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# NEW RULES

## 2 MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

- 2.1 The League has the power to determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations which decision will be subject to the approval of The League Executive Committee before having any force or effect.

## 3 GENERAL COMMITTEE

- 3.1 At any meeting of the of the General Committee, the General Committee may by ordinary resolution alter or repeal any of the clauses of the Rules and Regulations made hereunder, or may make new Rules and Regulations to the exclusion of or in addition to any of the Rules and Regulations made hereunder.
- 3.2 Notice in writing of such ordinary resolution shall be lodged with The League at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting of the General Committee at which the motion is to be put.
- 3.3 The League shall give notice of such motion to each Member Club at least seven (7) before the meeting of the General Committee at which the motion is put.
- 3.4 The motion shall be passed by a simple majority of the General Committee.
- 3.5 A prior resolution of a meeting of the General Committee shall not be repealed or amended within twelve (12) months from the time of the prior resolution unless a meeting of the general Committee by Special Resolution of Two thirds of the Delegates present and entitled to vote, resolve to repeal or amend such prior resolution. A prior resolution may be repealed or amended after twelve (12) months by way of a simple majority.

## 4 THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE

- 4.1 To the exclusion of the General Committee The League Executive may
  - (a) Determine the remuneration of umpires
  - (b) Order from time to time the method of determining which team may be relegated and which team may be promoted.
  - (c) Consider allegations and complaints and protests arising from the playing of an unregistered player by a Member Club
  - (d) Impose penalties prescribed by The League's Constitution and these Rules and Regulations in respect of any Member Club or any member of any Member Club who willfully or negligently misleads any officer of The League in the performance of their duties, the General Committee, The Executive Committee or any Sub-Committee of The League or the Tribunal.
  - (e) Receive, consider and implement as it sees fit recommendations made by the Tribunal.
  - (f) Require the attendance before it of such person as it may consider appropriate to enable it to determine any complaint, protest or dispute.
  - (g) Appoint such Sub-Committees as it deems appropriate
  - (h) Determine the cost to each Member Club to register the players of that Member Club for any year and the time for which such payments shall be made.
  - (i) Receive, investigate and determine any appeal lodged by a player in respect of a clearance being refused.
  - (j) Prescribe the forms of The League to be used.
  - (k) Determine starting times for all matches.

- (l) Appoint League representative team coaches upon such conditions as it sees fit.
- (m) Appoint League representative team selection committee(s) as it sees fit.
- (n) Direct Member Clubs to appoint Umpires for any match of The League as it sees fit.
- (o) Consider and determine applications to replay any match of The League.
- (p) Determine the manner for awarding the trophies of The League.
- (q) Fix remuneration of any employee of The League.
- (r) Appoint central, boundary and goal umpires.
- (s) Order the forfeit of any match for non-compliance with the Rules and Regulations as it sees fit.
- (t) Without previous charge, protest or complaint, initiate a meeting of the Investigation Committee, should it consider an enquiry justified in the interest of The League.
- (u) To enquire into all charges, complaints, protests and allegations concerning umpires, officials, Delegates, Member Clubs or players.
- (v) Impose upon any persons listed hereunder a penalty not exceeding \$2,000.00
  - (i) A person who in the opinion of The Executive Committee gives false evidence at the hearing of an Investigation.
  - (ii) A person who insults the Executive Committee or any person giving evidence at the hearing of any investigation.
  - (iii) A person who willfully misbehaves at hearing of any investigation.
- (w) A person who refuses to obey the direction of the Executive Committee consequent upon an investigation initiated by it pursuant to Clause 2.1 (t) or enquiry pursuant to Clause 2.1 (u).
- (x) The power to impose penalties in respect of any person who fails to comply with a request from the Executive Committee to attend before it.

## **7 MEMBER CLUB DELEGATES**

- 7.1 A Member Club must appoint a Delegate to attend meetings of the General Committee on the Member Club's behalf.
- 7.2 Should a Delegate or Proxy of a Member Club fail to attend in person at more than two (2) consecutive compulsory meetings of the General Committee, the General Committee may by resolution call upon the Member Club whose Delegate has failed to attend to appoint another Delegate.
- 7.3 Any Delegate or Proxy of the General Committee unable to attend a meeting of the General Committee may appoint a replacement for that meeting providing the Chief Executive Officer is advised prior to the commencement of the meeting at which the replacement attends.

# AMENDED RULES

## 6 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE

6.1 Each current Member Club seeking renewal of its membership with The League for the next playing season shall make its application on such renewal form as prescribed by The League and to be received by The League not later than the thirty first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of October of the year preceding that to which renewal is sought and shall include

(a) Front and Rear view photographs of the proposed uniform(s) must be provided to The League.

(b) A nomination of the Division(s) in which each team of the Member Club desires to complete.

(i) the number of teams, the minimum being two (2) senior teams, such Member Club desires to field in The League.

(ii) Any current Member Club nominating only one (1) senior team shall be allowed to field one such team for the following season only.

(iii) Should such Member Club not be able to field a minimum of two (2) senior teams in the following playing season The League retains the right to reject the Member Club's renewal of its membership of The League.

(c) Any other information that from time to time The League directs to form part of the application.

(d) A fee as determined by The League shall be deducted from that Member Club's subscriptions for the forthcoming season.

6.2 An application for admission from a club which was not a Member Club in the current playing season is to be received by The League not later than the thirty first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of October of the year preceding that to which membership with The League is sought and shall include:

(a) front and rear view photographs of the proposed uniform(s).

(b) a nomination of the Division(s) in which each team of the Member Club desires to compete.

(i) the number of teams, the minimum being two (2) senior teams, such Member Club desires to field in The League.

(ii) any current Member Club nominating only one (1) senior team shall be allowed to field one (1) such team for the following season only.

(iii) Should such Member Club not be able to field a minimum of two (2) senior teams in the following playing season The League retains the right to reject the Member Club's renewal of its membership of The League.

(c) any other information that from time to time The League directs to form part of the application.

(d) a fee as determined by The League shall be deducted from that Member Club's subscriptions for the forthcoming season.

6.3 A Member Club making application for any additional team(s) shall pay a fee to The League by no later than thirty first (31<sup>st</sup>) January in the year to which the application is sought.

6.4 In the event that a Member Club withdraws such additional team prior to the date determined by The League the fee shall be refunded in full to the Member Club. In the event that a Member Club withdraws its additional team after the date determined by The League, no part of the Member Club's fee shall be refunded.

- 6.5 For the purpose of considering any application for renewal of its membership to The League, The League retains the right to examine and inspect the Member Club's records, oval(s), change rooms, clubrooms and facilities.
- 6.6 The League may make any recommendations as it sees fit concerning such Member Club oval(s), change rooms, clubrooms or facilities.
- 6.7 Where the Member Club has more than one team desiring to compete in The League, The League may reject such application in respect of one or more of the Member Club's teams.
- 6.8 Any Member Club withdrawing a team or teams after the date determined by The League in that particular season shall pay a fee to The League as determined by The League.
- 6.9 Any Member Club withdrawing a team or teams during the season shall pay part of or total of the annual subscriptions as The League may see fit.
- 6.10 Any Member Club expelled or suspended shall lose all its rights and privileges conferred the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations made hereunder and shall not be entitled to any refund of monies paid save that such Member Club expelled or suspended may make an application for admission to The League in accordance with Clause 3 of these Rules and Regulations.
- 6.11 No Member Club may participate in any competition of The League whilst any affiliation fees are in arrears.

## 14 LOGOS ON UNIFORM(S)

- 14.1 All Member Club guernsey's shall be badged with the approved Channel 9 Adelaide Football League logo and The League sponsor logo. Under 18 guernsey's are exempt from being badged with The League Sponsor logo.
- (a) The Channel 9 Adelaide Football League logo shall be 90mm x 65mm in diameter and the top of the logo be positioned 75mm below the shoulder join on the front right side of the guernsey. The reverse logo is to be substituted on dark coloured guernseys.
- (b) The League Sponsor logo shall be 85mm x 50mm in size and the top of the logo be positioned 170mm below the shoulder join on the front right side of the guernsey.
- (c) The SACFL logo shall be positioned with the apparel manufacturer's logo and The League logo at the front bottom left of the playing guernsey.
- 14.2 All Member Club football shorts of The League shall incorporate the following logos
- (a) on the vertical side panel on both sides of the shorts in the following order from the top of the shorts
- (i) A manufacturer's logo of no greater than 30mm x 30mm in size.
- (ii) A Channel 9 Adelaide Football League logo of 45mm x 30mm in size.
- (b) Two (2) club sponsors logos are permitted on a player's shorts. The logo on a player's shorts shall not exceed 640 square millimetres in area and shall be placed on either front leg panel. For the shapes the maximum dimensions are:-
- (i) Circle – 80mm in diameter.
- (ii) Square – 80mm x 80mm.
- (iii) Rectangle – 100mm x 60mm.
- 14.3 A maximum of a further two club logos that each are permitted to be displayed on the front left chest area of the guernsey in similar positions to The League and The League sponsor logo. Each logo shall not exceed 90mm in diameter.
- 14.4 A logo on the front of a guernsey may be placed at the same height as the largest logo on the back of the guernsey but shall not exceed 300mm x 80mm in size.
- 14.5 A logo on the back of a guernsey may be placed under the guernsey playing number but shall not exceed 300mm x 80mm in size.
- 14.6 A logo on the back of a guernsey may be placed above the guernsey playing number but shall not exceed 150mm x 40mm in size.

## 16 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS

- 16.1 A player shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) years of age to be registered with The League.
- 16.2 Subject to The League's Rules and Regulations no player shall be permitted to play for a Member Club unless they first complete details and sign a Player Registration and Transfer Form (APPENDIX 1) and become a registered player of The League.
- 16.3 A player desiring to register as a player of The League and whom
- (a) Has played an official match in any other Australian Football league or association or Member Club during the last twenty four (24) months and was over the age of fifteen (15) at the time of such registration, and/or
  - (b) Has played with or was registered with any club prior to, or at the same time, as playing in the SANFL (regardless of how long ago this may have been) shall request and obtain a transfer from the other league or association or Member Club where such player was previously registered.
  - (c) All transfer applications shall be lodged into SportsTG during the period from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of February to the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of June in the year in which the transfer application is sought.
  - (d) Any player Registration and Transfer Form shall be lodged into SportsTG prior to a player playing a match in The League.
- 16.4 A player who is required to obtain a transfer shall complete and sign in their own handwriting a Player Registration and Transfer form, and if such player is under eighteen (18) years of age the transfer application shall be also signed by a parent or guardian of the player.
- 16.5 All transfer applications shall be lodged into SportsTG Online Player Management System during the period commencing from the First (1<sup>st</sup>) day of November to the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of November in the prior to the season in which such player is seeking registration and the period commencing on the First (1<sup>st</sup>) day February to the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of June in the year in which the transfer application is sought.
- 16.6 A transfer shall be accepted or declined through SportsTG within six (6) clear business days, inclusive of the date from when the transfer was requested.
- 16.7 Should the releasing Member Club not respond to the transfer request within the time specified in Clause 16.6 the player shall be deemed to have been transferred in accordance with Clause 16.3.
- 16.8 Where it is not possible for a player to obtain a transfer under Clause 16.3 because the club, league, association or previous SAAFL Member Club with which the player was last registered has ceased to exist The League may authorise the transfer of that player.
- 16.9 Should a player wish to withdraw their transfer application, the player shall complete the Player Withdrawal of Transfer form (**Error! Reference source not found.**7). The player's current registered Member Club shall submit this form to The League when refusing the transfer within six (6) clear business days from the date in which the transfer application was submitted.
- 16.10 A transfer sought from any club, league or association, apart from a Member Club of The League, shall comply with the rules and conditions as specified in the SACFL Regulations, in particular Regulations 8 – 17 inclusive.
- 16.11 Any player registered with a Member Club in either the current or previous year and who is transferred to another league, association or Member Club in the current year shall only be transferred back to the original Member Club within the current year, unless the original Member Club agrees to such other transfer.
- 16.12 A player who has no financial indebtedness or contractual obligation to their previous Member Club shall not be refused a transfer.
- (a) If a player's indebtedness to a Member Club is player subscriptions, the amount owing shall only apply to the player's year prior to the year in which they seek a transfer.

- (b) A player who only played one (1) match for a Member Club in the year previous to the year in which they seek a transfer shall be exempt from paying any outstanding subscriptions from the previous year when applying for a transfer to another Member Club.
  - (c) A player who played two (2) or three (3) matches for a Member Club in the year previous to the year in which they seek a transfer shall not be refused such transfer provided the player pays fifty percent (50%) of their outstanding subscriptions owing to a Member Club from their previous year with such Member Club.
  - (d) The only recognised contractual obligation by The League is the SACFL Playing Contract form (**Error! Reference source not found.**).
- 16.13 Services Required is acceptable as a valid reason for refusal of an application for transfer between Member Clubs only when a player has played a minimum of one match for the Member Club during the current season.
- 16.14 Any player refused a transfer by a Member Club may appeal in writing to The League which shall have the power to investigate, hear and determine such appeal and retains the right to permit the registration of such player despite the fact that no transfer has been obtained.
- 16.15 Any player refused a transfer by any league, association or Member Club shall not be eligible to apply for registration in The League in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.
- 16.16 Any player whom does not require a transfer shall become registered with The League when their Member Club enters all the player details into SportsTG prior to the commencement of the player's first match with the Member Club.
- 16.17 A player under suspension or disqualification imposed by any other league or association shall be eligible for registration as a player of The League but shall be ineligible to play in The League until such disqualification or suspension has
- (a) Expired within the league or association from which the player seeks the transfer.
  - (b) Been suspended.
  - (c) Been annulled by such other league or association.
- 16.18 A player's contract will not be valid until
- (a) The player's contract is lodged with The League, or
  - (b) The player's registration has been entered into SportsTG, or
  - (c) The transfer request has been approved.
- 16.19 A player shall be registered with only one Member Club at any given time.
- 16.20 It is the responsibility of the Member Club to keep all original Player Registration and Transfer forms and supply such records to The League upon request within 48 hours of such request.
- 16.21 It is the responsibility of the Member Clubs to ensure each player meets the Code of Behaviour (APPENDIX 8) standards required by The League.
- 16.22 If a player and/or Member Club lists incorrect information on the player's Player Registration and Transfer form or incorrect information into SportsTG, such player shall be deemed to be unregistered and The League may impose a penalty and/or fine to the offending player and/or the Member Club.
- 16.23 Any player suspended by The League for a total of 12 matches or more shall have their registration to play within The League withdrawn but may request a transfer to any other league or association at the completion of their suspension.
- 16.24 A Member Club player who has had their registration to play within The League withdrawn after being suspended for a total of 12 or more matches may apply in writing to The League for reinstatement.
- 16.25 The League shall be entitled to withdraw or rescind a player registration or transfer.
- 16.26 The League may impose a penalty including but not limited to a fine and/or the loss of any premiership points and/or any score kicked if any Member Club plays or has played a player in

a match whom is unregistered, not transferred, suspended, is over-age (in Under 18 Divisions), plays under an incorrect name or was not eligible to play in the major round.

16.27 A Member Club may refuse a transfer for a player if three (3) players have previously transferred from such Member Club to the same destination Member Club in the current season except where both Member Clubs agree.

(a) A player who has previously played 25 or more matches for the Member Club applying for such transfer is exempt for the purposes of this Clause.

(b) For the purpose of transfers within Member Clubs a player is exempt if they

(i) Have no APPS value to the destination Member Club, and/or

(ii) Have played less than four (4) matches in the prior season for the source Member Club

16.28 Any player Registration and Transfer Form shall be lodged into Sports TG and approved online in full by the Source Club, Source League or Association, the Destination Club, The League and the player seeking registration prior to a player playing in a match of The League.

## 17 APPROVED PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM

17.1 Member Clubs shall comply with the Approved Player Points system (APPS) rules and conditions as specified in the SACFL Regulations, in particular Regulation 32.

17.2 The Player Points System for a team shall be in accordance with the guidelines set out in Appendix 4 of the SACFL Regulations.

17.3 A Member Club shall not field a Senior (A Grade) team in any official match of The League where the team's Total Points Rating exceeds fifteen (15) in the minor round and seventeen (17) in the major round.

17.4 A player of a Member Club shall, before playing a match for a Member Club, complete Section 1(b), the Player Point Rating, at the bottom of the Player Registration and Transfer Form and made available to The League as requested.

17.5 A player who has played the majority of their matches for the senior team of a Member Club who then transfers to a different Member Club shall be allocated two (2) points (unless deductions or exemptions apply) regardless of which Division the player has either been transferred to or from.

17.6 For the purpose of the SACFL's Appendix 4 Clause 6.5 ruling regarding the child of a Club Life Member, The League's interpretation of a Life Member of a Member Club is a person who played a minimum of one hundred and fifty (150) senior matches for the same Member Club or has given ten (10) years unpaid off field service to the same Member Club,

(a) The League in its absolute discretion may instigate any investigation it considers appropriate and proper to determine the Life Membership qualifications of any Member Club person.

17.7 The League accepts no responsibility for any Member Club who may self-assess a player's Approved Player Points System value and is subsequently determined to be incorrect.

## 39 MAJOR ROUND

39.1 A Final Four system shall be played at the conclusion of the minor round in any Division comprising eight (8) teams or less.

39.2 Where a Final Four system is played the following programme shall be used:

(a) In the first week, the team positioned third shall play the team positioned fourth in the First Semi Final and the team positioned first shall play the team positioned second in the Second Semi Final.

(b) In the second week, the winner of the First Semi Final shall play the loser of the Second Semi Final in the Preliminary Final. The winner of the Second Semi Final shall have a bye.



- (c) In the third week, the winner of the Preliminary Final shall play the winner of the Second Semi Final in the Grand Final.
- (d) The winner of the Grand Final shall be the premiership winner in the Division.
- 39.3 A Final Five system shall be played at the conclusion of the minor round in Divisions comprising nine (9) teams or more but may be changed at the discretion of The League.
- 39.4 Where a Final Five system is played the following programme shall apply.
  - (a) In the first week, the team positioned second shall play the team positioned third in the Qualifying Final and the team positioned fourth shall play the team positioned fifth in the Elimination Final. The team positioned first shall have a bye.
  - (b) In the second week, the loser of the Qualifying Final shall play the winner of the Elimination Final in the First Semi Final and the winner of the Qualifying Final shall play the team positioned first in the Second Semi Final.
  - (c) In the third week, the winner of the First Semi Final shall play the loser of the Second Semi Final in the Preliminary Final. The winner of the Second Semi Final shall have a bye.
  - (d) In the fourth week, the winner of the Second Semi Final shall play the winner of the Preliminary Final in the Grand Final.
  - (e) The winner of the Grand Final shall be the premiership winner in that Division.
- 39.5 Should a draw occur in any major round match the teams shall break for five minutes at the completion of the drawn match and swap ends. The competing teams shall then play five minutes of extra time in each direction. The extra time shall be played including time-on if the drawn match had been played with time-on. If at the conclusion of the extra time played the scores remain drawn, the teams shall swap ends and play five minutes of extra time in each direction. If at the conclusion of the second extra time played the scores remain drawn the match shall be determined by the first team to score. The winner of the toss of a coin by the two team captains shall determine which direction the teams shall kick in this last extra time played.
- 39.6 A Member Club that is the highest ranked team in it's "A" Grade Division may apply to host a home final or a final on an available neutral oval of their choice, excluding a Grand Final, but shall fulfil The League's minimum requirements including but not limited to:
  - (a) The ground surface shall be in a reasonable condition.
  - (b) The change rooms shall have reasonable facilities for players, umpires and trainers.
  - (c) There shall be reasonable facilities provided for spectators.
  - (d) Shall fulfil The League's obligations to its major sponsors.
    - (i) The Member Club shall be sponsored by SABC.
    - (ii) The venue shall exclusively supply SABC beers for this event.
  - (e) Pay the fee prescribed by The League
    - (i) Division 1 Preliminary Final \$1,500.00.
    - (ii) Division 2 - 7 Preliminary Finals \$1,000.00.
    - (iii) Division 1 – 7 Qualifying, Elimination and Semi Finals \$1,000.00.
- 39.7 Major round matches shall be programmed by The League to be played on neutral grounds when a Member Club chooses not to request either a home final or a final to be played on an available neutral oval of their choice or when a Member Club's application has been rejected by The League.
- 39.8 Member Clubs shall be notified in writing from The League of their confirmation to host a home final.
- 39.9 The League shall endeavour to match teams from the same Member Club at the same venue. The venue follows the team in the higher Division, not the Reserve Division.
- 39.10 The League reserves the right to change a finals match venue during the week preceding the match.

- 39.11 Officials of The League may carry out an inspection of facilities and advise Member Clubs where facilities may not be suitable.
- 39.12 Draft venues for major round matches shall be available on The League's website by 3:00pm on the Monday after the last minor round match and after each week of the finals. The official confirmation of major round matches shall be posted on The League's website by Tuesday by 3.00pm. Member Clubs shall be notified by telephone and email of any changes after such time.
- 39.13 Each Member Club is required to provide two Match Day Officials per major round match.
- 39.14 During major round matches the number of interchange players each team is permitted to play are
- (a) Divisions 1 to 7 – four (4).
  - (b) Division 7 Reserves, C Divisions and Under 18 – seven (7).
- 39.15 Both participating Member Clubs shall agree for more than two major round matches to be played on the same oval on the same day except when one Member Club has three (3) Senior Grand Final teams playing on the same day. In such situation(s) The League retains the right to re-programme these Grand Finals to be played on the same oval on the same day provided any Member Club with two (2) Grand Final teams playing on these days is in agreement with such change(s).
- 39.16 For any major round match, each participating Member Club is to produce copies listing their Club's players and guernsey numbers and these lists made available to spectators and officials.
- 39.17 Alcoholic drinks are not permitted to be taken into any major round venues.
- 39.18 During the first week of the major round the highest ranked team at the end of the minor round shall:
- (a) Have their choice of shorts, guernseys, coach's box and change room.
  - (b) Supply the Interchange Steward, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant.
  - (c) May apply to play their final on their home ground or on a neutral ground of their choice subject to availability.
- 39.19 The winning Second Semi-Final team becomes the highest ranked team and shall for the Grand Final:
- (a) Have their choice of shorts, guernseys, coach's box and change room.
  - (b) Supply the Interchange Steward, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant.
- 39.20 The losing Second Semi-Final team becomes the highest ranked team and shall for the Preliminary Final:
- (a) Have their choice of shorts, guernseys, coach's box and change room.
  - (b) Supply the Interchange Steward, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant.
  - (c) May apply to play the Preliminary Final as a home final or on a neutral ground of their choice subject to availability.
- 39.21 Both teams participating in a major round match shall pay half of the prescribed payments to umpires appointed by The League.
- 39.22 The League shall determine where major round matches are to be played when two or more Member Clubs request to play a home final on the same (available) neutral oval of their choice.
- 39.23 Any Member Club applying to host a neutral final shall fulfil The League's minimum requirements including but not limited to:
- (a) The ground surface shall be in a reasonable condition.
  - (b) The change rooms shall have reasonable facilities for players, umpires and trainers.
  - (c) There shall be reasonable facilities provided for spectators.
  - (d) Shall fulfil The League's obligations to its major sponsors.
    - (i) The Member Club shall be sponsored by SABC.
    - (ii) The venue shall exclusively supply SABC beers for this event.

- 39.24 Admission fees for neutral ground major round matches shall be determined by The League.
- 39.25 Clubs participating in major round matches played on a neutral ground, not being a Member Club's home final, shall be entitled to have 35 persons per team admitted at no cost.
- 39.26 Premiership winning Member Clubs shall submit a photograph of their winning team to The League as directed.
- (a) The League may impose a fine for failure to supply such photograph.

#### **40 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MAJOR ROUND**

- 40.1 The following conditions shall apply for players to be eligible to participate in the major round of The League in any year:
- (a) The player shall have been selected in any team of a Member Club in a minimum of four (4) minor round matches **in any senior team of a Member Club.**
- (b) If a player competes in two (2) minor round matches on the same weekend (excluding Under 18 Division) the higher Division match shall be the only match considered in relation to major round eligibility.
- (c) If a SANFL Under 18 player played for their Member Club when such player's SANFL club had a bye round, this match shall not be included as a match in eligibility for participating in the major round (Under 18 Divisions exempted).
- (d) The majority of matches in which the player participated shall be in the team for which they seek selection in the major round (Under 18 Divisions exempted).
- (e) An Under 18 Division player may be eligible for selection in a higher ranked Division provided such player has played a minimum of two (2) matches in the team he is seeking selection.
- 40.2 The following conditions shall apply for players when Member Clubs have more than one team participating in the major round:
- (a) There is free interchange of players between consecutively graded Divisions subject to player's eligibility.
- (b) A Member Club may promote a player from a team in a lower Division to a team in a higher Division for any major round match.
- (c) A player may not play in a lower Division final after having played in a higher Division final in the same major round of matches.
- (d) A player may not play in a lower Division final if such player played in the higher Division's previous week's round of matches or in the higher Division's last major round match unless both such Member Club's teams are playing in the same round of matches.
- (e) A player may continue to play in the lower Division team in the following final if such player was not selected in his clubs higher Division team when both teams were playing on the previous same weekend.
- (f) A player shall not be selected in a lower Division once such player has played two (2) finals in a higher Division (Under 18 Divisions included).
- 40.3 If a Member Club's higher Division team is no longer playing in the major round:
- (a) A player may return to the lower Division for the remainder of any major round matches provided such player played the majority of their minor round matches for the season in the lower Division.
- (b) A player who has not participated in any of their Member Club's major round matches, shall have played a minimum of one match in the lower Division during the minor round to play in any of the Member Club's lower Division major round matches subject to the player's eligibility.
- 40.4 A player shall **apply to The League to** play in any major round match of The League after playing a final in any other league or association including SANFL in the same playing season (including SANFL Under 18).

- 40.5 A player who played in a Division 2 or Division 2 Reserves Round 17 match of the current season shall not play in the first round of major round matches in Division 3 or below the following week except in a Division the player has played the majority of their matches in the current season (with the exception of Under 18 Divisions).
- 40.6 A player who played in a Division 1 or Division 1 Reserves Round 17 or 18 match of the current season shall not play in the first or second round of major round of matches in Division 3 or below the following week except in a Division the player has played the majority of their matches in the current season (with the exception of Under 18 Divisions).
- 40.7 A Member Club may make an application to the Permit Committee for a player whom is not eligible for the major round in accordance with Clause 40.
- 40.8 A request for a player permit shall be submitted on the Application For A Player Permit To Play In The Major Round form (APPENDIX 9) and lodged with The League no later than noon on the Thursday prior to the day on which the player seeking a permit desires to play.
- 40.9 A player shall play in at least four (4) minor round matches within the Under 18 Division to be eligible to participate in the major round of that Division.

### **43 INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE**

- 43.1 There shall be an Investigation Committee appointed by The League.
- 43.2 The Investigation Committee shall have the power to hear and determine any matter referred to it by The League or the Executive Committee.
- 43.3 The Investigation Committee shall comprise a quorum of not less than two persons none of whom had any current or past affiliation with a Club involved in the investigation.
- 43.4 The Investigation Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) Hear and determine any investigation so initiated.
  - (b) Dismiss the matter.
  - (c) Find a matter not proven.
  - (d) Find a matter proven and reprimand, suspend or fine any Member Club(s) player(s) or official(s).
  - (e) Summon any person to appear before it and give evidence.
  - (f) Admit or reject any evidence which may be given.
  - (g) Adjourn proceedings to such a time and place deemed fit.
  - (h) Adopt or pursue any procedure considered convenient and proper for the disposal of any matter.
  - (i) Sustain or dismiss any application brought before it upon grounds as it in its absolute discretion may determine.
  - (j) Refuse to investigate any matter brought before it for investigation if it determines in its absolute discretion that such matter is trivial.
  - (k) Alter or delete as it sees fit the result of any match played.
  - (l) Direct any persons to attend any meeting at its own discretion.
  - (m) Refer matters as it deems fit to The League, Tribunal and/or the Executive Committee.
  - (n) Initiate an investigation into a Tribunal decision or penalty.
- 43.5 The Investigation Committee shall have powers to impose a penalty or fine upon any person or Member Club who or which:
- (a) Knowingly gives false evidence to the Investigation Committee, or
  - (b) Before, at or after any meeting of the Investigation Committee insults, abuses or assaults any member of the Investigation Committee or any person giving evidence at such hearing, or
  - (c) In the opinion of the Investigation Committee is guilty of misconduct at any meeting, or
  - (d) Refuses or neglects to obey any order of the Investigation Committee, or

- (e) Fails to be present at an Investigation Committee meeting as requested by the Investigation Committee.
  - (f) It deems appropriate.
- 43.6 The President or Chairman and Member Club advocate are required to attend any investigation involving their Member Club and are permitted to bring relevant people in regard to the alleged incident(s).
- 43.7 A referral under Clause 43 must be
- (a) Made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of The League by a Member Club.
  - (b) The notice must contain all facts relevant to the matter which is being referred as well as the relief sought by the referring party.
  - (a) Must be accompanied by a payment of \$250 (inclusive of GST) which will be refunded in the event that the relief being sought by the referral party is satisfied.
- 43.8 The decision of the Investigation Committee on any matter referred to it or any investigation carried out by it will be final and binding and there will be no avenue of appeal to any other Tribunal or body whether judicial, quasi-judicial or otherwise.

## **45 CATEGORY "A" REPORTABLE OFFENCES**

- 45.1 A Category "A" offence is one where the offence is such as to cause a player to be officially reported and who shall then be required to appear before the Tribunal or accept a prescribed penalty in accordance with Clause 45.12.
- 45.2 If a Category "A" report is made by a field umpire the player shall be sent from the playing field for a minimum of ten (10) minutes or greater up to the maximum of the remainder of such match as determined by the reporting field umpire. The reporting umpire shall display a red card indicating that a player has been reported for a Category "A" Offence. The player may be replaced after ten (10) minutes of playing time.
- 45.3 A goal or boundary umpire who makes a report for a Category "A" offence shall inform the field umpire(s) of the report at the next available break in play, including when a goal has been scored, after the incident causing the report. It is the field umpire(s) decision as to whether such reported player is to be sent from the playing field and for what duration of time such player is to remain off the playing field. If such duration is for more than ten (10) minutes of playing time, the field umpire(s) shall inform the Interchange Steward the amount of time imposed.
- 45.4 The ten (10) minutes of playing time is a continuous ten (10) minutes on the Interchange Steward's watch or clock. There is no stopping of this ten (10) minutes on the clock for any time-on as signalled by the field umpire(s).
- 45.5 Any of the following types of conduct is a reportable offence and considered a Category "A" offence
- (a) Intentionally, recklessly or negligently making contact with or striking an umpire.
  - (b) Attempting to make contact with or strike an umpire.
  - (c) Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards or in relation to an umpire.
  - (d) Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire.
  - (e) Disputing a decision of an umpire.
  - (f) Use of an obscene gesture.
  - (g) Intentionally, recklessly or negligently
    - (i) Kicking another person.
    - (ii) Striking another person.
    - (iii) Tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg.
    - (iv) Engaging in time wasting.

- (v) Charging another person.
  - (vi) Throwing or pushing another player after that player has taken a mark, disposed of the football or after the football is otherwise out of play.
  - (vii) Engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable.
  - (viii) Engaging in a melee, except where a player's sole intention is to remove a team mate from the incident.
  - (ix) Spitting at or on another person.
  - (x) Bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that player has their head down over the ball.
  - (xi) A player may bump an opponent's body from side-on but any contact forward of side-on shall be deemed to be front-on.
  - (xii) A player with their head down in anticipation of winning possession of the ball or after contesting the ball shall be deemed to have their head down over the ball for the purposes of this law.
  - (xiii) Pinning the arms of another person and driving their head and/or upper body into the ground.
  - (h) Attempting to kick another person.
  - (i) Attempting to strike another person.
  - (j) Attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg.
  - (k) Intentionally shaking a goal or behind post when another player is preparing to kick or is kicking for goal or after the player has kicked for goal and the ball is in transit.
  - (l) Wrestling another person.
  - (m) Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language.
  - (n) Failing to leave the playing surface when directed to do so by a field umpire.
  - (o) Wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited as listed in Clause **Error! Reference source not found.** of these Rules and Regulations.
  - (p) Any act of misconduct.
- 45.6 Only an officiating field umpire, The Chairman of the Tribunal or the CEO of The League can offer a prescribed penalty to an offending player(s).
- 45.7 The field umpire(s) shall send the Category "A" offending player from the playing field immediately or the field umpire(s) may allow play to continue before effecting the send-off if the umpire believes this is an advantage to the non-offending team.
- 45.8 At the end of the quarter the field umpire(s) shall confirm to the Interchange Steward the details of the Category "A" offence and the Interchange Steward shall acknowledge to the field umpire(s) that the Category "A" details have been received and understood.
- 45.9 If a player committing a Category "A" offence refuses to leave the playing field to the satisfaction of the field umpire(s), then the field umpire(s) may report the offending player's Member Club to The League.
- 45.10 Any player who re-offends in the same match shall be sent from the field by the field umpire(s) for the remainder of the match and shall not be replaced.
- 45.11 A Category "A" report is to be made on the official interchange card by the Interchange Steward stating the playing number, time sent from ground and the quarter in which the report occurred.
- 45.12 A report made by a field umpire(s) made in accordance with Clause **Error! Reference source not found.** hereof shall reach The League by 10:00am on the Monday following the match to which the report relates.
- 45.13 All officiating umpires shall so far as reasonably practicable comply with the requests of The League to appear before the Tribunal and/or the Investigation Committee.

- 45.14 A Category "A" report shall be detailed by the field umpire(s) on The League's Report by Umpire Form. It is the responsibility of the Member Clubs to attend the Umpire's Room to collect any Report by Umpire Form(s) within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the match.
- 45.15 The League may nominate certain Category "A" reportable offences as prescribed offences where the player may plead guilty without appearing before the Tribunal and accept the prescribed penalty if this is offered to the player by the reporting field umpire. A player may plead guilty and accept a prescribed penalty only once during the season. **A maximum of three (3) players from any one Member Club may plead guilty and accept a prescribed penalty during any one season before being required to attend a tribunal for all further matters.** The prescribed offences and penalties are as follows:
- (a) Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language, or an obscene gesture to any person other than an officiating umpire - 1 match.
  - (b) Engaging in time wasting - 1 match.
  - (c) Throwing or pushing another player after that player has taken a mark, disposed of the football or after otherwise out of play - 1 match.
  - (d) Engaging in rough play against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable - 2 matches.
  - (e) Engaging in a melee, except where a player's sole intention is to remove a team mate from the incident - 1 match.
  - (f) Attempting to strike another player - 2 matches.
  - (g) Attempting to trip another player by hand or arm - 1 match.
  - (h) Intentionally shaking a goal or behind post when another player is preparing to kick or is kicking for goal or after the player has kicked for goal and the ball is in transit - 1 match.
  - (i) Wrestling another player - 1 match.
  - (j) Failing to leave the playing field when directed to do so by a field umpire - 1 match.
  - (k) Wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Clause **Error! Reference source not found.** of the Rules and Regulations of The League - 1 match.
  - (l) Any act of misconduct - 1 match.
- 45.16 At the conclusion of the match the reporting field umpire(s) shall make their best endeavours to advise an official of the reporting player's Member Club if the prescribed penalty is offered to the player or if the Category "A" report is to be referred directly to the Tribunal.
- 45.17 The League shall assume that a player reported for a prescribed offence (as per Clause 45.15) has chosen to accept the prescribed penalty unless The League is notified by noon on the Monday following the match that the player wishes to have the offence heard by the Tribunal.
- 45.18 A Member Club bye or a match lost by forfeit in any Division shall not be included as a match served in a player suspension.

## APPENDIX 6



### MATCH ATTIRE OF OFFICIALS

In all matches Member Clubs shall ensure their officials wear the appropriate match attire as below:

#### MEMBER CLUB FIELD UMPIRES

- Official Green\* long or short sleeve collared shirt with Ch9AFL logo
- Official Dark Grey\* shorts
- Official Green\* socks
- Boots, sandshoes or runners
- Whistle

#### TRAINERS

- Plain dark shorts or plain black or plain white long pants
- Either plain pink polo shirt with the word "Trainer" on back or official pink Ch9AFL "TRAINER" vest
- Logos of official Apparel Suppliers only
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

#### MEMBER CLUB GOAL UMPIRES

- Green\* long or short sleeve collared shirt with Ch9AFL logo or white coat
- Dark long pants
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

#### RUNNERS

- Plain dark shorts or plain dark long pants
- Yellow top with the word "Runner" on the back.
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

#### MEMBER CLUB BOUNDARY UMPIRES

- Official Green shirt with Ch9AFL logo or plain green polo shirt
- Official Grey shorts
- Official Green socks or plain dark socks
- Boots, sandshoes or runners
- Whistle

#### WATER CARRIERS

- Plain pink polo top or plain pink t-shirt
- Plain dark shorts or plain dark long pants
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

#### INTERCHANGE STEWARD

- Official orange SAAFL "INTERCHANGE" vest

\* As per Channel 9 Adelaide Football League (Ch9AFL) standard

**NO JEANS OR DENIM OR CARGO SHORTS OR BOARD SHORTS ARE ALLOWED TO BE WORN BY ANY PERSON ENTERING THE PLAYING FIELD WHILE A MATCH IS BEING PLAYED.**

**ONLY PLAIN DARK OR PLAIN WHITE SHORTS OR PLAIN DARK OR PLAIN WHITE LONG PANTS ARE TO BE WORN BY ANY CLUB OFFICIAL ENTERING THE PLAYING FIELD WHILE A MATCH IS BEING PLAYED.**

**FINES SHALL BE IMPOSED FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE MATCH ATTIRE RULES.**