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INTRODUCTION

The SANFL Men's Competition Regulations (*Men's Regulations*) detail only the applicable rules and regulations specific to the SANFL Men's Competitions.

These Men's Regulations must be read and interpreted in conjunction with the Master Regulations, the Laws of Australian Football and the National Community Football Policy Handbook, as are amended from time to time. The Master Regulations contains regulations on the operation and administration of all SANFL competitions, and are therefore applicable to both the SANFL Men's and SANFL Women's Competitions.

A copy of these Men's Regulations will be provided on the SANFL Website www.sanfl.com.au.

PART ONE: INTERPRETATION

Regulations in this Part One are drafted to provide clarification on how specific terms are defined under these Men's Regulations, and more generally, how these Men's Regulations should be interpreted, including how they are read in conjunction with the Master Regulations.

1. Definitions

- (a) Unless otherwise defined in these Men's Regulations (in Regulation 1 or otherwise), a capitalised term has the meaning given to it in the Master Regulations.

Adjacent Grade Team means two Teams of a Club which compete in competitions that are ranked immediately above or below each other, such as the SANFL Men's League and the Reserve competitions;

AFL Additional (SANFL) List means an SA-based AFL Club's list of Players pursuant to Regulation 39, which includes the Talent Development List, Open Age List and Community (SANFL) List, and any State Under 18 Team Players approved by SANFL.

AFL Club means a Club that participates in the AFL, including AFC and PAFC;

AFL Finals means the AFL Finals series of Matches;

AFL Home & Away means the rounds of Matches played during the regular AFL Season not including the AFL Finals;

AFL Team means a Team of an AFL Club that competes in the AFL;

AFL Rookie List Player means a Player who is included on the Rookie List of an AFL Club;

Application for Registration means an application for registration of a Player, using the form at Schedule 4 (for Senior Players) and Schedule 5 (for Youth Players);

Application for Transfer means an Application for Transfer document exhibited in Schedule 8;

Approved Contract means a Standard Player Contract, Category B Player Contract, or any other player contract as prescribed under Schedule 7 of the Master Regulations, or in a format approved by the SANFL;

Club 1 has the meaning prescribed in Regulation 21;

Club 2 has the meaning prescribed in Regulation 21;

Club List means the lists required to be lodged and maintained by Clubs under Regulation 17;

Community List	means an SA-based AFL Club's list of Players as further described in Regulation 39(c);
Community Listed Player	means a Player on an Community List;
Deregistration	refers to the provisions outlined in Section 7 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook as amended from time to time and set out in Schedule 3 of the Master Regulations;
Exiting Player	<p>means a Registered Player of a Club who has given notice in writing to the Club with which they are registered that they have exited or intend to exit. For the purposes of Regulation 26:</p> <p>(a) An Exiting Player will be deemed to be listed on the Club List which they were included at the date of their giving notice of exit or intended exit;</p> <p>(b) The Season in which an Exiting Player gives notice of their exit or intended exit will not be taken into account in determining the exit period of an Exited Player.</p>
Home Affiliated Club	means the Affiliated Club with which a Player was last registered prior to applying for registration with a Club;
Imported Player	<p>means a Player who:</p> <p>(a) was first registered as a player with any club that is outside of South Australia and does not participate in SANFL competitions; and</p> <p>(b) has transferred to any South Australian based Club from an AFL Club (except PAFC or AFC), WAFL, VFL or the AFL talent pathway competition known as the Coates League; and</p> <p>(c) has not previously played Football for a Team in SANFL Competitions.</p> <p>A Player will cease to be an Imported Player after two (2) seasons of being registered to play football with a South Australian based Club.</p>
Interstate Club	means any club which participates in an Interstate Competition;

<i>Interstate Transfer</i>	means a transfer of a Player between a Club and an Interstate Club;
<i>Life Member</i>	means any person who has been elected to Life Membership of the SANFL.
<i>Men’s Regulations</i>	means the SANFL Men’s Competition Regulations;
<i>NGA</i>	means a ‘next generation academy’ program;
<i>Non-Adjacent Grade Teams</i>	means two Teams of a Club which compete in competitions that are not ranked immediately above or below each other, such as the Senior Leagues and the Under 18 competitions;
<i>Non-SANFL</i>	means a Team, Club or competition not within or organised by the SANFL;
<i>Open Age List</i>	means an SA-based AFL Club’s list of Players who are over an age threshold, as further described in Regulation 39(b);
<i>Open Age Listed Player</i>	means a Player on an Open Age List;
<i>SA-based AFL Club</i>	means under Part Five of these Men’s Regulations, and Regulation 5(a) of Schedule 1, AFC and PAFC;
<i>SANFL Club</i>	means under Part Five of these Men’s Regulations, all Clubs in SANFL Competitions other than the SA AFL Clubs;
<i>SANFL Club Open Age List</i>	has the meaning prescribed in Regulation 39(b);
<i>Senior List</i>	means the list of Players published by a Club on which Players are numbered consecutively up to a number the Football Commission may determine and from which Players are selected to play in the SANFL Men’s League or Reserves grade Teams;
<i>State Under 18 Team</i>	means the State Representative Team for a national championship for players aged under 18;
<i>State Under 18 Team Player</i>	means a Player in the State Under 18 Team;
<i>Talent Development List</i>	means an SA-based AFL Club’s list of Players identified for talent development purposes;
<i>Talent Development Listed Player</i>	means a Player on a Talent Development List;
<i>Talent Development Player Agreement</i>	means an agreement between a Talent Development Player and an SA-based AFL Club using the form prescribed by SANFL from time to time;

***Usual Place of
Employment***

means where the Player works the majority of their work hours;

2. Interpretation

- (a) The interpretation provisions in Regulation 2 of the Master Regulations apply to these Men's Regulations, unless otherwise specified.
- (b) These Men's Regulations apply to all SANFL Men's Competitions unless otherwise specified.
- (c) Unless otherwise defined in these Men's Regulations, a defined term has the meaning given to it in the Master Regulations.

PART TWO: RECRUITMENT AND RECRUITMENT CONDUCT

This Part Two outlines the recruitment conduct for uncontracted players, Contracted Players, and delisted AFL Players, as well as the consequences of breaching these Men's Regulations.

3. Uncontracted Players – No Permission Required

A Club Official or an agent of a Club (**Interviewing Club**) may interview a Player, agent or purported agent of a Player of another Club (**Receiving Club**) if that Player is not:

- (a) a Contracted Player; or
- (b) numbered between 1 and 25 on the Senior List; or
- (c) numbered between 1 and 120 on the Youth List;

of the Receiving Club for the purpose of obtaining the services of that Player as a footballer.

4. Contracted Players – Permission to Interview

(a) Must Obtain Permission

A Club Official or an agent of a Club (**Interviewing Club**) must obtain permission from another Club (**Receiving Club**) to interview a Player, agent or purported agent of the Receiving Club if that Player is:

- (i) a Contracted Player; or
- (ii) numbered between 1 and 25 on the Senior List; or
- (iii) numbered between 1 and 120 on the Youth List.

(b) Permission to Interview Form

- (i) An Interviewing Club may obtain permission to interview a Player by sending an email to the Receiving Club with a completed Permission to Interview form from Schedule 7 (**the Application**). The Application must be in the form prescribed by the SANFL from time to time.
- (ii) The Interviewing Club must forward a copy of the Application to the SANFL by copying the SANFL into the email it sends to the Receiving Club as required by Regulation 4(b).

(c) Receiving Club Must Give Notice of Granting or Refusal

Upon receipt of an Application, the Receiving Club must give notice in writing to the Interviewing Club as to whether or not permission to interview has been granted or refused:

- (i) in the case of a Player who is sought to be interviewed immediately following being delisted by an AFL Club, either on 1 December following the date of their delisting or within 7 days from the date of receiving the Application, whichever happens later; and
- (ii) in any other case, within 7 clear days from the date of delivery, posting or sending by e-mail of the Application.

(d) **Receiving Club Must Not Unreasonably Refuse Permission**

A Receiving Club must not unreasonably refuse permission to the Interviewing Club to interview the Player named in the Application, although it is not unreasonable for the Receiving Club to refuse permission if such Player is a Contracted Player of the Receiving Club.

(e) **Permission Assumed if No Response**

If permission in writing has not been granted or refused by the Receiving Club under Regulation 4(c), the Receiving Club will be deemed to have granted permission to interview the Player named in the Application.

5. No Permission to Interview Over the Christmas Period

An Application for Permission to Interview must not be delivered or sent to a Club by any means between 5.00 pm on 23 December in any year and 9.00 am on the second Monday of January in the following year. Any Application for Permission to Interview delivered or sent to a Club during that period will be invalid and ineffectual.

6. Contracted Players – Training with another Club

A Contracted Player, a Player numbered between 1 and 25 inclusive on the Senior List or 1 and 120 on the Youth List of a Club (**Receiving Club**) who has been interviewed by another Club (**Interviewing Club**):

- (a) must not train with Interviewing Club until he has signed an Application for Transfer from the Receiving Club to the Interviewing Club; and
- (b) either:
 - (i) all monies payable by way of Transfer Fee have either been paid by the Receiving Club to the Interviewing Club; or
 - (ii) terms of payment of the Transfer Fee have been agreed between the Interviewing Club and the Receiving Club, and details of such agreement have been notified in writing to the Executive General Manager Football by both Clubs.

7. **Inducements**

A Club Official or agent of a Club must not offer any inducement or other encouragement to a Player to breach or terminate any Player Contract with another Club.

8. **Tryouts**

- (a) A Club Official or agent of a Club (**Club 1**) must not invite a Contracted Player or a Player numbered between 1 and 25 inclusive on the Senior List of another Club (**Club 2**) to play or train with Club 1 without first obtaining the approval in writing of Club 2 unless the Player has lodged with the SANFL an Application for Transfer to Club 2.
- (b) If approval to play or train is granted by Club 2 under Regulations 6(a) or 8(a), a copy of the approval of Club 2 must be lodged with the SANFL by Club 1.

9. **Delisted AFL Players**

- (a) For the purposes of Part Two, an AFL Player will immediately, after being delisted by the AFL Club that they are registered or listed with, be deemed to be a Player of the Club they are or were last registered as a Player until 5.00 pm on the second day after completion of the final AFL draft following the end of each season (**the Listing Date**).
- (b) If the Club with which a delisted AFL Player is or was last registered as a Player does not include that Player between numbers 1 and 25 inclusive on its Senior List by the Listing Date, they will not be deemed to be a Contracted Player of that Club.

10. **Breach of this Part Two**

Any breach of Part Two will be subject to a hearing and determination by the Permit Tribunal under Part Five of the Master Regulations.

11. **Sanctions for a Breach of this Part Two**

(a) **Additional fines to compensate Receiving Club**

An amount equal to any fine imposed as an additional penalty under Part Five of the Master Regulations must, in addition to that fine, be paid by the Interviewing Club to the Receiving Club by way of compensation.

(b) **Deductions from Financial Assistance**

Any fine and any amount under Regulation 11(a) payable to the Receiving Club which remains unpaid by the Interviewing Club must be deducted from any monies which may from time to time become payable by the SANFL to the Interviewing Club as Financial Assistance. The amount of the fine due to the Receiving Club may then be paid directly to the Receiving Club by the SANFL at the time of such deduction.

PART THREE: REGISTRATION, LISTS AND TRANSFERS

A ELIGIBILITY, REGISTRATION, CONTRACTS AND RESIDENTIAL STATUS

This Section A, Part Three outlines the Men's Regulations surrounding registration, including contracts and residential status.

12. Requirement of Registration

- (a) A Club must not permit a Player to play, or a person to act as a Club Official, unless that Player or Person is registered with the SANFL.
- (b) Subject to Regulation 38 of the Master Regulations, to register as a Player or a Club Official of a Club:
 - (i) for a SANFL Club, a Player must have attained the age of 14 years during the calendar year in which they first seek registration as a Player with a Club;
 - (ii) for an AFL Club, a Player must have attained the age of 18 years during the calendar year in which they first seek registration;
 - (iii) a Player must not be a Contracted Player for another Club or be named on a current Senior List or Youth List of another Club except as provided for under Section C, Part Three;
 - (iv) a Player must be named on one of the lists required by Regulation 17 to be lodged by the Club with which they desire to play football;
 - (v) a Player must not be ineligible by virtue of the operation of section 7 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook; and
 - (vi) a Player must be otherwise eligible to be registered as a Player of a Club.
- (c) Upon ceasing to be eligible to be registered on the Youth List of a Club or having been removed from the Youth List of a Club, a Player will not be allowed to play football for a Team of that Club until they are again registered as a Player of that Club.

13. Club Registration Fees

- (a) Until otherwise decided by the Football Commission, the Registration Fee payable by a Club (**Club 1**) upon registration of a Player by Club 1 will be as follows:
 - (i) If the Player resides within the boundaries of Club 1's Promotional zone, no fee is payable.
 - (ii) If the Player resides within the boundaries of another Club's (**Club 2**) Promotional Zone, registration fees will apply, with Clubs able to negotiate and agree upon

such fees (**Registration Fees**), provided they do not exceed the following maximum amounts:

- (A) Upon the registration of that Player, \$5,000;
 - (B) Upon that Player playing 1 SANFL Men's League Match for Club 1, \$4,000;
 - (C) Upon that Player playing 10 SANFL Men's League Matches for Club 1, \$3,000;
 - (D) Upon that Player playing 25 SANFL Men's League Matches for Club 1, \$3,000.
- (b) The Registration Fees are payable:
- (i) under Regulation 13(a)(ii)(A), at the time of lodgement of the Application for Registration; and
 - (ii) under Regulations 13(a)(ii)(B) to 13(a)(ii)(D) inclusive, within 7 days of the date the Player plays the relevant number of Matches.
- (c) The Registration Fee under Regulation 13(b) must be paid directly by the Club registering the Player to the Club located in the Promotional Zone where the Player resides.
- (d) A Club will not be required to pay any Registration Fee in respect of:
- (i) a Player who is not currently a Registered Player of a Club who seeks registration as a Player of a Club on or after 1 January in the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 19 years;
 - (ii) a person who has been registered as a Player of such Club who is subsequently not included on any of the Club Lists of such Club;
 - (iii) a person who has resided for a period of at least 12 consecutive months within the boundaries of a Promotional Zone of such Club; and
 - (iv) a person who is registered on the Youth List of a Club and is subsequently removed from the Youth List of that Club.

14. Player Contracts

- (a) A written playing contract must be in the form of an Approved Contract as exhibited in Schedule 7 of the Master Regulations.
- (b) For a Player who has not previously been a Registered Player of a Club:

- (i) if the contract is in writing, a signed copy of a Player Contract must be lodged with the SANFL at the time of lodgement of an Application for Registration of that Player by that Club; or
 - (ii) if a contract to play football is not in writing, that Club must at the time of lodgement of the Application for Registration also lodge with the SANFL a memorandum setting out the terms of such contract.
- (c) If a Registered Player of a Club is entering into a contract with their Club, that Club must submit the written contract or a memorandum setting out the terms of an oral contract by whichever of the following comes first:
- (i) 31 March of the year the contract is commencing; or
 - (ii) 7 calendar days prior to the first Match played in Round 1 of the Minor Round Season.

15. Usual Place of Residence

The following applies to the determination of the Usual Place of Residence of a Player who is named or will be named on any Club List:

- (a) Where the Player is a student at school, irrespective of their age, their Usual Place of Residence will be their parents' or legal guardians' place of residence.
- (b) Where the Player is a tertiary education student:
 - (i) if the Player is aged 18 years or over, their Usual Place of Residence will be deemed to be that recorded on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll;
 - (ii) if the Player is aged under 18 years of age, their Usual Place of Residence will be their parents' or legal guardians' place of residence.
- (c) Where the Player is aged 18 years or over and is not a student in any school or tertiary institution, his Usual Place of Residence will be deemed to be that as recorded:
 - (i) on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll; or
 - (ii) if not registered on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll, the postal address at which he last resided for a continuous period of 12 months.
- (d) For the purposes of Regulations 15(a) and 15(b), if the Player's parents or legal guardians are no longer residing together, subject to Regulation 15(e) his Usual Place of Residence will be the address shown on the Player's Application for Registration.

- (e) If an address is included on a Youth List Application for Registration in addition to the address given under Regulation 15(d), the Player will not be registered as a Player by the SANFL until he satisfies the SANFL as to his Usual Place of Residence.
- (f) The following information may be supplied to the SANFL to satisfy it as to the Player's usual place of residence:
 - (i) Written confirmation by both (if applicable) parents or legal guardians as to the Usual Place of Residence of the Player;
 - (ii) The place of residence shown in the records of the school attended by the Player as being his place of residence;
 - (iii) Copies of any records of the Family Court of Australia which include information relating to the custody of the Player or his place of residence; or
 - (iv) Any other relevant information.
- (g) In the event that the SANFL is not satisfied as to a Usual Place of Residence for a Player, the Club must obtain a ruling from the Permit Tribunal as to the Player's Usual Place of Residence in order to include such Player on a Club List. Such ruling is final and binding on the Player and the SANFL.
- (h) The Club desiring to include the Player on one of its Club Lists must ensure that all information concerning the Player's Usual Place of Residence is accurately included on the Player's Application for Registration.
- (i) The onus of establishing the Usual Place of Residence of a Player shall rest with the Club desiring to include the Player on one of its Club Lists.

B LISTING PROCEDURES AND CLUB LISTS

This Section B, Part Three sets out the Men's Regulations regarding listing procedures and

16. SANFL Register of Club Lists

The SANFL must maintain a register of all Registered Players and Club Lists of each Club on its preferred online platform which is accessible for inspection by any Club Official, Affiliated League or Affiliated Club during the normal office hours of the SANFL.

17. Club Lists

Each Club must lodge and maintain lodgement with the SANFL of its Senior List and Youth List relating to prospective and currently Registered Players, each of whom is eligible for registration as a Player of that Club as follows:

(a) **Senior List**

- (i) Each Club may name Players on its Senior List consecutively up to the limit and in such form determined by the Football Commission from time to time.
- (ii) Until determined otherwise under Regulation 17(a)(i), the Senior List consists of the 1-25 list and the 26-40 list.
- (iii) Subject to Regulation 17(a)(v), a Player who:
 - (A) is included on the Senior List of a Club for a continuous period of 24 months; and
 - (B) has not played a Match for premiership points in a Team of that Club during that period;will immediately become ineligible to remain on and must be removed from the Senior List of that Club.
- (iv) Each Club may name not more than three Players on its Senior List who have ceased to be eligible to be named on that Club's Youth List and have not been named on that Club's Senior List by the 1 January immediately after the date they ceased to be eligible. Such Players must be:
 - (A) either listed on the Senior List; and
 - (B) listed with an asterisk alongside their name to identify them as a Player to which this Regulation 17(a)(iv) applies.
- (v) Any Players who are on the 26 to 40 Senior List of their Club and subsequently moved to the 1 to 25 Senior List will be deemed to be on the former Senior List until:
 - (A) 28 days after the date on which the SANFL is notified of such changes in list position; or
 - (B) any such Players have played three Matches for the SANFL Men's League Team of their Club in the Season in which the SANFL is notified of such change, whichever happens first.

(b) **Youth List**

- (i) Each Club (**Listing Club**) may name Players on its Youth List consecutively up to the limit and in such form determined by the Football Commission from time to time, and such Players must:

- (A) attain the age of 14 years during the calendar year in which such Player is included;
 - (B) be under the age of 18 years on 31 December in the calendar year before the year in which such Player is to be included;
 - (C) subject to Regulation 17(b)(ii), have their Usual Place of Residence be within the Promotional Zone of the Listing Club for a continuous period of 12 months and not have subsequently had their Usual Place of Residence be in another Club's Promotional Zone for 12 or more months.
- (ii) Not more than 5 Players named on the Youth List of a Club who are subject to the payment of a registration fee under Regulation 13(a)(ii) may reside outside the Promotional Zones of such Club.
 - (iii) A Club that has included a Player on their Youth List who is ineligible to be on a Youth List must remove that Player within five business days of them becoming aware of that Player's ineligibility.
 - (iv) If a Club is given notice of a Player's ineligibility by the Executive General Manager Football and that Club does not remove the Player within five business days, the Executive General Manager may do so.

C TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

This Section C, Part Three details the Men's Regulations for Player transfers for Senior and Youth Listed Players, transfers between Clubs, and between SANFL and non-SANFL

18. General Restriction on Player Transfers and Dual Registration

- (a) A Player numbered between 1 and 25 on the Senior List of a Club (**Transferring Club**) cannot be registered as a Player of another Club between 1 July and 31 October in each year unless that Player has obtained a transfer from the Transferring Club prior to 1 July.
- (b) No Player may be registered as a Player:
 - (i) with more than two Clubs in any Season;
 - (ii) of a Club within a period of 12 calendar months after transferring from that Club to another Club.

19. Senior List Players

- (a) A Player who is numbered between 1 and 25 on the Senior List of a Club (**Club 2**) shall not be granted a transfer to another Club (**Club 1**) whilst that Player is still a Contracted

Player with Club 2 other than by agreement with Club 2 or by a determination of the Permit Tribunal.

- (b) A Player who is numbered between 1 and 25 on the Senior List of a Club (**Transferring Club**) and is not a Contracted Player with the Transferring Club will be entitled to transfer to another Club:
 - (i) upon lodging a signed Application for Transfer with the SANFL; and
 - (ii) upon the payment of a Transfer Fee agreed in accordance with Regulation 25 or failing agreement such transfer may be determined by the Permit Tribunal.
- (c) A Player who is numbered between 26 and 40 on the Senior List of a Club will be entitled to transfer to another Club:
 - (i) upon lodging a signed Application for Transfer with the SANFL; and
 - (ii) upon the payment of a Transfer Fee agreed in accordance with Regulation 25.

20. Past Youth Listed Player Transfer

A Transfer Fee will apply to the transfer of Players in their 19th or 20th year who were on the Youth List of their Club (**Transferring Club**) in accordance with the Transfer Fee Guide set out in Schedule 2, which considers:

- (a) whether that Player has signed a Senior Registration Form with the Transferring Club;
- (b) whether and where that Player has been placed on the Senior List of the Transferring Club; and
- (c) when that Player was listed on the Youth List of the Transferring Club.

21. Transfer from Club to Club

The procedure to be adopted with respect to the transfer of a Registered Player from one Club (**Club 2**) to another Club (**Club 1**) will be as follows:

- (a) An Application for Transfer must be completed and signed by the Player, and lodged with the SANFL. A copy of the Application for Transfer will be sent to Club 2, while a copy will also be retained by Club 1.
- (b) Club 2 must either grant or refuse the Application for Transfer and return it to the SANFL within 7 days of receiving it. Such granting or refusal must be endorsed in writing by Club 2 on the copy of the Application for Transfer sent to the SANFL.
- (c) If Club 2 refuses an Application for Transfer, it must endorse its refusal on a copy of the Application to Transfer with reasons in writing for such refusal.

- (d) If Club 2 does not return the endorsed Application for Transfer to the SANFL as required by Regulation 21(b) or otherwise advise the SANFL in writing of its decision on such transfer within 14 days of receiving the Application for Transfer, the SANFL must at the written request of the Player seeking such transfer give notice to Club 2 indicating that the SANFL will grant that transfer at the expiration of five (5) business days.
- (e) If Club 2 does not grant or refuse the Application for Transfer within five (5) business days from the date the notice referred to in Regulation 21(d) was sent, the SANFL must immediately grant such transfer.
- (f) An Application for Transfer must not be lodged with the SANFL between 5.00 pm on 23 December in any year and 9.00am on the second Monday of January in the following year. An Application for Transfer which is delivered or sent to the SANFL during that period will be of no effect.

22. Permission to Play for Non-SANFL Clubs

Regarding a Player's request to play football with a Non-SANFL club:

- (a) The Player must first obtain an approved transfer or permit from their Home Affiliated Club via the PlayHQ platform.
- (b) If the Player is numbered between 1 and 40 on a Senior List of a Club, they cannot play football with a Non-SANFL club unless they receive permission under Regulation 22(a) from the Club with which they are registered.
- (c) If the Player is not numbered between 1 and 40 on the Senior List of that Club, they are entitled to play football with a Non-SANFL club, but shall still obtain permission under Regulation 22(a).
- (d) If the Player is found to be in breach of Regulation 22(b), they will be disqualified for no fewer than five (5) and no more than twelve (12) matches.
- (e) A disqualification imposed under Regulation 22 will cease immediately upon receipt by the SANFL of a written request that such disqualification cease from the Club with which they are registered.

23. Interstate Transfers and Returns

- (a) A Player of a Club (**Transferring Club**) who has obtained a transfer from that Club to play football with an AFL Club or with an Interstate Club, shall, if they subsequently obtain a transfer to play football for any Club within South Australia, be deemed, for the purposes of these Men's Regulations, to be a Registered Player of their Transferring Club.

- (b) Section 3 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook exhibited in Schedule 3 of the Master Regulations applies to Interstate Transfers in these Men's Regulations. Where there is an inconsistency between these Men's Regulations and the National Community Football Policy Handbook, these Men's Regulations will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

24. Imported Players

(a) Clubs Must Not Lodge Application if Player Would Exceed Imported Player Limit

A Club must not lodge an application for the registration of an Imported Player, if by so doing it would cause the total number of Imported Players included on its Club Lists to exceed eight Imported Players.

(b) Deregistration of Excess Imported Players

If a Club includes or retains an Imported Player or Players on a Club List, in contravention of Regulation 24(a):

- (i) the last Imported Player(s) included on its Club Lists which caused the Club to be in breach of Regulation 24(a) will be immediately deregistered as a Player of the Club; and
- (ii) the Club will be deemed to be in breach of Regulation 24(a) and will be subject to the penalties which may be imposed under Regulation 61 of the Master Regulations.

(c) Onus on Club to Prove Playing History

The onus shall be on the Club to make all such enquiries as shall be necessary to satisfy the SANFL as to the playing history of an Imported Player seeking registration with such Club.

(d) SANFL May Refuse Registration

The SANFL may refuse to register an Imported Player if it is not satisfied as to the accuracy of the playing history supplied to the SANFL.

(e) Club May Request Exemption

- (i) A Club may submit a request in writing to the Football Commission for an exemption from the operation of Regulations 24(a) and 24(b) prior to 1 July in any year.
- (ii) The Football Commission may consider any matter it deems relevant to a request for exemption, may approve or disapprove such request, and may attach any

conditions it sees fit to impose on any such exemptions granted, in its absolute discretion.

(f) **Clubs Must Highlight Imported Players**

When lodging its Club Lists, a Club must indicate on the relevant Club List the Players who are Imported Players.

D TRANSFER FEES

This Section D, Part Three deals with Transfer Fees for listed Players, exiting Players, AFL or Rookie Players returning to South Australia, delisted Players, between Clubs and the AFL.

25. Senior List or Youth List Transfer Fees

Clubs will be entitled to receive a Transfer Fee for the loss of Senior Listed and Youth Listed Players upon transfer to another Club in accordance with the Transfer Fee Guide. The amount of any Transfer Fee:

- (a) must not be greater than the maximum amount (if any) set by the Football Commission from time to time under the Transfer Fee Guide; and
- (b) if the Clubs fail to reach an agreement, shall be an amount determined by the Permit Tribunal.

26. Exiting Players

Exiting Players will be asked to complete an Exit Form under Schedule 6 and provide it to their Club. Their Club must lodge the completed Exit Form with the SANFL as soon as practicable. If the Player signs an Exit Form, Clubs will be entitled to receive a Transfer Fee in accordance with the Transfer Fee Guide.

27. AFL or Rookie Player Returning to SANFL

Where a Player has been included on a Club List of a Club (**Transferring Club**) and is subsequently registered as a Player with, or has been included on the Rookie List of, an AFL Club and such Player:

- (a) is de-listed from the AFL Club List or the Rookie List, subsequently returns to South Australia, whether having played in any Interstate Competition after such de-listing or not; and
- (b) applies for a transfer to a SANFL Club other than his Transferring Club following his return to South Australia;

the Player is an AFL delisted Player for the purposes of calculating the Transfer Fee under the Transfer Fee Guide.

28. Interstate Competition Transfer and Return

(a) Previously Youth Listed Players

Except when Regulation 27 applies, if:

- (i) a Player has applied for a transfer to a SANFL Club other than the Transferring Club within two Seasons following his transfer to an Interstate Competition; and
- (ii) prior to transferring to the Interstate Competition, was included on the Youth List of his Transferring Club;

then the Transfer Fee will not be more than \$2,000.00 or such other amount as may be specified under the Transfer Fee Guide.

(b) Other Players

Except when Regulation 27 applies, a Player who:

- (i) was named on a Club List of the Transferring Club immediately prior to transferring to an Interstate Competition; and
- (ii) applies for a transfer to a SANFL Club other than the Transferring Club within two Seasons of being transferred to the Interstate Competition;

that Player is a returning Interstate Player for the purpose of calculating a Transfer Fee under the Transfer Fee Guide.

29. Players Delisted from AFC or PAFC

Where a Player has been included on a Club List of a Club (**Transferring Club**) and is subsequently registered as an AFL Player with, or has been included on the Rookie List of, AFC or PAFC and such Player:

- (a) is delisted from the AFL Club List or the Rookie List of AFC or PAFC; and
- (b) applies for a transfer to a SANFL Club other than the Transferring Club following his delisting without having again played football for the Transferring Club after having been so delisted;

they are an AFL delisted Player for the purposes of calculating the Transfer Fee under the Transfer Fee Guide.

30. Transfer from a SANFL Club to an AFL Club

Whilst any agreement is in force between the SANFL and the AFL relating to Transfer Fees to be paid to a Club upon the transfer of Registered Players of Clubs to AFL Clubs:

- (a) A Club must approve an Application for Transfer to an AFL Club by a Player who has been drafted by an AFL Club and who applies for a transfer to that AFL Club whether such Player is a Contracted Player or not.
- (b) If a Club refuses to approve an Application for Transfer relating to a Player to whom Regulation 30(a) applies within 14 days of receipt of such Application for Transfer, the Football Commission may approve such Application for Transfer and sign all such documents as shall be necessary to effect the transfer of the Player to the AFL Club named in the Application for Transfer.

31. Payment of Transfer Fees

(a) Deadline for Payment

A Club which becomes liable to pay a Transfer Fee must pay:

- (i) within such time as may be agreed; or
- (ii) failing agreement, within 28 days of the transfer being granted, whether by the Club from which such transfer was sought or by the Permit Tribunal.

(b) Failure to Pay

If a Club or Affiliated Club which becomes liable to pay a Transfer Fee (**Club 1**) fails to make payment within the time prescribed under Regulation 31(a) or by any agreement under Regulation 31(c), the Club or Affiliated Club to which such Transfer Fee is owed (**Club 2**) may give notice to the SANFL of the failure to make such payment.

- (i) Upon the SANFL receiving notice, they must refer the same to the Permit Tribunal seeking a determination as to whether or not the payment is due and payable.
- (ii) If the Permit Tribunal determines that a Transfer Fee is payable by Club 1 to Club 2, the SANFL must:
 - (A) deduct the outstanding amount of that Transfer Fee from the next payment of any monies which may be payable by the SANFL to Club 1 as Financial Assistance; and
 - (B) pay such amount to Club 2.

(c) Payment by Instalments

If the Club from which a Player desires to transfer (**the Transferring Club**) and the Club to which a Player desires to transfer (**the First Receiving Club**) agree that a Transfer Fee (**the First Transfer Fee**) may be paid by one or more instalments at certain times and/or upon the happening of certain events, in accordance with Regulation 31(a)(i):

- (i) the First Receiving Club and the Transferring Club must each give written notice to the SANFL of the terms and conditions upon which such instalments are to be paid;
 - (ii) upon the receipt of notice under Regulation 31(c)(i), such notice must be recorded in a register to be kept by the SANFL.
 - (A) Such register will be available for inspection by a Club Official of any Club during the normal office hours of the SANFL.
 - (B) All Clubs will be deemed to have notice of the information recorded in that register.
- (d) **Subsequent Transfer Before All Instalments Paid**

If a Player desires to transfer from the First Receiving Club to another Club (**the Second Receiving Club**) before the First Transfer Fee agreed between the First Transferring Club (**First Transferring Club**) and the First Receiving Club has been paid, and such transfer is granted by the First Receiving Club, the Second Receiving Club will be deemed to have taken the transfer of that Player (**the Second Transfer**) subject to an obligation to pay to the Transferring Club the amount of any instalments of the First Transfer Fee which become payable after the date on which the Second Transfer of the Player is granted.

- (i) Upon the First Receiving Club granting the Second Transfer to the Second Receiving Club, the First Receiving Club must:
 - (A) lodge the Second Transfer with the SANFL; and
 - (B) give written notice to the First Transferring Club of that Transfer.
- (ii) Upon the First Receiving Club giving notice to the First Transferring Club under Regulation 31(d)(i), all obligations of the First Receiving Club to pay the First Transfer Fee to the First Transferring Club will cease except to the extent that any instalment was due and unpaid up to or on the date in which the Second Transfer was granted.
- (iii) If the First Receiving Club does not give notice to the SANFL required under Regulation 31(d)(i), the First Receiving Club will remain liable for the payment of the whole remaining balance of the First Transfer Fee which has not been paid and which is payable to the Transferring Club within the 28 days of the date on which the Second Transfer from the First Receiving Club to the Second Receiving Club is granted.

(e) **Players Cannot Play if Transfer Fee Unpaid**

Notwithstanding any other Regulation in these Men's Regulations, a Player of a Club (**Club 1**) cannot play football for another Club (**Club 2**) nor is the SANFL empowered to register a Player who has been granted a transfer from Club 1 to Club 2 until the SANFL is:

- (i) given notice that any Transfer Fee payable in respect of such transfer has been paid: or
- (ii) given notice by both Club 1 and Club 2 that arrangements satisfactory to both Clubs have been made concerning payment of the Transfer Fee, accompanied by details of such arrangements.

E APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFER MATTERS

This Section E, Part Three relates to eligibility requirements for all non-AFL Listed Players. All AFL Listed Players' eligibility is addressed under Section B of Part Six.

This Section E, Part Three should be read in conjunction with Section F of Part Five of the Master Regulations, in particular the procedures for making an application to the Permit Tribunal which apply to the extent not amended by this Section E, Part Three.

32. Request for Permit Tribunal to Determine Transfer Fee

(a) **Only Club Seeking Transfer May Request Permit Tribunal Determination**

A request for the Permit Tribunal to determine the amount of any Transfer Fee payable can only be made by the Club seeking the transfer of that Player. Such request must comply with the requirements in Master Regulation 102 save that it must be made within 14 days of the date on which the SANFL receives an Application for Transfer under Regulation 21(a).

(b) **Transfer Fee Must Not Consider Past Transfer Fees**

In making a determination as to the applicable Transfer Fee, the Permit Tribunal must not take into account any past Transfer Fees a Club received for the Player who is seeking to be transferred from such Club.

(c) **Time Limit on Payment of Any Transfer Fee**

A Transfer Fee determined by the Permit Tribunal must be paid by the Club to which a Player desires to transfer not later than 28 days after the date upon which such determination is made.

F PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – MINOR ROUND AND MAJOR ROUND MATCHES

This Section F, Part Three addresses eligibility for Minor Round Matches and Major Round Matches for Players, except AFL listed Players.

33. Minor Round Eligibility

(a) General Eligibility Requirements

A Registered Player of a Club may play in the SANFL Men's League, Reserves, Under 18, Under 16 and Under 14 Teams of the Club subject to the following qualifications:

- (i) any age qualification which is applicable to any Team.
- (ii) a Player who plays in the SANFL Men's League Team of his Club in any round of Matches cannot play for any other Team of his Club in the corresponding round of Matches.
- (iii) subject to Regulation 34(d), in the case of a Reserves Match played prior to the first SANFL Men's League Match of the Season:
 - (A) a Player who has played 25 or more SANFL Men's League Matches cannot play for the Reserves Team of his Club.
 - (B) a Player who has played 10 or more SANFL Men's League Matches in the prior Season cannot play for the Reserves Team of his Club.
- (iv) a Player on the Youth List cannot play for his Club in any match with a scheduled start time less than 48 hours from the start time of any State Representative Team match, Affiliated League match, or school football match in which he has played.

(b) No Scheduled SANFL Men's League Matches

Subject to Regulation 34(d), in the case of either a Reserves Match or Under 18 Match which is played in a round in which there are no SANFL Men's League Matches scheduled, a Player cannot play in either the Reserves Team or Under 18 Team of his Club if they played in the SANFL Men's League Team of his Club in the prior round of Matches.

(c) Under 18 Matches

- (i) If a Player has played in their Club's Reserves Team in the previous round, they are permitted to play in the Under 18 Team of their Club if:
 - (A) the Player satisfies the age qualification requirements for the Under 18 Team; and

(B) the round has no Reserves Match scheduled.

(ii) A Player who is 19 years old and played in the Reserves Team in the prior round is not eligible to play in the Under 18 Match the following week.

(d) **Permit Tribunal Exemptions**

A Player who is otherwise ineligible to play in a Match by the operation of Regulations 34(a)(iii) and 34(b) may, with the permission of the Permit Tribunal, play in such Match for a Team of their Club.

(i) In making a determination under Regulation 34(d):

(A) the Permit Tribunal may consider in its discretion any matter it deems relevant in determining whether to grant permission to play in a Match; and

(B) the determination of the Permit Tribunal will be final and binding.

34. Major Round Eligibility

(a) **Minimum Minor Round Matches**

Subject to this Regulation 34 and Regulation 33, a Player must have played the number of Matches set out below to qualify to play in a Major Round Match for their Club:

(i) for SANFL Men's League Teams, 3 or more Minor Round Matches in any Team of a Club during the SANFL Men's League Minor Round of that Season:

(ii) for Reserves Teams, 3 or more Minor Round Matches in any Team of a Club in that Season, one of which must be played in the Reserves, Under 18 or Under 16 Team of that Club.

(b) **Under 18 Players**

Notwithstanding any other section in this Regulation 34, a Player who is under the age of 18 years on 31 December in the calendar year before the year in which the competition is conducted is eligible to play in any Team of his Club in a Major Round Match, except for the Under 16 Team.

(c) **Multiple Teams of a Club Playing Minor Round Matches**

Where more than one Team of the same Club is competing in a Major Round, a Player who is otherwise ineligible to play under Regulation 34(a) is eligible to play in those Teams subject to the following:

(i) any age qualification applicable to a Team;

(ii) where one of two Adjacent Grade Teams has a bye during the Major Round:

(A) a Player is ineligible to play a Match in the lower grade Team if he was selected to play a Match in the higher-grade Team in the last Match the higher-grade Team participated unless he:

(I) obtains the permission of the Permit Tribunal; or

(II) has otherwise qualified for and is eligible to play in the Major Round of the Under 18 Competition;

(B) a Player is eligible to play in the lower-grade Team only if he was unavailable for selection in the last Minor Round Match of the higher-grade Team due to injury or illness.

(iii) A Player is eligible to play in the Major Round of any higher-grade Team provided that he has qualified to play in the Major Round under Regulation 35(a).

(d) One Team or Non-adjacent Grade Teams

Except under Regulation 35(c), if a Club:

(i) has only one Team; or

(ii) has two Teams which are Non-Adjacent Grade Teams;

competing in a Major Round, then:

(iii) a Player who has played more than 5 games in such Club's Reserves Team and/or SANFL Men's League Team for any reason; or

(iv) notwithstanding Regulation 35(c)(ii), a Player who is qualified to play in the Under 18 Team of that Club and has played more than 10 games in total for such Club's Reserves Team and/or SANFL Men's League Team;

is ineligible to be relegated to such Club's lower grade Team unless they have been selected in 3 or more of the last 5 Minor Round Matches of that lower grade Team.

(e) Ineligible to Play in Subsequent Lower-grade Major Round

Except under Regulation 34(c), a Player who played in a Team when it was eliminated from the Major Round is ineligible to play for a lower-grade Team of that Club during the remainder of the lower-grade Team's Major Round.

(f) Suspension or Disqualification

A Player who has been suspended or disqualified shall be ineligible to play in any Team of his Club until such suspension or disqualification has been served.

(g) **Deemed to Have Played in Higher-grade**

If a Player plays in the Teams of two grades for his Club in the same Minor Round of Matches, he will be deemed to have played only in the higher-grade Team for the purposes of determining his eligibility to play in a Team of his Club in the Major Round.

G INTERPRETATION OF PART TWO AND PART THREE OF THESE MEN'S REGULATIONS

This Section G, Part Three should be referred to where there are allegations of a breach of Parts Two and Three of these Men's Regulations and for the interpretation of disputes relevant to these Parts.

35. Allegations of a Breach of Parts Two and Three

(a) **Referral to Permit Tribunal**

(b) Any breach, dispute or question under Parts Two or Three may be referred to the Permit Tribunal pursuant to the Master Regulations.

PART FOUR: SALARY CAP

A SALARY CAP

This Section A, Part Four addresses Salary Cap Regulations applicable to Clubs.

36. Salary Cap

The Salary Cap of a Club is to be calculated in accordance with, and subject to the limits of, Schedule 1.

37. Football Payments Limits or Exemptions

Schedule 3 sets out the Football Payments limits and exemptions related to the Men's Competitions, pursuant to applicable provisions of the Master Regulations.

PART FIVE: AFL CLUBS IN THE SANFL

This Part Five details the Men's Regulations for AFC and PAFC in the SANFL including their Player lists, Football Payments, Salary Cap, Player Contracts, Permit Tribunal and Major Round eligibility.

A SA AFL CLUB PLAYER LISTS, SALARY CAP AND CONTRACTS

This Section A, Part Five addresses Player list, Salary Cap and contract requirements of AFL Clubs in the SANFL. Reference to "SA-based AFL Clubs" in this Section A, Part Five means AFC and PAFC, "SANFL Club" is used to refer to all other Clubs in the SANFL.

38. Application of Regulations to SA AFL Clubs

Unless otherwise specified, all SANFL Regulations apply to SA-based AFL Clubs.

39. AFL Additional (SANFL) Lists

(a) Talent Development List (SANFL)

- (i) Each SA-based AFL Club may include up to eight (8) Players on its Talent Development List pursuant to this Part Five of the Men's Regulations.
- (ii) Any Player who will attain the age of nineteen (19), twenty (20) or twenty-one (21) in the calendar year in the relevant Season is eligible for inclusion on a Talent Development List.
- (iii) With respect to Talent Development List Players who are currently registered to, or were in the immediately prior Season registered to, a SANFL Club:
 - (A) such Players must remain registered with that SANFL Club;
 - (B) each SA-based AFL Club may only include a maximum of six (6) such Players from SANFL Clubs on its Talent Development List at any one time; and
 - (C) each SA-based AFL Club may only include a maximum of one (1) Player on its Talent Development List from each SANFL Club at any one time.
- (iv) With respect to Talent Development List Players who were not registered to an SANFL Club and were registered to a Club in an interstate league (State League or Community) in the immediately prior Season:
 - (A) who have previously been registered to an SANFL Club in any of the two (2) Seasons before the Season in which they are to be on the Talent Development List, will be required to be registered to the SANFL Club he was most recently registered with; and

- (B) who have never been registered to an SANFL Club previously or who have previously been registered to an SANFL Club prior to the last two (2) Seasons before the Season, will be aligned to an SANFL Club as agreed between the SANFL Club, Player and SA-based AFL Club, provided that no SANFL Club may have more than 2 (two) Talent Development Listed Players at any one time.
- (v) Talent Development List Players will:
 - (A) be eligible for selection to play in a Match for their applicable SA-based AFL Club in the SANFL State League competition; and
 - (B) if not selected for any Match to play in the SA-based AFL Club's SANFL State League Team by 10am Thursday before the relevant SANFL Round, must be selected by their SANFL Club to play in either the SANFL State League or Reserves competition, at the discretion of the SANFL Club.
- (vi) SA-based AFL Clubs must:
 - (A) select a minimum of three (3) SANFL Talent Development List Players in its SANFL State League Team for every Match, unless that SA-based AFL Club has more than nineteen (19) AFL Listed and Open Age Listed Players available for selection in its SANFL State League Team in which case it must select SANFL Talent Development List Players for all the remaining positions in the SANFL State League Team; or
 - (B) if the SA-based AFL Club has less than three (3) Talent Development Listed Players at any time, select all of its Talent Development Listed Players in its State League Team for every Match, unless that SA-based AFL Club has more than twenty (20) AFL Listed and Open Age Listed Players available for selection in its State League Team in which case it must select SANFL Talent Development List Players for all the remaining positions in the State League Team;
- (vii) With respect to each Talent Development Listed Player recruited from an SANFL Club, the relevant SA-based AFL Club will pay the SANFL Club:
 - (A) A loan fee of:
 - (I) \$2,500; or
 - (II) \$5,000 if the Player was recruited by the SANFL Club from interstate in the previous Season,
 within 21 days of signing the Standard SANFL Talent Development Player Agreement, which is only payable in the first year that a Player enters into a Talent Development Player Agreement with an SA-based AFL Club; and

- (B) The applicable full Transfer Fee under the SANFL Regulations should the Player subsequently move to the SA-based AFL Club's Open Age List (less 50% of the loan fee in Regulation 39(a)(vii)(A)).
- (viii) No Loan Fee is payable in relation to Under 18 NGA and Father Son Eligible Players.
- (ix) With respect to Talent Development List Player, the Player, relevant SA-based AFL Club, relevant SANFL Club and SANFL must enter into a Standard SANFL Talent Development Player Agreement to be lodged with the SANFL.
- (x) An SA-based AFL Club can add to their Talent Development List at any time until and including 30 June of the relevant Season subject to Regulation 39(a)(i).
 - (A) Any Player removed from the Talent Development List cannot be replaced on the Talent Development List in the same Season.
- (b) **AFL Club Open Age (SANFL) List**
 - (i) Each SA-based AFL Club may include up to four (4) Players on its Open Age List pursuant to this Part Five of the Regulations.
 - (ii) Any Player who will attain the age of twenty-two (22) or older in the calendar year of the relevant Season is eligible for inclusion on a SA-based AFL Club's Open Age List.
 - (iii) A maximum of one (1) Player listed to each SANFL Club may only be included on either SA-based AFL Clubs Open Age Lists (the **SANFL Club Open Age List Cap**). For the avoidance of doubt, the SANFL Club Open Age List Cap applies across both SA-based AFL Clubs collectively. The SANFL Club Open Age List Cap is exhausted upon lodgement of the executed Player Contract between the Player and SA-based AFL Club with the SANFL.
 - (iv) Open Age List Players will:
 - (A) be eligible for selection to play for their applicable SA-based AFL Club in a Match or Matches in the State League; and
 - (B) if not selected to play for their applicable SA-based AFL Club in a Match in the State League, be eligible for selection to play a Match for their SANFL Club in the Reserves only or, if not selected by such SANFL Club, a Match for a Community Club.
 - (v) Should a Player move from an SANFL Club to an SA-based AFL Club's Open Age List, or vice versa, the transfer fees payable under the SANFL Regulations apply.
- (c) **AFL Club Community (SANFL) List**

- (i) Subject to Regulation 39(c)(ii) below, SA-based AFL Clubs may select any Player registered to a Tier 2 Club in a Tier 2 Competition (according to the National Policy Handbook) in Australia on its Community List.
 - (ii) A SA-based AFL Club must not select on its Community List any Player who:
 - (A) is on a SANFL Club's Senior List (1-40) at the relevant time;
 - (B) was on an AFL Club's list in the previous Season; or
 - (C) who has been listed on either a VFL State League or WAFL State League club list in the preceding 12 months.
 - (iii) Any Player on the Community List who is recruited from interstate and is employed or otherwise engaged by the AFL Club in a non-playing capacity shall have all payments, benefits or allowances (including relocation or travel allowances) made to them in connection with that employment or engagement deemed to be Football Payments.
- (d) **AFL Club Under 18 State Academy Player Access**
- (i) Subject to Regulation 39(d)(ii) and the approval of the SANFL in its ultimate discretion, SA-based AFL Clubs may, prior to the conclusion of the AFL Under 18 National Championships, request approval to select any State Under 18 Team Player who participated in the AFL Under 18 National Championships to play up to four (4) Matches in a continuous period in the State League after conclusion of the AFL Under 18 National Championships.
 - (ii) State Under 18 Team Players who are eligible according to their age to play in the State Under 18 Team the following Season are not eligible for selection by an SA-based AFL Club to play in State League Matches.
 - (iii) SA-based AFL Clubs may select any Players eligible but not selected for the State Under 18 Team subject to approval of the SANFL's Executive GM of Football.

40. Salary Cap for SA-based AFL Clubs

The Salary Cap for SA-based AFL Clubs is set out in Schedule 1 of these Regulations.

41. Salary Cap Application to SA-based AFL Clubs

(a) Salary Cap to apply to SA-based AFL Clubs

The Master Regulations and Part Four of these Regulations shall apply to SA-based AFL Clubs as if they were SANFL Clubs except that:

- (i) the Salary Cap amount under Regulation 5 of Schedule 1 will apply;

- (ii) any Remuneration paid to a Player in consideration of bona fide employment, marketing services or other services or rights rendered by the Player to the Club shall be deemed to be a Football Payment unless the Football Commission has provided a written exemption prior to the Player being employed by the AFL Club, or engaged to provide marketing or other services to the AFL Club; and
- (iii) alternative requirements for the submission of the pre-season Salary Cap spreadsheet is set out at Master Regulation 55(d).

(b) **SA-based AFL Clubs Must Not Exceed Salary Cap**

SA-based AFL Clubs are not to exceed the Salary Cap and any breach of this Regulation 41(b) shall be treated as a breach of Part Four of these Regulations.

(c) **Non-application of Salary Cap Regulations**

This Regulation 41 shall not apply in respect of any Player included on an AFL Club's AFL Player List.

42. Player Contracts for SA-based AFL Clubs Additional (SANFL) Lists

(a) **Player Must sign Player Contract**

An SA-based AFL Club must not include any person on their AFL Additional (SANFL) List unless that Player has entered into a Player Contract with that SA-based AFL Club.

(b) **Contract Provisions**

- (i) Talent Development Listed Players, Open Age Listed Players and Community Listed Players can be paid a Base Payment or upfront payment.
- (ii) Subject to Regulation 39(a)(ii) above, the maximum contract period for Talent Development Listed Players is limited to 24 months (or two seasons).

B AFL LISTED PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – MINOR AND MAJOR ROUND

This Section B, Part Five addresses the eligibility of AFL Listed Players for Minor Round Matches and Major Round Matches. Reference to "SA-based AFL Clubs" within this Section B, Part Five means AFC and PAFC.

42A. General

- (a) A Player who plays in his SA-based AFL Club's AFL Team is ineligible to play in any other Team of his Club in the same, corresponding or overlapping round of Matches (whether Minor or Major) except under Regulation 42A(b).

(b) **AFL Emergency Players**

If an AFL Player is selected as an emergency for an AFL Team but does not play for that AFL Team, subject to other eligibility requirements, he is eligible to play in the corresponding and overlapping State League Round of Matches.

43. Minor Round – AFL Players

(a) **Scheduled Byes**

If:

- (i) an AFL Home & Away Match is scheduled for an SA-based AFL Club's AFL Team and that SA-based AFL Club's State League Team is scheduled a bye in the State League; or
- (ii) a SANFL Minor Round is scheduled for the SA-based AFL Club's State League Team when there is no corresponding round of AFL Matches programmed;

then a Player who represented that SA-based AFL Club in the previous round of AFL Matches is not eligible for selection in any Team playing in a SANFL Competition without the permission of the Permit Tribunal.

(b) **AFL Substitute and Emergency Players**

- (i) If an AFL Player is the substitute for an AFL Team, subject to other eligibility requirements, he is eligible to play in the corresponding and overlapping SANFL State League Minor Round of Matches in a subsequent State League Match, subject to notification being provided to the SANFL and the opposition SANFL Club within 60 minutes of the AFL Match concluding.

- (ii) For the purpose of Regulation 42A(c)(i), if an AFL Player does not play in a SANFL State League Minor Round Match for his SA-based AFL Club because he was selected as an emergency for an AFL Team (but does not play) in:

- (A) an AFL Match which is played outside South Australia on the same day as the relevant SANFL State League Match; or
- (B) an AFL Match played after the relevant SANFL State League Match in the same round,

- (c) he will be deemed to have played in that Minor Round Match for the State League Team of his SA-based AFL Club for the purpose of considering State League Major Round qualification. **SANFL Minor Round After Conclusion of AFL Minor Round**

If the Team of an SA-based AFL Club is playing in the AFL Finals, a Player named on the Team Sheet of an SA-based AFL Club in the last round of AFL Home & Away Matches will be available for selection for the State League Team of his SA-based AFL

Club in any SANFL Minor Round after the last round of AFL Home & Away Matches has been completed.

44. Major Round – AFL Players

(a) AFL Listed Players to be Eligible if AFL Team Competing in Finals

If the SA-based AFL Club Team is competing in the AFL Finals, then all AFL Listed Players are eligible for selection in the SANFL State League Major Round (subject to other applicable eligibility rules in the SANFL Competition Regulations), except as follows:

- (i) A Player who played in the SA-based AFL Club Team's most recent AFL Finals or Home & Away Match is ineligible to play in any SANFL State League Major Round that is programmed on a weekend when the SA-based AFL Club Team has no AFL Finals Match programmed.

(b) AFL Listed Players when AFL Team not Competing in Finals

When an SA-based AFL Team is not competing in AFL Finals or immediately after the SA-based AFL Team is eliminated from the AFL Finals, the SANFL State League Major Round eligibility requirements under this Regulation 44(b) are triggered.

- (i) To be eligible to play in the SANFL State League Major Round, an AFL Listed Player must:
 - (A) have played a higher percentage of the SANFL State League Minor Round than what they have played in the AFL Home & Away Season; and
 - (B) have played a minimum of three SANFL State League Minor Round Matches after the halfway mark of the SANFL State League Minor Round Season.
- (ii) At all times, a maximum selection limit of 17 AFL Listed Players in one State League Major Round Match applies regardless of whether the AFL Team is participating in the AFL finals series or not.

45. Permit Tribunal – Matters Not Provided For

Any matter not provided for under this Section B, Part Five relating to the eligibility of an AFL Listed Player to play in a SANFL Match can be referred to the Permit Tribunal for determination.

PART SIX: AWARDS

This Part of these Men's Regulations is specific to the SANFL Men's Competitions. It provides clarity to Clubs and Officials about the awards available for Players to win in the SANFL Men's Competitions. However, it should not be interpreted as comprehensive or limiting guidelines on the processes by which each award is determined.

46. Best and Fairest Awards

- (a) The awards for best and fairest players in the Men's Competitions are:
 - (i) Magarey Medal in the SANFL Men's League;
 - (ii) Reserves Magarey Medal in the Reserves competition;
 - (iii) McCallum-Tompkins Medal in the Under 18 competition; and
 - (iv) Under 16 Best and Fairest in the Under 16 competition.
- (b) All best and fairest awards are given to the best and fairest Player, as voted on by the umpires at the conclusion of each Match. Umpires will award three, two and one votes to three players who compete in a Match, with three being awarded to the best and fairest player of the Match. The best and fairest player will be the player who at the end of the season has the highest tally of votes for the season and is eligible to win the award.
- (c) Players who have been suspended during the relevant Season will be ineligible to win this award.

47. Other Awards

- (a) **R.O. Shearman Award (coaches award)**
 - (i) This is awarded to the best Player in the SANFL Men's League as voted by the senior coach of each Club at the conclusion of each Match of the Minor Round. Senior coaches will award five, four, three, two and one votes to five players who compete in a Match, with five being awarded to the best and fairest player of the Match.
 - (ii) Coaches are able to vote for players from both teams in the Match their team played in that round.
- (b) **Breakthrough Player Award**
 - (i) This is awarded to the best Player aged 23 years or under as at 1 January of the calendar year the relevant Season is played, who has played ten or less SANFL Men's League matches at the start of the relevant Season.

- (ii) A SANFL-assembled committee will nominate one Player for the award in each Minor Round of the relevant SANFL Men's League Season.
- (iii) The Player who wins this award will be selected from the pool of Players nominated each week in the relevant Season, by the same committee described under Regulation 47(b)(ii).

(c) **Ken Farmer Medal (leading goal kicker award)**

This is awarded to the Player who kicks the most goals in any given Season of the SANFL Men's League.

(d) **Under 18 Most Valued Player Award**

- (i) This is awarded to the best Player in the Under 18 competition.
- (ii) A SANFL-assembled committee will nominate one Player for the award in each Minor Round.
- (iii) The Player who wins this award will be selected from the pool of the Players nominated each week in the relevant Season, by the same committee described under Regulation 47(d)(ii).

48. Regulation of Awards

SANFL may prescribe Regulations for the making of each of the awards detailed in Part Six and may alter or vary those Regulations from time to time.

Schedule 1: Player Payments and Salary Cap

1. Club Salary Cap for Minor Rounds

The Salary Cap for a Club in a single Minor Round Season are as follows:

- (a) SANFL Men's League Team – \$305,000;
- (b) Reserves Team – \$39,600.

2. Individual Player Payment Cap

(a) The minimum amount permitted to be paid to a Player per Match are as follows:

- (i) SANFL Men's League Player – \$250;
- (ii) Reserves Player – no minimum.

(b) The maximum amount permitted to be paid to a Player per Match are as follows:

- (i) SANFL Men's League Player – \$1,000;
- (ii) Reserves Player – \$100.

3. Individual Base Payment Cap

(a) The maximum individual Base Payments per Player are as follows:

- (iii) Marquee Player – \$25,000 (a maximum of 1 Player per Club can receive this amount);
- (iv) All other Players – \$20,000;

(b) The maximum Base Payments per SANFL Men's League Team of each Club will be the remaining balance after the SANFL Men's League Player Match Payments are deducted from the amount under Regulation 1(a) of this Schedule 1.

4. Definitions of Base Payment

For the purposes of Regulation 3 of this Schedule 1, examples of Base Payments include but are not limited to:

- (a) those payments that a Player shall be entitled to receive that are 'deemed Football Payments' under the Master Regulations;
- (b) any sign on fee;
- (c) any lump sum agreed to be paid to the Player regardless of whether the Player plays any Match in a Season; or
- (d) any guaranteed minimum lump sum payment in lieu of Match payments.

5. SA AFL Club Salary Cap

The Salary Cap for SA AFL Clubs is set out as follows:

- (a) Talent Development Listed Players (maximum 8 Players) can be paid:
 - (i) up to \$3,000 for a Base Payment;

- (ii) between \$250 and \$400 per Match Payment; and
 - (iii) if recruited from an Interstate Club, a Relocation Allowance.
- (b) Community Listed Players are to be paid:
 - (i) up to \$3,000 for a Base Payment;
 - (ii) between \$250 and \$400 per Match Payment; and
- (c) Open Age Listed Players (maximum 4 Players) are to be paid:
 - (i) up to \$20,000 for a Base Payment;
 - (ii) between \$250 and \$1,000 per Match Payment; and
 - (iii) up to \$500 per Match Payment.
 - (iv) if recruited from an Interstate Club, a Relocation Allowance.
- (d) The total Match Payments and Base Payments for Talent Development Listed Players and Community Listed Players must not exceed \$60,000.
- (e) The total contracted Match Payments and Base Payments for Open Age Listed Players must not exceed \$70,000 should all Open Age Listed Players play every Minor Round Match for the SA-based AFL Club in the State League Season.

6. Playing Coach Allowance

- (a) Payments to Players for coaching services will not be deemed Football Payments provided that:
 - (i) the payment is as a Playing Assistant Coach and/or Junior Development Coach in the Club's Junior Development Squads; and
 - (ii) the Player meets the following criteria:
 - (A) there is no minimum age (previously 25 years old);
 the Player must be committed to attaining relevant approved coach accreditation(s) (including by participating in SANFL's targeted program for such Players, once implemented).

7. Additional Services Agreement

- (a) The maximum amount permitted to be paid to Player(s) for marketing activities is \$20,000 in aggregate per Team per Season (and any payment over that will be deemed a Football Payment).

8. Underspend

- (a) A Club may apply to SANFL to increase the maximum permitted under Regulation 7 of this Schedule 1 for payments to Players for marketing activities up to the value of any underspend of the maximum allowance set out in Schedule 3 relating to relocation allowance and/or playing coach fees.

Schedule 2: Transfer Fee Guide

Senior List	Transfer Fee Applicable
Contracted Player	No limit on Transfer Fee applicable – calculated by agreement between Clubs.
1-25 Senior List	100% of the amount calculated under the Transfer Fee points system within this Schedule.
26-40 Senior List	A fixed Transfer Fee of \$2,500 will apply to any player listed on the 26–40 Senior List.
19/20-Year-Old – Senior Registration Form Signed	A player that has signed a Senior Registration Form and then seeks to transfer in the calendar year during his 19th or 20th year (up to two years after exiting the Youth List) will be eligible for a 100% Transfer Fee Loading based on which Senior List he is included on (1- 25 or 26-40 Senior List).
19/20-Year-Old – No Senior Registration Form Signed	<p>A player that has not signed a Senior Registration Form can be subject to a transfer fee IF the Club has placed the player on either the 1-25 or 26-40 Senior List.</p> <p>The transfer fee will be based on the Transfer Fee Points System set out in this Schedule 2, determined by the Senior List on which the player is listed (being either the 1-25 or 26-40 Senior List).</p> <p>If a player is not included on either the 1-25 or 26-40 Senior List there will be no transfer fee payable.</p> <p>A Club may only list a maximum of three players in this category on their Senior List.</p>
Exiting Player	<p>If a player has signed a SANFL Exit Form and the player seeks to play for another SANFL Club in a two-year period (from the time of the player’s last match), the transfer fee will be determined based on the Senior List that the Player was on at the time of signing the SANFL Exit Form, in accordance with this Schedule 2.</p> <p>After the two-year period, there will be no transfer fee payable.</p>
Delisted AFL Player	Transfer in the season following the delisting – \$25,000.

	<p>Transfer after the season following the delisting: Transfer Fee Points System.</p> <p>A transfer fee to apply for only two seasons following the delisting.</p>
Returning Interstate Player	<p>A transfer fee to apply only for the two seasons following the transfer to an interstate league:</p> <p>Transfer Fee Points System (based on the Senior List which the player was on when transferred interstate).</p>
Senior Supplementary List	There is no transfer fee.

Schedule 2: APPENDIX A
- ALL LISTS OTHER THAN YOUTH LIST-

Transfer Fee Payments Intra-State

1.	AGE	15 - 18	105
		19 - 20	155
		21 - 24	180
		25 - 29	165
		30+	130
2.	YEARS OF SERVICE	1	125
	(Senior Level All Clubs)	2	135
	From year of first senior game	3	145
	(League or Reserves)	4	155
	All State Leagues	5	145
		6	135
		7	125
		8	115
		9	105
		10+	100
3.	YEARS OF SERVICE	1	50
	(Under Age, All SANFL Clubs)	2	75
4.	LEAGUE GAMES PLAYED	1 - 20	50
		21 - 39	75
	(All Clubs – incl all State Leagues)	40 - 99	150
		100 - 149	200
		150 - 199	200
		200+	150
5.	STATE REPRESENTATION	Senior State	200
	(Previous 3 seasons highest to apply)	State U18	100
6.	CLUBS BEST & FAIREST	1st	200
	(Previous 2 seasons of SANFL League football played. Highest to apply.)	2nd	180
		3rd	160
		4th	140
		5th	120
		6th	100

7. **GAME CONSISTENCY AT LEAGUE LEVEL** 1 - 10 50 points

(AVERAGE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS) 11 - 16 75 points

17+ 100 points

➤ Including VFL and WAFL during the past two seasons

8. **SENIOR PLAYER LIST LOADING**

If the player is listed on either the Club Senior Player List or Inactive Player List at the time of his applying for a transfer he shall receive a statutory loading of 100 points.

9. **IMPORT PLAYER LOADING**

If the player is or has been classified as an import he shall receive a statutory loading of 100 points.

10. **DEBTS (LOANS) OWING BY PLAYER TO TRANSFERRING CLUB**

All amounts shown, to the satisfaction of the Permit Tribunal, to be owing by the Player to the Transferring Club ("the loan debt") shall be included and form part of any amount determined to be payable as a Transfer Fee under these guidelines.

It will be the obligation of the Transferee Club to make arrangement with the Player concerning the repayment (if any) of the loan debt by the Player to the Transferee Club.

11. **GOODS AND SERVICES TAX**

The Transfer Fee prescribed in Section D, Part Three of the Master Regulations and this Appendix 2 of Schedule 2 is exclusive of goods and services tax (**GST**). Clubs must increase the Transfer Fee by the GST wherever payable in accordance with applicable laws.

Cap Points	\$	Cap Points	\$	Cap Points	\$	Cap Points	\$
0	-	325	2,500	650	9,125	975	26,438
5	38	330	2,550	655	9,288	980	26,800
10	75	335	2,600	660	9,450	985	27,163
15	113	340	2,650	665	9,613	990	27,525
20	150	345	2,700	670	9,775	995	27,888
25	188	350	2,750	675	9,938	1000	28,250
30	225	355	2,800	680	10,100	1005	28,613
35	263	360	2,850	685	10,263	1010	28,975
40	300	365	2,900	690	10,425	1015	29,338
45	338	370	2,950	695	10,588	1020	29,700
50	375	375	3,000	700	10,750	1025	30,063
55	413	380	3,050	705	10,963	1030	30,425
60	450	385	3,100	710	11,175	1035	30,788
65	488	390	3,150	715	11,388	1040	31,150
70	525	395	3,200	720	11,600	1045	31,513
75	563	400	3,250	725	11,813	1050	31,875
80	600	405	3,338	730	12,025	1055	32,238
85	638	410	3,425	735	12,238	1060	32,600
90	675	415	3,513	740	12,450	1065	32,963
95	713	420	3,600	745	12,663	1070	33,325
100	750	425	3,688	750	12,875	1075	33,688
105	788	430	3,775	755	13,088	1080	34,050
110	825	435	3,863	760	13,300	1085	34,413
115	863	440	3,950	765	13,513	1090	34,775
120	900	445	4,038	770	13,725	1095	35,138
125	938	450	4,125	775	13,938	1100	35,500
130	975	455	4,213	780	14,150	1105	35,863
135	1,013	460	4,300	785	14,363	1110	36,225

Cap Points	\$	Cap Points	\$	Cap Points	\$	Cap Points	\$
140	1,050	465	4,388	790	14,575	1115	36,588
145	1,088	470	4,475	795	14,788	1120	36,950
150	1,125	475	4,563	800	15,000	1125	37,313
155	1,163	480	4,650	805	15,300	1130	37,675
160	1,200	485	4,738	810	15,600	1135	38,038
165	1,238	490	4,825	815	15,900	1140	38,400
170	1,275	495	4,913	820	16,200	1145	38,763
175	1,313	500	5,000	825	16,500	1150	39,125
180	1,350	505	5,125	830	16,800	1155	39,488
185	1,388	510	5,250	835	17,100	1160	39,850
190	1,425	515	5,375	840	17,400	1165	40,213
195	1,463	520	5,500	845	17,700	1170	40,575
200	1,500	525	5,625	850	18,000	1175	40,938
205	1,538	530	5,750	855	18,300	1180	41,300
210	1,575	535	5,875	860	18,600	1185	41,663
215	1,613	540	6,000	865	18,900	1190	42,025
220	1,650	545	6,125	870	19,200	1195	42,388
225	1,688	550	6,250	875	19,500	1200	42,750
230	1,725	555	6,375	880	19,800	1205	43,113
235	1,763	560	6,500	885	20,100	1210	43,475
240	1,800	565	6,625	890	20,400	1215	43,838
245	1,838	570	6,750	895	20,700	1220	44,200
250	1,875	575	6,875	900	21,000	1225	44,563
255	1,913	580	7,000	905	21,363	1230	44,925
260	1,950	585	7,125	910	21,725	1235	45,288
265	1,988	590	7,250	915	22,088	1240	45,650
270	2,025	595	7,375	920	22,450	1245	46,013
275	2,063	600	7,500	925	22,813	1250	46,375

Cap Points	\$	Cap Points	\$	Cap Points	\$	Cap Points	\$
280	2,100	605	7,663	930	23,175	1255	46,738
285	2,138	610	7,825	935	23,538	1260	47,100
290	2,175	615	7,988	940	23,900	1265	47,463
295	2,213	620	8,150	945	24,263	1270	47,825
300	2,250	625	8,313	950	24,625	1275	48,188
305	2,300	630	8,475	955	24,988	1280	48,550
310	2,350	635	8,638	960	25,350	1285	48,913
315	2,400	640	8,800	965	25,713	1290	49,275
320	2,450	645	8,963	970	26,075	1295	49,638
						1300	50,000

Schedule 3: Football Payments Limits and Exemptions

Per SANFL Club

Football Payment	Limits or Exemptions
Reserve Players	Maximum per Club - \$39,600 for Financial Year Maximum per Player - \$100 per Match Minimum per Player - \$50 per Match
Motor Vehicle and Travelling Expenses	Maximum exemption - \$10,000 per Club per Season
After Match Club Awards	Cash Maximum - \$500 Club Sponsors Vouchers Maximum - \$500
Relocation Allowance	Maximum exemption - \$15,000 per Club per Season
Playing Coach Allowance	Maximum exemption - \$10,000 per Club per Season

Schedule 4: Digital Registration – Senior Form

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION – SENIOR (Male & Female)**

Date: ____/____/____

Play HQ I.D. _____

PLAYER'S SURNAME _____ GIVEN NAMES _____

PRESENT POSTAL ADDRESS _____

PREVIOUS POSTAL ADDRESS (If applicable) _____

FROM _____ TO _____

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

CLUB LAST PLAYED FOR _____

FROM _____ TO _____

I hereby apply for registration as a player with the _____ FC.

I have had the opportunity to read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the SANFL and I undertake to observe such rules.

Signed in the presence of:

Name _____
(witness)

Signature _____

Signature of player _____

To be completed by SANFL Club

I request you to register _____ as a _____
FC player.

Signature _____

Date ____/____/____

Schedule 5: Digital Registration – Youth Form

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION – YOUTH (Male & Female)**

Date: ____/____/____

Play HQ I.D. _____

PLAYER'S SURNAME _____ GIVEN NAMES _____

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS _____

PREVIOUS RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (If applicable) _____

FROM _____ TO _____

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

ABORIGINAL or TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER YES/NO _____

COMMUNITY CLUB PLAYED FOR _____

I hereby apply for registration as a player with the _____ FC,
until not later than October 31st of the season in which I turn eighteen years of age.

The player and the parents/guardian referred to below acknowledge that they have had the opportunity
to read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the SANFL and undertake to observe such rules.

Signed in the presence of:

Name _____
(witness)

Signature of witness _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Signature of player _____

To be completed by SANFL Club

I request you to register _____ as a _____
FC player.

Signature _____

Date ____/____/____

Schedule 6: Exit Form

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.



SANFL EXIT FORM

**THIS FORM GIVES FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF A PLAYERS INTENT TO EXIT
FROM PLAYING FOOTBALL FOR A
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC. CLUB**

I, _____, a registered player of the
_____ Football Club, give notice of my intention
to exit as a player of that Club.

Signed _____
(player)
Date _____

The _____ Football Club acknowledges receipt
of this notice of intention to exit from _____.

Signed _____
(General Manager)
Date _____

SANFL REGULATIONS

14.11 SANFL Exited Players

14.11.1. For the purpose of this Regulation 14.11 a Registered Player of a League Club who has exited from playing football decides at a later time to play football with either that League Club, another League Club or an Affiliated League Club will be deemed to remain a Registered Player of that League Club and included on the Club List of that League Club on which they were listed at the date of his SANFL exit.

14.11.2. If a League Club receives written notice of exit from one of its players a copy of that notice must be lodged with the League.

14.11.3. If a player has exited from playing football with a League Club and subsequently decides to play football with an Affiliated League Club, that Affiliated League Club may be required to pay a Transfer Fee in accordance with Regulation 14.7.4.

Schedule 7: Permission to Interview Form

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

**PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW A REGISTERED
PLAYER WITH A LEAGUE CLUB**

I _____ of the _____ Football Club
(Club Officer)
seek permission of the _____ Football Club to
interview _____, a registered player with that Club.
(player's name)

Signed _____
(Club Officer)
Date _____

The _____ Football Club grants/refuses permission
for the _____ Football Club to interview
_____.
(player's name)

Signed _____
(Club Officer)
Date _____

Reasons for refusal :

SANFL REGULATIONS:

13.2. A League Club which receives an application for Permission to Interview must not unreasonably refuse permission to the League Club which seeks to interview the player named in that application.

Schedule 8: Application for Transfer

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC

TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION

PLAYERS NAME: _____

I am at present a: **1-40 SENIOR LIST MALE** Player

TIER ____ LIST SANFLW Player

YOUTH LIST Player

With the _____ Football Club and desire the permission of the League for my registration to be transferred to the _____ Football Club.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

The _____ Football Club desires the transfer of registration of _____ from the _____ Football Club.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

The _____ Football Club consents to the registration of _____ being transferred to the _____ Football Club.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Schedule 9: Interchange Rotation Cap

For the purposes of Master Regulation 23, the interchange rotation cap is:

Competition	Interchange Rotation Cap
SANFL Men's League	No departure from Regulation 23
Reserves	No departure from Regulation 23
Under 18	No departure from Regulation 23
Under 16	No departure from Regulation 23
Under 14	No rotation cap

Schedule 10: 2026 SANFL U18 Competition – 19-Year-Old Player Policy



TALENT PATHWAYS

1. Introduction

- (a) This policy relates to the eligibility and selection of 19-Year-Old Players in the SANFL U18 Competition. A 19-Year-Old Player is one who is turning nineteen (19) years of age during the calendar year.
- (b) The rationale for a 19-Year-Old Player(s) in the U18 Competition (introduced in 2008) was, and still is, “to provide an additional development opportunity for later developing players or players not previously exposed in their 18th year”.
- (c) The SA Football commission approved, at its October 2017 meeting, the following amendment to the 19-Year-Old Regulation:

*5.1.3. Under 18 - each Player participating in an Under 18 team must, except as set out below, be under the age of 18 years on 31 December in the calendar year before the year in which the competition is conducted, **an Under 18 team of a League Club may include up to three Players who are under the age of 19 years on 31 December in the calendar year before the year in which the competition is conducted.***

- (d) In addition, each Club will be required to request an **exception** for any 19-Year-Old Player they wish to be available for selection in the Under 18 team.

2. Criteria

- (a) As stated above, each Club will be required to request an exemption in the form of a “SANFL 19-Year-Old Permit Application” for any player they wish to be available for selection in the U18 Competition.
- (b) The criteria relevant to a determination of an application is set out as follows:
 - (i) The player must have resided in South Australia during the ages 13 – 18. Any **interstate registered or “out of zone” player** will need extenuating circumstances to be considered.
 - (ii) If the Player is returning from a long-term injury (e.g., Knee/shoulder Reconstruction) and has missed significant parts of their 17th/18th year.
 - (iii) If the Player has specific developmental needs which justify an exemption (e.g., Tall Player)
 - (iv) If the Player (that is to be granted an exemption) will be given opportunities for exposure to Senior SANFL Competitions in the relevant year, notwithstanding

that a progression to this standard should be part of the strategy and management of these players.

- (v) If the player is involved in an AFL NGA program, who are from an underrepresented or diverse cultural background and approved by the AFL.
 - (vi) If the player is involved in an AFL Club Father/Son program and approved by the AFL.
 - (vii) If the player is regionally zoned and has been hindered by lack of development due to travel or educational commitments.
- (c) Each application will be determined at the absolute discretion of the SANFL Talent Department. Any approval is subject to review by the SANFL Talent Department.

3. **Process**

- (a) The Player, via the Club, must make an exemption application to the SANFL Talent Department in the form of a "SANFL 19-Year-Old Permit Application":
- (i) The application must address the relevant criteria.
 - (ii) The application must be lodged with the SANFL Talent Department and addressed to Brenton Phillips at brenton.phillips@sanfl.com.au.
 - (iii) The application for overage exemptions will open 1st November the previous year and close 1st March of the relevant year.
 - (iv) The SANFL Talent Department will notify Clubs within 7 days of receiving the overage application of the outcome of any such application.
 - (v) Any application after the close date (1st March) will require prior approval by the SANFL Talent Department before lodgement and the Club must provide adequate reasons for the late application.
- (b) Approved applications will be reviewed by the SANFL Talent Department at the conclusion of Rounds 3, 6 & 9 of the U18 Competition in the relevant year:
- (i) Following the reviews, an exemption may be withdrawn and will be determined at the absolute discretion of the SANFL Talent Department.

4. **Protocols**

- (a) Set out below are other relevant protocols that Clubs must adhere to:
- (i) Each application will need to address the criteria and provide a justifiable case.
 - (ii) Clubs must conduct a meeting with the 19-Year-Old Player(s) to educate and communicate the management of any exemption prior to making any such application.
 - (iii) Clubs must ensure that they complete the official "SANFL 19-Year-Old Permit Application" form and be signed by all relevant parties.
 - (iv) Clubs must not make any commitment to a 19-Year-Old Player until an exemption is granted by the SANFL Talent Department.

5. **Finals Qualification**

- (a) To qualify for the U18 Major Round, a 19-Year-Old Player:
- (i) Must play more matches in the U18 Competition than in the Reserves/League Competition in the relevant season.
 - (ii) If the player has played 5 or more matches in the Reserves/League Competition in the relevant season:
 - A. Must have played three of the last five U18 Minor Round Matches
 - B. The finals qualification will apply regardless of whether there is a team in the adjacent grade (Reserves) playing in the SANFL Major Round – a 19-Year-Old Player must meet the eligibility criteria to be able to play in the U18 Major Round.