



SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES | SANFL COMMUNITY FOOTBALL REGULATIONS September 1st 2023

Reformatted/Renumbering/Introduction

Previous Regulation	Change / Amendment / Summary
All	<p>All Regulations have been reformatted and renumbered to allow for easier interpretation and reading of Regulations.</p> <p>Regulations have also been divided into 5 Parts including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Part A – General ○ Part B – Football Operations ○ Part C – Competition Management ○ Part D – Discipline ○ Appendix 2 & 3 – Total Player Payments & APPS <p>Introduction:</p> <p>An Introduction has been included and is to be read as part of the Regulations. The Introduction outlines key policies that have been adopted as part of the Regulations including policies within the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook. Club’s and Leagues should be aware that SANFL is encouraging the adoption of the below AFL policies against any standalone policies Leagues may also have adopted over time.</p> <p>These policies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age Dispensation ○ Umpire Accreditation ○ Deregistration Policy ○ Member Protection Policy <i>(to be read in conjunction with the SANFL Member Protection Policy as it pertains to specific SA legislative requirements)</i> ○ Vilification and Discrimination Policy ○ Safeguarding Children and Young People ○ Social Media Policy ○ Injury Management Policy ○ Concussion Policy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reportable Offences ○ Example of Reportable Offences ○ Categories of Protective Equipment
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SANFL Country Zone Committee ('CZC')

Previous Regulation	Change / Amendment / Summary
SANFL Country Zone Committee ('CZC')	<p>The Regional Football Advisory Council ('RFAC') has been updated and renamed to the Country Zone Committee with Regulations now reflecting provisions within the new Country Zone Committee Charter.</p> <p>The Regulation has also been amended to reflect current practices. Specifically, sections relating to the Football Advisory Council Meetings and Procedures have been removed as it is now reflected in the Country Zone Committee Charter.</p>

Zone Advisory Committee ('ZAC')

Previous Regulation	Change / Amendment / Summary
Zone Advisory Committee	<p>The Zone Advisory Committee ('ZAC') has been amended to expand membership to include a SANFL Game Development Coordinator, a Zone SANFL League Club Chief Executive Officer or Nominee and a SANFL Football Operations Coordinator (where appointed).</p> <p><i>Please note that this is now Regulation 5 of the Updated Regulations.</i></p>

Investigation Committee

Previous Regulation	Change / Amendment / Summary
Investigation Committee	<p>The Investigation Committee shall now be formed by SANFL Community Football when an issue is referred to it following investigation by SANFL's Integrity Department.</p> <p>The Investigation Committee will also now comprise of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One person appointed by the SANFL Community Football Committee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One person nominated by the Country Zone Committee ○ One Person nominated by the South Australian Amateur Football League (Adelaide Footy League). <p><i>Please note that this is now Regulation 6 of the Updated Regulations.</i></p>
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Clearance of Players

Previous Regulation	Change / Amendment / Summary
Clearance of Players	<p>A Transfer must be obtained by way of an application for Transfer on a SANFL Community Football Player Registration and Transfer Form as well as being approved via PlayHQ.</p> <p>Both forms of Registration must be obtained before a player is considered to have satisfied all Transfer requirements.</p> <p>a</p> <p>Notwithstanding PlayHQ, upon request by SANFL, a Club must be able to produce a copy of the respective Registration Form. A Club must also meet all procedural requirements set out in the updated Regulations before transfer is approved.</p> <p>The following Transfer Regulations have also been reworded to align with the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Player who has not played for 24 months ○ Withdrawal of Transfer Request ○ Appeals Where Clearance is refused – now referred to SANFL Tribunal rather than Zone Independent Tribunal or Permit Tribunal ○ Transfer Fee ○ Clearances Other ○ SANFL Community Football Player Contract <p><i>Please note that this is now Regulation 11 of the Updated Regulations.</i></p>

Playing Without Transfer or Permit

Previous Regulation	Change / Amendment / Summary
<p>Playing Without Clearance or Permit</p>	<p>Penalties have now been updated to reflect adequate sanctions for Club's that do not comply with transfer and permit requirements.</p> <p>The following penalties may now be applied for a breach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Censure ○ A fine not exceeding \$2,000.00. ○ The reversal of the result of a Match including a Major Round Match and/or the suspension or disqualification of a Team or Teams of an Affiliated League Club and/or the loss of premiership points both retrospective and prospective. ○ Suspension <p><i>Please note that this is now Regulation 15 of the Updated Regulations.</i></p>

Temporary Permits

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<p>Temporary Permits</p>	<p>A Club applying for a permit must do so on the Temporary Permit Form as well as in PlayHQ.</p> <p>Regardless of whether a permit has been approved in PlayHQ, a Club must satisfy all permit criteria and procedures, including completing a Temporary Permit Form.</p> <p>SANFL may request at any time that a Club provides a Temporary Permit Form.</p> <p>A player over the age of 18 as of 1st January in any year can only obtain a permit under one of the five (5) conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transfer in employment ○ Temporary Return to Home Club ○ Promotion of Football ○ Fly in/Fly out Employment ○ Student Attending Educational Institution

	<p>Player movement done outside of the above can only be achieved by way of transfer within the specified transfer periods.</p> <p>Junior Football Permits and requirements have remained the exact same but have been moved under this section.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note that this is now Regulation 17 of the Updated Regulations.</i></p>
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Appeal to SANFL Tribunal

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Appeals	<p>The Community Football appeals process has now been modified to satisfy current SANFL processes as well as legal requirements.</p> <p>An Affiliated League and/or Affiliated Club will be able to submit an appeal to SANFL Community Football in relation to a decision in respect of a player, official, or spectator who is said to have offended the Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>A League and/or Club will be able to appeal with respect to the issue of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guilt ○ Penalty ○ Procedural Fairness <p>A League and/or Club must complete a notice of appeal as set out in Appendix 7 of the Regulations and must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be submitted within 7 days of a decision or failure to charge for an offence. ○ Set out the facts in respect of the complaint. ○ Pay a sum of \$1000 to SANFL. <p>SANFL Community Football will then refer the complaint to the Integrity Manager who will investigate all matters relating to the appeal.</p>

	<p>SANFL Community Football shall then decide on receipt of the Integrity Managers report if there are grounds for an Appeal and notify all interested parties if a Tribunal shall commence.</p> <p>Where it is determined that there are adequate grounds of Appeal, SANFL will require the Complainant to pay an additional sum of \$500** to SANFL Community Football towards the cost of the appeal. This sum may be repaid if the appeal is successful and if so, directed by the SANFL Tribunal.</p> <p>A date, time and place of the Tribunal will then be fixed for a rehearing and all relevant material will be provided by SANFL Community Football to all interested parties.</p> <p>Appeal requirements and processes are also further detailed in the Regulations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Representation ○ Attendance ○ General Conduct ○ Evidence ○ Onus of Proof ○ Costs ○ Validity of Appeal Hearing ○ Criticism of SANFL Tribunal Decision <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note that this is now Regulation 30 of the Updated Regulations.</i></p>
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Appendices

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Appendices	<p>Key appendices have been removed due to not being applicable. A key example is the the AFL National Player & Official Deregistration Policy, which has now been replaced in the AFL Policy Handbook.</p> <p>The Following Appendices have remained the same:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved Player Points System ○ Club Application for Increased APPS Points

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Temporary Permit Form ○ Standard Playing Contract ○ Standard Coaching Contract ○ Player Registration & Transfer Form ○ Notice of Appeal ○ Player Withdrawal of Transfer Form ○ Guidelines for Procedures at Hearings of Commissioners ○ Duty of Care Policy
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Affiliated League Playing Uniform

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Affiliated League Playing Uniform	<p>A new Regulation has been included to address alcohol branding being placed on junior football apparel. The purpose of the Regulation is to prohibit all alcohol branding that appears on any junior football apparel.</p> <p><i>24 (e) – Each Affiliated League and Affiliated League Club must ensure that all junior apparel does not include the presence of any alcohol brand. For avoidance of doubt, an Affiliated League and Affiliated League Club must not use logos, on clothing or other merchandise that is directed primarily to minors and is associated with an alcohol brand.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(A breach of this Regulation 24 shall be dealt under Regulation 27 – Disciplinary).</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note that this is now Regulation 24 of the Updated Regulations.</i></p>