



South Australian National Football League Incorporated

SANFL REGIONAL COUNCIL –RIVERLAND, MURRAY AND MALLEE CHARTER - OCTOBER 2021

1. ESTABLISHMENT

- 1.1. By Charter dated the 25 day of October 2016 the South Australian Football Commission (“the Commission”) resolved to establish the SANFL Community Football Committee (“the CFC”) for the purpose *inter alia* to act in an advisory capacity on the strategic direction for Community Football.
- 1.2. Pursuant to the Charter and with the consent and approval of the Commission, the CFC resolved to establish the SANFL Regional Council – Riverland, Murray and Mallee.
- 1.3. The Riverland, Murray and Mallee Region consists of the Affiliated Leagues – Mallee Football League, River Murray Football League and Riverland Football League and those Clubs within the state of South Australia.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1. The general purposes of the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council are:
 - 2.1.1. to act in an advisory capacity to the CFC on the strategic direction of Community Football in the Region that optimally supports the SANFL’s strategic vision and priorities;
 - 2.1.2. to be a resource for the Affiliated Leagues and individual Clubs of the Affiliated Leagues to refer to for further investigation or recommendation;
 - 2.1.3. to support and further the strategic objectives set out section 3 of this Charter.

3. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. The strategic objectives of the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council are:
 - 3.1.1. to build the capacity of the Region to contribute to the sustainability of the code of Australian Football;
 - 3.1.2. to reduce and consolidate localised governance structures;
 - 3.1.3. enhance competition structures to:
 - 3.1.3.1. meet the sustainability demands within the Region;
 - 3.1.3.2. promote competition equalisation;

3.1.3.3.increase talent pathway effectiveness;

3.1.4. to consider the geographic and economic factors that restrict and/or burden individual Clubs of the Affiliated Leagues;

3.1.5. lead facility development and infrastructure planning with local governments;

3.1.6. to advise the CFC in the consolidation of the administration and management activities of the Affiliated Leagues in a way that best suits the Region.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RIVERLAND, MURRAY AND MALLEE COUNCIL

4.1. The primary responsibility of the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council is to promote and further the strategic objectives in section 3 of this Charter.

4.2. In promoting the strategic objectives, the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council will have the following specific responsibilities:

4.2.1. to report and make recommendations to the CFC on the outcome of the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council's consultations and investigations under section 4 of the Charter;

4.2.2. to actively consult with the Affiliated Leagues, the Clubs of Affiliated Leagues, umpiring associations, the Region's netball clubs, and any other relevant body impacted by any recommendations of the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council;

4.2.3. to review and make recommendations to the CFC about the best model for the consolidation of football operations; tribunal and investigation systems; consolidated umpiring panels; and communications structures with the CFC and SANFL, in general.

5. CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1. The Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council will request The Affiliated Member Leagues undertake to both jointly and severally review the recommendations of the Council made to them from time to time in a timely manner.

5.2. The Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council will request The Affiliated Member Leagues undertake to consult with their respective Clubs in relation to the recommendations of the Council made to them from time to time and to provide feedback to the Council.

5.3. The Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council will request The Affiliated Member Leagues undertake to jointly and severally provide feedback on the recommendations of the Council made to them from time to time and to forward them to CFC for their consideration.

6. MEMBERSHIP

6.1. Membership of the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council will comprise of not more than nine (9) persons, or such other number as the CFC may approve from time to time. All members will be approved by the CFC.

6.2. The first Regional Council shall be appointed immediately and hold office in accordance with clause 6 with the first rotation to occur on or about 31 October ----, and the following persons are appointed as the inaugural Members of the Council:-

6.2.1. Chairman;

6.2.2. The Eastern Zone Regional Football Advisory Council Member;

6.2.3. Xx

6.2.4. Xx

6.2.5. Xx

6.2.6. Xx

6.2.7. Xx

6.2.8. Xx

6.2.9. Xx

6.3. Ex officio members:

6.3.1. SANFL Football Operations Coordinator – Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council Region

6.3.2. President (or nominee from Executive Committee) of all Zone affiliated Leagues

6.4. Nominations for Membership must be:

6.4.1. in writing;

6.4.2. on the prescribed form (if any) provided for that purpose;

6.4.3. certified by the nominee expressing his or her willingness to accept the position for which he or she has nominated.

6.5. Applications for membership shall be delivered to the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council and the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council shall make its recommendation to the CFC by no later than 31 October.

6.6. At the next meeting of the CFC in November or December, the CFC shall review the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council's recommendations and appointments will be decided by a majority vote of the members of the CFC attending that meeting.

6.7. At the first Meeting of the Members of the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council after persons have been appointed to the Council, the Council shall choose a person to be a Chairman who must be approved by the CFC.

6.8. In the event that the Chair of the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council is unavailable and no acting Chair has been appointed, the members of the Central Council attending the meeting will appoint one (1) of them as Chair of the meeting.

6.9. In selecting candidates to be appointed as Members of the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council, the CFC shall have regard to:

6.9.1. the overall needs of the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council and the relevant skills and expertise needed; such as, in the areas of:

6.9.1.1. business management;

6.9.1.2. financial management;

6.9.1.3. law;

6.9.1.4. marketing;

6.9.1.5. media;

6.9.1.6. company directorship;

6.9.1.7. sports management; and

6.9.1.8. Australian Football;

6.9.2. the ability of the nominee to act independently, without bias, and in the best interests of football in the Region.

6.10. The following persons are excluded from being nominated and appointed to the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council:

6.10.1. directors, officers, employees of an Affiliated League or a Club affiliated with an Affiliated League;

6.10.2. any umpire or member of an Umpire's Association;

6.10.3. any employee of SANFL.

7. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP

7.1. The Members of the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council shall hold office for a period of two (2) years.

7.2. The position of Member of the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council will become vacant if the Member:

7.2.1. dies;

7.2.2. becomes of unsound mind;

7.2.3. resigns their office in writing to the CFC;

7.2.4. is absent without apology for more than two (2) consecutive Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council meetings in any year;

7.2.5. is removed at the discretion of the CFC.

7.3. Should there be a vacancy as a Member, then the CFC may appoint another person to fill the vacant position and that Member duly appointed by the CFC shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the retired Member's term.

8. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

8.1. In the event of an actual or perceived conflict of interest, a Member must immediately declare the actual or perceived conflict of interest to the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council and must not participate in discussions nor vote on the matter that has given rise to the conflict.

9. MEETINGS

9.1. As required but generally no less than on a quarterly basis.

9.2. The quorum for a meeting will be at least five (5) of the persons referred to as Members in this Charter.

9.3. The SANFL will provide a minute secretary to assist the Committee.

9.4. The Committee will forward a copy of all minutes of meetings to the CFC for consideration at its next scheduled meeting.

10. CHARTER BINDING

10.1. This Charter is binding on the Members of the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council, the CFC, each Affiliated League in the Region and the Clubs of each Affiliated League in the Region.

11. REVIEW

11.1. This Charter will be reviewed at least every 12 months by the Riverland, Murray and Mallee Council and any changes are to be recommended for approval by the CFC.

Approved by SANFL Community Football Committee

Date: [DATE]