manuka Weston
	L. McPhan	Manuka & Manuka Weston
	P. Harrington	Queanbeyan
	R. Taylor	Umpire
1988	D. Bennett	Belconnen
	B. Mickelson	Eastlake
	D. Malcolm	Umpire
	J. Perry*	Umpire
1989	P. Taylor	Belconnen
1990	P. White	Umpire
	A. Wynd	Queanbeyan
1991	D. Daniel	Queanbeyan
	R. Anderson	Queanbeyan

1994	B. Hannam	Southern District & Ainslie
1995	G. Stevens	Queanbeyan
	R. Baxter	Ainslie
1996	A. Bishop	Ainslie
1997	I. Muir	Ainslie
	A. Toy	Umpire
1998	M. Goiser	Queanbeyan
1999	E. Bowman	Wildcats
	D. Postai	Wildcats
	M. Richardson	Ainslie
2000	S. Vizy	Queanbeyan
2001	G. Cannon	Eastlake
	A. Mellor	Eastlake
	B. Sainovski	Umpire
2004	M. Armstrong	Queanbeyan
	J. Gilbert	Queanbeyan
2005	L. Jess	Tuggeranong
	B. Read	Belconnen
	T. Pulford	Ainslie
2006	C. Davis	Queanbeyan
	M. Kennealy	Umpire
	S. Mahar	Belconnen
2008	E. McDonald	Umpire
2009	S. Cooper	Tuggeranong, Ainslie & Eastlake
	J. Rice	Tuggeranong
	J. Kickett	Tuggeranong
	S. Gurney	Umpire
2010	G. Healy	Umpire
2011	P. Raadts	Belconnen
2013	J. Kavanagh	Ainslie & Queanbeyan
	R. Quade	Sydney Swans & Queanbeyan
	P. McGrath	Sydney Swans, Ainslie, Eastlake & Tuggeranong
2016	A. Bennett	Belconnen
	C. York	Belconnen

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