



RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. DEFINITIONS

<u>ADVOCATE:</u>	a person representing a witness at a Tribunal who is not a legal practitioner.
<u>ARENA:</u>	Means the playing surface and all the area between the playing surface and the perimeter fence, including any break in the perimeter fence.
<u>AFL:</u>	The Australian Football League.
<u>AFL MATCH GUIDE:</u>	Competition specific playing rules.
<u>INCLUSIVE:</u>	Player with Disability (when relating to a person or the league)
<u>BOARDERS:</u>	Boarders are students who reside during school term at their schools boarding house.
<u>CHARTER:</u>	Document that outlines the procedures of the SANFL Inclusive League Governance.
<u>CLUB:</u>	A club affiliated with SANFL Inclusive League (member Club).
<u>CLUB OFFICIAL:</u>	The elected officials of the club and any person appointed by the club to act in a position on behalf of the club, including Match Officials and Team Officials.
<u>COACH:</u>	The person who has been appointed to train and organise the team.
<u>CONTROLLING BODY:</u>	As defined in the Law 2.1 of Laws of Australian Football, generally is the overall Administrator of the game and is responsible for the organisation and conduct of matches of Australian Football.
<u>DEFENDANT:</u>	A player or official accused of a reportable offense.
<u>DELEGATE:</u>	The nominated representative of a club affiliated with the League.
<u>FIELD UMPIRE:</u>	The field umpire appointed by the SANFL Inclusive League Umpires' Coordinator on behalf of SANFL Inclusive League officiating at a match.
<u>FINAL SERIES:</u>	The Elimination Final, Qualifying Final, First Semi Final, Second Semi Final, Preliminary Final and the Grand Final.
<u>FIRST AID OFFICIAL:</u>	First aid officials include - Level 1 Sports Trainers, holders of a Nationally Accredited First Aid Certificate or a person with medical or higher level allied health qualifications.
<u>FIXTURE:</u>	The official program supplied by SANFL Inclusive League for the competition.
<u>HOME CLUB:</u>	First named club or team in the fixture. When the game is transferred to another ground first named team assumes home club duties in regards to match day paperwork.
<u>HOST CLUB:</u>	The club whose ground the match is being played on, this could be a home club or a neutral ground where the two participating teams are playing away from their home ground.

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<u>INCLEMENT WEATHER:</u>	Unstable weather characterised by lightning in the vicinity of the playing surface, hail storm(s), extreme winds and the like.
<u>INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE:</u>	Means the Committee appointed by SANFL Inclusive League to investigate any matter as referred to them by the SANFL Inclusive League.
<u>LAW 19:</u>	AFL Laws of the Game – Reporting of Players and Officials.
<u>MAJOR ROUND:</u>	As defined for Final Series.
<u>MATCH:</u>	Means a contest of Australian Football played between two Teams.
<u>MATCH RATIO:</u>	Number of wins divided by number of games played.
<u>MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY:</u>	Addresses issues of harassment, discrimination and child protection within their organisation.
<u>MINOR ROUND:</u>	Matches for which premiership points are awarded.
<u>NDIS:</u>	National Disability Insurance Scheme
<u>OFFICIAL:</u>	Includes but is not limited to an officer, coach, assistant coach, trainer, runner, employee or any person performing any duties (paid or unpaid) for or on behalf of the club or Team.
<u>MISCONDUCT:</u>	Any unacceptable or inappropriate behaviour.
<u>OTHER APPOINTED PERSON:</u>	A Person authorised by the Controlling Body to report any Player or Official who commits or engages in conduct which may constitute a Reportable Offence. The Person shall have the same powers and duties as imposed upon an Umpire under Law 19.
<u>PARTICIPANT:</u>	Includes members of a club, match officials, umpires or SANFL Inclusive League officials, who attend or take part in any event organized by SANFL Inclusive League, including events organized in conjunction with any other controlling body.
<u>PERCENTAGE:</u>	The calculation result achieved by dividing the total points a team has scored by the sum of the total points the team has scored and the total points scored by other teams it has played, expressed as a percentage.
<u>PERIMETER FENCE:</u>	Is the physical barrier surrounding the playing surface. Where an arena does not have a perimeter fence, then the perimeter fence shall be interpreted as being located 10m outside and parallel to the playing surface.
<u>PLAYER:</u>	Means a person who plays or is selected to play with a Team or a person who otherwise trains with a Team or who is included within the scope of the Laws of Australian Football.
<u>PLAYING SURFACE:</u>	Means the field of play inside the Boundary Line, Goal Line and Behind Line, excluding the area between such lines and the Perimeter Fence.
<u>PRESCRIBED PENALTY:</u>	Means a set sanction or penalty for a reportable offence that is offered to an offender by the Controlling Body.
<u>REGISTRAR:</u>	The Registrar of SANFL Inclusive League or Member Club.
<u>REGISTRATION:</u>	The official player registration form(s) of SANFL Inclusive League.

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<u>RUNNER:</u>	The person appointed by the coach to relay messages to players on the field of play.
<u>SANFL:</u>	The South Australian National Football League.
<u>SANFL APPOINTED OFFICIAL:</u>	SANFL Employee or Club Ground Marshall.
<u>SPORTSTG/FOOTYWEB:</u>	AFL Registration and Competition system.
<u>TEAM:</u>	Means a group of Players competing against other group of Players in a Match of Australian Football.
<u>TEAM LIST/SHEET:</u>	The official team sheet supplied to SANFL Inclusive League at the end of each match listing the players who played in the match.
<u>TEAM OFFICIAL:</u>	The coach, assistant coach, team manager, runner(s), water carrier(s), trainer(s), first aid providers and any other team position appointed by a club.
<u>TRAINER/FIRST AID OFFICIAL:</u>	The person appointed by the club to provide first aid/minor medical assistance to players.
<u>TRANSFER:</u>	Means an approval to transfer a player from a Member Club or Affiliated League Club to another Member Club or Affiliated League Club.
<u>TRIBUNAL:</u>	Herein referred to as 'SANFL Inclusive League Tribunal' or 'the Tribunal', is an independent body appointed by SANFL to hear and consider charges or investigate matters. It has the authority to apply sanctions, penalties or fines set by SANFL Inclusive League.
<u>TRIBUNAL MEMBERS:</u>	A person or persons appointed by SANFL Inclusive League to assist the Tribunal Chairman in the execution of his duties.
<u>UMPIRE:</u>	Means all Field, Boundary, Goal and Emergency Umpires officiating in or at a match.
<u>UNQUALIFIED PLAYER:</u>	A playing member of a team who is unregistered or a player who is overage, under suspension or who has not played sufficient matches to qualify for the finals series.
<u>VICTIM:</u>	Means a person attending a Tribunal who is the person offended against on the designated report or charge form.
<u>VOTING SLIP:</u>	The official field umpire voting slip supplied by the League.
<u>WALK OFF:</u>	Team/Club refusal to continue the match to its conclusion.
<u>WATER CARRIER:</u>	The person/s appointed to run water to player's on-field when they require a drink.
<u>WEEK, GAME OR MATCH:</u>	A term used by the Tribunal to describe a scheduled game or match penalty of a Home and Away fixture or a Final fixture of the offender's club.
<u>WITNESS:</u>	Means any person attending a tribunal convened by SANFL Inclusive League, including but not limited to a Defendant, Advocate, Official, Player or Victim.

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2. SPIRIT OF FOOTBALL IN SANFL INCLUSIVE LEAGUE

- 2.1. Every participant understands that Football in SANFL Competitions is delivered to the Community with the Spirit of the Game in mind. It is incumbent on every participant irrespective of their place in the game, to ensure that they will:
 - 2.1.1. Not focus on winning at all cost and understand that the role of Inclusive Football is to foster the development of Players, Volunteers, Umpires, Coaches and Officials. Learning to win and lose is part of the game for players but must remain secondary to the primary focus of giving players the opportunity to play.
 - 2.1.2. Maximise the enjoyment and development of footballers.
 - 2.1.3. Provide players with a game environment that is safe, fun and fair.
 - 2.1.4. Ensure that the values which add to the spirit of our game, which include fairness, equality, respect and teamwork are encouraged and celebrated.
 - 2.1.5. Uphold, promote and protect the Rules, Laws, Codes, Policies and Spirit of the game.
 - 2.1.6. Not accept poor behaviours around our game and deter practices that undermine our games environments (Coaching, Playing, Volunteering, Spectating and Umpiring).
 - 2.1.7. Adhere to any directive issued by the games controlling bodies in the best interests of achieving the above.

3. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. The Rules of the League set out in this document have been established to provide all participants in the League's competition with an understanding of the League's requirements. The structure of the Rules has been broadly aligned to the way the season and competition matches are managed.
- 3.2. The League recognises that the member clubs are part of a larger sporting body which includes competitive, open age competition. However, all participants should clearly understand the League's objectives for its competition, and make themselves aware of the expectations that apply to them.
- 3.3. Above all else, the League's competition is for the benefit, development, inclusion and enjoyment of all players.

4. APPLICATION OF AND INTERPRETATION OF RULES REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

- 4.1. Subject to the modifications and additions to the rules, regulations and policies provided herein, and referred to, all matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football as adopted from time to time by the AFL.
- 4.2. These Rules and Regulations are to be adopted in conjunction with the Laws of Australian Football, the AFL and SANFL Policies, Rules, Regulations and Policies. Where these Rules, Regulations and Policies vary from that of the Laws of Australian Football and the AFL and the SANFL Rules, Regulations and Policies, these Rules, Regulations and Policies apply. On all matters where these Rules and Regulations are silent, at the discretion of the League, the AFL and SANFL Rules, Regulations and Policies apply.
- 4.3. The SANFL Inclusive League Rules, Regulations and Policies apply to all the Associated Affiliated Clubs and any Officials appointed by Clubs.
- 4.4. Any point arising out of these Rules or not provided for herein shall be decided by SANFL Inclusive League, the SANFL, its staff and/or the SA Football Commission.
- 4.5. Any breach of SANFL Inclusive League Appendices or Policies will be deemed to be a breach of SANFL Inclusive League Rules, Regulations and Policies and will be subject to fines and/or penalties as determined by SANFL Staff and/or SANFL Inclusive League Tribunal.

5. BREACHES OF CODES OF CONDUCT

- 5.1. BREACHES

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5.1.1. Penalties for breaching a SANFL Inclusive League Rules, Regulations, Policies and/or Code of Conduct include:

- 5.1.1.1. Any Official, Player or Spectator breaching a Code of Conduct, may be issued with a warning for a minor breach. Further or more serious breaches may result in dismissal or suspension from participation in Competition/s
- 5.1.1.2. A breach of a Code of Conduct is to be referred to the SANFL Inclusive League Management
- 5.1.1.3. The following is indicative of the penalties that may be applied for breaching a Code of Conduct:

	Level	Remedy
1	Minor indiscretion	Individuals name recorded. Counselling and/or an apology if appropriate.
2	More serious infraction or repetition	In the case of an individual, the Club shall appoint a mentor for the individual for a period of time nominated by SANFL. For a repeat violation, the Club will be contacted to discuss what executive action will be taken to avert future problems and/or the Club shall appoint a mentor.
3	Serious infraction	Suspension or removal of membership rights of an individual or for a team or Club plus potential loss of premiership points and/or fines.

5.2. A breach of a Code of Conduct by a Player or Official may result in the Player or Official being reported pursuant to the provisions of 9.3 – Process of Reporting by Field Umpire.

6. PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

6.1. REGISTRATIONS

- 6.1.1. Any player desiring to play with an Affiliated Club in the SANFL Inclusive League must first make application on the prescribed online registration form prior to participating in any match.
- 6.1.2. No player(s) can play in the SANFL Inclusive League until the online registration form is completed.
- 6.1.3. The granting of each application for registration is at the discretion of the SANFL.
- 6.1.4. All new players may need to provide a copy of their documentation as per Regulation 6.3 to SANFL.

6.2. AGE POLICY

- 6.2.1. The SANFL Inclusive League is a senior men's competition.
- 6.2.2. The SANFL acknowledges the principal role of the parent/guardian in determining if a player under the age of 18 years should play in this competition. Players under 18 years should only be permitted to play if their physical capacity and social sense enables them to compete adequately in the competition and should be based on the advantage to be gained by the player, not just to make up numbers.
- 6.2.3. Prior to participating, players under the age of 18 years, must have a parent/guardian sign a consent form and have this approved by SANFL which will take Regulation 6.2.2 into account.

6.3. PROOF OF DISABILITY

- 6.3.1. The SANFL Inclusive League is for players with an intellectual disability. It is designed to give players an opportunity to play community football where they may not otherwise get the chance due to their disability.

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6.3.2. Any player registering for the first time may be asked by the SANFL Inclusive League to provide evidence for two (2) of the following requirements:

- NDIS number/plan
- Attendance at Disability Unit/Special Education/Support Learning Centre
- Attendance at mainstream school with an aide
- Disability Support Pension
- Registration with a disability service provider

6.3.3. Upon request, the player or the Club Registrar must provide a copy of proof of eligibility to SANFL within 72 hours of receiving the request. The documentation will be sighted, noted and destroyed.

6.3.4. Players who do not meet the criteria but believe they should be considered to participate in the Inclusive League (e.g. other disability that impacts on their participation in regular football competitions) can apply to SANFL for an exemption. The SANFL can grant an exemption at their absolute discretion.

6.4. TRANSFER BETWEEN CLUBS

6.4.1. Players can transfer between February 1 until June 30 each year

6.4.2. Transfers not officially approved by SANFL Inclusive League will result in penalties to the teams and clubs involved as outlined in Appendix 10.4 – Fines, in accepting and playing a non-approved player. Player will be deemed ineligible under these regulations.

6.4.3. Where a Club does not seek prior approval of a transfer by SANFL Inclusive League any premiership points will be forfeited in the event that the transfer is revoked.

6.4.4. Transfers caps will apply as below.

6.4.4.1. A SANFL Inclusive League Affiliated Club shall transfer no more than four (4) players into their team in a football year. Of these four (4) players, no more than two (2) shall be from any one Club.

6.4.7.2 Clubs may apply to SANFL Inclusive League for an exemption to any transfer caps where special circumstances exist.

6.4.5. Rule 6.4.4 does not apply where the former Club does not field a team in the SANFL Inclusive League and the former Club has informed SANFL Inclusive League that they will not be fielding a team.

6.4.6. All transfers must abide by the AFL National Player Transfer Regulations.

6.4.7. For any player requesting a second (or subsequent) transfer within any one season, each club with which the player has been registered in the previous 12 months will be considered in the application of Regulation 6.4.4.

6.4.8. Any transfer of a player from a SA League affiliated with SACFL must abide by the SACFL Rules and Regulations in regard to player movement.

6.5. PERMITS

6.5.1. Any player playing in another competition grade must obtain a permit to play in the SANFL Inclusive League.

6.5.2. A permit to play in the SANFL Inclusive League will be revoked if the player plays one (1) game of Senior Football in that Football season.

6.6. PLAYING UNREGISTERED OR INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

6.10.1 Ineligible or unregistered players shall not be included on any team sheet or take part in any match .

6.10.2 The following players shall be classified as ineligible:

6.10.2.1 A player not properly registered with Affiliated Club and SANFL Inclusive League.

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- 6.10.2.2 A player who has not met the eligibility criteria as per regulation 6.3 unless that player is granted permission by SANFL Inclusive League to play pursuant to Regulation 6.3.4.
- 6.10.2.3 A player who is under suspension, whether or not an Appeal is pending.
- 6.10.2.4 A player who has been reported but is yet to attend a Tribunal Hearing in relation to the report.
- 6.10.2.5 A player, who in the opinion of an appropriate medical authority has suffered a concussion, should not play the week following the concussion.
- 6.10.2.6 A player who has not received a lawful clearance or permit from another affiliated club or another league with which they were previously registered.
- 6.10.2.7 Only players that actually participate in the match can be listed on the team sheet – must play ½ a game to be deemed to have participated in the match.
- 6.10.2.8 Players suspended in any other competition with Cross Competition Sanctions – see Appendix 10.3
- 6.10.2.9 Any player who may be deemed ineligible according to any part of these regulations.
- 6.10.3 No club shall play a player whom for any reason is unregistered in accordance with these Regulations:
 - 6.10.3.1 A club found to have breached 6.10.2 shall receive the following penalties:
 - 6.10.3.1.1 Club shall be fined (\$100) per player for the first offence, plus loss of premiership points for Inclusive League.
 - 6.10.3.1.2 Club shall be fined (\$250) per player for the second offence, plus loss of premiership points for Inclusive League.
 - 6.10.3.1.3 Club shall be fined (\$500) per player for third offence, plus team withdrawn from competition.
- 6.10.4 Internal Club Suspension
 - 6.10.4.1 Where a club has issued an internal Club suspension to a player or official, that player or official must serve the suspension prior to seeking a transfer to another club. The new club must not register any player or official who is serving an internal club suspension issued by their previous club until the suspension is served.
 - 6.10.4.2 Club Registrar to deny transfer if player is serving an internal suspension and indicate online why transfer has been denied.
- 6.3.5. exemption at their absolute discretion.

6.7. PLAYER CAP NUMBER

- 6.7.1. Clubs playing lists shall be capped at twenty-six (26) players.
 - 6.7.1.1. Clubs will not be able to register any new players or have players transfer until their list size drops below twenty-six (26) players.
 - 6.7.1.2. Failure to comply with Regulation 6.7.1 will result in penalties by SANFL Inclusive League to the teams and clubs involved, as outlined in Appendix 10.4 – Fines.

7 GAME RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1 TEAM OFFICIALS

7.1.1 Team Officials to be provided Minor Rounds

- Each team representing a club shall be supported by a one (1) coach, up to two (2) assistant coaches, one (1) team manager, up to two (2) runners, one (1) trainer or first aid provider, and up to four (4) water carriers.
- The coach or assistant coach may also act as the runner.
- Each club shall provide the following match officials for each minor round match played:

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- 7.1.1.1 A goal umpire, who shall be at least 18 years of age. The goal umpire shall be provided with a white coat/bib, a SANFL Inclusive League score card, a suitable writing instrument and two white flags.
- 7.1.1.2 A time keeper, who shall be at least 18 years of age. The time keeper shall be provided with an accurate time keeping device and a siren that is audible from all parts of the playing field and by the scoreboard attendant.
- 7.1.1.3 A Scoreboard attendant.
- 7.1.2 SANFL Inclusive League shall provide the field umpires for all minor round matches.
 - 7.1.2.1 Each club shall pay:
 - 7.1.2.1.1 Half of the field umpires' fees applicable for each match. The fees shall be paid via an invoice from the SANFL.
 - 7.1.2.2 In matches where two umpires are allocated, in the event of only one umpire being available, the umpire is to receive both match payments.
 - 7.1.2.3 The fees of any other match official where the club elects to pay match officials.
- 7.1.3 Team Officials to be provided Major Rounds
 - 7.1.3.1 The host club shall provide the following match officials for each major round match played.
 - 7.1.3.1.1 A time keeper, who shall be at least 18 years of age. The time keeper shall be provided with an accurate time keeping device and a siren that is audible from all parts of the playing field and by the scoreboard attendants.
 - 7.1.3.1.2 A Scoreboard attendant.
 - 7.1.3.2 SANFL Inclusive League shall provide:
 - 7.1.3.2.1 Two goal umpires.
 - 7.1.3.3 Competing teams shall provide the following match officials for each major round match played:
- 7.1.4 Team Officials allowed in coaches box
 - 7.1.4.1 Coach x 1, Assistant Coach x 2, Team Manager x 1, Runner and Interchange players. Water Carriers are not to be in coach's box.
 - 7.1.4.2 Injured players may be in the coach's box; however, they are not permitted on the field at any time.
 - 7.1.4.3 All coaching staff are to wear enclosed shoes for Health & Safety considerations.
- 7.1.5 Team Officials must be attired in the following SANFL Inclusive League provided coloured vest

7.1.5.1	Goal Umpire	White
7.1.5.2	Runner	Yellow shirt
7.1.5.3	Water Carriers	Pink
7.1.5.4	Team Managers	Orange
7.1.5.5	First Aid	Green
7.1.5.6	Coaches	Yellow

7.2 COACHES

7.2.1 ACCREDITATION

- 7.2.1.1 All coaches officiating at SANFL Inclusive League matches must hold a current, minimum AFL Foundation Coach (Level 1) accreditation and undertake the All Play Disability Inclusion Coaching Course (see Appendix 10.12).
- 7.2.1.2 New coaches appointed in the current year must complete their accreditation in their first year.
- 7.2.1.3 Coaches whose accreditation has or is due to expire must reapply for reaccreditation through the SANFL by the expiry date or they will be deemed as unaccredited.

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7.2.1.4 Coaches who have failed to reapply for accreditation or have not commenced courses in their first year of coaching, will be unable to continue coaching unless given SANFL Inclusive League dispensation.

7.2.1.5 An unaccredited Coach not provided dispensation to continue coaching by SANFL Inclusive League will not be permitted to:

- display visible signs of coaching, which includes communicating to the players, assistant coach or coaches, runners, water carriers, trainers etc., before or during the game;
- enter the playing arena at any stage during the match.
- be closer than 25 metres from the teams interchange bench during the game;

7.2.1.6 Any coach suspended will not be permitted, during the period of suspension, to:

- display visible signs of coaching, which includes communicating to the players, assistant coach or coaches, runners, water carriers, trainers etc., before or during the game;
- enter the change rooms before or during the game, including half time.

7.3 FIRST AID

7.3.1 SPORTS TRAINERS IN COMMUNITY AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL POLICY

7.3.1.1 In the event that a player is injured, the match must stop if in the opinion of the Field Umpire continued play is likely to cause further injury. The Field Umpire shall stop play at the first opportunity after being so advised and invite the First Aid Official (as defined in these Rules, Regulations and Procedures) on to the field.

7.3.1.2 If first aid is needed and the advice is that the player should not continue playing, the coach shall abide by the decision of the First Aid Official.

7.3.2 REQUIREMENTS

7.3.2.1 There must be at least one person with the competencies in medical emergency management procedures and responses in attendance

7.3.3 The Sports Trainer Policy applies to all matches

7.3.3.1 Must include assessed competencies (Apply First Aid or Provide Emergency Life Support).

7.3.3.2 Only players, umpires, trainers, water carriers, first aid officials and runners are permitted on the field during the course of play.

7.3.4 EDUCATION AND TRAINING

7.3.4.1 Training courses are available to clubs that do not have the appropriate access to the necessary resources as required under the Sports Trainers Policy.

7.3.5 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:

- Nurse
- Physiotherapist
- A certified Sports Trainer
- St John Officer
- Paramedic
- Doctor

7.4 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

7.4.1 Clubs are required to provide the following safety equipment at all training sessions, trial matches and minor and major round matches. The safety equipment shall be maintained in good condition and working order:

7.4.1.1 Goal and behind post padding for fixed posts complying with The Laws of Australian Football.

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- 7.4.1.2 A stretcher which must be a rigid spinal board made from either fibreglass or moulded plastic.
- 7.4.1.3 Stretchers must be by the interchange area or as near as possible before the game may commence.
- 7.4.1.4 Cervical collars (neck braces) need to be stiff and adjustable to fit all neck sizes.
- 7.4.1.5 Trainers/First Aid must be supplied an appropriate and adequately maintained first aid kit.
- 7.4.1.6 Any temporary goal and behind posts shall be designed and manufactured to an acceptable standard by SANFL Inclusive League.

7.5 GROUND SETUP

- 7.5.1 Each home or host club shall be responsible for the following at its home ground.
 - 7.5.1.1 Matches will not commence until padding is placed around all fixed goal posts and behind posts as per the Laws of Australian Football – Law 3.5.2.
 - 7.5.1.2 Where a match is allocated to a neutral venue, the host club shall be responsible for all provisions of ground setup.
 - 7.5.1.3 A check of the ground surface is to be conducted before the first match of the day and the appropriate Match Day Checklist completed. If in the event that weather conditions change then another Match Day Checklist should occur prior to that game commencing and be documented.
 - 7.5.1.4 Penalty for breach – any club, player, or team official considered by SANFL Inclusive League to be in breach of any of these Rules, Regulations or Policies, may be fined or suspended or otherwise penalised as decided by SANFL Inclusive League according to its agreed penalties.

7.6 ENTERING FIELD OF PLAY

- 7.6.1 Parents and spectators may not cross the boundary line at any break for the purpose of approaching the team huddle.

There is no restriction on where the huddle may be positioned (within the field of play).

The Ground Marshall should ensure during breaks that parents/spectators are not to approach the umpires or officials.

NB: parents or spectators are permitted to cross the oval or kick the football in areas away from the team huddle.

7.7 TEAM MANAGER

- 7.7.1 Each team must supply a Team Manager
- 7.7.2 The Team Manager is responsible for the management of the team with lodgement of team sheets, lodgement of results following each match, and completion of any match day paperwork

7.8 MEMBER PROTECTION

See SANFL website for more information

7.9 POLICE CHECKS

SANFL Inclusive League undertakes to follow the standards issued by the Department of Human Services when conducting criminal history assessments. This includes conducting Criminal History Assessments on any person who is working or volunteering with children. Including, but not limited to;

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- People who have regular contact with children and are not directly supervised at all times; or
- People who work in close proximity to children on a regular basis and are not directly supervised at all times; or
- Those who supervise or manage persons who:
 - Have regular contact with children or
 - Work in close proximity to children on a regular basis; or
 - Have access to records relating to children in connection with child protection services, education services, health services, disability services and court orders and proceedings.

7.9.1 If any of the above do not hold a current clearance, they must apply to obtain one within one month of being appointed to a position. Clearances are valid for three (3) years from date of issue.

8 COMPETITION OPERATIONS

8.1 PREMIERSHIP CONDITIONS

8.1.1 Premiership points apply

8.1.2 For competitions of 18 a side, to constitute a game, teams must have 12 registered players on their team sheet; otherwise it will be deemed a forfeit.

8.1.3 In all minor round matches four (4) premiership points shall be awarded for a win, two (2) premiership points to each team for a draw and zero (0) premiership points for a loss.

8.1.4 In all cases of a forfeit the non-forfeiting team shall receive four (4) premiership points and the score recorded as sixty points (60) to nil (0). The forfeiting team shall receive zero (0) premiership points and a score recorded as nil (0) to sixty points (60).

8.1.5 At the end of the minor round each team's position on the Premiership Table will be decided by:

8.1.5.1 Match points, and then

8.1.5.2 Percentage

8.1.6 If a competition has an uneven number of byes use

8.1.6.1 Match Points, and then

8.1.6.2 Match ratio, and then

8.1.6.3 Percentage

8.2 LOSS OF PREMIERSHIP POINTS

8.2.1 Any club, official of any club or player of any club found guilty of a breach of the Rules, Regulations and Policies and where the penalty imposed for the breach includes loss of premiership points for a team or teams for a number of matches, the loss shall be managed in the following manner:

8.2.2 Where a penalised team won:

8.2.2.1 loss of premiership points gained and those points awarded to the opposing team.

8.2.2.2 the opposing team shall be credited with a sixty (60) point to nil (0) win.

8.2.3 Where a penalised team lost:

8.2.3.1 loss of points equivalent to the number of points played for in all of the losing matches.

8.2.3.2 should the margin in any losing match be less than sixty (60) points then the margin shall be recorded as a sixty (60) to nil (0) win to the opposing team.

8.2.3.3 Should the margin in any losing match be greater than sixty (60) points then the actual result shall be the result recorded.

8.3 UNIFORMS

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- 8.3.1 The current SACFL Licensed Suppliers Policy shall apply for remainder of its term. This requires all on-field apparel to be supplied by approved Licensed Suppliers.
- 8.3.2 Requirements on logo positioning and sizing are found in Appendix 10.11
- 8.3.3 All uniform designs are to be approved by SANFL prior to production.
- 8.3.4 All playing apparel should carry SANFL Inclusive League logo.
- 8.3.5 All Players must play in the Club or team uniform as agreed by SANFL Inclusive League. Players must wear different full numbers on the back of each jumper, which are clearly recognisable. Those numbers must correspond to those on the respective team sheet.
- 8.3.6 Any club desiring to alter or vary its colours, uniform design or logo shall first apply for and obtain the permission of SANFL Inclusive League to make such variation or alteration.
- 8.3.7 Registrations of such colours, uniform design and logo by either SANFL Inclusive League or clubs, in accordance with these Rules, Regulations and Policies, shall give such clubs and SANFL Inclusive League the exclusive right to colours, uniform design and logo against any other club subsequently attempting to register the same colours, uniform design and/or logo.
- 8.3.8 **CLASH UNIFORMS**
 - 8.3.8.1 To avoid clashes of uniform, the following provisions will also apply:
 - 8.3.7.1.1 Teams are to wear white shorts for away games, except when the home club plays in white shorts
 - 8.3.7.1.2 Where the home club plays in white shorts, the away team may play in any colour shorts, other than white
 - 8.3.7.1.5 Where teams play in uniforms that are similar in design or colour, the away team must wear a clash jumper.
- 8.3.9 On days of extreme cold, a plain tight fitting T shirt in club colours may be worn underneath the playing jumper. Dispensation for players on medical/religious grounds may be granted by SANFL Inclusive League.
- 8.3.10 Undergarments, such as bike shorts, must be no longer than knee length. Full length undergarments may only be worn with the prior approval of SANFL Inclusive League.
- 8.3.11 SANFL Inclusive League will determine which clubs' uniforms constitute a clash.

8.4 EQUIPMENT

- 8.4.1 Footballs must be supplied by a manufacturer as specified by SANFL

8.5 FINALS SERIES

- 8.5.1 All matches shall be played at such grounds as determined by SANFL Inclusive League
- 8.5.2 The number of teams to be included in the Finals series and the format will be at the discretion of SANFL Inclusive League.

8.6 ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS

- 8.6.1 Players must play a minimum of four (4) games in the current season, with their club to be eligible to play in the finals series.
- 8.6.2 Application for exemptions to finals eligibility rules must be sent to SANFL Inclusive League using form IL07. Applications will only be considered for the following:
 - 8.6.2.1 A player has had a long-term injury where they have missed a minimum of 4 matches and a doctor's certificate is supplied.
 - 8.6.2.2 Religious reasons prevented a player playing on certain days of the week.

8.7 EXTRA TIME IN FINALS

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8.7.1 If scores at the conclusion of the match on the scoreboard are level, then the following applies:

8.7.1.1 Both teams remain in the positions they were when the siren sounded.

8.7.1.2 Goal umpires to confirm final score.

8.7.2 In the event of a draw, extra time to be played is five (5) minutes each way.

8.7.2.1 The procedure for extra time in a final is as follows:

- A three (3) minute break will follow the final siren.
- Coaches will be allowed to address their team during the three (3) minute break.
- Two halves each of five (5) minutes with time-on.
- Coaches will not be able to address the team and sides will change ends at the conclusion of the first five (5) minute period.

8.7.3 GOLDEN POINT

8.7.3.1 If scores are still level following extra time, the Golden Point Rule will apply:

8.7.3.2 Both teams remain in the positions they were in when the last period of extra time finished.

8.7.3.3 Goal Umpires to confirm scores.

8.7.3.4 Coaches will not be able to address the team during the goal umpire consultation period.

8.7.3.5 Play will be recommenced and the timekeepers will allow play to continue until the next score when they will sound the siren.

8.7.3.6 The team that scores first is the winner.

8.8 UMPIRE APPROVALS

8.8.1 The umpires appointed to control finals matches shall be appointed at the discretion of the SANFL Inclusive League Umpires' Coordinator.

8.9 BYES

8.9.1 Teams receiving a bye will be awarded zero premiership points and team sheets are not to be completed.

8.9.2 For the avoidance of doubt, a bye is not counted as a match of SANFL Inclusive League for a suspension to be served

8.10 FORFEITS

8.10.1 If a team has to forfeit a match a Club Official must notify a member of the SANFL Inclusive League management team who will be responsible for notifying the opposing team and the SANFL Inclusive League Umpire Coordinator and Competition Manager.

8.10.2 In the event that a team receives a forfeit, the non-forfeiting team may submit a team sheet to ensure that all players appearing upon the said team sheet shall be counted as having a 'game played' for the purpose of finals eligibility.

8.10.3 A forfeit will be claimed against any team that cannot field the minimum number of players within fifteen (15) minutes after the agreed starting time. If both teams cannot field a minimum number the result is a non-game. In the result of a double forfeit or non-game the teams may play a scratch match in the remaining allocated time, if a scratch match is played no votes are recorded and umpires fees are paid as normal.

8.10.4 When a forfeit occurs, the non-forfeiting team will record a sixty (60) point to nil (0) win and be awarded four (4) premiership points.

8.10.5 Any team forfeiting a match in a premiership competition without providing a minimum of twenty four (24) hours' notice, before the agreed match start time, is liable for the whole amount of the umpires fees (shared equally in case of a double forfeit)

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8.10.6 Any team which, having commenced playing a match, refuses for any reason to continue the match to its natural conclusion (walk-off) will incur the following:

- 8.10.6.1 A fine of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).
- 8.10.6.2 The whole amount of the umpire's fees.
- 8.10.6.3 Should the margin at the time of walk-off be less than sixty (60) points, then the margin shall be recorded as a sixty (60) point to nil (0) win to the opposing team.
- 8.10.6.4 Should the margin at the time of walk-off be greater than sixty (60) points, then the actual result shall be the result recorded.

8.11 COMPETITION WITHDRAWAL

8.11.1 Any team which has been withdrawn from the competition by SANFL Inclusive League as a result of forfeiting three (3) matches will incur a fine of One Hundred & Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). If a match commences but a team has to forfeit during the match due to injuries, this will not count towards the three (3) match penalty above.

8.12 ABANDONMENT OF MATCHES

8.12.1 If a match is called off during game time then Laws of Australian Football Rules for Incomplete Matches apply.

8.13 WASHOUTS

- 8.13.1 Only the host club, Local Council or SANFL staff are empowered to call a washout match.
- 8.13.2 Should a Club's ground be unplayable, then the Secretary of that club or its delegate must notify the SANFL Inclusive League Competition Management immediately.
- 8.13.3 Should any fixture match be cancelled due to washout, then the SANFL Inclusive League Management will notify the Umpire's Coordinator.
- 8.13.4 If a Local Council closes a ground due to wet weather, the affected games must be played within fourteen (14) days or as scheduled by the SANFL Inclusive League Competition Management.
- 8.13.5 Rescheduled matches may occur mid-week.
- 8.13.6 If a fixture or round of games is washed out and unable to be rescheduled by SANFL Inclusive League the following points will be allocated:
 - 8.13.6.1 Byes will be awarded zero points;
 - 8.13.6.2 All other teams will be awarded 2 points
- 8.13.7 If a club closes a ground due to wet weather without consultation with SANFL Inclusive League or Council, then all games scheduled for this ground will be deemed a forfeit, with non-rescheduling and points awarded to opposing teams and all other forfeit conditions applying as per Regulation 8.10.

8.14 GAME TIMES

- 8.14.1 Published starting times may be varied by mutual agreement of clubs involved.
- 8.14.2 SANFL Inclusive League must be notified of all changes of starting times.
- 8.14.3 The match clock shall only be stopped during a quarter of any minor or major round match for undue delays (serious injury) at the discretion of the Umpire/s.
- 8.14.4 If a game is running late then the last two (2) quarters are to be shortened sufficiently so that the game will finish on time.

8.15 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

8.15.1 MOUTHGUARDS

- 8.15.1.1 A Mouthguard is essential for all players for both training and games

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- 8.15.1.2 Mouthguards have a definite role in preventing injuries to the teeth and face and for this reason they are to be worn by all SANFL Inclusive League Players
- 8.15.1.3 It is acknowledged that in a very small minority of players the wearing of a mouthguard will cause some distress due to “gagging” problems. SANFL Inclusive League will not penalise a player who, for this reason, will not be able to comply with its policy but expects the player’s club to ensure it is a genuine case.

8.15.2 SHIN GUARDS

- 8.15.2.1 Shin Guards are allowed for the Ruckman only

8.15.3 GLOVES

- 8.15.3.1 Gloves are banned in all grades. Unless on medical grounds and approved by the League.

8.15.4 GLASSES

- 8.15.4.1 Footballers who wish to wear prescription glasses during matches and training sessions should wear glasses with plastic frames and lenses. A band must also hold the glasses on securely.

8.16 FAIR PLAY RULE

- 8.16.1 The purpose of this Rule is to encourage coaches, to provide the best possible experience for all players on a match day. Where a match is clearly going to be one sided on the scoreboard, coaches are to use any means necessary to ensure a good experience for all players. This could include:

- 8.16.1.1 Rotation of players into positions they don’t normally play.
- 8.16.1.2 Resting more skilled players.

- 8.16.2 After matches, the match points and percentage will be adjusted to ensure that no winning margin exceeds 10 goals/60 points. This will be completed by a ladder adjustment by the SANFL Inclusive League on the Monday following the fixture games.

8.17 VENUE DATE/TIME CHANGES

- 8.17.1 Any club changing official game time/dates/official venues without receiving written permission from SANFL Inclusive League will incur a \$100 fine
- 8.17.2 Any request for venue or fixture changes must be lodged with SANFL Inclusive League by 5pm on the Monday prior to the scheduled match.

8.18 UMPIRES

8.18.1 Fees

See Appendix 10.5

8.18.2 Appointments

- 8.18.2.1 During all matches Field Umpires to be appointed by the SANFL Inclusive League Umpire Coordinator

- 8.18.2.2 During finals Field and Goal Umpires to be appointed by the SANFL Inclusive League Umpire Coordinator

8.18.3 Umpire Accreditation

- 8.18.3.1 All Umpires to hold an appropriate level of accreditation as determined by the SANFL Umpiring Department

8.18.4 Umpire minimum age requirement

- 8.18.4.1 Field Umpires must be 18 years of age

8.18.5 Boundary and goal umpires

- 8.18.5.1 Clubs to provide Goal Umpires for all minor round matches except where indicated by SANFL Inclusive League

- 8.18.5.2 SANFL Inclusive League will provide all Umpires for all finals

8.18.6 Approaching umpires

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8.18.6.1 The following are permitted to approach umpires

- Team Manager – as per job description
- SANFL Staff – must be identifiable as an SANFL Staff Member
- Parent of Umpire

8.19 BANNED ITEMS

8.19.1 The following equipment is strictly prohibited:

- 8.19.1.1 Metal tags in boots
- 8.19.1.2 Non-Prescription glasses
- 8.19.1.3 Prescription glasses worn without written permission from SANFL Inclusive League being obtained prior to player(s) playing
- 8.19.1.4 Gloves, unless consent is given by SANFL Inclusive League. If consent given, gloves must be taped.
- 8.19.1.5 Protective equipment that is rigid in nature
- 8.19.1.6 Long fingernails
- 8.19.1.7 Hairbands worn around the wrist
- 8.19.1.8 Jewellery, including body piercings
- 8.19.1.9 Medical casts.
- 8.19.1.10 'knotting' (pulling together and tying a knot in the Guernsey) or 'bundling' (pulling together in a bundle or tail and taping) as a method for tightening the fit of a Guernsey is not permitted.
- 8.19.1.11 Any other item designated as such by SANFL Inclusive League

8.20 BLEEDING & BLOOD BORNE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

8.20.1 No club or team shall allow any player to participate in any match or continue to participate in any match for so long as such player: -

- is bleeding; or
- has blood on any part of his or her body or uniform

8.20.2 The field umpire, upon noticing or having it brought to their attention, that a player is bleeding or has an open wound that needs covering shall:

- Blow their whistle and stop the match.
- Signal by crossing their arms in front of their face the reason for the stoppage.
- Order the player from the field, via the interchange gate.
- Allow a replacement player onto the field immediately, via the interchange gate.
- Blow their whistle and recommence play when players are ready.

8.20.3 A player sent off under this Regulation may return via the interchange gate when the bleeding has stopped and the wound is covered

8.20.4 See Appendix 10.10 for more information

8.21 COUNTING OF PLAYERS

8.21.1 The Captain may at any time during a match request that the Field Umpire count the number of players of the opposing team who are on the playing surface.

8.21.2 The Field Umpire is to signal for time to be held so a count can take place.

8.21.2.1 Players to line up at the centre square for counting.

8.21.3 Where a team has more than the permitted number of players on the playing surface

8.21.3.1 Their score shall be reset to the score recorded at the previous quarter break

8.21.3.2 The Field Umpire shall award a free kick to the Captain or Acting Captain of the team who called the count; which shall be taken from the goal square.

8.21.4 Where there are a correct number of players and request without merit

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- 8.21.4.1 The Field Umpire shall award a free kick to the Captain or Acting Captain of the opposition team; which shall be taken from the goal square.

8.22 YELLOW CARD CONDITIONS

- 8.22.1 The offending player ordered off with a Yellow Card Offence cannot retake the field for a period of ten minutes of playing time.
- 8.22.2 Players sent off with a Yellow Card may be replaced immediately.
- 8.22.3 In the event the player/official is issued two (2) yellow cards in the same match the offending player/official shall not take further part in the match.
- 8.22.4 If a player/official ordered off for a yellow card offence fails to leave the field immediately when directed by the field umpire, then the player/official shall be reported for misconduct and consequently deemed to have committed a red card offence.
- 8.22.5 If a player receives two (2) yellow cards in a season, an automatic one (1) match suspension may be applied at the discretion of SANFL Inclusive League.
- 8.22.5.1 Subsequent yellow cards may also lead to further sanctions as determined by SANFL Inclusive League.

8.23 RED CARD CONDITIONS

- 8.23.1 An offending player/official ordered from the field with a red card cannot be replaced for a period of 10 minutes of playing time.
- 8.23.2 A player/official sent from the field with a red card, may not partake in the remainder of the game. The player/official is not permitted to enter the playing arena.
- 8.23.3 A player/official sent from the field with a red card is deemed to have committed a reportable offence and shall be formally reported to the SANFL Inclusive League Competition Management. The player may receive a prescribed penalty or elect to appear at a Tribunal Hearing.
- 8.23.3.1 If no prescribed penalty applies the player/official will be directed straight to a Tribunal Committee Hearing.

8.24 INJURED PLAYERS

- 8.24.1 In the event of an injury a player may leave the field at the closest point of exit, providing it is safe to do so. The Team Manager must inform the opposition that this has occurred before the player can be replaced. Any player not departing via the interchange gate may not return to the field, unless they were accompanied by a Medical Officer or Trainer. This rule is intended only to remove an injured player safely off the ground.
- 8.24.2 Unless the player is capable and conscious enough to place themselves on the stretcher without assistance, the injured player shall be attended to by a suitably trained and certified medical officer in the practice of use of a stretcher prior to removal of that player from the playing surface.
- 8.24.3 In the event of a player being removed via stretcher the following procedure is to take place:
- The timekeeper shall stop the clock at the time a stretcher crosses the boundary line and the Field Umpire has called time
 - The timekeeper shall restart the clock at the time the Field Umpire recommences play and calls time on.
 - The timekeeper shall also record the time out and the time of the quarter at which point the clock was stopped.
- 8.29.4 Where a match is stopped due to injury the decision on whether the remaining time will be played out or if the game will be declared complete as at the time of the injury will be made by SANFL Inclusive League or their appointed officials. The decision will be made to cause minimal impact on the starting time of any subsequent matches.

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- When play is ready to resume if less than 50% of the original match time is available for play then the match may be rescheduled at the discretion of SANFL Inclusive League.
- When play is ready to resume if more than 50% of the original match time is available for play then the match will be shortened accordingly ensuring any subsequent match starts on time.

8.24.5 In the event that the time taken to attend to the injured player exceeds 10 minutes from the time out the following will apply:

- If the quarter ends during the delay: - time will be called for the quarter and play will recommence for the next quarter.

8.24.6 If the final quarter is in progress and the stretcher is called for, a decision on whether the remaining time will be played out or if the game will be declared complete as at the time of the injury will be made by SANFL Inclusive League or their appointed officials. If the stretcher has been called for by an authorised person, then the player will be removed from the playing field via the most direct route for play to recommence and the injured player may be replaced through the interchange.

8.24.7 Only authorised persons are permitted to enter the field of play and no team meetings or coaching is permitted during this time. Players must remain in their positions ready for recommencement of play.

8.24.8 Should a coach enter the field of play during a stretcher call and in the opinion of the umpire was doing so in order to provide instruction, a free kick will be awarded to the opposing side in front of goal at the end of the 10-metre square. (This rule will not apply if the 10 minutes or quarter break becomes enforced).

8.24.9 Should both teams' coaches enter the field of play for the purpose of giving instruction, play will resume as would be the case under the rules of the game and both teams will have a fine imposed at the discretion of the SANFL Inclusive League Competition Management Team.

8.24.10 Team Managers will report all stretcher and ambulance call outs and the outcomes on the match documentation.

8.24.11 Any player removed from the field on a stretcher will not take any further part in the game whatsoever.

8.24.12 Any player whose weight is supported by any person/s propping them up, for any part of the journey off the field are deemed as stretchered. e.g. Player is not capable of bearing their own weight. (Examples includes being Fireman Chaired Off to be treated)

8.24.13 If in the opinion, of the team first aid official, a player cannot be moved from the field of play due to the severity of an injury, then the match may be abandoned at the discretion of a meeting between the 2 Team Managers, who then notify the Field Umpire/s.

8.24.14 The SANFL Inclusive League shall be advised of any such abandonment for the purpose of either rescheduling the fixture or determining a result according to the progress score and point of the game at which the game was abandoned, as in accordance with Regulation 8.12 Abandonment of Matches.

8.24.15 For all final round matches all decisions pertaining to the above rules will be controlled by SANFL Inclusive League or their appointed officials.

8.25 UNAUTHORISED ENCROACHMENT OF THE FIELD OF PLAY

8.25.1 In the event of an encroachment of the area of play by unauthorised persons, or that play is prevented by any other means, the Field Umpire shall seek the assistance of their fellow umpires and/or SANFL staff to clear the playing arena so that the match may be resumed.

8.25.2 If the Field Umpire is unable to do this within a reasonable time they shall terminate play at that time and report all circumstances to the SANFL Inclusive League Competition Coordinator. SANFL Inclusive League may award the result, declare the match abandoned or call a replay at its discretion.

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- 8.25.3 Any Club whose officials, players or spectators are found to be responsible for the unauthorised encroachment of any playing arena (and any official, player and club spectators so responsible) shall be fined, suspended or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the SANFL Inclusive League Competition Management Team.

8.26 GOAL POSTS

Refer to Laws of Australian Football

8.27 BLUE CARDS

- 8.27.1 A Blue Card may be awarded by an umpire, a non-officiating member of the Umpire's Panel or a member of the SANFL staff, who deems off-field behaviour to be unacceptable;
- 8.27.2 Behaviour may be deemed unacceptable if the Official considers it threatening or not in the spirit of the game.
- 8.27.3 Once a Blue Card has been awarded, both team's Ground Marshalls are to approach the Umpire or SANFL staff member to seek clarification and direction. No other club officials may enter the field of play. Players are not to leave the field of play.
- 8.27.4 The time may be stopped at the Umpire or SANFL staff member's discretion, if time is stopped the following procedure applies:
- 8.27.4.1 Re-starting the game after a Blue card;
- 8.27.5 Game to re-start only when the Official is satisfied action has been taken and the situation has been rectified,
- 8.27.6 A free kick shall be awarded against the offending team taken from their goal square
- 8.27.7 Multiple Blue Cards awarded to the same team;
- 8.27.7.1 In the event of a 2nd Blue Card being shown by an umpire/s during the game, then game will stop and will not re-start.
- 8.27.7.2 Club/player/spectator/official(s) who responsible for the Blue Card(s) shall be reported by the umpire(s) on the Incident Forms.
- 8.27.7.3 In the event of a premiership game being called off;
- 8.27.7.4 The result shall be deemed a 'forfeit' against the offending team at the discretion of the SANFL Inclusive League Competition Management Staff in consultation with the SANFL Inclusive League Umpire Coordinator.
- 8.27.7.5 In a case in which both teams contribute to the game being called off, no premiership points shall be awarded.

8.28 TRIAL MATCHES & SOCIAL MATCHES

- 8.28.1 Clubs must seek approval by SANFL Inclusive League for the hosting of Trial/Social Matches
- 8.28.2 Umpires will not be supplied for Trial Matches unless prior approval

8.29 AWARDS

8.29.1 Fairest & Best

- 8.29.1.1 In every match, the Field Umpires shall allocate votes for players they consider to be the fairest and best players in that match.
- 8.29.1.2 The Fairest and Best Player in the game shall receive three (3) votes, with the other Fairest and Best Players receiving two and one votes in order of performance.
- 8.29.1.3 These votes shall be recorded by the Umpire in an approved method set out by SANFL Inclusive League
- 8.29.1.4 SANFL Inclusive League shall decide on the place and date where all votes are counted in a manner prescribed and by persons appointed by SANFL Inclusive League.
- 8.29.1.5 The player who polls the highest number of votes in each competition shall be adjudged the 'Fairest and Best' player of that competition.

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- 8.29.1.6 The player who polls the next highest number of votes shall be adjudged the 'Runner Up Fairest and Best'.
- 8.29.1.7 In the event of an equality of votes then maximum of two medals shall be presented.
 - 8.29.1.7.1 In the event more than two players are eligible for a medal, then the following shall determine the two medal winners.
 - 8.29.1.7.2 Count back on number of games played
 - 8.29.1.7.3 If still even count back on most number of 3 vote games
- 8.29.1.8 Clubs top 5 players will be invited to attend the SANFL Inclusive League Fairest & Best Medal Count.
- 8.29.1.9 Where discrepancies in names or other details occur on the voting slip it shall be checked against the team sheet for the relevant match to clarify the information.
- 8.29.1.10 Players who have been suspended during the football year are ineligible for SANFL Inclusive League Fairest & Best Award.
- 8.29.2 Pennants and/or medallions for the team, which wins the Grand Final
- 8.29.3 Any other awards or trophies as SANFL Inclusive League shall see fit

8.30 CARNIVALS

- 8.30.1 Carnivals will be run at the discretion of SANFL Inclusive League
- 8.30.2 Carnivals can be used for
 - Participation Carnivals - offered to clubs, giving them the opportunity to play against teams and increase participation
 - Pre-season Carnivals - to offer match practice prior to the season starting

9 OTHER

9.1 MEETINGS

9.1.1 SANFL Inclusive League Meeting

- Preseason Meeting
- Midseason Meeting
- Post Season Meeting

The following stakeholders will be invited to attend:

- SANFL Representative/s
- Club Delegates
- Coaches
- Team Managers

9.2 REPORTING OF BREACHES OF RULES

9.2.1 League Appointed Officials

- 9.2.1.1 A report of a breach of the rules can be made by the following officials and must be presented to SANFL Inclusive League by 4pm on the Tuesday following the match. Any reports made after this time may be considered at the sole discretion of a SANFL Senior Manager.
 - The field umpire(s) appointed by the League and officiating in a match
 - The goal umpires or boundary umpires appointed by the League and officiating in a match.
 - SANFL Staff Member
 - An official appointed by SANFL Inclusive League

9.2.2 Club Appointed persons

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- 9.2.2.1 A report of a breach of the rules can be made by the following club appointed persons.
- Club appointed Boundary and Goal Umpires on match day during Home and Away season
 - A club official or team official.
- 9.2.2.2 Such report should be lodged using the appropriate form (IL04) and to be considered for investigation by SANFL Inclusive League must be accompanied by a \$100 fee.
- 9.2.2.3 Should a report as outlined at 9.2.2.2 result in the suspension of a player or official, then a portion (not less than 50%) of the fee paid shall be refunded to the club who made the report.
- 9.2.2.4 A club may also make report of an incident without request for investigation via the appropriate form (IL05).
- 9.2.2.5 Report must be presented to SANFL Inclusive League by 4pm on the Tuesday following the match. Any reports made after this time may be considered at the sole discretion of SANFL.
- 9.2.3 Dealing with Breaches of rules
- 9.2.3.1 A Breach of the rules by a participant may occur:
- During a trial match, minor round match or final series.
 - On the day of the match and in the immediate vicinity of the playing field.

9.3 PROCESS OF REPORTING BY FIELD UMPIRE

- 9.3.1 Where an umpire reports a player or official during the course of a match, the umpire where practical is to inform a club official such as the Team Manager of the report.
- 9.3.2 A Club President, Secretary or Delegate (of the reported player/official's club) may approach the umpire at the conclusion of the match to obtain the relevant report details.
- 9.3.3 It is a breach of these rules for any person, other than those mentioned at 9.3.2 to approach the umpire in relation to the report.
- 9.3.4 It is a breach of these Rules for a reported Player, Official or any other Player or Official to speak to the Umpire about a Report. Any Player or Official who speaks to the Umpire may be referred by SANFL Inclusive League to the Tribunal to deal with as the Tribunal thinks appropriate.
- 9.3.5 The failure of an Umpire to inform a Player or Official of the Report does not invalidate the making of the Report.
- 9.3.6 Completing Notice of Report by the Umpire
- 9.3.6.1 In completing and lodging a Notice of Report, the Umpire is to complete the Umpire Match Report. In such cases, the Umpire will, on the day, advise the Clubs and where practical ensure that the proper notice of a Report is provided verbally. When the Report is processed by SANFL Inclusive League, full and complete details will be provided from the Umpire Match Report to the Club of the reported Player.
- 9.3.6.2 As soon as practicable after the completion of the match, the reporting Umpire shall:
- Provide advice to an Official from each team.
 - Each team shall be responsible for the attendance of an Official at the end of the match in question in order to receive such advice. In the event of no such Official attending, the Reporting Umpire shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this Rule;
 - Verbally advise the SANFL Inclusive League Umpire Coordinator of the Report by 9.00am the following business day.

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9.3.7 Investigations

SANFL Inclusive League have the power to investigate any incident brought to their attention; they may elect to refer to tribunal or commence an investigation

9.3.8 Penalties

9.3.8.1 A Prescribed penalty may be offered by the SANFL Inclusive League Management pursuant to Appendix 10.4

9.3.8.2 Prescribed Penalties are a set sanction or penalty for a reportable offence that is offered to an offender by SANFL Inclusive League Management in lieu of attending a Tribunal Hearing.

9.3.8.3 If an Offender elects to attend the Tribunal in lieu of accepting SANFL Inclusive League's offer of a Prescribed Penalty and is subsequently found guilty of that offence, then the resultant penalty shall be equal to or greater than the Prescribed Penalty. It shall not be less than the Prescribed Penalty for that offence, unless mitigating circumstances are established at the Tribunal Hearing.

9.3.8.4 At its discretion, SANFL Inclusive League Management have the power to refer a matter directly to the Tribunal.

9.3.8.5 Non-compliance with penalties - A club or participant not complying with a penalty imposed by SANFL Inclusive League within thirty (30) days shall be subject to such additional penalties as the League may apply.

9.3.8.6 A person suspended by SANFL Inclusive League Tribunal for six (6) matches or more may appeal against such suspension on one or more of the grounds set out in the Appeals section [9.6];

9.3.8.7 With respect to the issue of guilt;

- That there was an error of law; or
- That the decision was so unreasonable that no tribunal acting reasonably could have come to that decision having regard to the evidence before it

9.3.8.8 With respect to the issue of penalty;

- That the sanction imposed was manifestly excessive

9.3.9 Cross competition sanctions

Refer to Appendix 10.3

9.3.10 All other reports will be directed to a Tribunal Hearing.

9.4 TRIBUNAL COMPOSITION, PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES

9.4.1 Powers of the Tribunal

9.4.1.1 The Tribunal shall:

9.4.1.2 Have the power to hear and determine any report, charge or complaint laid by an Umpire, or referred by SANFL Inclusive League Management.

9.4.1.3 Make any determination based on the balance of probabilities.

9.4.1.4 Have the power to require the attendance of any person or persons before it at any time it deems fit.

9.4.1.5 At its absolute discretion admit or reject any evidence available at or before the hearing of such report.

9.4.1.6 At its absolute discretion adjourn from time to time the hearing of any report

9.4.1.7 Have the power to make recommendations to SANFL Inclusive League concerning any matter arising from any hearings of the tribunal.

9.4.1.8 Forward to SANFL Inclusive League a report details the offence heard and determined by it.

9.4.2 In determining any report the Tribunal have the power to;

9.4.2.1 Dismiss the report.

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- 9.4.2.2 Find a report not proven.
- 9.4.2.3 Find a report proven and reprimand any player(s) or official(s).
- 9.4.2.4 Find a report proven and suspend for any period any player(s) or official(s).
- 9.4.2.5 Find a report proven and impose on any player(s) or official(s) Member club a fine for each report proven.
- 9.4.2.6 Find a report proven and apply a sanction to any player or official, and subsequently suspend all or part of that sanction upon that player undertaking to be of good behaviour for any period specified by the Tribunal.
- 9.4.2.7 Find a report not proven, but if in the opinion that a player has committed any breach under the Charter or Rules & Regulations of SANFL Inclusive League, deal with such breach in accordance with the provisions set out herein as if such breach were the report being determined and to this effect may amend, alter or substitute any report in place of the original report.
- 9.4.3 The Tribunal shall have the powers to impose a fine and/or penalty or additional penalty upon any person or member club that:
 - 9.4.3.1 Knowingly gives false evidence to SANFL Inclusive League or to the Tribunal at any hearing.
 - 9.4.3.2 Before, at, or after any hearing insults, abuses, threatens or assaults the Tribunal or any member thereof or any person giving evidence at such hearing or whom in the opinion of the Tribunal is guilty of misconduct at any Tribunal hearing.
 - 9.4.3.3 Refuses or neglects to obey any order of the Tribunal.
- 9.4.4 Tribunal documents are available and should be referred to by any person and their advocate prior to appearing before the Tribunal. In the event of any inconsistency between the Tribunal document and these Rules, the Tribunal may make its own determination as to which applies.
- 9.4.5 A person qualified as a Legal Practitioner is not permitted to act in the role of Player, Official or Umpire Advocate.
- 9.4.6 The parents/guardians of a reported Player or Official, or a reporting Umpire are not permitted to act in the role of the advocate. Such persons are, however, permitted to attend Tribunal hearings, should the player/official or umpire be under the age of 18.
- 9.4.7 A Tribunal Member may not act as an advocate or otherwise appear in any capacity before the Tribunal.
- 9.4.8 Tribunals may be recorded (audio and/or video) at the discretion of SANFL Inclusive League. Any recordings will only be made available to the Appeals Tribunal.
- 9.4.9 Following the decision of the Tribunal, SANFL Inclusive League will provide a written outcome of the tribunals decision.
- 9.5 **FAILURE TO ATTEND A TRIBUNAL HEARING**
 - 9.5.1 Should the reported player, or required club official(s) fail to attend at the time and place as requested, the Tribunal shall have the power to hear and determine the report in the player's absence, or adjourn such hearing.
 - 9.5.2 SANFL Inclusive League may impose a fine or sanction to a Member Club if a club advocate and/or the reported player fail to attend such hearing.
 - 9.5.3 Should the umpire or Official of SANFL Inclusive League signing the report not appear at a hearing, the Tribunal shall have the power to dismiss the report or adjourn such hearing.
- 9.6 **APPEALS**
 - 9.6.1 A person suspended by SANFL Inclusive League Tribunal for six (6) matches or more may appeal against such suspension on one or more of the grounds set out below;
 - 9.6.1.1 With respect to the issue of guilt;

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- That there was an error of law; or
- That the decision was so unreasonable that no tribunal acting reasonably could have come to that decision having regard to the evidence before it

9.6.1.2 With respect to the issue of penalty;

- That the sanction imposed was manifestly excessive

9.6.2 Any player or club wishing to appeal a decision of the tribunal must lodge a Notice of Appeal and pay an application fee of \$500 within 48 hours of the Tribunal handing down its decision.

9.6.3 Any Appeal must be supported by the Appellant's primary club, the club which they were representing at the time of the incident in question.

9.6.4 Any appeal will be heard by an Appeal Tribunal, constituted by one (1) member. That member must not have been involved in the decision which is the subject of the appeal.

9.6.5 Subject to any other matters set out in these Regulations, the Appeals Tribunal may regulate any proceedings brought before it in such manner it decides.

9.6.6 The Appeal Tribunal is not bound by the rules of evidence nor by the practices and procedures applicable to courts of record, but may inform itself on any matter in such manner as it decides.

9.6.7 An appeal is to proceed by way of a review of the evidence before the Tribunal and not by way of a rehearing.

9.6.8 At the hearing of an appeal, fresh evidence may not be presented without leave of the Appeal Tribunal. The Appeal Tribunal must not grant such leave unless they are satisfied that'

9.6.8.1 The evidence could not by reasonable diligence have been obtained prior to the conclusion of the original hearing; and

9.6.8.2 The evidence is of such a character that is considered with other evidence which was given before the Tribunal, the Tribunal would have reached a different result.

9.6.9 The Appeal Tribunal has the power:

9.6.9.1 To affirm, reverse or vary the decision the subject of the appeal;

9.6.9.2 To increase or decrease the penalty imposed by the Tribunal;

9.6.9.3 To adjourn its proceeding at and to such time as it shall deem fit; and

9.6.9.4 To stay the execution of the penalty imposed by the Tribunal pending the determination of the appeal.

9.6.10 The Appeal Tribunal is not obliged to give reason for a decision made by it under 9.6.9

9.6.11 Should the appeal be upheld in favour of the Appellant, an amount not more than 50% of the application fee will be refunded.

9.7 MEDIA

9.7.1 Any officials, parents, players, or clubs making statements to the press or media that are considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of other officials, parents, players or SANFL Inclusive League shall be subject to a Code of Conduct, Investigation Committee hearing. A maximum fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) may be incurred for any breaches of the above.

9.8 REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

9.8.1 Representative Football matches will be run at the discretion of SANFL Inclusive League

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APPENDICES

All Appendices form part of these Rules & Regulations; any breaches of any SANFL Inclusive League Appendices or Policies will be subject to fines and/or penalties as determined by SANFL Inclusive League Staff or SANFL Inclusive League Tribunal.

10.1	Codes of Conduct
10.1.1	Players Code of Conduct
10.1.2	Coaches Code of Conduct
10.1.3	Parents, Supporters & Spectators Codes of Conduct
10.1.4	Officials Code of Conduct
10.1.5	Club Official Code of Conduct
10.2	Equalisation Policy
10.3	Cross Competition Sanctions
10.4	Fines
10.5	Fees
10.6	Forms
10.7	SANFL Inclusive League Offence Classification
10.8	SANFL Inclusive League Match Conditions
10.9	Alcohol Policy
10.10	Bleeding & Blood Born Infections Policy
10.11	Branding Policy – Inclusive League Apparel Templates 2023
10.12	Coaches Accreditation Policy
10.13	Concussion Policy
10.14	Cyber Safety & Social Media Policy
10.15	Illicit Drugs Policy
10.16	Smoke Free Environments
10.17	Sponsorship Policy
10.18	Sports Trainers in Community Australian Football Policy
10.19	Vilification Policy
10.20	Weather Policy
10.21	Zero Tolerance Policy
10.22	Task Lists & Function Cards
10.23	Advice for Suspended Players, Coaches & Officials