

2026 SANFL COMMUNITY FOOTBALL REGULATIONS

SUMMARY OF APPENDIX 2 - TOTAL PLAYER PAYMENTS

Item	Description	Detail	Change	Clause
Match Payments	Total Player Payment Limit	Clubs can pay up to \$3,500 per match including finals (cannot be accrued).	Increased from \$3,250.	3 (a)(i)
	Individual Player Payment	No individual player can be paid more than \$650 per Match.	Remains unchanged for 2026	3 (a)(ii)
	Senior Coach Payment	Senior Coaches (playing and non-playing) may be paid a maximum amount of \$20,000 per season. Any additional fee must be included in the playing cap up to \$650 per match (refer 4.2(b)).	Remains unchanged for 2026.	4.2(a)
	All other Coach Payments	A player may be paid up to \$1,000 per annum for providing the head coaching service to any grade, other than the A Grade. Any payment to a player for performing any other coaching role with the Club, other than the Senior Coach or Head Coach, will be deemed to be a football payment in the Total Player Payment Limit (TPPL).	Remains unchanged for 2026	4.2(d)
	Up Front Payments	Clubs must not pay "sign on" or "up front" fees to Players.	Remains unchanged for 2026	4.10(a)
	After Match Award Vouchers	Any "after match award vouchers" will be deemed to be a football payment in the TPPL.	Removed limit of \$200 each week in vouchers.	4(e)
Exemptions	Superannuation	Any payment made in compliance with the super guarantee charge not included in the TPPL.	Remains unchanged for 2026	4.4
	Employment	Market value employment wages within the Football Club which are prior approved by the Player Payment Committee will not be included in the TPPL.	Remains unchanged for 2026	4.7
	Meals & Apparel	After match meals up to \$50 and Club apparel.	Remains unchanged for 2026	4.1(f)
Travel (Air & Road)	Distance Players can be paid 0.88c per km for each km greater than 100km round trip for Match Day only, up to a maximum of \$500 per player per match played. If Travel is over \$500 for an individual player, then the difference between \$500 and the higher amount must be included in the players individual payment and the weekly TPPL of \$3,500.	Remains unchanged for 2026.	4.5	
Reporting	31st of March	Provide the Zone Registrar with estimated yearly payments.	Remains unchanged for 2026.	5(a)
	31st of October	Provide the Zone Registrar with end of season player payments.	Remains unchanged for 2026.	5(b)
Rulings		Enquiries on Appendix 2 should be directed to SANFL Community Football Department. (Integrity & Compliance Manager, Head of Community Football, Community Football Governance and Administration Lead).		