



# RULES & REGULATIONS

FEBRUARY 2026



## Contents

<b>Part A – General</b> .....	<b>6</b>
1. Interpretation .....	6
2. Zones .....	10
3. SANFL Country Zone Committee ('CZC') .....	10
4. Adelaide Footy League .....	11
5. Zone Advisory Committee ('ZAC') .....	11
6. Investigation Committee .....	13
7. SANFL Merit Award .....	14
8. Amendments to Regulations .....	14
9. Domestic Matters .....	14
<b>Part B – Football Operations</b> .....	<b>15</b>
10. State Team Selection Committee – Regional Affiliated Leagues .....	15
11. Transfers of Players .....	16
12. Transfer – Cannot Be Refused .....	18
13. Appeals where Transfer is Refused .....	18
14. Transfer Fees .....	20
15. Playing Without Transfer or Permit .....	20
16. Clearances Other .....	21
17. Temporary Permit .....	21
18. Coach Accreditation .....	26
<b>Part C – Competition Management</b> .....	<b>26</b>
19. Clubs Transferring from an Affiliated League to another Affiliated League .....	26
20. Disbanded Leagues .....	27
21. Clubs Merging .....	27
22. Playing Unaffiliated Leagues .....	27
23. Junior Football .....	28
24. Affiliated League Playing Uniform .....	28
25. Online Management System .....	29
26. Approved Player Points System .....	29
<b>Part D – Discipline</b> .....	<b>30</b>
27. Disciplinary .....	30
28. Playing Suspended or Disqualified Players .....	32
29. Offences in Inter-League Matches .....	32
30. Appeal to League Commissioners .....	32



<b>31.</b>	<b>Permit Tribunal.....</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>31.1</b>	<b>The Permit Tribunal has the jurisdiction to: .....</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>31.2</b>	<b>Powers and Duties of the Permit Tribunal: .....</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>31.3</b>	<b>Appointment and Composition of the Permit Tribunal: .....</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>31.4</b>	<b>General Provisions Related to Making an Application to the Permit Tribunal.....</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>31.5</b>	<b>Hearing .....</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>31.6</b>	<b>Specific Provisions - Refusal of Transfer from Club to Club</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>31.7</b>	<b>Specific Provisions – Interpretation and Disputes.....</b>	<b>40</b>
	<b>Appendix 1 – Adopted Policies .....</b>	<b>42</b>
	<b>Appendix 2 – Total Player Payments .....</b>	<b>44</b>
	<b>Appendix 3 - Approved Player Points System (“APPS”) .....</b>	<b>67</b>
	<b>Appendix 3A – League Application for Increased APPS Points .....</b>	<b>79</b>
	<b>Appendix 3B – Club Application for Increased APPS Points .....</b>	<b>80</b>
	<b>Appendix 4 – SANFL Community Football – Standard Playing Contract.....</b>	<b>81</b>
	<b>Appendix 5 – SANFL Community Football – Standard Coaching Contract .....</b>	<b>82</b>
	<b>Appendix 6 – Notice of Appeal – Regulation 30 .....</b>	<b>83</b>
	<b>Appendix 7 – Guidelines for procedures at Hearings of Commissioners .....</b>	<b>84</b>
	<b>Appendix 8 – Duty of Care Policy.....</b>	<b>85</b>
	<b>Appendix 9 – Girls Football – Exemption from Policy.....</b>	<b>87</b>
	<b>Appendix 10 – SANFL Community Football Fair Play Rule .....</b>	<b>89</b>
	<b>Appendix 11 – SANFL Community Football Behaviour Management System Policy .....</b>	<b>93</b>
	<b>Appendix 12 – SANFL Community Football On Field Apparel Guidelines .....</b>	<b>102</b>
	<b>Appendix 13 - Revision History .....</b>	<b>103</b>



## Background

Each word and provision shall form part of these Regulations.

The SANFL Community Football Regulations reflect the following guiding principles:

- To promote, develop and ensure the effective management of SANFL Community Football Matches.
- To create even competitions within Community Football in South Australia.
- To adopt good governance and integrity within SANFL Community Football.
- To make it easier for Leagues, clubs and volunteers and other stakeholders to administer Australian Football at the community level.
- To administer natural justice in Arbitration and Tribunal Hearings.
- To address appropriate standards of behaviour and the prevention of discrimination and harassment in Australian Football at the community level.
- To encourage that the game of Australian Football is played in a fair manner and a spirit of true sportsmanship.
- To provide a safe, fair, and inclusive game environment for all involved.

These Regulations:

- Have been drafted to simplify the rules, regulations and by-laws that have evolved since first published.
- Have been drafted in consideration of input from Community Football Leagues and Clubs.
- May be amended by the Community Football Committee.
- Will reference previous versions of the Rules should there be any dispute regarding the interpretation of the current Rule.
- Contain polices which form part of the Regulations, and which are available on the AFL or SANFL Website.

SANFL Community Football plays under the Laws of Australian Football as determined by the AFL. These Laws are updated annually and published by the AFL. SANFL Community Football Regulations may deviate from these Laws to provide for Laws which better suit Community Football.

Each Regulation shall be read and construed independently of the other provisions of these Regulations. Parts of a rule may be valid if other parts of provision of the rule were deleted.

The SANFL and SANFL Community Football will act in the best interests of the competitions, without undue formality and without being bound by the rules if they consider it is not in the best interest of the competition.

The National Community Football Policy Handbook:

The National Community Football Policy Handbook are adopted as part of these Regulations and its terms are deemed terms of these Regulations. The National Community Policy Handbook is intended to address any inconsistency between these Regulations and the polices outlined in National Community Policy Handbook. Where the Community Football Regulations relate to a specific regulation in the National Community Football Policy



Handbook, the Community Football Regulations will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency. Where the Community Football Regulations fall silent, the National Community Policy as amended from time to time shall apply.

A copy of these Regulations, as amended from time to time, are provided on the SANFL Website: <https://sanfl.com.au/communityfootball/resources/>



## Part A - General

***These Regulations have been approved by the South Australian Football Commission and are made under Rule 5.5.12.1.12 5 of the SANFL Constitution.***

### 1. Interpretation

In this construction and interpretation of these Regulations unless contrary intention appears on the context otherwise permits or requires:

**'Adelaide Footy League'** means the South Australian Amateur Football League Inc currently known as the the Adelaide Footy League or any other name that the senior league in metropolitan Adelaide adopts from time to time;

**'Affiliated League'** means a football League which has affiliated with SANFL Community Football under Rule 9.4 of the SANFL Community Football Constitution;

**'Affiliated League Club'** or **'Club'** means a football club which is a member of, or which fields a team in a football competition conducted by an Affiliated League;

**'AFL'** means the Australian Football League Incorporated;

**'Annual Meeting'** has the same meaning as outlined in the National Community Football Policy Handbook;

**'Alternate Country Zone Committee Member'** has the same meaning as outlined in the National Community Policy Handbook;

**'Appeal Board'** has the same meaning as outlined in the National Community Football Policy Handbook;

**'Appeal Fee'** has the same meaning as set out in these Regulations at 13.4(b).

**'Appeal Tribunal'** means a League Independent Tribunal, Zone Independent Tribunal, and/or SANFL Independent Tribunal appointed under these Regulations or the Permit Tribunal as the case may be;

**'Approved Player Point's System'** and **'APPS'** means a Player Point System approved by the Committee which has been adopted by an Affiliated League under clause 26;

**'Behaviour Management System Policy'** means the policy set out in Appendix 11 of these Regulations;

**'Committee'** and **'Community Football Committee'** means the SANFL Community Football Committee appointed under Rule 7 of the SANFL Constitution;

**'Community Football'** means the football competitions below the AFL men's, AFLW, SANFL men's and SANFLW competitions governed or operated by the SANFL or an Affiliated League pursuant to these Regulations;

**'Community Football Department'** means the SANFL Community Football Department as notified by the SANFL from time to time;

**'Controlling Body'** has the same meaning as outlined in the National Community Football Policy Handbook;

**'Chief Executive Officer'** means the Chief Executive Officer of the SANF;



**'Clearance'** means an approval to transfer as a player from an Affiliated League Club under Regulation 8 of these Regulations;

**'Country Championships'** means the competition arranged and conducted by the Committee in consultation with the Country Zone Committee referred to in Regulation 10.2 of these Regulations;

**'Country Zone Committee'** means the body known by that name referred to in Regulation 3 of these Regulations;

**'Contractual Obligation'** means for the purposes of Regulation 12 a written agreement between a person and an Affiliated League Club under which that person agrees to provide his services as a football player to that Club for a fixed term;

**'Educational Institution'** means a high school, secondary school, college, university or Tertiary Educational Institution;

**'Fair Play Policy'** means the policy set out in Appendix 10 of these Regulations;

**'Financial Indebtedness'** means for the purpose of Regulation 12.1 a debt owing by a Player to a Club for subscriptions of the last season in which the Player played for that Club;

**'Financial Year'** means the period commencing on 1 November in a year and ending on 31 October in the following year;

**'Football'** means the game of Australian Rules Football;

**'Football Advisory Councils'** means the Country Zone Committee and any other committee appointed by the SANFL from time to time;

**'Football Commission'** means the South Australian Football Commission appointed under Rule 5.5 of the SANFL Constitution;

**'Football Payments'** has the meaning as provided in Regulation 4(b) at Appendix 2 under these Regulations;

**'Girls Football Exemption Policy'** means the policy set out in Appendix 9 of these Regulations;

**'Home Club'** means where a player has played majority of their Football in the previous three years;

**'Investigation Committee'** means the Investigation Committee appointed by the Committee under Regulation 6 of these Regulations;

**'Integrity Manager'** means the person appointed by SANFL to manage compliance and integrity matters;

**'Junior District Leagues'** means North East Metro Junior Football Association;

**'Junior Football'** means an Affiliated League competition in which players must be under the age of 18 years on a prescribed date in the calendar year in which that competition is conducted and includes the Sports Association for Adelaide Schools (SAAS) secondary school football competition.



**'League Commissioners'** and **'SANFL League Commissioners'** means the League Commissioners appointed under Regulation 2.1 of the SANFL Regulations;

**'League Independent Tribunal'** means a Tribunal appointed by an Affiliated League for the purposes of these Regulations;

**'Match'** or **'Football Match'** means any game of football either played by a team of an Affiliated League Club in a competition promoted, conducted or controlled by the SANFL Community Football and/or an Affiliated League or which has otherwise been approved by the SANFL Community Football and/or an Affiliated League;

**"Merit Award"** means awards that may be conferred annually by the SANFL to recognise outstanding service to Football provided by persons associated with Affiliated Leagues.

**'Minor Round'** means the series of matches comprising the regular home and away part of the Season;

**'Major Round'** means the series of matches after the Minor Round involving teams who qualified to determine the winner of the competition of that Season;

**'National Community Football Policy Handbook'** means the National Community Football Policy Handbook as amended by the AFL from time to time;

**'Online Management System'** means the national online player and official management system as provided by AFL for use across community football nationally or such other system or process for use by Affiliated Leagues and Affiliated League Clubs as determined by the SANFL from time to time;

**'Officer'** means a member of any committee, director, officer, administrator, employee or any other office holder or servant of an Affiliated League, or an Affiliated League Club respectively whether remunerated or not;

**'Permit'** has the same meaning given in the National Community Football Policy Handbook;

**'Permit Tribunal'** means the Permit Tribunal appointed by the Football Commission under Regulation 31 of these Regulations;

**'player'** or **'Player'** means a person who is registered to play football with an Affiliated League Club;

**'Player Points System'** means a Points System referred to in Regulation 26;

**'Regional Affiliated League'** means an Affiliated League referred to in Regulations 2 (a) inclusive of these Regulations;

**'Regional State Team'** means the team to be selected under Regulation 10 of these Regulations;

**'Regional State Team Selection Committee'** means the committee appointed to select a Regional Affiliated League State Team under Regulation 10 (a) of these Regulations;

**'Regulations'** means these Regulations including any Appendixes;

**'SANFL'** means the South Australian National Football League Inc;



**'SANFL Football Operations Coordinator'** means the person/s appointed by SANFL to oversee and support Community Football (where appointed);

**'SANFL Community Football'** means the person/s appointed by the Community Football Committee to oversee Community Football;

**'SANFL Constitution'** means the Constitution and Rules of the SANFL;

**'SANFL League Club'** means a League Club referred to Rule 3.18 of the SANFL Constitution;

**'SANFL Regulations'** means the rules and regulations made by the Football Commission under Rule 5.5.10.1.12 of the SANFL Constitution and includes any By-Laws and Standing Orders made under that Rule;

**'Season'** means the period between 1 January and 31 December in each calendar year;

**'Senior Team'** means a Club's Men's or Women's team participating in the highest grade or division (e.g. A Grade for that Club);

**'Source Club'** has the same meaning given in the National Community Football Handbook;

**'Source Controlling Body'** has the same meaning given in the National Community Football Handbook;

**'Standard Playing Contract'** means the SANFL Community Football Standard Playing Contract as per Appendix 4 of these Regulations;

**'Standard Coaching Contract'** means the SANFL Community Football Standard Coaching Contract as per Appendix 5 of these Regulations;

**'State League'** means the SANFL, Victorian Football League (VFL), Western Australian Football League (WAFL) senior competitions as the case requires (and **State Leagues** in plural means all three);

**'State Team Selection Committee'** means the committee appointed pursuant to Regulation 10(a);

**'Total Player Payments Limit'** is as defined in clause 3 of Appendix 2 in these Regulations;

**'Transfer'** has the same meaning given in the National Community Football Policy Handbook;

**'Transfer Request'** has the same meaning given in the National Community Football Policy Handbook;

**'Zone'** and **'Regional Zone'** means each of the Regional Zones referred to in these Regulations at 2.1(a)-(f);

**'Zone Advisory Committee'** means a Zone Advisory Committee appointed under Regulation 5 of these Regulations as varied from time to time;

Words describing the singular number include the plural number and vice versa;



References to any gender indicates every other gender and words describing individual persons included corporations and vice versa;

Headings are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation or construction of these Regulations.

The National Community Football Policy Handbook are adopted as part of these Regulations. Where these Regulations relate to a specific matter in the National Community Football Policy Handbook, these Regulations will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

## 2. Zones

2.1 At the date of the adoption of these Regulations and until otherwise decided by the Committee, there will be one (1) Metropolitan Zone and six (6) Regional Zones comprising of the Affiliated Leagues listed below:

### Zone Leagues

- a) **South East Zone** – Mid South Eastern, Kowree Naracoorte Tatiara, Limestone Coast Football Netball League, and Limestone Coast Women's Football League..
- b) **Eastern Zone** – Hills, River Murray, Riverland and Murray Valley Football Leagues.
- c) **Southern Zone** – Great Southern, Southern and Kangaroo Island Football Leagues.
- d) **Central Zone** – Barossa, Light and Gawler Football Association, Adelaide Plains and Yorke Peninsula Football Leagues.
- e) **Northern Zone** – Whyalla, Spencer Gulf, Broken Hill, Far North and North Eastern Football Leagues, and Northern Areas Football Association.
- f) **Eyre Peninsula Zone**– Port Lincoln, Great Flinders, Western Eyre and Eastern Eyre Football Leagues.
- g) **Metropolitan Zone** – Adelaide Footy League.

2.2 Allocation of Leagues to each Zone in Regulation 2.1 supports the composition of Zones for the purposes of Country Championships.

2.3 The number, name and composition of the Zones may be varied from time to time to comprise such Affiliated Leagues or Associations as shall be decided by the Committee in consultation with the Football Advisory Councils.

2.4 The number, name and composition of each Zone may be reviewed by the Committee at any time, but in any event must be reviewed at intervals of not more than two (2) years. Such review must be carried out by the Committee itself, or by the Investigation Committee or other committee appointed or nominated by the Committee, in either case in consultation with the Football Advisory Council.

## 3. SANFL Country Zone Committee ('CZC')

3.1 There will be a Country Zone Committee comprising the members appointed under Regulation 5.2 by the Zone Advisory Committee of each Zone referred to in Regulations 2.1 inclusive.

3.2 The objects and powers of the Country Zone Committee are to:-



- a) Promote manage and develop community football generally in South Australia in consultation with and subject to any direction of the Committee;
- b) Investigate, report to, make recommendations to and advise the Committee upon matters relating to or affecting community football in South Australia;
- c) Implement any initiatives, proposals and plans which the Committee may direct concerning or affecting community football in South Australia;

#### **4. Adelaide Footy League**

If and whilst the Adelaide Footy League is an Affiliated League, it will:

- a) Promote football generally within metropolitan Adelaide;
- b) Investigate, report to, make recommendations to and advise the Committee upon matters relating to or affecting football within metropolitan Adelaide;
- c) Implement any initiatives, proposals and plans which the Committee or the League may direct concerning or affecting football within metropolitan Adelaide;
- d) Otherwise conduct its affairs in accordance with its respective Constitution Rules and By-Laws in force from time to time.

#### **5. Zone Advisory Committee ('ZAC')**

5.1 Other than in the Metropolitan Zone, there will be a Zone Advisory Committee aligned to the eight SANFL League Club Zones as determined from time to time.

5.2 Membership of each Zone Advisory Committee will comprise the following:

- a) Chairperson (as appointed by the ZAC) under Regulation 5;
- b) Country Zone Committee member who may be the same person as the Chairperson;
- c) Alternate Country Zone Committee Member;
- d) Secretary of the Zone Advisory Committee, who may be the SANFL Football Operations Coordinator (where appointed);
- e) President (or nominee from Committee) of the Zone of its respective Affiliated Leagues (or competitions);
- f) Ex officio members:
  - i) SANFL Game Development Coordinator;
  - ii) SANFL Football Operations Coordinator (where appointed);
  - iii) Zone SANFL League Club Chief Executive Officer or nominee.

5.3 The Zone Advisory Committee must hold an Annual Meeting by no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> March in each year at which the delegates must subject to Regulation 5.6, make the following appointments:

- a) a Chairperson;



- b) a Country Zone Committee member who may be the same person as the Chairperson;
  - c) an Alternate Country Zone Committee Member;
  - d) a Secretary;
- 5.4 In addition to the Annual Meeting, the Zone Advisory Committee may hold such other meetings during the year as it may decide.
- 5.5 A Zone Advisory Committee meeting may be called by the Country Zone Committee Member of that Zone, and must be called on receipt of the written request of a majority of delegates representing Affiliated Leagues within that Zone. Not less than seven (7) nor more than fourteen (14) days' written notice must be given of each meeting called under this Regulation 5.5.
- 5.6 The cost of each meeting called under Regulation 5.4 must be shared equally by the Affiliated Leagues comprising that Zone.
- a) The minutes of all Zone Advisory Committee meetings must be forwarded to the Community Football Department.
  - b) Each Zone Advisory Committee may from time to time appoint sub-committees and nominate their terms of reference.
  - c) Each Affiliated League may appoint a proxy delegate to attend a Zone Advisory Committee meeting in the place of any delegate appointed by it who is unable to attend such meeting.

If the Chairperson of a Zone Advisory Committee is a candidate for the position of Country Zone Committee member or Alternate Country Zone Committee member, they must vacate the Chair for the period of the meeting when the appointment of those positions is being made. If the Chairperson vacates the chair in these circumstances, the meeting will be chaired by a representative of SANFL Community Football if present at the meeting or failing their presence, by one of the members of the Zone Advisory Committee present and appointed by those members.

- 5.7 If a Zone Advisory Committee has failed to appoint a Country Zone Committee member/s in accordance with Regulation 5.2:
- a) The Committee may request that a Zone Advisory Committee meet for the purpose of making an appointment of a Country Zone Committee member/s and such appointment is to be made within 30 days of the date of such request;
  - b) If, following a request made by the Committee under Regulation 5.6 (a), the Zone Advisory Committee fails to appoint a Country Zone Committee member/s, then the Committee may appoint a person to act as the Country Zone Committee member/s for that Zone Advisory Committee; and
  - c) The term of a Country Zone Committee member appointed under this Regulation 5.7 shall commence on the date of the appointment and expire at the conclusion of the Third Annual Meeting of the Zone Advisory Committee following his/her appointment.



## **6. Investigation Committee**

**6.1** Upon a referral to the Investigation Committee, SANFL Community Football must appoint an Investigation Committee of three persons comprising:

- a) one person appointed by the Committee;
- b) one person nominated by the Country Zone Committee;
- c) one person nominated by the Adelaide Footy League.

**6.2** At any meeting of the Investigation Committee, two (2) persons being persons appointed under Rules 6.1 will form a quorum one of whom must be the person appointed under Regulation 6.1.(a).

## **6.3 Powers and Duties of the Investigation Committee**

The Investigation Committee has the power to:

- a) Investigate any matter referred to it by the Committee or a member of the Football Advisory Council or an Affiliated League in relation to Zones or to the affiliation of Leagues or Associations;
- b) Investigate any matter referred to it by an Affiliated League or a Club of an Affiliated League concerning the interpretation of the Constitution Rules and Regulations of the Affiliated League provided that such matter is not trivial;
- c) Investigate all other matters which may be referred to it under the SANFL Community Football Constitution or these Regulations;
- d) Summon any person to appear before it and give evidence;
- e) Admit or reject any evidence which may be given to it;
- f) Adjourn its proceedings to such a time and place as it shall deem fit;
- g) Adopt or pursue any procedure considered convenient and proper for the disposal of any matter before it;
- h) Sustain or dismiss any application, objection, appeal or charge brought before it upon such grounds as it in its absolute discretion may determine;
- i) Refer any matter to the SANFL Tribunal to hear and determine an alleged breach of these Regulations;
- j) Upon investigating into a matter that is referred before it, charge any Affiliated League Club pursuant to these Regulations;

Refuse to investigate any matter referred to or brought before it for investigation under these Regulations if it determines in its absolute discretion that such matter is trivial.

## **6.4 Investigation Committee Referral Process**

Excluding referrals from the Committee, any referral to the Investigation Committee must be:

- a) in writing addressed to the Integrity Manager;



- b) set out the facts in respect of the referral; and
- c) accompanied by the sum of \$500 payable to the SANFL towards the costs of reviewing the referral.

## **6.5 Integrity Manager Investigation Process**

- a) The Integrity Manager (or his or her delegate) shall investigate all matters that are referred to the Investigation Committee.
- b) Within fourteen (14) days of the referral the Integrity Manager shall report the findings to the Investigation Committee provided however that if the Integrity Manager (or his or her delegate) reasonably requires additional time to complete the investigation, the Investigation Committee must grant an additional seven (7) days for the investigation to be completed.

## **7. SANFL Merit Award**

Conditions under which a Merit Award will be made are as follows:

- a) A Merit Award may be made only to persons who have rendered outstanding service to an Affiliated League, Affiliated League Club or the game of football and is limited to one (1) award for each Affiliated League in any one Season.
- b) Nominations of persons for a Merit Award by Affiliated Leagues must be forwarded to the Community Football Department for consideration and recommendation to the Committee by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July in each year.
- c) A record of the service rendered by the nominated person must be forwarded with each nomination.
- d) The number of Merit Awards to be awarded each year will normally be five. The Committee however may in any year award more than five Merit Awards if it decides in its discretion that there are more than five persons deserving of a Merit Award in that year.

## **8. Amendments to Regulations**

- a) The Committee may alter, amend, or vary these Regulations on its own accord in writing. Any alteration amendment or variation to these Regulations must be approved by the Football Commission before it can have any force or effect.
- b) An Affiliated League may table a proposed amendment to these Regulations at an official meeting of the Zone of which it forms part, for consideration, and if approved by that Zone, the proposed amendment may then be submitted in writing to the Committee for consideration.

## **9. Domestic Matters**

Each Affiliated League must have power to adopt Rules and By-Laws not inconsistent with these Regulations to provide for the management of its own domestic affairs.

### **9.1 Matters Not Provided For**

The Committee has power to decide any matters not provided for in these Regulations.



## Part B – Football Operations

### 10. State Team Selection Committee – Regional Affiliated Leagues

- a) There will be a regional State Team Selection Committee consisting of up to four (4) members which must be appointed annually by SANFL Community Football for the purpose of selecting a State Team to represent Regional Football Leagues in interstate and other representative matches including the person appointed pursuant to Regulation 10(b) below.
- b) SANFL Community Football must in consultation with the State Team Selection Committee appoint a coach for the Regional Affiliated Leagues State Team (“**the State Coach**”) who, upon appointment will be a member of the State Team Selection Committee.

#### 10.1 Powers and Duties of the State Team Selection Committee

- a) To select a Regional State Team to represent the Regional Affiliated Leagues in interstate and other representative matches and to appoint the captain and vice-captain of that team as and when required.
- b) To make recommendations to SANFL Community Football concerning the appointment of the State Coach, State Assistant Coach and management personnel required by the Regional State Team.
- c) To make recommendations to SANFL Community Football concerning ways of improving the performance of a State Team representing the Regional Affiliated Leagues.

#### 10.2 Country Championships and State/League Representation

- a) SANFL, supported by the Country Zone Committee, will arrange and conduct a country championships football competition (“**the SA Country Championships**”) at such time as it may decide.
- b) The format of the SA Country Championships and the composition of teams competing in it will be decided by the SANFL in consultation with the Country Zone Committee, which format and composition may, without limitation, comprise of a competition played between Affiliated Leagues, or combinations of Affiliated Leagues approved by the Committee.
- c) Each Affiliated League must observe a senior grade bye round, where no matches shall be fixtured and/or played in all competitions in the week of and on the weekend of the SA Country Championships. For clarity, no matches shall be fixtured and/or played three or less business days prior to or after the weekend or on the weekend of the SA Country Championships.
  - i) An Affiliated League may make an application for exemption from Regulation 10.2(c);
  - ii) An application for exemption from Regulation 10.2 (c) must be made in writing and lodged with the Community Football Committee by no later than close of business on February 28th in the year in which the SA Country Championships are to be held, giving detailed reasons and explanations as to why it must not observe the bye round;



- iii) An application will only be granted in exceptional and compelling circumstances, which will be determined at the exclusive discretion of the Community Football Committee.
- iv) There will be no right of appeal in relation to a decision of the Community Football Committee under Regulation 10.2 (c).
- d) Each Affiliated League must, unless it has reasonable cause or excuse to not do so, participate in the SA Country Championships.
- e) Each Affiliated League must, regardless of whether or not it participates in the SA Country Championships encourage the clubs of its League to encourage and support the players of those clubs to make themselves available for selection in a team which is to participate in a Country Championships.
- f) Regardless of any contract or agreement, players of all Affiliated League Clubs have a right, and must make themselves available, to play in any team selected to represent the Affiliated League in which they play or any combination of Affiliated Leagues of which that Affiliated League forms a part, in any SA Country Championships or other intrastate representative match, and/or a Regional State Team.

An Affiliated League may report to the Investigation Committee, any player of an Affiliated League Club of that Affiliated League who is selected to play for a team representing that Affiliated League either alone or in combination with another Affiliated League or Leagues who makes himself unavailable to play in that team without reasonable cause or excuse.

A player who makes himself so unavailable without reasonable cause or excuse will be subject to a penalty of a fine not exceeding \$500 and suspension for the next two matches in which he is available to play for his Affiliated League Club in competitions in which it participates in its Affiliated League.

- g) An Affiliated League may report to the Investigation Committee any player of an Affiliated League Club who is selected to play for a Regional State Team in a representative match and makes himself unavailable to play without reasonable cause or excuse.

Any player who is found guilty of having made himself so unavailable without reasonable cause or excuse will be subject to a penalty of a fine not exceeding \$500 and suspension for the next two matches in which he is available to play for his Affiliated League Club in competitions in which it participates in its Affiliated League.

## **11. Transfers of Players**

**11.1** Subject to these Regulations and the National Community Football Policy Handbook, a player desiring to register as a player of an Affiliated League Club who:

- a) has been registered as a player in any other football league or association anywhere in Australia; and/or
- b) has played with or was registered with any Affiliated League Club prior to, or at the same time as he was registered football with a SANFL League Club regardless of when this may have been;



Services required is acceptable as a valid reason for refusal of a Transfer between clubs only when a player must be granted an approval to Transfer (“**Clearance**”) from the Affiliated League Club with which such player was previously registered, before being eligible for registration to play football for another Affiliated League Club. A Transfer must be obtained by way of an application for Transfer by the player which must be submitted and approved via the Online Management System. For the avoidance of doubt, the approval via the Online Management System must be made before the Transfer can be effective.

## 11.2 Timing of Transfers

A Transfer can only be obtained during the periods of:

a) 12:01AM (AEDT) on 1 November and 11:59pm (AEDT) on 30 November during the calendar year preceding the relevant Season;

or

b) 12:01am (AEDT) on 1 February and 11:59pm (AEST) on 30 June during the calendar year of the relevant Season.

*(Please note that the Transfer periods are not applicable to the Northern Territory Football League Competitions conducted by AFL NT).*

- i) If a Transfer in respect of an application for a Transfer by a player from a Club of an Affiliated League (“**the transferring League**”) to a Club of another Affiliated League to which the player desires to Transfer (“**the Receiving League**”) within six (6) business days inclusive of dispatch, by the Transferring League, the Receiving League may advise the Transferring League in writing of its intention to register the player concerned. All written communication of this nature must be recorded.
- ii) An Affiliated League which grants a Transfer under this Regulation must immediately inform the Club of the Affiliated League in which the player was last registered that it has granted such Transfer.
- iii) Services required is acceptable as a valid reason for refusal of a Transfer between Affiliated League Clubs only when a player has played a match for their Affiliated League Club during the current Season.
- iv) A Player wishing to withdraw their Transfer Request must do so in writing to the Source Controlling Body within six (6) calendar days from notification of the Transfer Request under Regulation 11.2.
- v) For the avoidance of doubt, if a Transfer Request pursuant to the requirements outlined in 11.2 of these Regulations is approved by the Source Club before the Player lodges a Transfer withdrawal under 11.4(v) of these Regulations the Player is not eligible for a transfer withdrawal. Instead, the Player must apply for a Transfer in the Online Management System.

## 11.3 Standard Playing Contract

- a) The Community Football Committee will from time to time approve a Standard Playing Contract for the provision of playing services by a Player to an Affiliated League Club.



- b) An Affiliated League Club will not enter into a contract or agreement with a Player for the provision of playing services by the Player to the Club unless such contract or agreement is in the form of the Standard Playing Contract Declaration.

#### **11.4 Transfer Approval**

- a) Notwithstanding the Online Management System, a Club of an Affiliated League must meet all the requirements set out in Regulation 11 before a transfer is approved.
- b) A player or Club of an Affiliated League who does not follow the requirements set out in Regulation 11, may be subject to penalties outlined in Regulation 15 of these Regulations.

### **12. Transfer – Cannot Be Refused**

#### **12.1 Financial Indebtedness Contractual Obligation**

- a) A player of an Affiliated League Club to who has no financial indebtedness (applies to subscriptions for the players previous Season played only) or contractual obligation to that Club must not and cannot be refused a Clearance on any grounds.

The Standard Football Contract, in a form approved by the Committee from time to time; will be the only contract recognised in the instance of any appeal where 'Contractual Obligation' is given as the reason for any refusal of a Clearance.

Clubs refusing a Transfer due to contractual obligation must supply a copy of such contract to their Affiliated League by no later than 5:00pm on the next business day.

(Refer Appendix 4)

#### **12.2 Player who has not played for 24 months**

- a) A Player who has not played a Match for a period of 24 months or greater may submit a Transfer Request in accordance with Regulation 11.2 at any time and that Player's Source Club may not refuse the Transfer Request under any circumstances.

### **13. Appeals where Transfer is Refused**

- a) Where a Player disputes a Transfer refusal, that Player and/or their Destination Club must use best endeavours to resolve the dispute with the Source Club.

#### **13.1 Club to Club within the same League**

- a) A player registered with an Affiliated League Club who is refused a Transfer from a Club of the Affiliated League in which he is registered to another Club in the same Affiliated League, may appeal against that refusal to the League Independent Tribunal of that Affiliated League pursuant to Regulation 13.4.
- b) Such appeal must be directed by the player to the Affiliated League's Independent Tribunal through the Secretary of that Affiliated League by the Secretary of the Affiliated League Club to which the player has sought a Clearance.



### 13.2 League to League

- a) A player registered with an Affiliated League Club who is refused a Clearance to a Club of an Affiliated League from which he desires a Clearance but has complied with all Transfer Procedures outlined in Regulation 11, may appeal to the SANFL Tribunal.
- b) Such appeal must be directed to the SANFL Tribunal by the Secretary of the Affiliated League to which the player is seeking the Transfer by forwarding the appeal in writing and in accordance with Regulation 13.4 to the Affiliated Leagues Manager of or other person nominated by the SANFL for that purpose.
- c) A player of an Affiliated League Club cannot appeal against an application for Transfer which is refused after July 8<sup>th</sup> in any year.

### 13.3 Transfers between Clubs – Limit

- a) Subject to Regulations 13.3 (b) and 13.3 (c), an Affiliated League Club may refuse a Transfer for a player if three (3) male players or two (2) female players have previously transferred from the Club with which the player is currently registered (**'the Current Club'**) to the same Affiliated League Club (**'the Transferring Club'**) in the current Season.
- b) SANFL Community Football may determine in exceptional circumstances that Regulation 13.3 (a) will not apply.
- c) Regulation 13.3 does not apply to a Player who has previously played twenty (20) or more matches for the Transferring Club.
- d) SANFL Community Football retains the discretion to withdraw or rescind a Player's registration or transfer in the instance where it is deemed that a breach of Regulation 13.3 (a) has occurred via transfer processes between Affiliated League.

### 13.4 Appeal Procedure - Transfer Refusal

- a) An appeal by a player against a refusal to grant a Transfer must be made in writing, signed by the player and lodged with the relevant person provided for in these Regulations 13.1, or 13.2 as the case may be.
- b) The player must at the time of lodging their appeal, pay to the Secretary of the relevant body outlined in Regulation 13.4(b), a fee of \$1,000 or such other amount as the Committee may prescribe from time to time (**'Appeal Fee'**).
- c) For the avoidance of doubt, if a player is seeking a Transfer:
  - i) from an Affiliated League Club to an Affiliated League Club within the same Affiliated League, the Appeal Fee must be paid to the Secretary of the Affiliated League; or
  - ii) from an Affiliated League Club to an Affiliated League Club in another Affiliated League, the Appeal Fee must be paid to the Secretary of the SANFL.
- d) The Appeal Fee must acknowledge receipt of it to the player. The Secretary of the Affiliated League concerned will not be obliged to proceed with the appeal until such prescribed Appeal Fee has been received.
- e) If an appeal made under Regulation 13.4 (a) is successful, the relevant Appeal



Tribunal may determine that up to 100% of the fee paid under Regulation 13 can be refunded to the player, and may also determine that the Affiliated League Club which refused the Clearance to the player will be liable to pay a fee not exceeding \$1,000 to the SANFL Community Football.

- f) If the Club which is liable to pay the fee determined by the Appeal Tribunal under Regulation 13.4 (c) does not do so within seven (7) days of the decision by the Appeal Tribunal, each of the teams of that Club shall lose all premiership points gained in football matches played whilst that fee remains unpaid.
- g) If an appeal made under Regulation 13.4 (a) is unsuccessful, the relevant Appeal Tribunal may determine in its absolute discretion that any amount up to the whole of the fee paid under Regulation 13.4 (b) may be retained and paid to the SANFL Community Football.
- h) In making any determination under Regulation 13.4 (c) the relevant Appeal Tribunal may take into account any matter relating to the appeal including without limitation, but in particular, as to whether or not the appeal was frivolous or vexatious.
- i) An appeal against the refusal of a Transfer must be lodged in accordance with this Regulation 13 within seven (7) clear days of receipt of notification by the player concerned that the Transfer was refused.
- j) An appeal to the League Independent Tribunal under Regulation 13.2 must be heard within seven (7) clear days of notice of the appeal being lodged with the relevant Affiliated League Secretary.
- k) Except as set out in this Regulation 13 a player who is refused a Transfer may appeal once only in any Season against a refusal to grant a Transfer. If a player is refused a Transfer and is unsuccessful with their appeal and subsequently makes application for a Transfer to another Affiliated League Club, their will subject to this Regulation 13 have a right of appeal against a refusal of the subsequent application for Clearance.

#### **14. Transfer Fees**

- a) Without limiting any applicable player payment or Transfer rules enacted by a Controlling Body in respect of a competition, no Club or Controlling Body may directly or indirectly receive or pay any Transfer fee or any other consideration in respect of a Transfer.
- b) An allegation of a breach of this Regulation 14 must be referred to the Investigation Committee for investigation and determination.
- c) An Affiliated League Club which commits a breach of this Regulation 14 is liable to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or such other amount as the Committee may determine.

#### **15. Playing Without Transfer or Permit**

- a) An Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League which has grounds for believing that a player has played football with a team of an Affiliated League Club without having obtained any necessary Transfer or Permit required by these Regulations 11 and 17 may report the same to SANFL Community Football. Upon receipt of such report SANFL Community Football must notify the player, Affiliated League Club and Affiliated League concerned of such report and may impose a penalty to the offending Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League in its absolute



discretion as outlined in Regulation 15(b).

- b) SANFL Community Football may impose any one or more of the following penalties on the Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League:
  - i) Censure;
  - ii) A fine not exceeding \$2,000 which must be paid to the SANFL Community Football;
  - iii) In the case of an Affiliated League Club the reversal of the result of a Match including a Major Round Match and/or the suspension or disqualification of a Team or Teams of an Affiliated League Club and/or the loss of premiership points both retrospective and prospective; and/or
  - iv) Suspension.
- c) SANFL Community Football may offer an Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League an early guilty plea to any charge that is made pursuant to Regulation 15. (a).
- d) The Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League who is charged with a penalty pursuant to Regulation 15 (b) may dispute the penalty that is imposed by SANFL Community Football, to the SANFL Tribunal.

#### **15.1 Playing Without Clearance (SANFL League Clubs)**

- a) A Player desiring to Transfer from an SANFL League Club to an Affiliated League Club must not play for the Affiliated League Club until such time as they have obtained a Clearance from the SANFL Club with which they were last registered.
- b) If a Player plays for an Affiliated League Club in breach of Regulation 15.1 (a) such breach must be referred to the Investigation Committee for investigation and determination.
- c) In the event of a breach of Regulation 15.1 (a), the Investigation Committee may impose penalties equivalent to those referred to in Regulation 15 (b) on the Player, Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League respectively.

#### **16. Clearances Other**

##### **16.1 Player of Disbanded Club**

- a) Subject to Regulation 21, a player of an Affiliated League Club which disbands (“**the Disbanded Club**”) will be entitled to be registered as a player of another Affiliated League Club subject to obtaining a Transfer through the Online Management System and provided that the player is not disqualified or suspended.

#### **17. Temporary Permit**

##### **17.1 Permit Approval System**

- a) Any Permit that is applied for by an Affiliated League Club, must meet the Permit criteria as outlined in this Regulation 17. For avoidance of any doubt, this means through the Online Management System outlined in this Regulation 17.2.



- b) A Club of an Affiliated League who has not followed the correct procedures or criteria under Regulation 17.2, shall be subject to disciplinary actions pursuant to Regulation 15 - Playing without Transfer or Permit.

### **17.2 Permit Procedures**

The following provisions will apply to the issue of all Permits under this Regulation 17:

- a) A Player applying for a Permit must do so via the Online Management System.
- b) Subject to Regulation 17.2(c), a Permit will apply in Minor Round games only and will not enable a player to qualify for any Major Round game(s)
- c) Players registered with an SANFL League Club may be eligible to play for a Club in an Affiliated League Major Round Match provided that the Player:
  - i) has played the minimum number of Minor Round matches for the relevant Club in the Affiliated League pursuant to the Affiliated League's rules or by-laws;
  - ii) is otherwise eligible pursuant to the relevant Affiliated League rules or by-laws; and
  - iii) has not participated or will not participate in any Match for an SANFL League Club, Affiliated League Club, representative team or school team in the 48 hours prior to the Match.
- d) Subject to Regulation 17.8 (b), a Permit will be restricted to a maximum period of four (4) weeks and a Player will not be granted more than four (4) temporary Permits in any one Season.
- e) Consecutive temporary Permits may be granted subject to an application via the Online Management System at the completion of each period of four (4) weeks.
- f) A Player must not use more than one (1) Permit for the one change of locality.
- g) A Player granted a Permit under this Regulation 17 shall remain a registered Player of the Affiliated League Club with which they are registered and shall at all times, irrespective of their place of residence, remain eligible to play with that Club.

### **17.3 Senior Football**

- a) A Player over the age of eighteen (18) as of 1<sup>st</sup> January in any year can only obtain a Permit under one of the five (5) conditions:
  - i) Transfer in employment;
  - ii) Temporary return to Home Club;
  - iii) Promotion of football;
  - iv) Fly in/Fly out employment;
  - v) Student attending Educational Institution.
- b) Player movement outside of the above conditions in 17.3(a) herein can only be by way of a Transfer within the specified Transfer periods.



*Please refer to the below for the five (5) Permit conditions upon which a Permit can be applied for via the Online Management System.*

#### **17.4 Transfer in Employment**

- a) A player who:
- i) Is registered to play football with an Affiliated League Club (“**the Home Club**”); and
  - ii) Is temporarily transferred in their employment by their current employer from the locality of their Home Club to a branch of their employer’s business in another locality (“**the new place of employment**”); and
  - iii) Has been in the employment of their current employer for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding their temporary transfer of employment; and
  - iv) The new place of employment is more than 100 kilometres from the home ground of their Home Club; and
  - v) Is not disqualified or suspended from playing football;
- may be granted a Permit to play football for another Affiliated League Club (“**the New Club**”) by the Affiliated League of which the New Club is a member.
- b) A Permit issued under Regulation 17.1 (a) will be limited to the period of the transfer in employment and will also be subject to Regulation 17.4(c).
- c) An application for a Permit under Regulation 17.1(a) must be approved by the Affiliated League Club and the Affiliated League with which the player is currently registered before the Permit can be issued.

#### **17.5 Student attending educational institution**

- a) A player not referred to in Regulation 17 who is required to temporarily change their usual place of residence in order to attend a secondary or Tertiary Educational Institution within the State of South Australia may obtain dual registration via a type two (2) Permit on Sporting Pulse, to play football with an Affiliated League Club in an Affiliated League in the vicinity of that Educational Institution, with the approval of both Leagues. In any particular case, if one of the two leagues does not agree then an application can be brought to an independent panel to determine the issue. Applications are to be lodged with the nominated representative from the SANFL.

Subject to a player not being disqualified or suspended, a player who obtains Clearance and is registered to play football with an Affiliated League Club other than their Home Club under Regulation 17.2 (a) may be granted a temporary Permit to play for their Home Club during periods of vacation or study leave, provided that such Permit is issued by the Affiliated League of which their Home Club is a member, and the issue of such Permit is approved by the Affiliated League and Affiliated League Club with which the player is currently registered.

- b) For the purposes of this Regulation 17.4 the term “Home Club” means the Affiliated League Club with which the player was registered to play football before he obtained the Clearance and become registered to play football with another Affiliated League Club under Regulation 17.2 (a).



## 17.6 Temporary Return to Home Club

- a) A Player who:
  - i) Has been registered to play football with an Affiliated League Club (“**the Home Club**”); and
  - ii) Has transferred their employment to a place which is more than 150 kilometres from the home ground of their Home Club (“**the new place of employment**”); and
  - iii) Has, with the approval of their Home Club, obtained a Clearance to play football for an Affiliated League Club situated in the vicinity of their new place of employment; and
  - iv) Because of the conditions of their employment is able to return to or near their place of residence (“**Original Residence**”) when they played for their Home Club;
    - A. May, subject to Regulations 17.3 (b), 17.3 (c) and 17.5 be granted a Permit, to play football for their Home Club by the Affiliated League of which their Home Club is a member.
- b) A Permit issued under this Regulation 17.3 will be limited to the period or periods of time when the player is able to return to their Original Residence because of the conditions of their employment.
- c) The approval of an application for a Permit under Regulation 17.3 (a) is subject to the approval of the Affiliated League Club and the Affiliated League with which the player is currently registered to play football.

## 17.7 Promotion of Football

SANFL Community Football may grant a Permit to a player of an Affiliated League Club to play football for a team of another Affiliated League Club if in its absolute discretion it determines that it is in the best interests of an Affiliated League and/or football generally.

The granting of such Permit can only be made on the following conditions:

- a) It must in the best interests of football generally and made for the promotion of football in a specific Affiliated League or Leagues;
- b) It must be for one (1) game only.

## 17.8 Fly In/Fly Out (Drive in Drive out) Employment

- a) Employees who consistently relocate to country locations on a “Fly in-Fly out” or “Drive in Drive Out” employment basis will be permitted to play with a Club in the district of their temporary residence without the need to obtain a transfer from their original Club. Work should be under FIFO type arrangements under the following bylaws:
- b) On the request of the Affiliated League, a player must supply a certificate from their employer certifying that they are employed on a “Fly in-Fly out” arrangement and a copy of their work schedule.



- c) These players will be permitted to play with their secondary Club by way of a Permit via the Online Management System. This Permit will be valid for a Season or a part thereof and will expire at the end of the Season.
- d) These players will be eligible to play in finals round matches in both competitions providing they satisfy the qualifying number of games in each.
- e) A player may play in only one Affiliated League on any one weekend.
- f) Players are only required to play with their secondary Club on those weekends they are in their temporary location on their normal "Fly in-Fly out" employment schedule.
- g) Should the employment of the "Fly in-Fly out" arrangement cease, the Local Interchange Permit will also cease and the player, if remaining at their temporary location, must seek a clearance from their original Club before being permitted to continue playing with their secondary Club. Such application can be made at any time during the season.
- h) Should a player be employed on a "Fly in-Fly out" basis but desire to transfer to another Club/League, the player must seek the permission of their secondary club to have their Local Interchange amended.

### **17.9 Junior Football Permits**

- a) Subject to Regulation 17.8 (b), a player may be registered to play football with only one Affiliated League Club at any one time, unless the player is under the age of fifteen (15) years on January 1st in the current year. The player may dual register with a second club in a different Affiliated League via a type two (2) Permit on the Online Management System with the approval of both Leagues. In any case, if one of the two leagues does not agree then an application can be brought to SANFL Community Football to determine the issue. Applications are to be lodged with the nominated representative from the SANFL.
- b) A player who is over the age of fifteen (15) years and under the age of eighteen (18) years on January 1st in the current year may dual register with a second club in a different Affiliated League via a type two (2) Permit on the Online Management System, with the approval of both Affiliated Leagues. In any particular case, if one of the two Affiliated Leagues does not agree then an application can be brought to an independent panel to determine the issue.
- c) Applications are to be lodged with the nominated representative from the SANFL.
- d) Any Permit granted under Regulation 17.8 (b) will apply for Junior Football only.
- e) Any player granted a Permit under Regulation 17.8 (b) shall only represent one (1) club within a 72 hour period.
- f) In the event of a breach of Regulation 17.8 (d), the Investigation Committee may impose penalties equivalent to those referred to in Regulation 15 (b) on the Player, Affiliated League Club and Affiliated League respectively.

### **17.10 Playing with Two Clubs**

- a) An Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League which has grounds for believing that a player is registered to play football for more than one Affiliated League Club at the same time may report the same to the Investigation Committee through the Secretary of the Affiliated League concerned. Upon receipt of such report the



Investigation Committee must notify the Player, Club and Affiliated League concerned of such report, conduct any investigation deemed necessary and may impose any penalty authorised by these Regulations.

- b) Subject to Regulations 17.8 (a) and 17.8 (b) a player who is registered to play football with more than one Affiliated League Club at the same time will be liable to a fine of \$1,000 which must be paid to the Affiliated League Club with which the player was first registered and the player must be deregistered by the Affiliated League Club with which he was second registered until he obtains a Clearance from the Club with which he was first registered.
- c) A player who has played in their home clubs “B” grade team the previous week or in their last game for their home club or is not selected in the “B” grade team for that week due to the home club having excess numbers will be able to play for another “B” grade team within the same or a neighbouring Affiliated League via a type two (2) Permit if the team has a lack of numbers to field a team. This type of Permit is available to be used for the minor round season.
- d) Any type two (2) Permits under Regulation 17.8 (c) must be approved by all Affiliated Leagues and Clubs involved.

## **18. Coach Accreditation**

- a) A Person must be accredited to coach Football at a Club or Affiliated League.
- b) Accreditation must be obtained in accordance with the national accreditation process as determined by the AFL from time to time.
- c) A Coach must be registered to their relevant Club via the Online Management System.

## **Part C – Competition Management**

### **19. Clubs Transferring from an Affiliated League to another Affiliated League**

- a) An Affiliated League Club which desires to transfer from an Affiliated League to another Affiliated League can do so only with the approval of the Committee upon the recommendation of the Investigation Committee.
- b) An Affiliated League Club which desires to transfer from an Affiliated League to another Affiliated League must do so by written application given to:
  - i) The Secretary of the Affiliated League with which the Club wishes to be affiliated,
  - ii) The Secretary of the Affiliated League with which the Club is currently affiliated; and
  - iii) The Investigation Committee, by no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> in the year in which the application is made. An application received after that date will not be considered in that year unless there is agreement between the Affiliated League to which the Club wishes to transfer, the Affiliated League from which the Club wishes to transfer and the Investigation Committee.
- c) An application under Regulation 19 (a) must give complete details of the reasons why such transfer is sought and must be investigated by the Investigation Committee which must make a recommendation concerning such transfer within 60



days of its receipt by the Investigation Committee.

- d) The Investigation Committee may, in its discretion, recommend that the transfer of a Club under this Regulation 19 be conditional upon the Club satisfying or making proper arrangements for the payment of any outstanding debt or financial obligation owing by that Club to its Affiliated League.
- e) Upon making its recommendation the Investigation Committee will forward the same to the Committee which must either approve or reject such recommendation within 21 days of receipt of same. The decision of the Committee will be final and binding on all parties.
- f) Except for the approval or rejection of a recommendation of the Investigation Committee under Regulation 19 the Committee will not make any determination or decision concerning the question as to which Affiliated League a Club forms apart or becomes a member.

## **20. Disbanded Leagues**

- a) If an Affiliated League Club which disbands, is accepted into another Affiliated League, it shall retain all players who were previously registered with it.
- b) Upon receipt from the member of the Country Zone Committee of a list of registered players of that Club those players shall be automatically registered with that Club in its new Affiliated League.
- c) The Secretary of an Affiliated League which disbands must supply to the Committee a complete list of players registered with all Clubs in that Affiliated League as at the date on which the Affiliated League disbanded.

## **21. Clubs Merging**

- a) Where two or more Affiliated League Clubs merge into one new Club the registered players of the Clubs which have merged shall be deemed to be players of the new Club formed by the merger for the purposes of the Clearance rules and regulations of the Affiliated League of which the new Club becomes a member.

## **22. Playing Unaffiliated Leagues**

- a) A team of an Affiliated League or an Affiliated League Club must not play against a team of an unaffiliated league or club of an unaffiliated league without the approval of the Committee.
- b) A complaint alleging that a team of an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club has breached under this Regulation 22 must be referred to the Investigation Committee for hearing and determination which hearing and determination must be made within 28 days of the date on which it was referred to the Investigation Committee.
- c) The Investigation Committee may impose a fine not exceeding \$5,000 for a breach of this Regulation 22 by an Affiliated League or an Affiliated League Club (or both) which fine must be paid to the SANFL Community Football.



### **23. Junior Football**

- a) Each Affiliated League must ensure that the difference between age limits for the Junior Football Competitions conducted by that Affiliated League is not greater than three (3) years or otherwise in accordance with the National Insurance Scheme age difference as set from time to time. An Affiliated League may make a written request for the obligation in this Regulation 23 (a) to be waived or varied by SANFL Community Football. Any such waiver or variation shall be at the absolute discretion of the SANFL Community Football and in accordance with any National Insurance Scheme requirements.
- b) A breach of Regulation 23(a) shall be dealt with under to Regulation 27 – Disciplinary.
- c) To be eligible to play football for an Affiliated League Club, a Player must be turning a minimum age of fifteen (15) in the calendar year of any current football Season.
- d) A breach of Regulation 23(c) shall be dealt with pursuant to an Affiliated League's By-Laws and/or by a League Independent Tribunal and/or by Regulation 27 of these Regulations.
- e) Subject to Regulation 23(f), Affiliated League Clubs must comply with the Player age eligibility requirements set out in the National Community Football Policy Handbook.
- f) Age eligibility exemptions may be granted to girls in accordance with the Girls Football Exemption Policy.
- g) Each Affiliated League must comply with the Fair Play Policy.

### **24. Affiliated League Playing Uniform**

- a) Each Affiliated League must ensure that on field apparel is provided by an approved SANFL Community Football supplier.
- b) Each player playing for a Senior Team of an Affiliated League Club in a Match must wear a guernsey, shorts, and socks that complies with the SANFL Community Football On Field Apparel Guidelines set out in Appendix 12 of these Regulations.
- c) A Player playing for a Senior Team of an Affiliated League Club must not wear a guernsey, shorts or socks unless they contain the logos and designation required by this Regulation 24(b).
- d) The Community Football Committee may waive the requirement for an Affiliated League and its Clubs to comply with all or part of this Regulation 24 following a written request by an Affiliated League. The Community Football Committee may consider any matter that is deems to be relevant and may decline or grant a waiver under this Regulation 24 in its absolute discretion or on any condition it considers appropriate.



- e) Each Affiliated League and Affiliated League Club must ensure that all junior apparel does not include the presence of any alcohol brand. For avoidance of doubt, an Affiliated League and Affiliated League Club must not use logos, on clothing or other merchandise that is directed primarily to minors and is associated with an alcohol brand.

(A breach of this Regulation 24 shall be dealt under Regulation 27 – Disciplinary).

## **25. Online Management System**

- a) SANFL Community Football shall from time to time determine an Online Management System or alternate manual process to be used by each Affiliated League and Affiliated League Club for all competition and club administration.
- b) Each Affiliated League and its Affiliated League clubs must use the Online Management System as notified by SANFL Community Football to the Affiliated Leagues from time to time.
- c) Each Affiliated League Club and Affiliated League must observe and comply with all Regulations, the SANFL Constitution and SANFL Regulations regarding the use of the Online Management System including with respect to transfer, Permit and registration of Players. Where there is ambiguity over the appropriate process or the Online Management System is not operating, SANFL Community Football may prescribe an alternative process for matters managed via the Online Management System including but not limited to the administration of Player transfers, Permits and registrations.

## **26. Approved Player Points System**

- a) Each Affiliated League must adopt an Approved Player Points System (“**APPS**”) by 31 December in each calendar year.
- b) If an Affiliated League wishes to adopt a Player Points System other than the APPS as detailed in Appendix 3:
  - i) It must submit its proposed Player Points System to the Community Football Manager for approval by the Committee by not later than 30 November in the calendar year before the first season in which it is to apply to that Affiliated League;
  - ii) The proposed Player Points System must be largely based on the Guidelines set out in Appendix 3 to these Regulations as amended or varied by the Committee from time to time or with such variation as the Committee may approve.
- c) An Affiliated League which has adopted an APPS must not alter, amend or vary that system in any way without the approval of the Committee.
- d) If the Committee alters the guidelines in Appendix 3 applicable to an APPS as a consequence of which an APPS which has been adopted by an Affiliated League does not then comply with the guidelines in Appendix 3, then such Affiliated League must alter its APPS so that it complies with the guidelines as altered by the Committee and have such alterations approved by the Committee.
- e) An Affiliated League Club must submit an assessment of each Player Points Rating via the Online Management System for review and determination by the Affiliated League in accordance with the APPS.



- f) If a player or official of a Club is found guilty of providing any false or misleading information in the Player Declaration referred to in Regulation 26 (e):
  - i) Such player or official will be liable to penalties including, but not limited to deregistration (in the case of a player) suspension and/or a fine not exceeding \$2,000, or such other amount as the Committee may determine from time to time;
  - ii) The Club may be liable to a fine not exceeding \$2,000, or such other amount as the Committee may determine from time to time, and/or the loss of premiership points by its Senior Team.
- g) If a team of a Club exceeds the Total Points Rating allocated to it, in any game played by its Senior Team the following penalties will automatically apply:
  - A. The loss of all premiership points, earned for that game, the loss of all points scored by the team in that game, plus a fine of \$1,000.
- h) Subject to Regulation 26 (i) any allegation of a breach of the provisions of this Regulation 26 will, be heard and determined by the League Independent Tribunal of the Affiliated League.
  - i) In addition to any sanctions which may be imposed under Regulations 26 (f), 26 (g) and 26 (h) if any person, Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club contravenes or is in breach of:
  - ii) The terms and conditions of the APPS which has been adopted by that Affiliated League; or
  - iii) Any other provision contained in this Regulation 26;

such contravention or breach will be deemed to be a breach of these Regulations, and such person, Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club may be charged, dealt with, and be liable to the penalties provided, under Regulation 26.
- i) If a dispute arises concerning any matter relating to an APPS such dispute must be referred to the League Independent Tribunal of the Affiliated League concerned for hearing and determination.

## **Part D – Discipline**

### **27. Disciplinary**

27.1 Each Affiliated League, Affiliated League Club, member of either of the Football Advisory Councils, officer, official or servant of an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club and player of an Affiliated League Club must:

- a) Observe, obey and comply with:
  - i) The SANFL Constitution, the SANFL Regulations, the SANFL Community Football Constitution and these Regulations in so far as they apply to such person, Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club; and
  - ii) Any decision or direction of or direction made by the Football Commission and/or the Committee; and



- iii) Any agreement to which the SANFL, SANFL Community Football, Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club is a party to the extent that he is legally capable of so doing; and
  - iv) The Behaviour Management System Policy, as implemented by the Committee for each Season;
- b) Not engage in conduct:
- i) Which is unbecoming, detrimental or prejudicial to the welfare, image, spirit or best interests of Football, the SANFL, an SANFL League Club, the SANFL Community Football, an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club; or
  - ii) Which would cause the SANFL, an SANFL League Club, the SANFL Community Football, an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club to be in breach of any agreement to which any one of them is a party.
- 27.2 A charge or report alleging a breach of these Regulations or of the Laws of the Game, other than a charge laid by a Registered Umpire on the day of a Match may be laid by a Director of an Affiliated League, member of either of the Football Advisory Councils, the Chief Executive Officer, SANFL Community Football, the Investigation Committee, or the Integrity Manager.
- 27.3 A charge laid or a report made under Regulation 27.2 may be made at any time, but in any event, as soon as practicable after the occurrence of the event or conduct, which is the subject of the charge or report is alleged to have occurred.
- 27.4 A charge or report alleging a breach of these Regulations together with particulars of such charge or report must be delivered to the person or body alleged in such charge or report to have committed the breach, as soon as is practical after receipt of the charge or report and must also inform such person or body of the time and place fixed for hearing of such charge or report.
- 27.5 Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations a charge or report alleging a breach of these Regulations must be referred to the League Commissioners for hearing and determination.
- 27.6 Every Officer, Director, Life Member, employee of an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club, member of, player, Director, Registered Official, officer, servant or agent of an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club, as the case may be, must attend every meeting, hearing or inquiry of any appeal Tribunal or Commissioner or Tribunal of the SANFL duly constituted by these Regulations to which he has been summoned to attend.
- 27.7 Whenever a fine has been imposed under these Regulations on an Affiliated League Club, or player, officer, official servant or agent of an Affiliated League Club:
- a) The Affiliated League Club concerned will be responsible for the payment of such fine;
  - b) The fine must be paid to the SANFL Community Football within seven (7) days of the SANFL Community Football giving notice to the Affiliated League Club of the imposition of such fine.
- 27.8 If a person, Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club to whom or which this Regulation 27 applies is found guilty of a breach of the SANFL Constitution, the SANFL



Regulations, the SANFL Community Football Constitution, these Regulations or the Laws of the Game, any one or more the following sanctions and penalties may be imposed on that person, Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club;

- a) Censure;
- b) Suspension or disqualification from playing any Football Match, or exercising any official function with the SANFL, an SANFL League Club, the SANFL Community Football, an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club, or attending any Football Match;
- c) The withdrawal of, or suspension or disqualification from exercising any right or privilege which that person may have or to which he may be entitled by virtue of any office, position or class of membership held in or of the SANFL, an SANFL League Club, an Affiliated League or an Affiliated League Club or otherwise under or by virtue of the SANFL Constitution, the SANFL Regulations, the SANFL Community Football Constitution or these Regulations.
- d) In the case of an Affiliated League Club the reversal of the result of a Match including a Major Round Match and/or the suspension or disqualification of a Team or Teams of an Affiliated League Club and/or the loss of premiership points both retrospective and prospective.
- e) A fine not exceeding \$5,000 or such other amount as the Committee may determine.

## **28. Playing Suspended or Disqualified Players**

- a) An Affiliated League Club which knowingly plays a suspended or disqualified Player, in any Football Match will, in addition to any other penalty which may be imposed under these Regulations, be liable to a fine of \$2,000 for each occasion on which a player so plays.

## **29. Offences in Inter-League Matches**

- a) If an umpire reports a player in any Match between teams representing Affiliated Leagues or in a practice match between Clubs of different Affiliated Leagues, any commission, committee tribunal or other authority approved by the Affiliated League in which the player is registered for the hearing and determination of reports or charges laid against players, must hear and determine such charge, notwithstanding that the charge could not otherwise be heard by that authority under the constitution of the Affiliated League in which the player is registered.

## **30. Appeal to League Commissioners**

### **30.1 Grounds of Appeal**

Notwithstanding any Rule or Regulation of any Affiliated League, an Affiliated League Club or SANFL may submit a complaint (“**the Complainant**”) to SANFL Community Football in relation to a decision (“**the Decision**”) in respect of a player, official or spectator who has offended the Rules of Football and said decision is:

- a) With respect to the issue of guilt:
  - i) That the Decision was an error of law; or
  - ii) That the Decision was so unreasonable that no Tribunal acting reasonably



could have come to that decision having regard to the evidence before it.

- b) With respect to the issue of the penalty:
    - i) That the sanction imposed was manifestly excessive;
    - ii) That the classification of the Reportable Offence or Policy or other conduct (as applicable) was manifestly inadequate;
    - iii) That the sanction imposed was manifestly inadequate;
  - c) With respect to the issue of procedural fairness:
    - i) That but for the lack of procedural fairness, the Tribunal or Controlling Body would have not reached such a decision,
- each a “Ground of Appeal” and collectively “Grounds of Appeal”.

### **30.2 Notice of Appeal**

An appeal must be directed to the SANFL Community Football, and the complaint must be:

- a) In writing addressed to SANFL Community Football and copied to the Clubs Affiliated League.
- b) Submitted by the Complainant within a period of seven (7) days after receipt of the Decision or failure to charge after the incident occurred.
- c) Set out the facts in respect of the complaint on one or more of the following grounds of appeal in Regulation 30.1 (completed in the format outlined in Appendix 6 – Notice of Appeal):
- d) Accompanied by the sum of \$1,000 payable to SANFL towards the costs of reviewing the complaint.

### **30.3 Appeal Process**

- a) SANFL Community Football will refer the complaint to the Integrity Manager who will, or their delegate will, investigate all matters relating to the Complainant.
- b) Within 14 days of receipt of the complaint the Integrity Manager (or delegate, if applicable) shall report their findings to SANFL Community Football provided however that if the Integrity Manager (or delegate, if applicable) reasonably requires additional time to complete the investigation, SANFL Community Football shall grant an additional seven (7) days for the investigation to be completed.
- c) SANFL Community Football shall decide within seven (7) days of receipt of the report in Regulation 30.3(b) above if there prime facie reasonable prospects of establishing Grounds of Appeal and notify the Complainant of their determination in writing.
- d) Where it is determined that there are adequate grounds for Appeal, SANFL will require that the Complainant pay the sum of \$500 to SANFL towards the costs of the appeal within two (2) days of such notification. This sum may be repaid if the Appeal is successful and if so, directed by the SANFL Tribunal.



- e) Upon payment of the amount of \$500 by the Club, SANFL Community Football must fix a date, time and place/forum (including by video or telephone conferencing) for the Appeal hearing as soon as practicable and advise all interested parties of the particulars of the Tribunal.
- f) SANFL Community Football must also provide all interested parties with:
  - i) The written report conducted by the Integrity Manager (or delegate, if applicable);
  - ii) Any statements obtained by the Integrity Manager (or delegate, if applicable);
  - iii) A written report of the proceedings from the Affiliated League Tribunal (if any);
  - iv) The notice and grounds of appeal (provided for by the Complainant);
  - v) Copies of all photography, video recordings, drawings, diagrams and other documents in which the complainant wishes to rely upon at the hearing of the appeal by the League Commissioners.

### **30.4 Representation**

- a) At the Appeal hearing, the Complainant must:
  - i) appear in person; and/or
  - ii) be represented by
    - A. a Club Officer; or
    - B. a barrister or solicitor.
- b) Where a Complainant is under the age of eighteen (18) years at the time of the Appeal hearing:
  - i) The Complainant must be represented under Section 30.4 (a) (ii) (and such representative must not be a parent or guardian of the Appellant); and
  - ii) A parent or guardian of the Complainant may attend the Appeal hearing in place of or in support of the Complainant.
- c) In addition to the attendees referred to in Regulation 30.4 (a), subject to any direction by the SANFL Tribunal the offending player or official must:
  - i) appear in person; and/or
  - ii) be represented by
    - A. a Club Officer; or
    - B. a barrister of solicitor.
- d) If a Complainant or offending player or official and/or their respective representative(s), fails to appear at an Appeal hearing at the notified date, time



and place/forum, the SANFL Tribunal may proceed to hear and determine the matter and impose any sanction in the absence of that the complaint, offending player or their respective representative(s).

### **30.5 Attendance at Appeal Hearing**

- a) Subject to Regulation 30.4, a Complainant, and their personal representative, must attend an Appeal hearing at the date, time and place/forum (including by video or telephone conferencing) fixed by SANFL Community Football.
- b) Any Football Official, Player, parent, or guardian of a Player must appear before the Appeal Board if requested to do so by SANFL Community Football or the SANFL Tribunal.
- c) In respect of an Appeal Hearing:
  - i) The SANFL Tribunal may excuse a complainant from appearing at an Appeal hearing if the SANFL Tribunal is satisfied that the Complainant is suffering from an injury or medical condition that will reasonably prevent that Complainant's attendance;
  - ii) Any complainant, including the complainant's representative, who wishes to attend an Appeal hearing via video or telephone must first seek prior approval from SANFL Community Football (except where video or telephone conferencing is the forum fixed by SANFL Community Football);
  - iii) SANFL Community Football or SANFL Tribunal may, at any time prior to the Appeal hearing, vary the date, time or place/forum of the Appeal hearing and upon doing so, must advise all interested parties of such variation; and
  - iv) Hearing and upon doing so, must advise all interested parties of such variation.

### **30.6 General Conduct of Appeal Hearing**

- a) The SANFL Tribunal may regulate any proceeding brought before it in such manner at the SANFL Tribunal determines; and
- b) Is not bound by the rules of evidence or by practices and procedures applicable to a court of law and may inform itself as to any matter in such manner as it determines.
- c) The SANFL Tribunal must:
  - i) Provide any person whose interest will be directly and adversely affected by its decision, a reasonable opportunity to be heard;
  - ii) Hear and determine the matter before it in an unbiased manner; and
  - iii) Make a decision that a reasonable Tribunal could honestly arrive at.
- d) The SANFL Tribunal will use reasonable endeavors to hear and determine any appeal before the Club of the complainant is next scheduled to compete but to the extent that natural justice principles require that:
  - i) All parties be given adequate notice of or sufficient time to prepare for a hearing.



### **30.7 Review of Evidence by SANFL Tribunal**

- a) The SANFL Tribunal must hear an appeal by way of a review of the evidence presented before the Tribunal (as applicable) and will determine whether the Appeal Ground(s) nominated by the Complainant have been established.
- b) A Complainant may not produce fresh evidence at an Appeal hearing without leave of the SANFL Tribunal.
- c) If a Complainant seeks leave to produce fresh evidence, the SANFL Tribunal will not grant such leave unless the SANFL Tribunal is satisfied that:
  - i) The evidence could not by reasonable diligence have been obtained by the Person prior to the conclusion of the Appeal hearing; and
  - ii) The evidence is of sufficient probative value such that, considered with other evidence, which was before the Tribunal, the Tribunal would have reached a different decision.

### **30.8 Onus and Standard of Proof on Appeal**

- a) At an Appeal hearing, the Complainant will bear the onus of establishing, on the balance of probabilities, one or more Appeal Grounds.

### **30.9 Outcomes**

- a) Decision of SANFL Tribunal:
  - i) A decision of the SANFL Tribunal must be determined according to the opinion of a majority of the sitting Appeal hearing. Where no majority is reached, the decision of the SANFL Tribunal must be determined according to the opinion of the Chairperson.
  - ii) Where the SANFL Tribunal determines that one or more Appeal Grounds has been established, the SANFL Tribunal may confirm, reverse or modify the decision of the original Tribunal or Controlling Bodies decision and make such orders and give such directions in such manner as it determines provided that any suspension imposed must be expressed in matches.
  - iii) The SANFL Tribunal is not obliged to give reasons for any decision it makes under this Regulation.
- b) Where the SANFL Tribunal imposes a sanction on a Person that prevents the Person from participating in a Match, the Person must serve that sanction.
- c) Power to adjourn:
  - i) The SANFL Tribunal may, of its own motion or upon application of any party to the appeal, order that an appeal be adjourned; and/or
  - ii) In making an order to adjourn, the SANFL Tribunal must have regard to:
    - A. The merits of the appeal and the complainants' prospects of success;
    - B. The interests of other Clubs and Person;



- C. The effect on the results of the relevant Competition; and
- D. The need to permit the due and proper administration of Australian Football.

### **30.10 Costs**

- a) The SANFL must in addition to the matters referred to in Regulation 30.3 forward to the Affiliated League Clubs, Affiliated League, and the offending player a copy of all related materials.
- b) A person who is subject to and/or bound by these Regulations must exercise their right of Appeal under this Regulation 28 and have any Appeal heard and determined by the SANFL Commissioners before commencing any proceedings or becoming a party to any proceedings in a court of law. If proceedings are commenced in a court of law the person or club instigating the appeal must meet their own legal costs as well as those incurred by the Affiliated League.

### **30.11 Validity of Appeal and Hearing**

- a) Where there is any procedural irregularity in relation to an Appeal hearing, the SANFL Tribunal must still hear and determine the appeal unless the SANFL Tribunal is of the opinion that the irregularity has caused or will cause significant injustice.
- b) A decision of the SANFL Tribunal is not invalid because of a defect or irregularity in, or in connection with, the appointment of the SANFL Tribunal.
- c) Any procedure or requirement regulating the function of the SANFL Tribunal is directory in nature and a decision of the SANFL Tribunal is not invalid by reason of that procedure or requirement not being fulfilled.

### **30.12 Criticism of SANFL Tribunal Decision**

- a) A person must not make any unfair, unreasonable, or excessive public criticism of a SANFL Tribunal decision or of any SANFL Tribunal member or any other matter relevant to the SANFL Tribunal or a determination made by it.
- b) If a person breaches Regulation 30.12 (a), that person's Affiliated League Club may be dealt with in such manner as the SANFL Tribunal or SANFL Community Football sees fit including referral of such breach to the SANFL Tribunal.

## **31. Permit Tribunal**

### **31.1 The Permit Tribunal has the jurisdiction to:**

- a) hear and determine any matter concerning the application for registration or eligibility of a person as a Player within an Affiliated League pursuant to these Regulations;
- b) hear and determine any matter or dispute relating to an application for the granting, or a refusal, of a transfer to play football made by any Player or Club under these Regulations or to an interstate transfer made in accordance with Part B of the National Policy Handbook under Schedule 3; and



- c) hear and determine any other matter referred to it under these Regulations or by the Community Football Committee.

### **31.2 Powers and Duties of the Permit Tribunal:**

- a) In hearing and determining matters pursuant to Regulation 31, the Permit Tribunal may:
  - i) not make determinations inconsistent with these Regulations, SANFL Men's Regulations or the SANFL Women's Regulations;
  - ii) at its discretion, conduct such hearing by way of written submissions or by a formal hearing;
  - iii) determine the procedures applying to the hearing in its absolute discretion;
  - iv) summon any person to appear before it to give evidence;
  - v) admit or reject any evidence which may be tendered to it;
  - vi) adjourn its hearings to such time and place as it shall deem fit;
  - vii) adopt or pursue any procedure considered convenient and proper for a hearing and adjudication of any matter before it;
  - viii) determine the quantum of any transfer fee having regard to the relevant transfer fee guide;
  - ix) sustain or dismiss any application, objection, appeal or charge brought before it upon such grounds as it deems fit;
  - x) censure, fine, suspend or disqualify a Player or Club Official;
  - xi) fine or deduct Premiership Points from a Club; and
  - xii) make any other order authorised by these Regulations.
- b) In reaching its decision, the Permit Tribunal must consider any matters relevant to the matter including:
  - i) the interests of the public;
  - ii) the game of Football;
  - iii) the interests of SANFL Community Football;
  - iv) the interests of the person making the application or appeal;
  - v) any hardship whether, financial or otherwise, likely to be suffered by persons or Clubs which may be affected by the decision;
  - vi) the age of the person making the appeal; and
  - vii) any contractual obligations between the Player making the appeal and the Club from which the transfer is sought.



- c) Determinations and decisions of the Permit Tribunal in relation to any matter referred to it will be final and binding on any Clubs, Players, Officials and all other persons who are bound by and subject to SANFL Regulations.

### **31.3 Appointment and Composition of the Permit Tribunal:**

- a) The Football Commission must appoint a Permit Commissioner and one or more proxy Permit Commissioners, none of whom may be a Club Director or Club Official of an SANFL League Club.
- b) Each of the Permit Commissioner and the proxy Permit Commissioners must be appointed for a term commencing on the date of their appointment and expiring on 31st January in the year following the date of their appointment.
- c) At any hearing of the Permit Tribunal, a quorum shall comprise of one person being either the Permit Commissioner, or where they are unable to be present at such a hearing, any one of the proxy Permit Commissioners appointed.

### **31.4 General Provisions Related to Making an Application to the Permit Tribunal**

- a) Unless stated otherwise in these Regulations, or the SANFL Regulations, an application to the Permit Tribunal to hear a matter within its jurisdiction:
  - i) Must be made in writing and lodged with SANFL Community Football;
  - ii) Must be made within fourteen (14) days of the date of a SANFL or Club decision being disputed (if applicable);
  - iii) Shall be accompanied by any lodgement fee required by these Regulations; and
  - iv) can be made by:
    - A. the Player concerned;
    - B. the Club for which that Player is seeking to be registered or deemed eligible to play; or
    - C. the SANFL.
- b) Upon receipt of a notice complying with Regulation 30.3 and any other applicable Regulation, SANFL Community Football must:
  - i) immediately refer the matter to the Permit Tribunal for hearing and determination;
  - ii) immediately give notice of such appeal to any Clubs or persons that are or may be affected by its outcome; and
  - iii) inform such Clubs and persons whether the Permit Tribunal will determine the matter by written submissions or by hearing, and seek their comment.



### **31.5 Hearing**

- a) Where the Permit Tribunal determines to hold a hearing, that hearing shall be held not fewer than seven (7) days and no more than twenty-one (21) days after the application is under Regulation 30.3, unless a hearing in shorter or longer time is determined by the Permit Tribunal.
- b) The following parties are entitled to appear at a hearing (if held), and be represented by such persons they respectively deem fit, or as directed by the Permit Tribunal:
  - i) a Player or Club that has lodged the appeal; and
  - ii) the Club which has refused the transfer of the Player and which is the subject of an appeal (if applicable).

### **31.6 Specific Provisions - Refusal of Transfer from Club to Club**

- a) This Regulation relates only to appeals against a decision of a Club to refuse to grant a Transfer to a Player.
- b) Lodgement Fee:
  - i) The lodgement fee is the amount determined by the Community Football Committee from time to time, and if left undetermined such fee is the sum of \$1000.
  - ii) In the event that an appeal by a Player or Club is withdrawn, or agreement or compromise is reached between the parties for the granting of a transfer or Permit, and the Permit Tribunal is not notified more than 24 hours before the time appointed for the hearing of the appeal, the prescribed lodgement fee lodged with SANFL Community Football in accordance with this Regulation shall be forfeited to the SANFL.
- c) If an appeal to which this Regulation applies is successful:
  - i) the Player concerned will be entitled to the transfer sought;
  - ii) the Club from which he seeks a transfer must sign all documents and do everything necessary to give effect to the transfer; and
  - iii) the transfer will be subject to the payment of any Transfer Fee payable.

### **31.7 Specific Provisions – Interpretation and Disputes**

- a) Request for SANFL Interpretation
  - i) Any Affiliated League, Club or Player may request SANFL Community Football give an interpretation of a Regulation in these Regulations.
  - ii) Upon receipt of such a request, SANFL Community Football may:
    - A. give the interpretation or ruling sought through one of its employees; or
    - B. refer the request to its solicitors for determination.



- b) Request for Permit Tribunal Review
  - i) An Affiliated League, Club or Player that is aggrieved by a determination made under Regulation 30(a) may request that such determination be referred to the Permit Tribunal for review.
  - ii) A referral under Regulation 37(b)(i) must be made in writing to SANFL Community Football within one day of receipt of notice of that determination.
  - iii) If a referral under Regulation 37(b) is not within the time constraint under Regulation 105(b)(ii), or no such referral is made, SANFL's determination under Regulation 37(a) will be final and binding.
- c) A matter referred under Regulation 37 after the conclusion of the Minor Round in any Season must be heard and determined by the Permit Tribunal within two (2) days of the date on which the matter was referred.



## Appendix 1 – Adopted Policies

The following policies (as amended from time to time) are adopted as part of these Regulations and its terms are deemed terms of these Regulations.

### 1. Australian Laws of the Game

The [Laws of the Game](#) are adopted as part of these Regulations and its terms are deemed terms of these Regulations.

### 2. National Community Football Policy Handbook

The [National Community Football Policy Handbook](#) are adopted as part of these Regulations and its terms are deemed terms of these Regulations. Where these Regulations relate to a matter in the National Community Football Policy Handbook, the Regulations will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

Specific policies that will apply from the National Community Policy Handbook (as amended from time to time) include:

#### 2.1 Part B – Eligibility & Registration

- Player registration, transfer and Permits (Section 3)
- Age Dispensation (Section 4)
- Player Declaration (Section 5)
- Coach and Umpire Eligibility and Accreditation (Section 6)
- Deregistration Policy (Section 7)
- Gender Diversity (participation of transgender and non-binary people)

#### 2.2 Part C – Member Protection & Integrity:

- Member Protection Policy (Section 9) – to be read in conjunction with any relevant SANFL Member Protection Policy and/or Procedure
- Vilification and Discrimination Policy (Section 10)
- Safeguarding Children and Young People (Section 11)
- Social Media Policy (Section 12)
- Gambling and Match Fixing (Section 13)
- Anti-Doping (Section 14)

#### 2.3 Part D – Health and Safety

- Injury Management Policy (Section 15)
- Protective Equipment (Section 16)
- Extreme Weather (Section 17)
- Sun / UV Protection (Section 18)
- Concussion (Section 19)
- Pregnant and Postpartum (Section 20)
- Active Bleeding (Section 21)

#### 2.4 Part E – Disciplinary

- Reportable Offences
- Policy Breaches
- Disciplinary Officer
- Tribunal
- Appeal Board



## **2.5 Policy Handbook Appendix**

- Reportable Offences (Appendix 1)
- Example of Reportable Offences (Appendix 2)
- Categories of Protective Equipment (Appendix 11)



## Appendix 2 – Total Player Payments

### 1. Purpose of the Total Player Payments

To encourage Clubs to develop and retain local Players, minimise player movement and ensure player payments to be paid each Match are at sustainable levels. Any Player recruiting required by Clubs should be conducted in accordance with and within the spirit and intent of these Regulations and the best interests of Australian Football.

### 2. Objects of the Total Player Payments

The objects of the Regulations relating to Total Player Payments are to:

- a) Encourage the development and retention of local players;
- b) Encourage the recruitment of ex local players;
- c) Encourage the loyalty of recruited players;
- d) Assist in the equalisation of competitions;
- e) Ensure player payments are at sustainable levels; and
- f) Encourage Clubs to develop and promote the game in their local community.

### 3. Committee to Determine Total Player Payments Limit

a) The Committee must determine the maximum Total Player Payments to be paid each Match in each Financial Year. For the purpose of this Regulation, the expression “Total Player Payments each Match” means the maximum amount, which an Affiliated League Club may pay or provide to its Players by way of Football Payments each Match in a Financial Year and unless determined otherwise by the Committee, the Total Player Payments for each Match (including Minor Round and Major Round) that an Affiliated League Club participates in:

- i) the 2026 Financial Year onwards the limit must not exceed three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) for all Players in total;

***[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (a)]***

- ii) must not exceed \$650 for any individual Player.

***[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (b)]***

b) Where the above Total Player Payments Limit is not reached for any Match in which an Affiliated League Club participates, any amount under the limit for each Match that remains unpaid by a Club cannot be accrued during a Season.

### 4. Football Payments and Guidelines

#### a) The Committee may issue Guidelines.

The Committee may from time to time issue guidelines concerning the Total Player Payments and the value to be placed on any Football Payment.



## b) Football Payments

The value of all or any part of any Remuneration paid or provided to a Player in a Financial Year under any contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding between an Affiliated League Club or any person or entity directly or indirectly associated with an Affiliated League Club (including without limitation any sponsor, supporter or supporter group of that Affiliated League Club) and a Player which relates to or is consideration for the playing of football or for the provision of support services by that Player to the Club or for any team of that Affiliated League Club in any Match, is or will be deemed to be a Football Payment for the purpose of these Regulations.

## c) Women's Senior Teams and Player Payment Limits

- i) The Total Player Payment Limit applies to the Affiliated League Club's Senior Teams.
- ii) For the avoidance of doubt, if a Club fields both a Men's Senior Team and Women's Senior Team, the Total Player Payments made by a Club to Players participating in both the Men's Senior Team and Women's Senior Team are to be included within that Club's weekly Total Player Payment Limit calculation.
- iii) Given the season of an Affiliated League Club's Women's Senior Team may occur at a different time of year and/ or be shorter in length (e.g. number of matches) than that of the Affiliated League Club's Men's Senior Team, the Total Player Payments to Players in the Women's Senior Team in the concurrent, overlapping or immediately prior season (whichever is applicable) will be attributed to the Club's Total Player Payment Limit and spread evenly and proportionately across the number of matches played by the Club's Men's Senior Team.

### *Example:*

*Where a Club provides Football Payments to Players in the Club's Women's Senior Team of \$20,000 in total for the relevant Season, and the Club's Men's Senior Team plays 18 matches in the relevant Season, the total Football Payments for the Women's Senior Team will be apportioned evenly across the matches played (or to be played) by the Club's Men's Senior Team for the relevant Season for the purposes of compliance with the Total Player Payments Limit (being \$20,000 divided by 18 matches = \$1,111.11 is therefore attributed to the Club's Total Player Payments Limit). Accordingly, there would be \$2,388.89 remaining within the Club's Total Player Payments Limit per Match for the Club's Men's Senior Team.*

## d) Joint Venture – Women's Senior Teams and Total Player Payments Limit

- i) Where a Women's Senior Team participating in an Affiliated League's competition is formed or established via a Joint Venture arrangement and the equivalent Men's Senior Team of those Clubs remain independent, any Football Payments made to players of such Women's Senior Team shall be allocated proportionately between the Clubs and each Club's allocated amount shall then be applied to that Club's Total Player Payment Limit.

### *Example:*

*Where two (2) Clubs are operating as a Joint Venture and provide \$5000 in Football Payments to its Women's Senior Team players in total, the amount shall be allocated equally, with each Club allocated \$2500 each for the purposes of Regulation 4(c)(iii) of Appendix 2 of these Regulations.*

**(All payments made or promised to be made to a Player between the 1<sup>st</sup> November up to and including 31st October in any 12 months.)**



**(Relates to cash, goods, services or benefit in any form and including any payments made to a Club by a sponsor, Supporter Group etc and passed on to a Player).**

#### **4.1 Deemed Football Payment**

Without in any way limiting clause 4 (b) of this Appendix 2 the following payments paid to a Player by an Affiliated League Club or by an Associate of a Club or any supporter, supporter group of or any person or entity associated directly or indirectly with that Affiliated League Club are or are deemed to be or not to be (where specified) Football Payments as the case may be and as set out hereunder.

**(What are regarded as Football Payments for the purpose of the Total Player Payments).**

**a) Payments Made Under Contract**

All payments made to a Player by an Affiliated League Club under any contract of service which a Player may have with an Affiliated League Club which relate to or which are consideration for the playing of Football by that Player for any team of that Affiliated League Club in any minor round Match.

**(Payments made to a player who has a contract with their Club).**

**b) Match Payments**

All payments made to a Player by an Affiliated League Club arising out of the selection of a Player in which an Senior Team or Reserve Team of that Affiliated League Club is participant including without limitation payments made for Minor Round and Major Round matches won and lost and all other bonus or incentive cash payments.

**(A payment to a player, whether contracted or not, who plays an A Grade or B Grade game with their Club during the Minor and Major Round of a Season.)**

**c) Board and Rent Subsidies**

Payments made, given or provided to or for the benefit of a Player by way of accommodation expenses, rental, rental subsidy or rental discount.

**(All board and rent subsidies to be included.)**

**d) Best and Fairest Payments**

The value of payments or benefits made or given in cash or kind to Players for post Season Club awards.

**(Cost of medals or trophies not included, but any cash or kind accompanying the medal or trophy must be included in the Total Player Payments.)**

**e) After Match Awards**

After Match Awards in any form shall be deemed to be Football Payments.

***[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (c)]***

**f) In Kind Meals**

Payments or benefits given to Players in the form of in-kind meals up to a value of \$50 per Match to any Player shall not be deemed to be Football Payments.

**g) Apparel**

Club apparel (on-field playing uniform and off-field club branded apparel) given to any Player shall not be deemed to be Football Payments.



## 4.2 Coaching Payment

- a) Any Senior Coach shall receive not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the coaching services of the Club's Senior Team in or in relation to a Financial Year. Clubs are only permitted to have (2) two Senior Coaches provided both coaches are non-playing and receive equal compensation for their Senior Coach services.
- b) Any Senior Coach that is a Player and receives payment in relation to playing services in respect of any Match, matches or Season in which they play that exceeds the amount prescribed in clause 4.2(a) above shall be included as a Football Payment. Any Football Payment made to a Senior Coach must comply with clause 3 (a) of this Appendix 2.
- c) Any Senior Coach that receives payment for coaching services of the Senior Team must enter into a Standard Coaching Contract with the Affiliated League Club as required under clause 5 (i) of this Appendix 2.
- d) A Player may be paid up to \$1,000 per annum for providing the head coaching service to any grade or team, other than the Club's Senior Team and such payment will not be included as a Football Payment. For example, if a Player regularly plays for the Senior Team, as determined by the SANFL, and also serves as Head Coach of the Club's Under 17's team and is paid \$1,000 for that coaching role, this \$1,000 is not deemed a Football Payment. Alternatively, if that Player was to receive \$2,500 for coaching the Club's Under 17's team, then \$1,500 would be deemed a Football Payment.
- e) Notwithstanding clause 4.2 (d) of this Appendix 2, all payments made or benefits provided to a Player who is not regularly playing in the Club's highest or A Grade team in relation to coaching services, as determined by the SANFL, will not be deemed a Football Payment. For example, if a player plays one (1) match for the highest or A Grade team and the majority of matches for a lower division team of the Club, that payment will not be considered a Football Payment.

***[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (d)]***

## 4.3 FBT

All Fringe Benefits Tax payable by a Club in respect of any Football Payment.

**(Should the Club be liable for any FBT payment in respect of any benefit paid to a player, then that amount is to be included in the Total Player Payments.)**

## 4.4 Superannuation

The Superannuation guarantee charge paid by a Club on behalf of or for the benefit of a Player will not be deemed a Football Payment. Any amount paid above the statutory superannuation guarantee charge will be deemed to be a Football Payment.

**(Any payment or contribution made in compliance with the super guarantee charge to a Superannuation Fund on behalf of a Player is not to be included in the Total Player Payments. Any amount paid above the super guarantee charge will be deemed a Football Payment).**

## 4.5 Travel

No travel payments can be made where a player travels less than 100 km round trip to their playing Club.

Travel Payments can be paid at a rate of \$0.88 per kilometre for each kilometre travelled in excess of 100 km round trip from the Player's residence to and from their playing Club to a maximum amount of \$500 per Player for each Match.



**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 cap of \$3500.**

*The calculation of travelling distance will be determined by the 'Cents per kilometre method' prescribed by the ATO on their website <https://www.ato.gov.au/> or any other distance calculator notified by the Committee from time to time.*

*Each Affiliated League Club must nominate its Home Ground to be used for the purposes of any calculation under this Clause 4.5.*

*If a Player resides within 20kms of the Adelaide GPO then for the purposes of any calculation under this Clause 4.5, the Player's residence shall be deemed to be the Adelaide GPO.*

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (e)]**

#### **4.6 Travel-Flights**

Total Player Payments relief will apply to Clubs for airfares for travel to play in Matches provided that such relief is limited to \$500 per Player per Match.

The Affiliated League Club must maintain records of all airfares purchased on behalf of a Player or for which a Player has been reimbursed.

If a Club claims relief under this clause 4.6 of this Appendix 2 then no amount may be claimed under Regulation 4.5 in respect of that same Player for the relevant Match.

**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 cap of \$3,500.**

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (f)]**

#### **4.7 Employment and Services Actually Rendered**

- a) Where a Player is employed or provides services to a Club whether under a Standard Playing Contract, Employment Contract, or otherwise and the Player is paid an amount which in the reasonable opinion of the Integrity Manager (or delegate) and the PPIC is in excess of the market value of the Player's services or where a Player does not provide services consistent with the normal terms and conditions of such employment, the amount by which the payment is in excess of the market value of those services or the whole of the payment as the case may be, will be deemed to be a Football Payment.
- b) Payments of an amount below or up to \$5,000 made under clause 4.7 (a) of this Appendix 2 must be documented in a formal contract or agreement and submitted to the Integrity Manager for approval prior to any payment made to a player. Any payments of an amount above \$5,000 must be documented in a formal contract or agreement and submitted to the PPIC through the Integrity Manager for approval prior to any payment made to a Player.

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (g)]**

#### **4.7 Payments made to Players selected for Representative Football**

Any remuneration paid and/ or benefits provided to a Player will be a Football Payment.

**[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (h)]**



#### **4.8 Milestone Payments**

Milestone Payments for the purpose of this Clause 4.9 means a payment paid, or benefit provided, to a Player upon the Player playing a certain number of games with the Club in total or for a particular team.

Any remuneration paid and/ or benefits provided to a Player on his achieving milestone games will be deemed to be a Football Payment.

***[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (i)]***

#### **4.9 Football Payments not to exceed Total Player Payments**

Subject to any guidelines which may be issued by the Committee from time to time or in any particular case, neither an Affiliated League Club, Associate of a Club nor any person or entity directly or indirectly associated with an Affiliated League Club (including without limitation any supporter or supporter group of that Affiliated League Club) in any Financial Year shall give to or apply for the benefit of, or offer to give to or apply for the benefit of a Player any Football Payments or cause to offer to cause any Football Payments given to or applied for the benefit of all Players of the Affiliated League Club whether given or applied by the Affiliated League Club or by some other person or entity, which in total would exceed the Total Player Payments for that Affiliated League Club for that Financial Year, or a particular Match where the Total Player Payments is expressed as a limit for each Match, in which an Affiliated League Club participates. For the purposes of determining whether a Club has paid, given or applied any Football Payments in accordance with this Player Payments Appendix 2 in any Season it will be deemed that the maximum value of Football Payments which may be given or applied to a Player under any contractual agreement or understanding has been so given or applied.

#### **4.10 Prohibition of “Up Front” Payments**

##### **a) Affiliated League Clubs not to make “Up Front” Payments**

An Affiliated League Club or an Associate of the Club, any person or entity directly or indirectly associated with an Affiliated League Club (including without limitation any supporter or supporter group of that Affiliated League Club) may not give to or apply for the benefit of, or offer to give to or apply for the benefit of a Player any Football Payment that is a lump sum payment in consideration for the Player entering into a Standard Playing Contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding between the Affiliated League Club and the Player for the playing of Football by that Player for any team of the Affiliated League Club.

**(Clubs must not pay a “Sign on fee” to Players).**

***[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (j)]***

##### **b) Player Receiving Up Front Payment Prohibition**

A Player shall not receive a payment from an Affiliated League Club or an Associate of the Club or any person or entity directly or indirectly associated with an Affiliated League Club (including without limitation any supporter or supporter group of that Affiliated League Club) in respect of an offer or benefit that is a lump sum payment in consideration for the Player entering into a Standard Playing Contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding between the Affiliated League Club and the Player for the playing of Football by that Player for any team of the Affiliated League Club whether such payment is made prior to the application for registration by the Player to play for the Club or at the conclusion of the players Standard Playing Contract to play with the Club.

**(Players must not receive “Sign on fee” to play).**

***[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (k)]***



c) **Other Up Front Payments Prohibited**

In addition to the payment specified in clause 4.11 (a) and 4.11 (b) of this Appendix 2, any payment received or paid to a Player in consideration of the Player playing Football prior to the first round of matches or after the final Match of the Club for that Season (other than those payments that are permitted under this clause 4.11 (c) is prohibited.

***[Note: Penalty as set out in 9 (I)]***

**5. Details of Standard Playing Contracts and Football Payments to be lodged**

For the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Appendix 2, each Affiliated League Club must complete and lodge with the Zone Registrar;

a) **By 31 March in each calendar year a Memorandum which sets out:**

- i) **full** details of all Football Payments promised or which are to be given or applied by that Club to or for the benefit for that Affiliated League Club for that Financial Year, or a particular of Players of that Club during the then current Financial Year.
- ii) **full** details of all coaching fees promised or which are to be given or applied by that Club to or for the benefit of the coaches of that Club during the then current financial year.

**(Each Club is to lodge with the Zone Registrar the full details of all payments/benefits which have been or will be made to Senior Team and Reserve Team players and coaches of that Club during the current Financial Year. This return to be lodged by 31 March each year.)**

b) **By 31 October in each calendar year a Memorandum which sets out:**

- i) **full** details of all Football Payments which have been made to or which have been applied by that Club to or for the benefit of Players of that Club during the Financial year ending on 31 October in that calendar year.
- ii) **full** details of all coaching fees which have been made to or which have been applied by that Club to or for the benefit of the coaches of that Club for the Financial Year ending on 31 October in that calendar year.

**(Each Affiliated League Club is to lodge with the Zone Registrar the full details of all payments/benefits which have been made to / and Reserve Team Players and coaches during the Financial Year ending on October 31 in that calendar year.)**

c) **At any time between 31 March and 31 October, in any Financial Year, if so requested by the Integrity Manager the Club shall within seven (7) days of the request provide a Memorandum which sets out:**

- i) **full** details of all Football Payments which have been made to or which have been applied by that Club to or for the benefit of Players of that Club during the current Financial Year for the period up to the date of the request.
- ii) **full** details of all coaching fees which have been made to or which have been applied by that Club to or for the benefit of the coaches of that Club during the current Financial Year for the period up to the date of this request.

d) The Memorandum required to be lodged under Clause 5 (a) and Clause 5 (b) must be in the form prescribed by SANFL respectively to these Regulations or with such variations to them as the Committee may require.



e) **Club Statement - Football Payments**

When the Memorandum required under Clause 5 (b), is lodged it must be accompanied by a Club Statement made by the President or the Secretary of the Club lodging the Memorandum and signed by two persons being either the President, the Secretary and/or the Treasurer. This Club Statement will be in the form of and contain the information required in the Form prescribed by SANFL.

f) **Affiliated League Clubs to Provide Audited Statement**

An Affiliated League Club must, within 30 days of receiving a written notice from the PPIC or the Zone Registrar to do so, provide to the PPIC and/or to the Zone Registrar as the case may be a statement, certified as being true and correct by a duly qualified auditor, of all Football Payments (including Deemed Football Payments) provided or agreed to be provided to all Players of that Affiliated League Club during the Financial Year or Years in respect of which that notice is given.

**(A Club must provide the PPIC and/or the Zone Registrar an Audited Statement of all Football Payments made to Players within 30 days of being requested to do so).**

g) **Auditors may Inspect Books**

An Affiliated League Club must permit the Integrity Manager (and their delegate) or a person appointed by the PPIC or by the Zone Registrar to have full and free access to all books, documents and any other records, whether in physical or electronic form of that Affiliated League Club or any person or entity controlled by that Affiliated League Club which that person believes may be relevant to any matter relating to the Total Player Payments or any Football Payments (including Deemed Football Payments).

**(A Club must allow the Integrity Manager (and their delegate) and/ or a person appointed by the PPIC or the Zone Registrar to have full and free access to all books relevant to matters of the Total Player Payments.)**

h) **Player to enter in Standard Playing Contract**

Any Player (including any Player that also provides coaching services) that is to receive any payment, benefit or allowance that is a Football Payment or payment or reimbursement for travel under clause 4.5 or 0 ("**Travel Payment**") exceeding \$100 per Match must, prior to receiving any such Football Payment or Travel Payment, enter into a Standard Playing Contract with the Affiliated League Club. Each Standard Playing Contract must be in the form set out in Appendix 4 to these Regulations.

i) **Coach to enter into Standard Coaching Contract**

Any Coach (including any Player that also provides coaching services) that is to receive any payment, benefit or allowance that is a Coaching Payment must, prior to receiving any such Coaching Payment, enter into a Standard Coaching Contract with the Affiliated League Club. Each contract must be in the form of the Standard Playing Contract or Standard Coaching Contract Declaration set out in Appendix 4 and 5 to this Appendix.

j) **Player and Coach to sign Statutory Declaration**

Any Player or Coach (including any Player that also provides coaching services) that is to receive any payment, benefit or allowance that requires any player or coach to enter into a per Clause 5 (i) & (j), with an Affiliated League Club must also sign and submit a Statutory Declaration, declaring that the terms and conditions agreed to in the Coach or Player Declaration are a true and accurate representation of the agreement between the named parties.



**k) Clubs to lodge Contract**

- i) A Club must lodge with the Zone Registrar a copy of each and every Standard Playing Contract that it has entered into with a Player by the later of the day that is seven (7) days after the date on which the Standard Playing Contract is signed by the last of the parties to it or the day prior to the first Minor Round Match in the relevant Season.

***[Note: Penalty for breach of Clause 5 as set out in 9 (k)]***

**l) Zone Registrar**

SANFL must from time to time appoint a Zone Registrar who has and may exercise such powers as detailed in these Regulations or as may from time to time be delegated to him by that Zone. The Zone Registrar must not be an officer, or employee of an Affiliated League or an Affiliated League Club of that Zone unless the relevant Zone includes more than fifty (50) Affiliated League Clubs in which case the Zone Registrar may be an employee of an Affiliated League.

**(SANFL must appoint an independent Zone Registrar.)**

**6. SANFL Community Football Player Payment Investigation Committee (“PPIC”)**

- a) The Committee must from time to time appoint a PPIC that has and may exercise such powers as detailed in these Regulations or as may from time to time be delegated to it by the Committee. The PPIC shall be comprised of not less than three (3) persons determined by the Committee provided that no member of the Committee is to be an officer or employee of an Affiliated League Club.
- b) The PPIC is empowered:
- i) To investigate:
- A. such matters as may be referred to it by the Committee;
  - B. such matters which it may of its own volition decide to investigate;
  - C. refer such matters to the Integrity Manager to Investigate
  - D. concerning the compliance by Affiliated League Clubs, Associates of Affiliated League Clubs, Officials of Affiliated League Clubs, Players and Associates of Players, with this Appendix 2.
- ii) To exercise such other powers as may be conferred on it by the Committee from time to time.
- iii) The PPIC may, without limitation, exercise any power conferred on it whether by this Player Payment Appendix 2 or otherwise at such time or times and in such manner as it may decide, and may in the exercise of such power investigate any matter concerning compliance with this Player Payment Appendix 2 or at random without cause, or suspicion of any breach of this Player Payment Appendix 2.
- iv) If after conducting an investigation the PPIC forms the opinion that any person or Affiliated League Club has or may have engaged in conduct in breach of any of the provisions of this Player Payment Appendix 2 the PPIC may lay a charge against the person or the Affiliated League Club.



## **6.1 Clubs to do all things necessary to assist Zone Registrar and PPIC**

### **a) Full and Free Access**

Each Affiliated League Club must permit the Zone Registrar and PPIC to have full and free access to such books, documents and other papers of that Affiliated League Club or any person or entity controlled by or associated with that Affiliated League Club as the Zone Registrar or PPIC believes may be relevant to any enquiries which he may make.

**(The Zone Registrar shall have access to the books of the Clubs to carry out enquiries relevant to the Total Player Payments.)**

### **b) Copies**

Upon being so requested, an Affiliated League Club and/or a Player must provide the PPIC with true copies of such books, documents or other papers in the possession of or under the control of the Affiliated League Club or any person or entity controlled by the Affiliated League Club or the Player, as the case may be or such other information and answer such questions as the PPIC deems appropriate and relevant to any enquiries made during the investigation process.

**(True copies of any books, documents etc are to be made available to the Zone Registrar or PPIC by the Club if requested.)**

***[for breach of Clause 6 set out in 9 (I)]***

## **6.2 Payments by Sponsors, Supporters and other**

- a) Each Affiliated League Club must provide to the Zone Registrar full and complete details of all payments made:
  - i) By or on behalf of or for the benefit of the Affiliated League Club to any Player or otherwise for the benefit of any Player;
  - ii) to any Players by sponsors, supporters (including supporter groups) or any person or entity associated directly or indirectly with the Club.

***[Note: Penalty for breach as set out in 9 (I)]***

## **6.3 Payments to be included if explanation unsatisfactory**

- a) The Zone Registrar or PPIC may seek an explanation from an Affiliated League Club as to the nature of any payments made or benefit provided to a Player by the person or entity associated directly or indirectly with that Affiliated League Club. In the event that the Affiliated League Club fails to explain the payment or benefit provided to the satisfaction of the Zone Registrar he may deem such payment or benefit to be a Football Payment to the Player for the purposes of these Regulations.
- b) Upon the Zone Registrar advising that Affiliated League that they have deemed any payment or benefit to be a Football Payment, that payment or benefit will be a Football Payment for all purposes of this Player Payment Appendix 2.

**(If a Club fails to explain to the Zone Registrar what a payment or benefit being made to a player is then the value of the payment or benefit will be included in the Total Player Payments.)**

#### **6.4 Zone Registrar to report to Affiliated League**

- a) The Zone Registrar will report directly to each Affiliated League in the Zone for which they are appointed. They must not at any time divulge any information obtained in the course of their enquiries other than to the relevant Affiliated League except where they may be compelled to do so by order of a Court or Tribunal of competent jurisdiction.
- b) An Affiliated League may request, and the Zone Registrar must provide, any Standard Playing Contract that has been lodged with the Zone Registrar by an Affiliated League Club that participates in its competitions.

#### **6.5 Zone Registrar to report to PPIC**

- a) The Zone Registrar will report directly to the PPIC. The Zone Registrar must refer any concern that the Zone Registrar has that a breach of this Appendix 2 has occurred. The Zone Registrar must divulge any information obtained by them in the conduct of their role to the PPIC.

#### **6.6 No Breach of Statute**

- a) Each of the powers, requirements and obligations set out in this Appendix 2 are to be read and construed so as to not infringe or breach any Statute or law and shall be limited or severed to the extent that any Statute or law requires. Nothing in this Appendix 2 shall or be deemed to:
  - i) directly or indirectly require a person to quote that person's tax file number;
  - ii) directly or indirectly require the production of a document or copy of a document on which a tax file number is recorded without allowing the person to whom the tax file number belongs the right to remove that number if he or she so wishes;
  - iii) directly or indirectly require a person to quote another person's tax file number;
  - iv) directly or indirectly require, authorise or permit a person to divulge or communicate another person's tax file number to a third party;
  - v) directly or indirectly require a person to make a record of any taxation information relating to another person or divulge or communicate to another person any taxation information relating to a third person or otherwise made use of any taxation information relating to a third person or otherwise make use of any taxation information relating to another person where such information was disclosed or obtained in breach of a provision of the taxation law;
  - vi) Directly or indirectly require any act, matter or thing which constitutes an offence under the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* and any amendment thereto and/or the *Privacy Act 1988*.

### **7. Breach of Player Payments (Appendix 2)**

#### **PPIC to Investigate alleged Breach of Player Payments (Appendix 2)**

- a) Any breach of this Player Payment Appendix 2 by a Club, Player, Official or Person may be investigated by Integrity Manager (or their delegate).
- b) As soon as practical, the Integrity Manager (or their delegate) shall investigate the matter and report, in writing, to the PPIC.
- c) For the purpose of conducting an investigation under this Regulation, a Person shall upon request by the Integrity Manager (or delegate):
  - i) fully cooperate with the Integrity Manager (and/ or delegate);



- ii) truthfully answer any questions asked by the Integrity Manager (and/ or delegate);
  - iii) provide any document, information, image, record and data in that Person's possession or control requested by the Integrity Manager (or delegate); and
  - iv) if the Person is a Player, provide the Integrity Manager with a signed statutory declaration which states that they have not received Player Payments in any form (including, but not limited to cash, credit, bank transfer etc.) that are inconsistent with their Standard Playing Contract, including from any Sponsors of a Club or Clubs, and that they accept and acknowledge that they are subject to any sanctions from the SANFL that may apply as a result of receiving such Player Payments, and the relevant penalties imposed by criminal law.
- d) A Person who fails to observe and fully comply with clause 7(c) or who provides any information or acts in a manner which is in respect false or misleading or likely to mislead shall be deemed to have been involved in conduct which is unbecoming or prejudicial to the interests of the SANFL and shall be liable to a sanction or penalty as set out in clause 9(l)(vii)) and 9(l)(vii)).
- e) If after considering the report of the Integrity Manager (or delegate) the PPIC determines that a Person has been involved in a breach of Player Payment Appendix 2 the PPIC shall:
- i) charge that Person by completing a Notice of Charge in the form prescribed in the Schedule;
  - ii) lodge the Notice of Charge with the Committee; and
  - iii) provide a copy of the Notice of Charge to the Person.
- f) The Committee shall consider the Charge and the report from the PPIC and the Integrity Manager (or delegate) and advise the Person of the sanction or penalty to be imposed in respect of the offence for which the Person is charged.
- g) The Person charged may elect to plead guilty to the breach by lodging with the Committee a Notice accepting a plea of guilty to the Charge and accepting the sanction or penalty.

#### **7.1 Salary Cap Commissioner ("SCC") to Hear and Determine Alleged Breach of Appendix 2**

If the Person charged does not elect to accept a guilty plea, sanction or penalty in respect of the Charge, the Committee will refer the hearing of the alleged breach to the Salary Cap Commissioner ("SCC") appointed pursuant to Rule 18.26A of the SANFL Regulations who shall hear and determine the alleged breach in accordance with the procedures and rules contained in this Appendix 2.

#### **8. Procedure and Rules relating to Hearing of a Charge alleging a breach of Player Payments Appendix 2.**

The following Procedure and Rules must be adopted and applied in relation to the hearing and determination of a charge made against an Affiliated League Club or a Player or Person alleging a breach of this Appendix:

##### **a) Notice of a Charge and Hearing**

Where a Charge is laid alleging a breach of this Appendix 2 the General Manager must give notice of the charge to each person or Affiliated League Club charged. The General Manager must then fix a time, date and place of the hearing of the charge by the SCC and inform each person and/or Affiliated League Club charged of those particulars. Not less than seven (7) days' notice of the time, date and place of the hearing must be given.

**b) Statement of Grounds**

- i) A Notice of a charge under clause 8(a) of this Appendix 2 must be accompanied by a statement of the grounds for the laying of the charge. A copy of the report of the PPIC on the matters the subject of the charge will be a sufficient statement of grounds for the laying of the charge;
- ii) The grounds for the laying of the charge will constitute sufficient reasons for the PPIC to declare the charge sustained unless the person or Affiliated League Club charged discharges the burden of proof referred to in clause 8(j) of this Appendix 2.

**c) SCC may vary time and place of hearing**

The SCC may vary the time or place specified under clause 8(a) of this Appendix 2 and the SCC must give to each Affiliated League Club or person charged at least seven (7) days written notice of any such variation.

**d) Hearing by SCC**

At the time and place referred to in the Notice of Charge or as varied under clause 8(c) of this Appendix 2 the SCC must conduct a hearing into the matters subject to the charge.

**e) Hearing to be Informal**

The hearing of the charge by the SCC must be conducted with as little formality and technicality and with as much expedition as a proper consideration of the matters before it permit or require.

**f) Rules of Evidence not to apply**

The SCC is not bound by the Rules of Evidence and may inform itself of any matter relating to the charge in such manner as it thinks appropriate.

**g) Procedures at Hearing**

Subject to clause 8(h) of this Appendix 2 the procedure to be adopted by the SCC at any hearing of a charge will be such as the SCC itself determines.

**h) Natural Justice**

At the hearing of any charge conducted by the SCC under this Appendix 2, the SCC must:

- i) give every Person or Affiliated League Club charged an opportunity to be heard;
- ii) allow the Person or Affiliated League Club charged to be represented by any person including a Legal Practitioner; and
- iii) hear and determine the charge before it in a fair and unbiased manner.

**i) Report to be Prima Face Evidence**

A report made by the PPIC will be prima face evidence of the matter or matters contained in that report provided that a copy of the report has been provided to the Person or Affiliated League Club charged prior to the commencement of the hearing.

**j) Onus of proof**

A Person or Affiliated League Club charged under this Regulation has the onus of establishing on the balance of probabilities that a matter or matters contained in the report made by the PPIC are and/or any other evidence presented in support of a charge is untrue or incorrect and that he / she / it did not engage in the conduct alleged in the charge.

**k) Actions of Affiliated League Club Personnel**

Any conduct engaged in:

- i) by a director, officer, Player, Person, servant or agent of an Affiliated League Club; or
- ii) by any other person at the direction or with the knowledge, consent, agreement or authorisation (whether express or implied) of a director, officer, Player, servant or agent of an Affiliated League Club;

A. shall be deemed for the purposes of this Appendix 2 to have also been engaged in by the Affiliated League Club unless the PPIC is satisfied that the conduct was not engaged in on behalf of, or for the benefit of, the Affiliated League Club and was not expressly or impliedly authorised by the Affiliated League Club.

For the purposes of this Clause 8 (k) "knowledge" includes reckless indifference as to whether the conduct in question was occurring or not.

**l) No False or Misleading Information**

An Affiliated League Club, Player or other Person to whom this Regulation applies must not provide or give any false or misleading information to the SCC at any hearing.

**m) Decision**

At the conclusion of its hearing the SCC may:

- i) declare the charge to be sustained and propose any penalty or sanction provided for under these Regulations, including reasons, for the consideration of the Committee; or
- ii) declare the charge dismissed; or
- iii) adjourn the hearing to a fixed date or indefinitely.

**n) SCC may grant relief**

If the SCC is satisfied that an Affiliated League Club, Player or other person who is in breach of or has failed to comply with this Appendix 2 has acted honestly and reasonably and having regard to all the circumstances of the case, ought fairly to be excused from liability, and/or any sanction or penalty which may be imposed under these Regulations, it may relieve that Affiliated League Club, Player or person either wholly or partly from that liability, sanction, or penalty on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.



**o) Player may be excused for Co-Operation**

The SCC may excuse a Player from liability or limit the Player's liability under these Regulations in consideration of a Player's co-operation and assistance in establishing a breach of these Regulations by any Affiliated League Club or an Associate of an Affiliated League Club, including without limitation any Director, officer, servant or agent of any Affiliated League Club with which the Player is or was previously registered.

**p) SCC not obliged to give reasons**

The SCC is not obliged to give reasons for any decision which it makes in relation to a charge heard under this Appendix 2.

**q) Decision of SCC to be final and binding**

- i) Subject to clause 8 (q) (ii) of this Appendix 2 the decision of SCC in relation to any charge referred to it under this Appendix 2 will be final and binding on the Affiliated League Club and all other Persons who are bound by and subject to these Regulations.
- ii) After the SCC has delivered its decision it cannot re-hear the matter which was the subject of that decision nor can it rescind or alter that decision unless evidence relating to the subject matter of the charge becomes available being evidence which was either not known or which could not reasonably have been obtained at the time of the hearing of the charge.

**9. Penalties for a Deliberate Breach of Player Payments Appendix 2.**

The following sanctions or penalties shall apply in respect of a breach of Appendix 2.

- a) For a breach of clause 3 of this Appendix 2 where a Club has exceeded the Total Player Payment for each Match a fine calculated as follows:
  - i) An amount equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$3,500 for each Match; and
  - ii) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach.
- b) For a breach of clause 3 of this Appendix 2 in respect of a Player who receives more than \$650 for a Match:

**in respect of the Club a fine:**

- i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$650 to each Player each Match; and
- ii) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach.

**in respect of a Player a fine:**

- i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$650 each Match;
- ii) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach; and
- iii) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.



c) For a breach of Clause 4 (e) in respect of After Match Awards:

**in respect of a Club where a Club has paid more than \$200 on vouchers for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:-**

- i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the average sum of \$200 per Match; and
- ii) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach.

d) For a breach of Clause 4.2 in respect of Coaching Payments:

**in respect of a Club a fine:**

- i) That is equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$20,000 to the Senior Coach, except where Clause 4.2(c) or 4.2(d) of this Appendix 2 in these Regulations applies; and
- ii) An amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach.

**in respect of a Senior Coach where a Senior Coach has received more than \$20,000 during the Financial Year a fine, except where Clause 4.2(c) or 4.2(d) of this Appendix 2 in these Regulations applies:**

- i) That is equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$20,000;
- ii) An amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach; and
- iii) Suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.

e) For a breach of Clause 4.5 of this Appendix 2 in respect of Travel payments:

**in respect of a Club where a Club has paid more than the Prescribed Amount for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**

- i) that is equal to the excess amount paid above the Prescribed Amount per Match; and
- ii) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach.

**in respect of a Player where a Player has received more than the Prescribed Amount for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**

- i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the Prescribed Amount per Match;
- ii) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach; and
- iii) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.

f) For a breach of Clause 4.6 of this Appendix 2 in respect of Travel/Flights payments:

**in respect of a Club where a Club has paid more than \$500 for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**

- i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$500 per Match; and
- ii) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach.

**in respect of a Player where a Player has received more than \$500 for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**



- iii) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the sum of \$400 per Match; and
  - iv) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach.
  - v) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.
- g) For a breach of Clause 4.7 of this Appendix 2 in respect of employment and services actually rendered:

**in respect of a Club where a Club has paid in excess of the market value of the Player's services during the Financial Year a fine:**

- i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the market value of the Player's services; and
- ii) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach.

**in respect of a Player where a Player has been paid in excess of the market value of the Player's services for the Financial Year a fine:**

- iii) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the marker value of the Player's services; and
  - iv) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach.
  - v) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.
- h) For a breach of Clause 4.8 of this Appendix 2 in respect of payments for representative Football:

**in respect of a Club where a Club has paid more than the amount prescribed in clause 4.8 of this Appendix 2 for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**

- i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the amount prescribed in clause 4.8 of this Appendix 2 per Match; and
- ii) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach.

**in respect of a Player where a Player has received more than the prescribed amount as set out in Clause 4.8 of this Appendix 2 for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**

- iii) that is equal to the excess amount paid over prescribed amount as set out in Clause 4.8 of this Appendix 2 per Match;
  - iv) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach; and
  - v) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.
- i) For a breach of clause 4.9 of this Appendix 2 in respect of milestone payments:

**in respect of a Club where a Club has paid more than the amount prescribed by clause 4.9 of this Appendix 2 for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**

- i) that is equal to the excess amount paid over the prescribed amount in Clause 4.9 of this Appendix 2 per Match; and
- ii) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach.



**in respect of a Player where a Player has received more than the prescribed amount as set out in clause 4.9 of this Appendix 2 for each Match during the Financial Year a fine:**

- iii) that is equal to the excess amount paid over amount prescribed as set out in clause 4.9 of this Appendix 2 per Match; and
- iv) an amount up to \$1,000 for each and every breach.
- v) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.
- j) For a breach of clauses 4.11 (a) and 4.11 (c) of this Appendix 2 by the Club there shall be a fine:
  - i) calculated as an amount that is an equivalent amount of the payment or the value of the remuneration that represents the upfront payment; plus
  - ii) an amount up to \$5,000 for each and every breach.
- k) For a breach of clauses 4.11(b) and 4.11(c) of this Appendix 2 by the Player there shall be a fine:
  - i) of an amount that is equivalent to the amount of the payment or the value of the remuneration that represents the upfront payment;
  - ii) and an amount up to \$5,000; and
  - iii) suspension from playing Football for a period of up to 12 months.
- l) The penalty for failing to comply with clauses 5, 6.1 and 6.2 of this Appendix 2 is:

**For a Club**

- i) for conduct that was deliberate or intentional and misrepresented the details of payments made or to be made by a Club, at the Committee's discretion:
- ii) the removal of some or all of the Club's APPS points in either or both of the following two (2) Seasons; and/or
- iii) the loss of or ineligibility to receive Premiership Points for past or future Matches of not more than an aggregate of twelve (12) premiership points for the A Grade team of the Club either in the Financial Year in which the breach has been committed or over the following three (3) Seasons, a fine:
  - A. a fine of up to \$5,000;
- iv) for any other breach of clause 5 (including late lodgement of the Memorandum):
  - A. for a first offence in any two (2) year period - \$250;
  - B. for each subsequent offence in any two (2) year period - up to \$5,000.

**For a Player or Official**

- v) A fine of not more than \$5,000; and/or
- vi) A period of deregistration not exceeding one (1) year as a Player or Official, as the case may be, as SCC shall determine in its discretion.



- A. A Player who fails to cooperate in respect of an investigation pursuant to clause 7 (c) of this Appendix 2 shall be suspended from playing until such time as the Player has cooperated with the investigator.
  - B. A Person who fails to cooperate with the investigation pursuant to clause 7 (c) of this Appendix 2 shall be fined an amount up to \$5,000.
- vii) In respect of any breach of this Appendix 2 in addition to the monetary penalty imposed by the SCC, at the Committee's discretion, the Committee may impose a penalty or sanction as follows:
- A. the removal of any or all of the Club's APPS points in either or both of the following two (2) Seasons; and/or
  - B. the loss of or ineligibility to receive Premiership Points for past or future Matches of not more than an aggregate of twelve (12) premiership points for the A Grade team of the Club either in the Financial Year in which the breach has been committed or over the following three (3) Seasons.
- vii) For any other breach where no monetary penalty has been prescribed in these Regulations a fine of:
- A. for a first offence in any two (2) year period - \$250;
  - B. for each subsequent offence in any two (2) year period - an amount up to \$5,000.
- ix) Any penalties incurred are to be paid to the Committee within 28 days of the Affiliated League Club being notified of such penalties or otherwise negotiated with SANFL Community Football.

## 10. Definitions

For the purposes of this Player Payment Appendix 2 the following words shall have the following meaning unless the context requires otherwise:

**'After Match Awards'** means any payment or other benefit provided to a Player in any form (including but not limited to cash, vouchers, meals, gifts, payments made on one's behalf, services etc) in respect of any Match or Round of Matches, including Minor Round and Major Round.

**'Associate of a Club'** means and includes:

- a director, secretary, officer, sponsor or member of the Club;
- a body corporate which is related to the Club within the meaning of s 50 of the Corporation Law, and any director, secretary or other officer of a related body corporate;
- a partner of the Club or a partnership in which the Club is a member;
- a trustee of a trust estate where the Club, or another person who is an associate of the Club by virtue of another sub-paragraph of this definition, benefits or is capable (whether by the exercise of a power of appointment or otherwise) of benefiting under the trust, either directly or through any interposed companies partnerships or trusts;

**'A corporation'**

- in which the Club, or a person who is an associate of the Club by virtue of another sub-paragraph of this definition, has a direct or indirect beneficial interest in shares in the corporation, or an entitlement thereto, where the nominal value of those shares is



not less than 10% of the nominal value of all issued shares of the corporation falling within the same class;

- where the corporation is, or its directors are, accustomed, or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of the Club or of another person who is an associate of the Club by virtue of another sub-paragraph of this definition; or
- the Club is, or persons who are associates of the Club by virtue of another sub-paragraph of this definition are, in a position to cast, or control the casting of, more than 50% of the maximum number of votes that might be cast at a general meeting of the corporation.
- a sponsor of a Club or a Player;
- any person who is or was acting, or who proposes to act, on behalf of or in concert with the Club.

**'Associate of a Player'** means and includes:

- any relative of the Player;
- the spouse or partner (legal or defacto) of the Player or any of their relatives;
- a corporation where:
- the Player or a person referred to in this Regulation has, or two or more such persons together have, a direct or indirect beneficial interest in shares in the corporation, or an entitlement thereto, where the nominal value of those shares is not less than 10% of the nominal value of all issued shares of the corporation falling within the same class;
- the corporation is, or the directors are, accustomed or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of the Player, or of another person or corporation who or which is an associate of the Player by virtue of another sub-paragraph of this definition; or
- the Player is, or person or persons who are associates of the Player by virtue of another sub- paragraph of this definition is or are, in a position to cast or control the casting of, more than 50% of the maximum number of votes that might be cast at a general meeting of the corporation.
- a body corporate which is related to a corporation referred to in this Regulation above within the meaning of s 50 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.
- a director, secretary or officer of a corporation referred to in this Appendix.
- a partner of the Player of any partnership which the Player or any person referred to in this Appendix is a member.
- a trustee of a trust estate where the Player, or another person who is an associate of the Player by virtue of another sub-paragraph of this definition, benefits or is capable (whether by the exercise of a power of appointment or otherwise) of benefiting under the trust, either directly or through any interposed companies, partnerships or trusts. any person who is or was acting, or who proposes to act, as agent for or who otherwise acts on behalf of or in concert with the Player.

**'By a Club'** means, in the context of the payment of Remuneration to a Player in these Regulations, Remuneration that has been paid to a Player:

- by a Club;
- on behalf of a Club;
- by, or on behalf of, an Associate of a Club;
- by, or on behalf of, a Sponsor of a Club;



- by, or on behalf of, any other person or Entity associated or affiliated, whether directly or indirectly, with a Club, an associated Entity or a Club Sponsor; and/ or
- in any other circumstance whatsoever.

**'Employment Contract'** means a contract made between a Club and a Player who has entered into a Player Contract with the Club, or with an Associate of that Player, under which the Club has agreed to employ the Player or Associate of that Player in bona fide employment with the Club;

**'Integrity Manager'** means the SANFL Integrity Manager or such other person appointed by SANFL to conduct investigations of any breach of any SANFL Rule, Regulation or Policy;

**'Joint Venture'** means an approved arrangement between two or more Clubs to combine resources and field a team or teams in an Affiliated League or competition under the auspices of an Affiliated League;

**'Milestone Payments'** has the meaning as given in clause 4.9 of this Appendix 2;

**'Paid to a Player'** or **'Pay or provide to a Player'** or **'made to a Player'** means, wherever the relevant expression is used in the context of the payment of Remuneration in these Regulations, Remuneration that is paid, provided, made to or given:

- to a Player;
- for the benefit of a Player;
- to, or for the benefit of, an Associate of a Player;
- to, or for the benefit of, a creditor of a Player;
- to, or for the benefit of, an agent for a Player;
- at, or by, the direction of a Player; or
- in any other circumstances declared by the PPIC, in its reasonable opinion, to be Remuneration that has been paid to a Player.

For the purposes of this Player Payment Appendix 2, it is irrelevant whether the Remuneration is:

- directly or indirectly paid;
- in any form; or from whatever source.

**'Person'** means a person, Club, Player, Official, an Associate of a Club, corporation, Senior Coach, associate of a Player;

**'Premiership Points'** referred to in this Rule are calculated on the basis of two (2) Premiership Points being awarded for each win. If the Affiliated League permits the awarding of four (4) Premiership Points for a win, the Premiership Points in respect of past or future matches referred to in this Clause 9 shall be doubled;

**'PPIC'** means for the purpose of these Regulations, the SANFL Community Football Player Payment Investigation Committee;

**'Reserve Team'** means the reserve, second or B Grade team comprising of players who are, for the avoidance of doubt, not selected in the Senior Team of that Affiliated League Club;

**'Senior Coach'** means the senior or head coach of the Affiliated League Club's Senior Team and does not include assistant coaches, coaches of the (Reserve "B") grade or any lower grade team or junior coaches;

There shall only be one Senior Coach of an Affiliated League Club's Senior Team whose duties must include developing and implementing the training and tactical playing



regime for the Club and the taking of majority of training sessions, pre-game, half time and quarter time break addresses including overseeing the tactical processes on Match Day and is named the Senior Coach on Club records;

Clubs are permitted to have (2) two Senior Coaches provided both coaches are non-playing and receive equal compensation for their Senior Coach services;

**'SCC'** means the Salary Cap Commissioner appointed pursuant to Clause 7.1 and Rule 18.26A;

**'Tertiary Educational Institution'** means a university, college, or technical and further education institution (TAFE);

**'the Committee'** means the Community Football Committee established pursuant to Rule 7 of the Constitution;

### **Payment Limit alternative by Affiliated League**

Where an Affiliated League has determined that in respect of any maximum amount to be paid to a Player is less than the amount set out in these Regulations, these Regulations shall be modified by amending the Regulation to substitute the amount set by the Affiliated League and a breach by a Player or Person or a Club in respect of that Affiliated League's maximum payment will be deemed to be a breach of these Regulations and shall be dealt with in accordance with this Player Payment Appendix.

**'Remuneration'** means, for the purposes of this Player Payment Appendix 2, any:

- advance;
- allowance;
- bonus;
- consideration;
- disbursement;
- expenditure;
- expense;
- financial benefit given or promised;
- fringe benefit;
- incentive;
- loan (other than a loan made on commercial terms at arms length);
- match bonus or incentive payment;
- money;
- payment;
- payment of insurance or other premium;
- reimbursement;
- remittance;
- restitution;
- reward;
- salary or wages;
- superannuation benefit;
- property or right of any description; or
- other advantage or benefit in any form whatsoever; paid to a Player by a Club within the meaning of Player Payment Appendix 2.

**'Zone Registrar'** means a person or persons as determined by the SANFL to collate and report as required as to Player Payments.



For the purposes of Player Payment Appendix 2, it is irrelevant whether the Remuneration is paid to the Player within the meaning of these Rules under:

- a Contract of Service between the Player and a Club;
- an Agreement between the Player and any Associate of the Club or any third party; or
- Otherwise.



## Appendix 3 - Approved Player Points System (“APPS”)

### 1. Purpose of the APPS

To encourage clubs to develop and retain local players, to minimise player movement and reduce player payments, whilst maintaining a healthy community football club. Any recruiting required should be conducted in accordance with and within the spirit and intent of these R and the best interests of Australian Football.

### 2. Objects of the APPS

The objects of the APPS are as follows:

- 2.1 Encourage the development and retention of local and junior players;
- 2.2 Encourage the recruitment of ex local players;
- 2.3 Encourage the loyalty of recruited players;
- 2.4 Assist in the equalisation of competitions;
- 2.5 Assist Player Payments in reducing player payments to sustainable levels; and
- 2.6 Encourage Clubs to develop and promote the game in their local community.

### 3. Affiliated League Implementation & Total Points Rating

Each Affiliated League is to adopt and implement an APPS system in order to achieve the objectives.

Each Affiliated League must adopt an APPS System in accordance with clause 3.1. An Affiliated League may apply to the Community Football Committee for an alternative APPS system by no later than 31 October in the calendar year before the first Season in which it is to apply to that Affiliated League.

**3.1** An Affiliated League must implement the following system, subject to any alternative system approved by the Community Football Committee:

3.1.1 Number of wins to be calculated as a percentage of minor round games placed in the previous three (3) seasons.

3.1.2 A model as set out at the end of this Appendix, pursuant to clause 10.

**3.2** Each Affiliated League Club will be allocated a “Total Points Rating of up to and including 15 points” for each Season based on the circumstances listed under Clause 3.1.

**3.3** A Club may request an increase in their allocated points from an Affiliated League prior to June 30 in the current playing season. Any request under this clause 3.3 must be in the form of the “*APPS Club Application for Increased Points*” set out at the end of this Appendix and comply with the process approved by the Community Football Committee from time to time.

Any additional points awarded by the Affiliated League under this clause will be for the current season only.



**3.4** An Affiliated League must consider any request made by a Club under clause 4.4 and may do any of the following:

3.4.1 If the request is for not more than 15 points, approve or reject the request in the Affiliated League's discretion; or

3.4.2 If the request is for more than 15 points:

3.4.2.1 Approve a revised total of not more than 15 points;

3.4.2.2 Reject the request; or

3.4.2.3 Make a request under clause 3.4 if the request is approved by the SANFL Community Football, the Affiliated League may subsequently approve a request for more than 15 points.

**3.5** An Affiliated League may apply to the SANFL Country Zone Committee and the Community Football Committee for increased Total Player Points Rating for club/s in excess of 15 points for exceptional circumstances. The Application must be forwarded to SANFL Community Football seven (7) days before the first round of matches in the relevant competition but only for exceptional and compelling circumstances.

#### **4. Affiliated League Responsibilities**

Each Affiliated League:

**4.1** Any system implemented by an Affiliated League must be provided along with the allocation of points to Clubs to the Community Football League by 31 October in each year.

**4.2** May adopt a Women's APPS system subject to approval by SANFL Community Football. Systems are to be developed and should be based on:

4.2.1 A sliding scale having regard for the premiership ladder in the previous season(s);

4.2.2 Other local factors such as population, junior numbers/success, schools etc.

4.2.3 A combination of all of the above.

**4.3** Must allocate points to each Affiliated League Club for the following season and in accordance with APPS by 31 October in each year.

**4.4** May allocate discretionary points in accordance with APPS to manage local issues.

**4.5** Must consider all applications from Clubs for the allocation of additional points in accordance with APPS.

**4.6** Must input Club and Player ratings into the Online Management System once allocations have been made.

**4.7** Must appoint an Independent APPS Committee of no less than three (3) members, of which no member shall hold an official role with an Affiliated League Club within that Affiliated League and provide the person's contact details to SANFL Community Football by 31 October in each year.

4.7.1 The APPS Officer will:



4.7.1.1 Be the contact for Community Football in relation to matters related to the APPS and its implementation within the Affiliated League;

4.7.1.2 Approve the APPS system to be used by the Affiliated League;

4.7.1.3 Allocate APPS points to Clubs within the Affiliated League;

4.7.1.4 Have the authority to appoint a member from the Committee to allocate individual player points on the Committee's behalf.

## 5. Affiliated League Club Responsibilities

Each Affiliated League Club:

a) Must ensure all player declarations are completed and lodged with the Affiliated League in accordance with the APPS .

b) Must ensure that on match days the Senior Team complies with the Total Player Points Rating (TPPR) allocated by the Affiliated League in accordance with APPS.

(NB Clubs may recruit above their allocated points in any given season but must comply with TPPR for their Senior Team on match days).

c) May request an increase in allocated points to SANFL Country Zone Committee and Community Football Committee in excess of 15 points provided that such request is made to the Affiliated League seven (7) days before the first round of matches in the relevant competition but only for exceptional and compelling circumstances.

## 6. Basis of the APPS

The Basis of the APPS is as follows:

**6.1** An Affiliated League Club must not field players in its Senior Team in any game which exceed the total points which have been allocated to that Club under the Total Points Rating (Refer clause 3).

**6.2** The points allocated to a player according to the APPS will only apply when playing in Senior Teams.

**6.3** “**Junior Football**” means an Affiliated League competition in which players must be under the age of 18 years on a prescribed date in the calendar year in which that competition is conducted and includes the Sports Association for Adelaide Schools (SAAS) secondary school football competition.

**6.4** “**Junior Player**” means a player under the age of 18 years who has played a minimum of 20 games in Junior Football with an Affiliated League Club or school affiliate of an Affiliated League Club, with which he is seeking registration.

**6.5** Only competitions managed by the SANFL Community Football approved competition management tool (as referred to in Regulation 29) is recognised for the purpose of establishing a player's APPS rating.



## 7. Player Points Rating

7.1 A player of an Affiliated League Club must, at the time of registration with their new club, complete and deliver to the Club a declaration in a form approved by the Affiliated League (**“the Player Declaration”**) which must:

7.1.1 Include complete details of the previous playing history (including games played at Clubs, numbers of Seasons and games played) of the Player;

7.1.2 Include an assessment by the player and the Club of the Player Points Rating of the player calculated under the APPS which has been adopted by the Affiliated League;

7.1.3 Be signed by both the player and an official of the Club and lodged with the Club and with the Affiliated League.

7.2 For the purposes of a Player Points Rating a playing coach is classified as a player.

7.3 For the purposes of a Player Points Rating a players individual rating will be determined at the time of registration and will remain throughout the duration of the season.

7.4 For the purposes of determining a Players Points Rating a player must have played a minimum of five (5) matches in the previous two (2) seasons to attract a points rating greater than zero (0).

## 8. Player Point Allocation

Each player playing in the Senior Team of a Club will be allocated a “Player Points Rating” as outlined below:

8.1 Each player selected to play in the Senior Team of a Club will be given a base rating of zero (0) points with the exception of Junior Players who are selected in that team who, subject to clause 8.2, will be given a minus one (-1) rating.

8.2 A maximum minus two (-2) points can be claimed by a Senior Team in any Match regardless of the number of Junior Players selected in that team.

8.3 A player who is the child of a Club Life Member can be registered with that same club and that player will attract zero (0) points provided that the life membership of the Club by the parent has, subject to clause 8.3.1, been held for a period of not less than two (2) calendar years.

8.3.1 If the Club Life Membership is not awarded to the parent of the player referred to in Clause 9.3 at the Club’s Annual General Meeting, the calculation of the date for the purposes of Clause 8.3, will be the date of the Annual General Meeting following the date that Club Life Membership was awarded to the parent;

8.3.2 For the purpose of this Regulation a player will only be a child of a Club Life Member if that player is recorded as a child of that Club Life Member on the player’s birth certificate.

8.4 A player who is required to change their usual place of residence to attend a Tertiary Educational Institution and is enrolled as a full-time student will receive a rating of zero (0) points if they registered to play with an Affiliated League Club that has a direct affiliation with that Tertiary Educational Institution.



- 8.5** A player transferring from one Affiliated League Club to another Affiliated League Club and who is under 20 years of age on the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the previous calendar year and has played a combined total of more than twenty (20) games at SANFL Under 18, Reserves and/or League Level will attract an additional two (2) points.
- 8.6** Subject to clause 8.7 a registered player of an Affiliated League Club who has played a total of twenty (20) or more games in a Senior Team or Reserve Team or Junior Football with that Affiliated League Club, who has previously transferred to a club of another League within Australia and returns to their original Affiliated League Club will have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).
- 8.6.1 A registered player of an Affiliated League Club who has played less than a total of 20 games (the 20 game qualification – Clause 8 (6)) in Junior Football Team with that Affiliated League Club and subsequently returns to that Affiliated League Club, the Player Points Rating at the start of the season will remain for the duration of that season regardless of the number of games played.
- 8.6.1.1 Subject to clause 8.6.1 a registered player of an Affiliated League Club will have a Player Points Rating of zero (0) in the following season, regardless of whether that player has played a total of 20 or more games in a Senior Team or Reserve Team or Junior Football with that Affiliated League Club.
- 8.6.2 A registered player who achieves 20 Matches (without transferring) for the same Affiliated League Club will reduce one (1) additional point in their third (3) season after achieving 20 Matches.
- 8.6.3 For the purposes of implementation of Clause 8.6, matches counted **does not** include trial, internal and representative games.
- 8.7** A player transferring from one Affiliated League Club to a Club of any Australian Football League or Association will retain the same player rating, if any, if he is transferred back to such Affiliated League Club in the same season.
- 8.8** In accordance with the criteria below, each player selected in a Senior Team who has had playing experience with another Club in Australia may be given a further points rating (in addition to any point or points given under clause 8 above) depending on the level of the competition or competitions in which he has previously played, the number of games played in that competition, the period of time since he previously played in that competition and/or any other criteria which may be approved by the Committee.
- 8.8.1 AFL Players**  
A player who has played a majority of matches in the AFL in the previous two playing seasons – five (5) additional points, less any deductions or concessions as set out below:
- 8.8.1.1 Deduct five (5) points if the player has returned to the Club of the Affiliated League for which he last played (including Junior Football) before playing for an AFL Club.
- 8.8.1.2 Deduct a further one (1) point for each full season since last playing for an AFL Club.
- 8.8.1.2 If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months (from their last game to the time of registration) or more before resuming as a player he will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).



### **8.8.2 State League Players (SANFL, VFL, WAFL)**

A player who has played a majority of matches for the Senior Team for a Club or Clubs in any one of the State League competitions in the previous two playing seasons – four (4) additional points, less any deductions or concessions as set out below:

8.8.2.1 A player who is registered to play with a Club of an Affiliated League who returns to that Club of the Affiliated League will not attract any additional points irrespective of the number of games played in the Senior Teams of the clubs in any of the State Leagues.

8.8.2.2 Deduct one (1) point if the player did not play a game for the Senior Team of a Club of any of the State Leagues in the previous season.

8.8.2.3 If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months (from their last game to the time of registration) or more before registering as a player, they will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

### **8.8.3 All Other League Players**

8.8.3.1 A player who has played a majority of matches for the Senior Team of a Club or Clubs in any League, other than those detailed in sub-clauses 8.8.1 and 8.8.2 above, ('Other Leagues') and/or Reserves for a Team competing in the State League Competitions referred to in clause 8.8.2 above, in the previous two playing seasons – an additional three (3) points less any deductions or concessions as set out below:

8.8.3.1.1 Deduct one (1) point for each full season since the player last played for the Senior Team of a Club in the Other League.

8.8.3.1.2 If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months (from their last game to the time of registration) or more before resuming as a player he will automatically have a Player Points rating of zero (0).

8.8.3.2 A player who has played majority of matches for a Club's lower division teams (e.g. any division below the Club's Senior Team but has also played a minimum of five (5) A Grade matches in the previous two (2) seasons and is transferring between clubs in different leagues the player will have points rating of one (1).

8.8.3.3 A player who has played a majority of matches for a Club's lower division teams (e.g. any division below the Club's Senior Team but has also played any match in the Senior Team of a Club or Clubs in any other League in the previous two (2) playing seasons and is transferring from one Club to another Club within the same Affiliated League – will have a Player Points rating of zero (0).

8.8.3.4 A player who has played a majority of matches for a Junior Team for a club in any other league and has also played a minimum of five (5) A Grade matches in the previous two (2) playing seasons will have a Player Points rating of two (2).



## **9. APPS General**

- 9.1** In the case of a player who has played an equal number of games in two or more categories, the highest category (points) shall apply.
- 9.2** In the case of a player who plays matches in a competition predominantly conducted during the period March through until October who, in the same or following year, plays in a competition predominantly conducted during the period November through until the following February ('the Summer Competition'), the Summer Competition shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining the Player Points Rating attributable to that player upon a subsequent transfer.
- 9.3** Any proposed amendments to the APPS must be submitted to the Community Football Manager for referral to the Community Football Committee 30 April in the current playing season for the Committee to consider implementing for the following season.
- 9.4** Amendments to the APPS for the following season will be communicated to all Affiliated Leagues and Clubs by no later than 31 August in the current season.
- 9.5** Affiliated Leagues that have divisional competitions will consider each division as a League for the purpose of implementing the APPS.

## **10. APPS League Models**

- 10.1** Pursuant to clause 4.1, each Affiliated League must adopt one of the following sliding scale models based on the total amount of Affiliated League Club's outlined in 11A (below) and based on:
- 10.1.1 the number of wins to be calculated as a percentage of minor round games played in the previous three (3) seasons.
- (For clarity, a draw equals half of a win).
- 10.2** An Affiliated League Club's total points allocation that is varied in the subsequent year due to the Affiliated League adopting one of the following sliding scale modes, may apply to the Community Football Committee for an exemption to remain on the same total points allocation for the subsequent season only.
- 10.3** Any request may be sent by the Affiliated League to SANFL Community Football by February 1<sup>st</sup> and set out the reasons for such request, including but not limited: to the loss of players, smaller population, and geographical issues.



## 11A. SLIDING SCALE MODELS:

### i) TEAM LEAGUE APPS MODEL

Group 1 – Teams - 1 & 2 – 9 points

Group 2 – Teams – 3 & 4 – 12 points

Total League Allocation – 60 points

Sliding Scale Allocation – 42 points

Discretionary Points – 18 points

#### **League Discretionary Points (no prior approval required unless Club's are over fifteen (15 total points):**

Out of the discretionary points allocation, the Affiliated League can only use nine (9) points which may relate to issues including smaller population, geographic and lack of success issues.

#### **Local Discretionary Points (requires prior approval from the Community Football Committee):**

The remaining nine (9) points of the discretionary points allocation can only be used for local considerations including transfers employment, relocation or any other reason and must be approved by the Country Zone Committee and the Community Football Committee.

### ii) TEAM LEAGUE APPS MODEL

Group 1 – Teams - 1 & 2 – 6 points

Group 2 – Teams – 3 & 4 – 9 points

Group 3 – Teams – 5 – 12 points

Total League Allocation – 75 points

Sliding Scale Allocation – 42 points

Discretionary Points – 33 points

#### **League Discretionary Points (no prior approval required unless Club's are over fifteen (15 total points):**

Out of the discretionary points allocation the Affiliated League can only use sixteen (16) points which may relate to issues including smaller population, geographic and lack of success issues.

#### **Local Discretionary Points (requires prior approval from the Community Football Committee):**

The remaining seventeen (17) points of the discretionary points allocation can only be used for local considerations including transfers, employment, relocation, or any other reason and must be approved by the Country Zone Committee and the Community Football Committee.

### (iii) TEAM LEAGUE APPS MODEL

Group 1 – Teams - 1 & 2 – 6 points

Group 2 – Teams – 3 & 4 – 9 points

Group 3 – Teams – 5 & 6 – 12 points

Total League Allocation – 90 points

Sliding Scale Allocation – 54 points

Discretionary Points – 36 points



**League Discretionary Points (no prior approval required unless Club's are over fifteen (15 total points):**

Out of the discretionary points allocation, the Affiliated League can only use eighteen (18) points which may relate to issues including smaller population, geographic and lack of success issues.

**Local Discretionary Points (requires prior approval from the Community Football Committee):**

The remaining eighteen (18) points of the discretionary points allocation can only be used for local considerations including transfers, employment, relocation, or any other reason and must be approved by the Country Zone Committee and the Community Football Committee.

**iv) TEAM LEAGUE APPS MODEL**

- Group 1 – Teams - 1 & 2 – 6 points
- Group 2 – Teams – 3 & 4 – 9 points
- Group 3 – Teams – 5 & 6 – 12 points
- Group 4 – Teams – 7 – 15 points

Total League Allocation – 105 points  
Sliding Scale Allocation – 69 points  
Discretionary Points – 36 points

**League Discretionary Points (no prior approval required unless Club's are over fifteen (15 total points):**

Out of the discretionary points allocation, the Affiliated League can only use eighteen (18) points which may relate to issues including smaller population, geographic and lack of success issues.

**Local Discretionary Points (requires prior approval from the Community Football Committee):**

The remaining eighteen (18) points of the discretionary points allocation can only be used for local considerations including transfers, employment, relocation, or any other reason and must be approved by the Country Zone Committee and the Community Football Committee.

**v) TEAM LEAGUE APPS MODEL**

- Group 1 – Teams - 1 & 2 – 6 points
- Group 2 – Teams – 3 & 4 – 9 points
- Group 3 – Teams – 5 & 6 – 12 points
- Group 4 – Teams – 7 & 8 – 15 points

Total League Allocation – 120 points  
Sliding Scale Allocation – 84 points  
Discretionary Points – 36 points

**League Discretionary Points (no prior approval required unless Club's are over fifteen (15 total points):**

Out of the discretionary points allocation, the Affiliated League can only use eighteen (18) points which may relate to issues including smaller population, geographic and lack of success issues.



**Local Discretionary Points (requires prior approval from the Community Football Committee):**

The remaining eighteen (18) points of the discretionary points allocation can only be used for local considerations including transfers, employment, relocation, or any other reason and must be approved by the Country Zone Committee and the Community Football Committee.

**vi) TEAM LEAGUE APPS MODEL**

- Group 1 – Teams - 1 & 2 – 6 points
- Group 2 – Teams – 3 & 4 – 9 points
- Group 3 – Teams – 5, 6 & 7 – 12 points
- Group 4 – Teams – 8 & 9 – 15 points

Total League Allocation – 135 points  
Sliding Scale Allocation – 96 points  
Discretionary Points – 39 points

**League Discretionary Points (no prior approval required unless Club's are over fifteen (15 total points):**

Out of the discretionary points, allocation the Affiliated League can only use nineteen (19) points which may relate to issues including smaller population, geographic and lack of success issues.

**Local Discretionary Points (requires prior approval from the Community Football Committee):**

The remaining twenty (20) points of the discretionary points allocation can only be used for local considerations including transfers, employment, relocation, or any other reason and must be approved by the Country Zone Committee and the Community Football Committee.

**vii) TEAM LEAGUE APPS MODEL**

- Group 1 – Teams - 1 & 2 – 6 points
- Group 2 – Teams – 3 & 4 – 9 points
- Group 3 – Teams – 5, 6 & 7 – 12 points
- Group 4 – Teams – 8, 9 & 10 – 15 points

Total League Allocation – 150 points  
Sliding Scale Allocation – 111 points  
Discretionary Points – 39 points

**League Discretionary Points (no prior approval required unless Club's are over fifteen (15 total points):**

Out of the discretionary points allocation, the Affiliated League can only use nineteen (19) points which may relate to issues including smaller population, geographic and lack of success issues.

**Local Discretionary Points (requires prior approval from the Community Football Committee):**

The remaining twenty (20) points of the discretionary points allocation can only be used for local considerations including transfers, employment, relocation, or any other reason and must be approved by the Country Zone Committee and the Community Football Committee.



#### **viii) TEAM LEAGUE APPS MODEL**

- Group 1 – Teams - 1 & 2 – 6 points
- Group 2 – Teams – 3 & 4 – 9 points
- Group 3 – Teams – 5, 6 & 7 – 12 points
- Group 4 – Teams – 8, 9, 10 & 11 – 15 points

Total League Allocation – 165 points  
Sliding Scale Allocation – 126 points  
Discretionary Points – 39 points

#### **League Discretionary Points (no prior approval required unless Club's are over fifteen (15 total points):**

Out of the discretionary points allocation, the Affiliated League can only use nineteen (19) points which may relate to issues including smaller population, geographic and lack of success issues.

#### **Local Discretionary Points (requires prior approval from the Community Football Committee):**

The remaining twenty (20) points of the discretionary points allocation can only be used for local considerations including transfers, employment, relocation, or any other reason and must be approved by the Country Zone Committee and the Community Football Committee.

## **12. Definitions**

For the purposes of this Appendix 3 the following words shall have the following meaning unless the context requires otherwise:

**'Affiliated League Club'** and **'Club'** means a football club which is a member of, or which fields a team in a football competition conducted by an Affiliated League;

**'Affiliated League'** means a football league which has affiliated with SANFL Community Football under Rule 9.4 of the SANFL Community Football Constitution;

**'All Other Leagues'** means all Leagues other than State League and AFL competitions including but not limited to all Affiliated Community Football Leagues;

**'Approved Player Points System'** means the player points system outlined in clause 3 and 10 of this Appendix or otherwise approved by the Committee;

**'APPS Committee'** means the Committee appointed under this Appendix by an Affiliated League;

**'APPS Officer'** means the Officer appointed under this Appendix by an Affiliated League;

**'Committee'** and **'Community Football Committee'** means the Committee of Directors of SANFL Community Football appointed under Rule 4 of the SANFL Community Football Constitution;

**'games'** or **'matches'** means any game played by a player for affiliated league club that they are registered to and does not include representative or zone games;

**'Junior Football'** means an Affiliated League competition in which players must be under the age of 18 years on a prescribed date in the calendar year in which that competition is conducted and includes the Sports Association for Adelaide Schools (SAAS) secondary



school football competition;

**‘Junior Player’** means a player under the age of 18 years who has played a minimum of 20 games in Junior Football with an Affiliated League Club or school affiliate of an Affiliated League Club, with which he is seeking registration;

**‘Match’** or **‘Football Match’** means any game of football either played by a team of an Affiliated League Club in a competition promoted, conducted or controlled by the SANFL Community Football an Affiliated League or which has otherwise been approved by the SANFL Community Football an Affiliated League;

**‘player’** or **‘Player’** means a person who is registered to play football with an Affiliated League Club;

**‘SANFL Community Football’** means the South Australian National Football League Inc;

**‘State League’** means the SANFL, Victorian Football League (VFL), Western Australian Football League (WAFL) senior competitions as the case requires (and **State Leagues** in plural means all three);

**‘Total Points Rating’** means the total amount of allocated player points to an Affiliated League Club;



## **Appendix 3A – League Application for Increased APPS Points**

The SANFL Community Football – Club Application for Increased APPS Points, as amended from time to time, is found here: <https://sanfl.com.au/communityfootball/resources/>



## **Appendix 3B – Club Application for Increased APPS Points**

The SANFL Community Football – Club Application for Increased APPS Points, as amended from time to time, is found here: <https://sanfl.com.au/communityfootball/resources/>



## **Appendix 4 – SANFL Community Football – Standard Playing Contract**

The SANFL Community Football – Standard Playing Contract, as amended from time to time, is found here: <https://sanfl.com.au/communityfootball/resources/>



## **Appendix 5 – SANFL Community Football – Standard Coaching Contract**

The SANFL Community Football – Standard Coaching Contract, as amended from time to time, is found here: <https://sanfl.com.au/communityfootball/resources/>



## Appendix 6 – Notice of Appeal – Regulation 30

SANFL LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS
Date of Tribunal Hearing:
Club: <i>(Insert Name of League/Club)</i>
Player/Official: <i>(Insert Name of Player or Official) "the Appellant"</i>
Decision(s) Appealed Against: <i>(Insert details of decision(s) of Tribunal against which appeal is lodged for suspensions of 6 matches or more)</i>

The Appellant appeals against the decision(s) of the League/Tribunal held on the \_\_. Day of \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground(s) set out below. This appeal is made under Regulation 11 of these Regulations.

**Grounds of Appeal:** Please specify which of the grounds of appeal set out below on which you rely by placing an **X** in the box opposite the relevant ground(s).

	GROUNDS OF APPEAL	X
1	That there has been an error of law, <i>(Provide details/particulars of the alleged error(s) on a separate sheet)</i>	
2	That the decision of the tribunal was so unreasonable that no tribunal acting reasonably could have come to that decision having regard to the evidence before it. <i>(Provide details/particulars of the basis on which this ground an appeal is relied upon on a separate sheet)</i>	
3	The classification of the Reportable Offence or Policy Breach or other conduct (as applicable) was manifestly inadequate. <i>(Provide details/particulars of the basis on which this ground an appeal is relied upon on a separate sheet)</i>	
4	That the penalty imposed was manifestly excessive or inadequate. <i>(Provide details/particulars of the basis on which this ground an appeal is relied upon on a separate sheet)</i>	

Signature: .....

Print Name: .....

Player/Official

**Submission details:** This Notice of Appeal including details/particulars of the grounds relied upon, any supporting evidence and a cheque for a total amount of \$1000 must be sent to the office for the attention of the SANFL Community Football employee referred to below; so that it is received by him no later than 28 days following the date of the Tribunal Hearing detailed above.

**Shawn Ford**  
SANFL Head of Community Football



## Appendix 7 – Guidelines for procedures at Hearings of Commissioners

This Appendix 7 shall be read in accordance with The [National Community Football Policy Handbook](#).

1. The accused player shall be entitled to be represented before the tribunal.

### 2. Order of proceedings:

- a) A Commissioner shall satisfy himself that the person charged has had details of the charge.
- b) Plea of player.
- c) Video Evidence will be used at the discretion of the Commissioner (may be used before or after umpires evidence).
- d) Umpires evidence.
- e) Cross-examination of Umpire by the Commissioner/s.
- f) Cross-examination of Umpire by the player advocate.
- g) Evidence of Umpires' witness.
- h) Cross-examination of Umpires' witness.
- i) Evidence of player.
- j) Examination of player by the Commissioner/s.
- k) Evidence of player's witness/s.
- l) Examination of player's witness/s by the Commissioner/s.
- m) Cross-examination of player's witness by the Umpire.
- n) Submission by the player based upon the evidence presented.
- o) All people other than the Commissioner shall withdraw to allow the Commissioner to decide whether the charge is proven.
- p) Upon reaching their decision the Commissioner shall recall the person charged.
- q) If the charge is found "not proven" the Commissioner will declare the hearing closed.
- r) If the charge is found "proven" the details of the player's record shall be read.
- s) The player or their representative may take a submission to the Commissioner on the question of penalty.
- t) All parties shall again withdraw to allow the Commissioner to decide on what order is to be made.
- u) The player charged and their representative shall then be readmitted and informed of the decision.

### 3. Special Notes

- a) Evidence must be taken even if the player pleads guilty.
- b) A plea is always required.
- c) Any player who has representation before the Commissioner forfeits any right to question witnesses.
- d) At any time the Commissioner may ask questions of the umpire, player or witness.
- e) Any person who conducts himself disrespectfully to the Commissioner during the hearing of a charge may be dealt with in such manner as the Commissioner in his absolute discretion shall deem fit.
- f) Members of the Media may be admitted at the discretion of the Commissioner.
- g) The SANFL Points System to be used, if the League has adopted the model, when determining a player's penalty.



## Appendix 8 – Duty of Care Policy

### FOR ALL SANFL Community Football LEAGUES & CLUBS WHO CONDUCT JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

**This Policy is to be read in accordance with the section 4 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook, the SANFL Community Football Regulation 23 and the Fair Play Policy at Appendix 10 of these Regulations.**

It is acknowledged that some Clubs do not have sufficient players to fill all Junior Club sides (this is most prevalent in the Regional Clubs) and at times a younger player would benefit from 'playing up a grade' & to assist in making up the numbers for a team.

It is also acknowledged that Clubs, Coaches and parents have a duty of care when deciding on a player moving up or down a grade. To assist Clubs to undertake reasonable duty of care to protect the younger children from any injury the following policy is considered the appropriate steps to take.

It is important for Clubs to use common sense when making decisions to play a child up a grade, or when from time to time, playing a child who is older, down a grade.

#### **For a child playing up:**

It is strongly recommended that the Club designate the Coaches from both grades to determine which child/children are skilled enough and would benefit from playing up, this can be done at the commencement of the season or on the day of a match if required.

The Coach or a senior representative of the Club must seek approval from the child's parents or guardian, such approval must be in writing, deemed to be a Consent Form to ensure the parent or guardian is aware of the potential risk of injury and to show that the Parent/Guardian are supportive of the Child playing up against older children.

The child/children must be appropriately identified during the match, (e.g. a coloured arm band or bib or similar)

The child must also be recognised on the team sheet as an underage player

The player should benefit from the opportunity to play up based on their skills and strength.

Coaches should endeavour to match players by age and ability in accordance with the AFL Junior Match Guide

The umpire must be informed of this process and use their best endeavours to protect the child

This can only occur for a Child coming from the "top year" of the grade below (moving from U14 to U17 as an example only) or if the club only has one junior competition.

That Leagues on an annual basis discuss with Clubs possible modified rules or the sharing of junior players amongst clubs. Refer the AFL Junior Football Guild. *The AFL recognises that in regional and rural areas the opportunity to conduct competitions with a 2 year age span is not always possible. That reducing player numbers is recommended (9-12 a side).*

**For a child playing down:** Clubs must apply to its League for a 'Permit' for an over-age player to play down a grade at the beginning of the season, this decision should be made based on the child's size, ability or possible disability.

The Club must agree that the player or players are suitable to play against younger children.



The Coaches should endeavour to match players by ability and size on match day.

The parents of the younger age group should be informed that there will be an older child on the field.

The player is to be noted on the team sheet.

The umpire must be made aware by the Coach or the Club of the team of the older child.

**Special Note:**

The SANFL Community Football was required to provide satisfaction to the Marsh Insurance Underwriters that a reasonable 'duty of care' is in place to enable Leagues and Clubs to play children up and down. This is particularly common in country areas where the 3-year competition age bracket is common place. The AFL acknowledges the need within its Junior Football Guide, this allows players to play up for the benefit of the sport, the Club and the Players.

Therefore, SANFL stipulate that the Duty of Care Policy be followed where the age gap is greater than 3 years.



## **Appendix 9 – Girls Football – Exemption from Policy (“Girls Football Exemption Policy”)**

### **1. Youth Girls (13-18 years)**

Girls can compete in female-only Under 15's and Under 18's competitions pursuant to the National Community Football Policy Handbook.

Up to 14 years of age, girls may choose to play in a mixed-gender competition or a female-only competition. For the avoidance of doubt, girls can participate in mixed-gender competitions as a 14-year-old. However, unless the girl is skilled, confident and physically capable and has the consent of her coach and parents, this *Girls Football Exemption Policy* recommends that youth girls aged 13 and 14 participate in a structured youth girls competition.

If there are no youth girls competitions available at Under 15's or Under 18's level, the following applies:

- a) In accordance with the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth), people aged under 12 cannot be excluded on the basis of sex or gender identity from participating in a competitive sporting activity. Pursuant to section 42(1) of the Act, people of one gender aged 12 and over can be excluded from participating in competitive sporting activities in which the strength, stamina and physique of competitors is relevant.
- b) As a result, junior Affiliated Clubs will exclude females who reach 14 years of age as at January 1 in the year of play from playing in any competition that is not a 'female competition'.

### **2. SANFL Exemption**

In understanding the female pathways and playing opportunities are in their early stages and will be developed over time, the SANFL has sought an exemption to the applicable rules in the National Community Football Policy Handbook.

A Player / Affiliated Club may seek an exemption to play outside of the National Community Football Policy Handbook (with boys over the age of 14) where an appropriate all females competition is not played within a reasonable distance.

Whilst each scenario must be addressed on its merits, the following process may be followed by individual Affiliated Leagues, Affiliated Clubs and Players:

Affiliated Clubs to approve at a delegate meeting the ability for each Affiliated Club to put forward requests to the Affiliated League for approval (all Affiliated Clubs agree that girls can play):

- a) This approval must be minuted in the Affiliated League records.

Affiliated Club to submit letter of application to the Affiliated League with Affiliated Club and parent sign off:

- a) Letter must detail players history, skill level, development; and
- b) Letter must be co-signed by Affiliated Club President and Parent/Caregiver. The Affiliated League is to approve each submission at their discretion taking into account all considerations and the 'spirit of the game'. When considering each submission, the Affiliated League are to discuss risk management.



### 3. Insurance

We are pleased to confirm both Public Liability and Personal Accident insurers have noted and allowed coverage under the respective policies in respect of any exemptions for girls as approved following the above procedure. However, it is expected that strong risk management protocols be undertaken to ensure the safety of the participants.

*For example: arm band identification for girls, size differences etc...*

### 4. Considerations

The following should be considered by all parties when looking at providing exemptions outside of the National Community Football Policy Handbook:

- a) Facilities;
- b) Have girls previously played;
- c) Education of participants (e.g. ensure boys are comfortable and vice versa);
- d) Education of Clubs and parents;
- e) Wellbeing of participants;
- f) Pathways & Opportunity.

### 5. Spirit of the Game

Participants should understand that every junior competition is delivered with the 'spirit of the game' in mind. That means that regardless of their role, every participant will:

- a) Understand the female developmental phases in the football journey of players, umpires and coaches. The focus should not be on 'win at all costs', but on learning the game and executing skills to the best of one's ability. Learning to win and lose is part of developing as a footballer but should not be the primary focus;
- b) Provide a fun, fair and safe environment for all participants;
- c) Maximise the enjoyment and development of young players;
- d) Ensure that the values inherent in 'the spirit of the game' which include but are not limited to: fairness, sportsmanship, respect and teamwork are developed, encouraged and celebrated.
- e) Uphold and actively promote the rules, Laws of Australian Football, codes of conduct and any policies developed around the Female Competition. That means not accepting poor behaviour that undermines a fun and safe environment for all.

### Definitions

**"Female Competition"** means a competition in which the majority of the players are female.



## Appendix 10 – SANFL Community Football Fair Play Rule ("Fair Play Policy")

This Fair Play Policy is established in accordance with the Fair Play Rule principles of the *AFL Junior Football Rules Program Handbook* and these Regulations. The purpose of this Fair Play Policy is to instil in all coaches, officials, club members, and parents that a one-sided match has a detrimental impact on player development (both teams) and retention.

This Fair Play Policy shall apply to all junior premierships age groups from Under 16.5 and below within all Affiliated Leagues and Affiliated League Clubs. Nothing in this Fair Play Policy prevents an Affiliated League from extending its application to additional age groups; however, any such extension is at the sole discretion of that Affiliated League. Participation, youth retention and sustainable growth are key focuses for SANFL, and this Fair Play Policy forms a key part of the strategy to ensure players are involved in competitive and fair matches.

### Rules

#### 1. Scores

- a) For teams competing in non-premiership age groups, no Match results shall be published (including social media), no scoreboards shall be present, no premierships points shall be awarded, and no ladders recorded.
- b) In respect of premierships grades, if the margin exceeds sixty (60) points at or following half time of the Match, the scoreboard must cease to reflect the score.  
*(For avoidance of doubt, goal umpires and any independent scorer(s) should advise the field umpire if the margin exceeds sixty (60) points at half time).*
- c) The goal umpires and any independent scorer(s) are to continue to score the Match and submit score cards to the field umpire at the conclusion of the Match.
- d) After a Match, the Match points and percentage will be adjusted by the Affiliated League to ensure that no winning margin exceeds sixty (60) points. This score will be reflected on the Online Management System proceeding the fixtured Match.  
*(For the avoidance of doubt, if a team wins by more than sixty (60) points, the score is to be adjusted so the final margin is capped at sixty (60) points. The winning team's score is set at the point in the match when they first achieve that 60-point lead).*
- e) For avoidance of doubt, individual goal scorer(s) and best player(s) shall be recorded by an Affiliated League and Affiliated League Clubs for the purposes of end of season awards.
- f) Rule 1 (b), (c) and (d) shall also apply for all Major Round matches (finals) in respect of junior premierships age groups.



## **2. Coaching Responsibilities**

Coaches have a key role in fostering the development of their Players. Learning to win and lose is part of the developmental journey but must remain secondary to the primary focus of player experience, development, and retention:

- a) In the event of a one-sided game, both Coaches must attempt to even the Match.
- b) If it is identified that a Match may be one-sided prior to commencement, it is required that Coach(es) implement Fair Play procedure(s) as outlined in Rule 4(a) in this Fair Play Policy.
- c) For avoidance of doubt, if it is identified that a match may be one-sided prior to commencement, coach(es) and Affiliated Club(s) must share dominant or influential players with the Team that has been identified as the less competitive Team prior to the commencement of the Match.
- d) There is no discretion for coaches to agree to non-implementation of this Fair Play Policy.

## **3. Application of Fair Play Policy**

- a) If the margin equals or surpasses sixty (60) points in a Match between Affiliated League Clubs competing in a premierships grade, the Field Umpire and Affiliated League Clubs must enforce the Fair Play Policy at half time, or at the next major break following half time.

## **4. Application of Fair Play Policy – Leading Team**

- a) Scoring endlessly is not only unfair on opponents but will not aid the development of Player(s). The following procedures must be implemented when applying the Fair Play Rule by the leading team:
  - (i) Sharing dominant and/or influential Player(s) with the Trailing Team once the Fair Play Policy is enacted pursuant to Rule 3 (a) herein.
  - (ii) Rotation of dominant and/or influential Player(s) prior to commencement, if it is identified that there may be a one-sided Match.
  - (iii) Adjust positions for all Player(s).



- b) The following procedures are encouraged but not mandatory:
- (i) Setting challenges to maintain possession for certain periods of time and/or setting a certain number of possessions required before scoring;
  - (ii) Challenges the Team to use non-preferred hand and/or foot;
  - (iii) The trailing team automatically starts with the ball at the centre square after a goal; and
  - (iv) All players to be set up in their field positions until possession has been disposed of.

*(For avoidance of doubt, additional procedures other than the procedures outlined in 4 (a) may be implemented by Affiliated League Clubs).*

- c) For the avoidance of doubt, the Fair Play Procedures outlined in Rule 4(a) are mandatory for Major Round matches.

## **5. Failure to Implement Fair Play Policy**

- a) Where a Club(s) and/or coach(es) fails to implement any part of this Fair Play Policy, including but not limited to the procedure(s) outlined in Rule 2(b) and 4(a), the Affiliated League in its absolute discretion, may implement any penalty it deems appropriate, which may include (but is not limited to):
- (i) Censure;
  - (ii) The loss of premiership points for the Match in which the Fair Play Policy was not implemented;
  - (iii) Suspension of coach(es); and/or
  - (iv) A fine.

*(For avoidance of doubt, where a trailing team also refuses to implement this Fair Play Policy, the Club and or coach(es) may be subject to the penalty provisions outlined in Rule 5 of this Fair Play Policy).*

- b) Notwithstanding Rule 5(a) of this Fair Play Policy, it is recommended that the following penalty schedule shall apply as a result of any breach of this Fair Play Policy by a coach(es) and/or Affiliated League Club:
- (i) For a first offence a Censure;
  - (ii) For a second offence, a fine not exceeding \$1,000;



- (iii) For a third offence the loss of premiership points for the Match in which the Fair Play Policy was not implemented and or a suspension of a coach(es) as determined by the Affiliated League in its absolute discretion.

## **6. Application of Fair Play Rule – Trailing Team**

Motivating a team that is trailing in a one-sided game can be challenging. However, it is achievable when the win/loss situation is not overstated by adults who are present. Redefine the definition of 'winning' so that Player(s) are focused on self-improvement and individual goal attainment rather than the overall scoreline.



## Appendix 11 – SANFL Community Football Behaviour Management System Policy (“*Behaviour Management System Policy*”)

### Definitions

Unless otherwise specified, terms capitalised in this Policy have the same meaning as defined in the SANFL Community Football Regulations:

“**Affiliated League Executive**” means the Chief Executive Officer of an Affiliated League.

“**Behaviour Management System (BMS)**” means the structured framework under which Affiliated Leagues and Clubs are held accountable for Player, Official, and Supporter behaviour in accordance with this Policy.

“**Category**” means the classification of a Club’s Behaviour Management Value within the rating scale set out in Schedule B of this Policy.

“**Club Allocation**” has the meaning as set out in clause 4(a)(iv).

“**Historical Rating**” means the average of points accumulated by a Club over the preceding three Seasons, calculated in accordance with clause 4(iii) of this Policy.

“**In-Season Behaviour Management Value**” means the cumulative score applied to a Club throughout a Season, determined by combining its initial allocation of points with any additional points in accordance with this Policy.

“**Penalty Escalation**” means the progressive application of sanctions based on a Club’s accumulated points under this Policy.

“**Points-Based Ranking**” has the meaning as set out in clause 4(a)(i).

“**Preferred Points System**” has the meaning set out in Schedule A of this Policy.

“**Premiership Grades**” means any Club that plays for premiership points during a Season.

“**Reportable Offence**” means any conduct or behaviour that is classified as a reportable offence under the Laws of Australian Football, the National Community Football Policy Handbook, or as otherwise determined by an Affiliated League or Tribunal.

“**SANFL Representative**” means any person appointed by the SANFL.

“**Starting Behaviour Management Value**” means the points allocation assigned to a Club at the commencement of a Season under this Policy.

“**Starting Rating Category**” means the initial classification assigned to a Club at the commencement of a Season, as determined by its Historical Rating.

“**Supporter**” means any person who attends or is otherwise present at a Match or Club event and is associated with a Club as determined by the Affiliated League.

“**Total Points Score**” means the total points accrued by a Club during a Season under this Policy.



## 1. Purpose of the Behaviour Management System

The purpose of the BMS is to reduce incidents of poor behaviour, ensure fairness, and maintain the integrity of the game in accordance with the AFL Laws of the Game, the National Community Football Policy Handbook, and SANFL Community Football Regulations (“Regulations”).

The BMS applies to all Premiership Grades of Affiliated Leagues and Clubs and is designed to ensure accountability extends all stakeholders in community football in South Australia to:

- a. promote positive conduct across players, officials, members, and Supporters; and
- b. create safe, fun, and inclusive environments for all participants..

## 2. Objects of the Behaviour Management System

- a. Promote positive conduct across players, officials, and Supporters;
- b. Reduce incidents of poor behaviour both on and off the field;
- c. Ensure accountability extends beyond individuals to clubs and all stakeholders;
- d. Support the creation of safe, fun, and inclusive environments for football;
- e. Protect umpire retention and volunteer engagement through improved behaviour; and
- f. Foster a culture that upholds the integrity and spirit of Australian Football.

## 3. Committee to Determine Behaviour Management System

- a. The Community Football Committee (“the Committee”) must determine the framework and operational requirements for the BMS to be applied in each Season.
- b. The Committee must:
  - i. Approve the points accumulation model and rating categories for all Affiliated Leagues;
  - ii. Determine the penalty escalation schedule, including fines, premiership point deductions, and other sanctions;
  - iii. Review and approve any requests from Affiliated Leagues for alternative BMS models, provided such requests are submitted by 31 October prior to the Season of implementation;
  - iv. Ensure that the BMS aligns with the AFL Laws of the Game, the National Community Football Policy Handbook, and the Regulations;
  - v. Oversee annual reviews of the system to ensure effectiveness and consistency across all Affiliated Leagues.
- c. The Committee may from time to time appoint a proxy to oversee and implement the BMS.

## 4. Affiliated League Implementation & Behaviour Management System

Each Affiliated League is to adopt and implement a BMS in order to achieve the objectives of this Policy.

Each Affiliated League must adopt a BMS in accordance with clause 4(a) of this Policy. An Affiliated League may apply to the Committee for approval of an alternative BMS by no later than 31 October in the calendar year before the first season in which it is to apply to that Affiliated League.

- a. An Affiliated League must implement the following BMS, subject to any alternative system approved by the Committee:
  - i. Points-Based Ranking: Clubs will accumulate points for on-field, administrative, and off-field breaches during the Season, as outlined in the Schedules to this Policy.



- ii. **Penalty Escalation:** Penalties will be applied progressively based on total points and rating category, including fines, loss of premiership points, and match rescheduling for severe breaches.
- iii. **Historical Rating:**
  - A. In the first Season of this BMS, Clubs will start the season with a base rating of zero (0) points.
  - B. In the second Season of this BMS, Clubs will start the season with a base rating of their first Season divided by three (3).
  - C. In the third Season of this BMS, Clubs will start the season with a base rating of their first two Seasons divided by three (3).
  - D. In the fourth Season and every Season thereafter of this BMS, Clubs will start the Season with the accumulative total of the previous three (3) Seasons average.
- iv. **Club Allocation:**
  - A. Each Club will be allocated a Starting Rating Category and will accumulate a Total Points Score for each Season based on the circumstances listed under clause 4(a)(iii).
- v. **Reviews:**
  - A. A Club may request a review of its Historical Rating, Starting Rating Category or Club Allocation from its Affiliated League prior to 30 June in the current Season. Any request under this clause must comply with the process determined by the Committee from time to time including being submitted in the prescribed form.
  - B. Any adjustments approved under this clause will apply for the current Season only.

## 5. Behaviour Management System Points

- a. Points will be accumulated by a Club for:
  - i. On-field disciplinary cards issued;
  - ii. Reportable Offences:
    - A. Determined without a Tribunal (e.g. early guilty plea); and/or
    - B. Determined by a Tribunal;
  - iii. Any breaches as determined by the Affiliated League from time to time of the Community Football Regulations, the National Community Football Policy or any other rules, regulations or policies, by the Club, Players, Officials and Supporters.
- b. Points will be accumulated by Clubs as determined by the Affiliated League:
  - i. The Preferred Points System is outlined in Schedule 1 to this Policy;
  - ii. An Affiliated League may request a change in the points accumulation model as outlined in clause 4 of this Policy.
- c. Points will be determined by dividing by the number of teams in an Affiliated League's Club:
  - i. For the avoidance of doubt, where a Women's Senior Team participating in an Affiliated League's competition runs parallel to the Men's Senior Team's Affiliated League's competition or equivalent competition, it will be included in the total number of Senior Teams;
    - A. Where a Women's Senior Team participating in an Affiliated League's competition does not run parallel to the Men's Senior Team's Affiliated League's competition or equivalent competition, a separate system will be required.
  - ii. All non-whole numbers are subject to rounding to the nearest whole number.
- d. For each year that a Club accumulates zero points, the Club will receive a 100-point discount applied to its historical rating for the following season.
  - i. The Starting Behaviour Management Value cannot assume a value less than zero (0) points.

## 6. Behaviour Management Categories

- a. An Affiliated League's Clubs rating will be determined by the number of BMS points it accumulates.
- b. The rating categories are used to determine the Affiliated League's Clubs:



- i. Starting Behaviour Management Value for the season; and
  - ii. In-Season Behaviour Management Value for ongoing sanctions.
- c. The Starting Behaviour Management Value is determined in accordance with clause 4(a)(iii) of this Policy.
- d. The Starting Behaviour Management Value establishes the baseline for sanctions during the coming season.
- e. The In-Season Behaviour Management Value is an accumulation of:
  - i. The Starting Behaviour Management Value; and
  - ii. The current season's accumulated BMS points.
- f. The In-Season Behaviour Management Value will determine the next sanction to be applied to the club, including but not excluded to fines, loss of premiership points, temporary censure.
  - i. The Preferred Points System will be outlined in the Schedules at the end of this policy; An Affiliated League may request a change in the points accumulation model as outlined in clause 4 of this Policy.



## Schedule A – Preferred Points System

The Preferred Points System measures Club behaviour by assigning points for specified breaches, forming the basis for Behaviour Management Value calculations and penalty escalation.

The following schedule will display the points accrued as outlined in clause 5 of this Policy.

On-Field Breach	Point Value
Yellow Card	Zero (0) points
Red Card	Fifty (50) points per individual card in each Minor and Major Round game per season.
Guilty Verdict	Fifty (50) points per individual. <i>Note: A maximum of Fifty (50) points can be attributed per individual per round for breaching the list.</i>
Any reportable offence breach as determined not derived from an on-field disciplinary card	One Hundred (100) points per individual.
Per match suspension per player	One hundred (100) points per match <i>Note: A maximum of six hundred (600) points can be attributed per individual per round for breaching the list</i>



## Schedule B – Behaviour Management Categories

Category	Point Value
1	0 - 200 points
2	201 - 400 points
3	401 – 600 points
4	601 – 800 points
5	801 – 1000 points
6	1001+ points



### Schedule C – Behaviour Management Sanctions per Reportable Offence (optional)

Fines will be determined by the In-Season Behaviour Management System Value as per the below table.

Category	1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence	Subsequent Offences
1	\$100	\$200	\$500
2	\$100	\$200	\$500
3	\$200*	\$300*	\$500*
4	\$300*	\$500*	\$1000*
5	\$300*	\$500*	\$1000*
6	\$500*	\$750*	\$1000*

\*Denotes further sanctions apply

Fines are payable by the Club to their respective Affiliated League.



### Schedule D – Behaviour Management Additional Penalties

Category	Additional Penalties
1	Nil.
2	Nil.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A suspended fine of \$1,000 payable to the Affiliated League of the Club upon any further breach.</li> <li>- The Club will be required to meet their Affiliated League Executive and SANFL Representative to provide evidence of change management to be introduced by the Club to avoid further points being incurred.</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A suspended fine of \$1,500 payable to the Affiliated League of the Club upon any further breach.</li> <li>- Loss of the equivalent of one (1) Minor round game (for example two (2) premiership points) for the team the last breach occurred.</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A suspended fine of \$2,500 payable to the Affiliated League of the Club upon any further breach.</li> <li>- Loss of the equivalent of one (1) Minor round game (for example two (2) premiership points) for all teams of an Affiliated League Club .</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As determined by the Affiliated League of the Club:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Filming of all Club matches (at the clubs' expense).</li> <li>• Supply of security at matches.</li> <li>• Loss of home matches.</li> <li>• Censure for the remainder of the current season.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## Schedule E – Examples

### Example 1

Club Teams: 5

Starting Value: 0 points

Origin: Red Card (50 points)

Verdict: Guilty (50 points)

Disciplinary 1: 4 matches (400 points)

Step 1:  $500 \text{ points} / 5 \text{ (No. of teams)} = 100 \text{ points}$

Step 2: Calculate In-Season Behaviour Management Value = 100 points (Step 1 value) + 0 points (Starting Value) = 100 points

Step 3: Calculate new starting value for following year =  $100 \text{ points (current years accrued points)} / 3 \text{ (3-year rolling avg.)} + 0 \text{ points (Current Year starting value)}$   
= 33 points

Step 4: In season Category = 1 (100 points), new season starting category 1 (33 points)

### Example 2

Club Teams: 5

Starting Value: 133 points

Disciplinary 1: Red Card (not guilty at tribunal)  $50 \text{ points} / 5 = 10 \text{ points}$

Disciplinary 2: 4 match suspension  $500 / 5 = 100$

Step 1:  $10 \text{ points (disciplinary 1)} + 100 \text{ points (disciplinary 2)} = 110$

Step 2: Calculate In-Season Behaviour Management Value = 100 points (Step 1 value) + 133 points (Starting Value) = 243 points

Step 3: Calculate new starting value for following year =  $110 \text{ points (current years accrued points)} / 3 \text{ (3-year rolling avg.)} + 133 \text{ points (Current Year starting value)}$   
= 167 points

Step 4: In season Category = 2 (243 points), new season starting category 1 (167 points)



## **Appendix 12 – SANFL Community Football On Field Apparel Guidelines**

The SANFL Community Football On Field Apparel Guidelines – as amended from time to time, are found here: <https://sanfl.com.au/communityfootball/resources/>



### Appendix 13 - Revision History

REVISION HISTORY	
31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023	Version 1 of Community Football Rules & Regulations Published.
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Version 2 of Community Football Rules & Regulations Published. <i>New Sections: 23 (c), 23 (d).</i>
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Version 3 of Community Football Rules & Regulations Published.
March 2025	Version 4 of Community Football Rules & Regulations Published.
November 2025	Version 5 of Community Football Rules & Regulations Published. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clarified application of Permits to SANFL League Players for Finals Matches.</li> <li>- Removed references to the SANFL Community Football Player Registration &amp; Transfer Form</li> <li>- Inserted regulation governing Permit Tribunal;</li> <li>- Clarified that a Coach must be registered via the Online Management System;</li> <li>- Removed all references to SANFL Community Football Constitution;</li> <li>- Included Appendix 9 – Girls Football – Exemption from Policy;</li> <li>- Included Appendix 10 – SANFL Community Football Fair Play Rule;</li> <li>- Clarified Total Player Payments (including Women’s Player Payments);</li> <li>- Included the relevant power(s) to Integrity Manager at Appendix 2, 7(c)(iv);</li> <li>- Removed body of Standard Playing Contracts and Standard Coaching Contracts.</li> </ul>
February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Included Appendix 11 – SANFL Community Football Behaviour Management Policy;</li> <li>- Included Appendix 12 – SANFL Community Football On Field Apparel Guidelines;</li> <li>- With the inclusion of Appendix 12, the measurements previously set out in clause 24 have been removed.</li> <li>- Removed all references to ‘Bona fide change of residence’;</li> <li>- Removed all references to ‘Qualification of a Game Played’;</li> <li>- Removed all references to ‘Regional Football Advisory Council’;</li> <li>- Removed body of Club Application for Increased APPS Points and League Application of Increase APPS Points;</li> <li>- Included the relevant provision for each of the relevant bodies to comply with the SANFL Community Football Behaviour Management Policy.</li> <li>- Amended Regulation 26(e) to reflect the current practice regarding submitting assessments of each Player Points Rating via the Online Management System;</li> <li>- Included a ‘header’ for Part C – Competition Management. This is now reflected in the Table of Contents in these Regulations.</li> </ul>



COMMUNITY  
FOOTBALL