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**The Laws of Australian Football
applies to all matches of
the Adelaide Footy League
except as modified by the
Adelaide Footy League’s
Rules, Regulations, Policies,
Directions and Procedures.**

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SECTION 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, GENERAL COMMITTEE, CLUB DELEGATES**1 INTERPRETATIONS**

- 1.1 **“Adelaide Footy League”** is the trading name of the South Australian Amateur Football League competition.
- 1.2 **“Affiliated League”** means a football league which has affiliated with SACFL under rule 9.4 of the SACFL Constitution.
- 1.3 **“AFL”** means the Australian Football League.
- 1.4 **“Associated Persons”** means any Official, Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer, Runner, player, member, employee, supporter or any other person associated with a Member Club
- 1.5 **“CEO”** means the Chief Executive Officer of The League.
- 1.6 **“Division”** means one of the groupings in which The League is divided for the purpose of competition.
- 1.7 **“Executive Committee”** means the committee appointed under Clause 13 of the SA Amateur Football League Constitution.
- 1.8 **“Investigation Committee”** means the committee appointed by The League under Clause 12 of the SAAFL Constitution.
- 1.9 **“Major Round”** means a series of matches played at the completion of The League’s Minor Round season to determine the premier Member Club in each Division of The League.
- 1.10 **“Match”** means the contest of Australian Football played between two teams.
- 1.11 **“Minor Round”** means a series of matches played prior to The League’s Major Round matches.
- 1.12 **“MRP”** means the Match Review Panel.
- 1.13 **“Official”** includes but is not limited to an Officer, Coach, assistant Coach, Trainer, Runner, employee or any other person performing any duties (paid or unpaid) for or on behalf of a Member Club or team.
- 1.14 **“Player”** means a person who is registered to play football with a Member Club.
- 1.15 **“Player Registration and Transfer Form”** means a form to be completed by a player seeking approval to transfer as a player from one Australian Football Club to another Australian Football Club.
- 1.16 **“Prescribed Penalty”** means a penalty offered to a player or official by the Match Review Panel without the player or official being required to attend a Tribunal hearing.
- 1.17 **“Registration”** means the act of registering a player to compete in the Adelaide Footy League.
- 1.18 **“Rules and Regulations”** means these Rules and Regulations.
- 1.19 **“SAAFL”** means the South Australian Amateur Football League.
- 1.20 **“SACFL”** means the South Australian Community Football League.
- 1.21 **“SANFL”** means the South Australian National Football League.
- 1.22 **“SANFL League Club”** means a League Club as defined in the SANFL Constitution.
- 1.23 **“The League”** means the SA Amateur Football League Incorporated and/or its trading name Adelaide Footy League.
- 1.24 **“Transfer”** means an approval to transfer a player from a Member Club or Affiliated League Club to another Member Club or Affiliated League Club.
- 1.25 **“Tribunal”** means the Tribunal appointed by The League under Clause 11 of the SAAFL Constitution.
- 1.26 **“Umpire”** means all of the Field, Boundary, Goal and Emergency Umpires officiating or at a match conducted by The League.

2 THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 To the exclusion of the General Committee The League Executive Committee may
 - (a) determine the remuneration of Umpires.

- (b) order from time to time the method of determining which team(s) may be relegated and which team(s) may be promoted.
- (c) consider allegations, 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 a Member Club or a member of a Member Club who willfully or negligently misleads an Officer of The League, the General Committee, The Executive Committee, the Investigation Committee, the Tribunal, the Tribunal Appeal Board or a Sub-Committee of The League in the performance of their duties.
- (e) receive, consider and implement as it sees fit, recommendations made by the Tribunal and/or Investigation Committee and/or the Tribunal Appeal Board.
- (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 Sub-Committees as it deems appropriate.
- (h) determine the cost to each Member Club to register the players of such Member Club for any year and the time for which such payments shall be made.
- (i) receive, investigate and determine an appeal lodged by a player in respect of a player transfer being refused.
- (j) prescribe the forms of The League to be used.
- (k) determine starting times for all matches of The League.
- (l) appoint representative team coaches of The League upon such conditions as it see fit.
- (m) appoint representative team selection committee(s) of The League as it sees fit.
- (n) direct a Member Club 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 trophies and Certificates of The League.
- (q) fix remuneration of an employee of The League.
- (r) appoint Field, Boundary and Goal Umpires for any match of The League as it sees fit.
- (s) order the forfeit of a match for non-compliance with these 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 is justified in the interest of The League.
- (u) enquire into all charges, complaints, protests and allegations concerning Umpires, officials, Delegates, Member Clubs or players.
- (v) impose penalties including Fines listed hereunder if.
 - (i) a person who in the opinion of The Executive Committee gives false evidence at a hearing of a Tribunal and/or the Investigation Committee and/or the Tribunal Appeal Board.
 - (ii) a person who insults the Executive Committee or a person giving evidence at a hearing of a Tribunal and/or the Investigation Committee and/or the Tribunal Appeal Board and/or an investigation.
 - (iii) a person misbehaves at a hearing of a Tribunal, Appeal or Investigation.
 - (iv) a person refuses to obey the direction of the Executive Committee or The League.
 - (v) a person fails to comply with a request from the Executive Committee or The League.
- (w) determine any matter(s) not provided for in these Rules and Regulations.

3 THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

- 3.1 At a meeting of the General Committee, the General Committee may by ordinary Resolution alter or repeal any of the Clauses of these Rules and Regulations or may make new Rules and Regulations to the exclusion of or in addition to any of the Rules and Regulations made herein.

- (a) notice in writing of such ordinary Resolution shall be lodged with The League at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting of the General Committee at which the motion is to be put.
 - (b) The League shall give notice of such motion to each Member Club at least seven (7) days before the meeting of the General Committee at which the motion is to be put.
 - (c) a simple majority of the General Committee shall pass the motion.
- 3.2 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) a prior Resolution may be repealed or amended after twelve (12) months by way of a simple majority of the General Committee.

4 CLUB DELEGATES

- 4.1 A Member Club shall appoint a Delegate to attend meetings of the General Committee on the Member Club's behalf.
- 4.2 Should a Delegate or Proxy of a Member Club fail to attend more than two (2) consecutive meetings of the General Committee, The League may stipulate such Member Club to appoint another Delegate.
- 4.3 Any Delegate or Proxy of the General Committee unable to attend a meeting of the General Committee may appoint a replacement for a meeting provided The League is advised prior to the commencement of the meeting at which the replacement person is to attend.

SECTION 2 ADMISSION TO THE LEAGUE, SportsTG, PROMOTION AND RELEGATION, PREMIERSHIPS

5 CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE LEAGUE

- 5.1 A club seeking admission to The League shall make its application on the application form prescribed by The League and to be received by The League not later than the thirty first (31st) day of August of the year preceding the year for which admission is sought.
- 5.2 The application shall include:
- (a) the names and addresses of the applicant club's office bearers and committee members.
 - (b) front and rear view photographs of the proposed Home and Away playing uniform(s) of the applicant club.
 - (c) the location of the applicant club's oval(s) change rooms and club rooms - where applicable - and whether such oval(s) and facilities are shared or not and upon what basis and with whom.
 - (d) the number of teams, the minimum number being two (2) senior teams, the applicant club desires to compete in The League.
 - (e) a nomination of the Division(s) in which each team of the applicant club desires to compete.
 - (f) other information The League directs to form part of the applicant club's application.
- 5.3 An applicant club which is admitted to The League shall pay an affiliation fee as determined by The League.
- 5.4 For the purpose of considering an application for admission to The League, The League retains the right to examine and inspect the applicant club's records, oval(s), change rooms, clubroom and facilities.
- 5.5 The League may make any recommendations as it sees fit concerning such applicant club's oval(s), change rooms, clubrooms or facilities.
- 5.6 The League shall approve the applicant club's uniform including, if applicable, its Away match uniform.
- 5.7 The decision of The League shall be final in respect of whether the applicant club's application is accepted or rejected and there shall be no appeal against such decision.

6 RENEWAL OF 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 the renewal form prescribed by The League and to be received by The League not later than the thirty first (31st) day of October of the year preceding the year to which renewal is sought and shall include
- (a) front and rear view photographs of the Member Club's proposed playing uniform(s).
 - (b) a nomination of the Division(s) in which the Member Club desires to complete.
 - (c) the number of teams – the minimum being two (2) senior teams – the Member Club desires to field in The League
 - (i) a current Member Club nominating only one (1) senior team shall be allowed to field one team for the following playing season only.
 - (ii) should such Member Club not being 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.
 - (d) a fee as determined by The League which shall be deducted from the Member Club's subscriptions for the forthcoming playing season.
 - (e) any other information The League may request to form part of a Member Club's application.
- 6.2 A Member Club making an application for an additional team(s) shall pay a fee to The League by no later than the thirty first (31st) January in the year to which the application is sought
- (a) if 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.
 - (b) in the event 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.
- 6.3 For the purpose of considering an 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.
- 6.4 The League may make recommendations as it sees fit concerning such Member Club's oval(s), change rooms, clubrooms or facilities.
- 6.5 A Member Club withdrawing a team or teams after the date determined by The League shall pay a fee as determined by The League.
- 6.6 A Member Club withdrawing a team or teams during the playing season shall pay part of or the total of the annual subscriptions as The League sees fit.
- 6.7 A Member Club expelled or suspended shall lose all its rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations and shall not be entitled to any refund of monies paid save such expelled or suspended Member Club may make an application for admission to The League in accordance with Clause 6 of these Rules and Regulations.
- 6.8 A Member Club shall not participate in any aspect of The League whilst any of its Affiliation Fees are in arrears.

7 ONLINE SPORTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (SportsTG)

- 7.1 Each Member Club upon acceptance and/or renewal of its membership with The League shall enter information as directed by The League into the Online Sports Management System ("SportsTG").
- (a) The League may impose a Fine for failure to comply with such request.

8 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 8.1 Subject to Clauses 8.3(a) and 8.3(b) the Member Clubs occupying the lowest two positions on the Premiership Table in the Divisions with a reserve Division, except the lowest Division of The League and the lowest Division of The League with a reserve Division, at the end of the Minor Round of each Division - not being a reserve Division - shall be relegated to the Division below their current Division in the following playing season.
- 8.2 Subject to Clauses 8.3(a) and 8.3(b) the Member Clubs occupying the lowest two positions on the Premiership Table in the C Divisions - except the lowest C Division of The League - at the end of the Minor Round in each Division shall be relegated to the Division below their current Division in the following playing season.
- 8.3 Member Clubs playing in the Grand Final in each Division not being a reserve Division shall be promoted to the Division above their current Division in the following playing season provided
- no two teams from one Member Club shall be in the same Division in any one year.
 - either of the Member Clubs playing in the Grand Final may choose not to be promoted in the following playing season provided such an option has not been exercised by the Member Club in the previous playing season and the Member Club occupying either of the lowest two positions on the Premiership Table at the end of the Minor Round of matches in the Division above the Member Clubs to be promoted chooses to remain in the same Division for the following playing season provided such Member Club has not exercised this option in the previous playing season.
- 8.4 The League retains the right to not
- instigate Clause 8.3 if this would result in the third team (C's) of a Member Club being promoted into a Division in which predominantly the first team (A's) of other Member Clubs will be participating in the following playing season.
 - promote a Member Club team playing in a C Division Grand Final to the Division above their current Division.

9 METHOD OF DETERMINING PREMIERSHIP TABLES

- 9.1 Subject to the discretion of The League to make such recommendations as it deems fit the method of determining the Premiership in every Division shall be as follows
- each Member Club shall play every other Member Club twice in Divisions where there are ten (10) teams
 - in a Division of more or less than ten (10) teams The League shall determine the programme in such Division.
 - Premiership Points shall be counted, two points for a win, one point for a Draw and two points for an opposition forfeit.
 - a percentage of the points scored for and against each team shall be determined.
 - if at the end of the Minor Round of matches two or more teams have obtained the same number of Premiership Points their position on the Premiership Table shall be determined by the percentage in accordance with Clause 9.1(c).
 - if there is an exact tie for a position then the points for and against in matches played between such tied teams during the Minor Round shall determine the final positions of the teams.

SECTION 3 PLAYER REGISTRATION, CLEARANCES, APPS, SALARY CAP**10 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS (CLEARANCE)**

- 10.1 A player shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) years of age to be registered with The League.
- 10.2 Subject to these Rules and Regulations no player shall be permitted to play for a Member Club unless they first complete the details and sign a Player Registration and Transfer Form (Appendix 1) to become a registered player of The League.
- 10.3 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 within 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 a club prior to or at the same time, or ever playing in the South Australian National Football League (“SANFL”), shall request and obtain a transfer from the other league or association or Member Club where such player was previously registered.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 A Player Registration and Transfer Form shall be lodged into SportsTG prior to a player playing a match in The League.
- 10.6 All transfer applications shall be lodged into SportsTG during the following periods
- (a) the month of November in the year prior to which the transfer application is sought.
 - (b) the first (1st) day of February to the thirtieth (30th) day of June in the year in which the transfer application is sought.
- 10.7 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.
- 10.8 Should the releasing Member Club not respond to the transfer request within the time specified in Clause 10.7 the player shall be deemed to have been transferred in accordance with Clause 10.3.
- 10.9 Where it is not possible for a player to obtain a transfer because the club, league, association or previous Member Club with which the player was last registered has ceased to exist, The League may authorise the transfer of such player.
- 10.10 Should a player wish to withdraw their transfer application, the player shall complete the Player Withdrawal of Transfer Form (Appendix 2).
- (a) when refusing the player’s transfer the Member Club shall submit this form to The League within six (6) clear business days from the date the transfer application was submitted.
- 10.11 A transfer sought by a player from a club, league or association apart from a Member Club, shall comply with the Rules and conditions as specified in the South Australian Community Football League (“SACFL”) Transfer Regulations, in particular Regulations 8 – 17 inclusive (Appendix 3).
- 10.12 A 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.
- 10.13 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 the player seeks a transfer.

- (b) a player who played only one (1) match for a Member Club in the year previous to the year in which the player seeks 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 the player seeks 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 (Appendix 4).
- 10.14 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 playing season.
- 10.15 A player refused a transfer by a Member Club may appeal in writing to The League which may investigate, hear and determine such appeal and retains the right to permit the registration of such player despite the fact no transfer has been obtained.
- 10.16 A player refused a transfer by another league or association or Member Club shall not be eligible to apply for registration in The League in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.
- 10.17 A player whom does not require a transfer shall become registered with The League when the player has registered into SportsTG prior to the player's first match with the player's new Member Club.
- 10.18 A player under suspension or disqualification imposed by another 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 or
 - (b) been suspended or
 - (c) been annulled by such other league or association.
- 10.19 A player's contract will not be valid until
- (a) the player's contract is lodged with The League
 - (b) the player's registration has been entered into SportsTG
 - (c) the transfer request has been approved.
- 10.20 A player shall be registered with only one Member Club at any given time.
- 10.21 It is the responsibility of the Member Club to keep all original Player Registration and Transfer forms and supply such records within forty eight (48) hours if requested by The League.
- 10.22 It is the responsibility of a Member Club to ensure each player meets The League's Code of Behaviour (Appendix 5) standards.
- 10.23 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.
- 10.24 A player who has been suspended for a total of twelve (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.
- 10.25 A player who has had their registration to play within The League withdrawn as per Clause 10.24 may apply in writing to The League for reinstatement three (3) years from the date of their registration being withdrawn.
- 10.26 The League retains the right to withdraw or rescind a player's registration or transfer.
- 10.27 The League may impose a penalty including but not limited to
- (a) a Fine and/or
 - (b) the loss of Premiership Points and/or

- (c) the loss of the score kicked by a Member Club in a match if it plays a player
 - (i) whom is unregistered or
 - (ii) whom is not transferred or
 - (iii) whom is suspended or
 - (iv) whom is over age in an Under 18 Division or
 - (v) whom played under an incorrect name or
 - (vi) whom was not eligible to play in the Major Round

10.28 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 playing season except

- (a) where both Member Clubs agree on the transfers or
- (b) the player has previously played twenty five (25) or more matches for the Member Club applying for such transfer or
- (c) the player has played less than four (4) matches in the previous playing season for the source Member Club or
- (d) for an additional two players from a Member Club to be transferred who have no APPS value to the destination Member Club.

10.29 A Player Registration and Transfer Form shall be lodged into SportsTG and approved in full by the source club, source league or association, the destination club, The League and the player seeking registration prior to the player playing in a match of The League.

11 APPROVED PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (APPS)

11.1 Member Clubs shall comply with the Approved Player Points system (APPS) Rules and conditions as specified in the SACFL Regulations in particular Regulation 31.

11.2 The Player Points System for a team shall be in accordance with the guidelines set out in Appendix 3 of the SACFL Regulations.

11.3 A Member Club shall not field a Senior (A Division) team in any match of The League where the team's Total Points Rating exceeds fifteen (15) points in a Minor Round match and seventeen (17) points in a Major Round match.

11.4 Before playing a match for a Member Club a player shall complete Section 1(b) – the Player Point Rating – at the bottom of the Player Registration and Transfer Form and such form be made available upon request by The League.

- (a) a player whom attended the school associated with a Member Club for three (3) years or more from the year in which the player turns thirteen (13) years of age shall be given a base rating of zero (0) points.
- (b) such school-Member Club association shall only be as determined by The League.

11.5 Except in instances where Points Deductions or Exemptions may apply, a player who has played the majority of their matches for the senior team of a Member Club who then transfers to another Member Club shall be allocated three (3) points regardless of which Division the player has either been transferred to or from within The League.

11.6 For the purpose of the SACFL's Appendix 3 Clause 6.5 ruling regarding the child of a Member 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 an investigation it considers appropriate to determine the Life Membership qualifications of a Member Club person.

11.7 The League accepts no responsibility for a Member Club which may self asses a player's Approved Player Points System value which is subsequently determined to be incorrect.

12 SALARY CAP

- 12.1 Player Payments within The League will be in accordance to the SACFL Regulation 31 Total Player Payments except for variations to the SACFL Regulation Total Player Payments Key Areas (Appendix 6)
- (a) the Total Player Payments is to be no more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for each Minor Round or Major Round match in which a Member Club is participating.
 - (b) a maximum Player Payment per match is four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per player.
 - (c) there is no provision for a Marquee Player payment.
 - (d) there are no Player Payments for Representative matches played.

SECTION 4 SANFL PLAYERS, BYE ROUND, STATE TEAMS, UNDER 18 DIVISIONS

13 BYE ROUND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 13.1 A player who played in a Division 2 or below match in the first week of the Minor Round of matches of The League's playing season shall not play in Division 1, Division 1 Reserves or Division C1 in the first Minor Round of matches of these Divisions
- (a) Under 18 Divisions are exempt.
- 13.2 A player who played in a Division 1, Division 1 Reserves, Division C1, Division 2, Division 2 Reserves or Division C2 match preceding the Division 1, Division 1 Reserves, Division C1, Division 2, Division 2 Reserves or Division C2 bye shall not play a match in a Division of The League in the following bye round unless the player has played the majority of their matches in the current playing season in the lower Division
- (a) Under 18 Divisions are exempt.

14 SANFL PLAYERS PLAYING IN ADELAIDE FOOTY LEAGUE

- 14.1 A player who is registered in accordance with Clause 10.2 and whom plays for a team competing in the SANFL shall not require a transfer to resume playing for the Member Club to whom they are registered provided they have previously been transferred to their Member Club from their immediate last Australian Football club.
- 14.2 A player whom is listed on a SANFL club's 1 - 35 player list in the current playing season shall submit permission from their SANFL club to The League in writing prior to the player playing for their Member Club.
- 14.3 When a registered player of a Member Club plays a league or reserves match for an SANFL club which then has a bye in the following SANFL Minor Round, the player shall not play - with the exception of The League Under 18's Divisions - in the round for the player's Member Club or for any other Member Club unless the player has played a combined minimum total of twenty five (25) Senior and Junior matches with such Member Club.
- (a) the player shall submit permission from their SANFL club in writing to The League prior to playing for their Member Club
 - (b) Junior football is deemed as matches played from the year in which the player turns thirteen (13) years of age
- 14.4 On a SANFL bye round players playing in the SANFL Under 18's may play with their Member Club in any Division after advising The League in writing and receiving approval from The League prior to the player playing for their Member Club.
- 14.5 An SANFL state match when the SANFL clubs do not play is considered as a SANFL bye.

15 STATE AND REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

15.1 A player selected to represent The League in State and/or Representative matches shall be released from the Member Club to which they are registered.

16 UNDER 18 DIVISIONS

16.1 A Member Club may include team(s) in the Under 18 Division(s) of The League.

16.2 Under 18 ½ team(s) shall be restricted to include only players whom are under 19 years of age on the first (1st) day of July in the year in which they are applying to play in The League.

16.3 A Member Club competing in the Under 18 Division of The League may nominate and include up to three (3) players who turn 19 years of age before the first (1st) of July but after and inclusive of the first (1st) of January in the year for which they are applying to play in The League.

- (a) a Member Club shall advise The League of such player(s) prior to the player(s) participating in a Under 18 Division.
- (b) a player as described in Clause 16.3 who plays for a Member Club in an “A” Division match of The League is then not eligible to play a match in the Under 18 Division in the current playing season.
- (c) a player who plays three (3) senior matches for a Member Club in the current season is then no longer eligible to play a match in the Under 18 Division in the same playing season
 - (i) a senior match is any senior Division match of The League.
- (d) The League may upon conducting a dispensation assessment withdraw the permit for an over age player to compete in the Under 18 Division.

Born after 1 st Jul 2001	No Restrictions
Born between 1 st Jan 2000 – 30 th Jun 2000	Max 3 players per match <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played no A Grade matches in season • Played Max. senior matches in season

16.4 The form for registering an Under 18 Player is the same as the Player Registration and Transfer form used by a Member Club with the exception the Under 18 form is to be marked “Under 18”.

16.5 An Under 18 player shall not become a registered player of The League unless evidence of identity showing the date of birth of the registering player is attached to their Player Registration and Transfer form

- (a) a Birth Certificate, a Passport or a current Drivers Licence provide proof of a player’s age.

16.6 An Under 18 player whom plays a match for a SANFL club may also play for their Member Club in the same round of matches in The League’s Under 18 Divisions.

16.7 An Under 18 player returning from playing a match in the SANFL may only play for the Member Club with which they are registered.

16.8 A Member Club may field a maximum of twenty five (25) players in an Under 18 match of The League.

- (a) a minimum of fourteen (14) players per team shall be fielded to constitute a match.
- (b) each team shall play with an equal number of players (14 – 18 on field) during the Minor Round.
- (c) if a player leaves the playing field due to injury and there is no replacement player available, at the quarter, half time or three quarter time break, the opposing team is required to remove one of their players from the playing field to ensure the number of players on each team remains the same.
 - (i) Clauses 16.8(a), (b) and (c) shall not apply when a player is sent from the field in accordance with Clauses 50.1, 51.1 or 52.1.

- (d) a team may field 18 players during a Major Round match regardless of the opposing Member Club's playing numbers.
 - (e) the two Member Club's Team Managers shall confirm with each other at the half time break of a match being played all players listed on the two Team Sheets are in attendance at the venue and are attired in official playing uniform.
 - (f) if a player listed on either Team Sheet does not meet these requirements the player's name shall be removed from the Field Umpire's copy of the Team Sheet.
 - (i) the player shall not be replaced and will be deemed not to have played in the match.
- 16.9 By agreement between two Member Clubs playing each other in an Under 18 match, the two teams competing may supply the opposing side a registered player provided they are entered on the Team Sheet of The League clearly indicating they are from the opposing team.
- (a) no transfer is required when the teams are opposed to each other in the current match.
- 16.10 A Coach of a Member Club's Under 18 Division shall consent to being subject to a Police check.
- (a) the Police Authority to Access Person History Information form shall be completed 30 days prior to the commencement of the Minor Round of the current playing season.
- 16.11 Eligibility for the Major Round shall be as defined in Clause 47.

SECTION 5**MATCH DAY, RESULTS PROCEDURE, ACCREDITATION, CROWD CONTROL, INSURANCE, FINES****17 MATCH DAY OFFICIAL**

- 17.1 A minimum of one (1) Match Day Official shall be appointed by each Member Club for every match of The League and whom shall be responsible for the following
- (a) shall wear the official Match Day attire as prescribed by The League for the duration of the match being played.
 - (b) attend the Umpire's Room twenty (20) minutes prior to the commencement of the match and introduce themselves to the officiating Umpires.
 - (c) escort the Umpire(s) on to the field for the commencement of the match, off the field at the half time break, on to the field for the commencement of the third quarter and off the field at the completion of the match.
 - (d) ensure a Match Day Official, or the Captain of the team in the match being played, are the only persons who approach a Field Umpire(s) at quarter, half, or three quarter time breaks in regard to an issue their Member Club would like addressed.
 - (e) advise the opposing Member Club Match Day Official The League may be notified of a person(s) connected with their Member Club for bad language, abusive, aggressive or threatening behaviour.
 - (f) ensure spectators are kept behind the spectator defined line or fence.
 - (g) ensure Member Club Coaches and officials keep within their defined area.
 - (h) ensure alcohol is not consumed in the defined non-alcohol consumption areas.
 - (i) ensure no alcohol or drinks in glass are taken onto the playing field at any time.
 - (j) ensure no Member Club officials, players or supporters enter the Umpire's Room without the Umpire's permission.
- 17.2 For a Major Round match each participating Member Club shall be responsible for supplying two (2) Match Day officials.
- 17.3 The League may impose a Fine to a Member Club found guilty of breaching the responsibilities as listed in Clauses 17.1 and 17.2.

18 MATCH DAY HOME CLUB FORMS

- 18.1 The Field Umpire(s) shall provide the following on the Match Day Paperwork App within one (1) hour of the completion of the match;
- their Best and Fairest Votes.
 - any Category “A” red card report.
 - any Category “B” yellow card report.
 - the Field Umpire’s Report form.
- 18.2 If the Match Day Paperwork App is unable to be completed, all Match Day paperwork is to be hand delivered to The League by 10.00am on the Monday proceeding the match and should include
- the Team Sheet from both competing teams.
 - the Field Umpire’s Best and Fairest Votes.
 - one official scorecard.
 - Interchange Card.
 - the Field Umpire’s Report form.
- 18.3 All Match Day paperwork completed on the Match Day Paperwork App is to be retained by the Home Member Club until the 1st November of each playing season including the following
- the Team Sheet from both competing teams.
 - one official scorecard.
 - Interchange Card- unless this has been taken by a Field Umpire as per Clause 18.2(d)
 - The Field Umpire’s Report Form.
- 18.4 A Fine may apply to the Member Club for not supplying the required Match Day forms to The League as listed in Clause 18.3.

19 MATCH RESULTS PROCEDURE

- 19.1 When a match is played on a Friday or Saturday the Home Member Club in every Division shall enter into SportsTG before 6.00pm on the Saturday for publication in the Sunday Mail
- quarter by quarter and final scores of the match played.
 - all goal kickers for both competing teams.
 - five (5) best players for both competing teams.
- 19.2 When a match is played on a Sunday the Home Member Club shall enter into SportsTG before 6.00pm Sunday all information as listed in Clause 19.1.
- The League may impose a Fine to the Home Member Club for failure to supply such Saturday and/or Sunday match results.

20 COACH'S AND TRAINER'S ACCREDITATION

- 20.1 The appointed Coach of a team of a Member Club shall attain a minimum level of Coaching Accreditation as determined by The League prior to coaching a match of The League.
- 20.2 If an appointed Coach continues to coach having not obtained the necessary accreditation as prescribed by The League a penalty or Fine may be imposed by The League upon the unaccredited Coach and/or the Coach’s Member Club.
- 20.3 A Member Club Trainer shall have a current Senior First Aid, CPR Certificate and Level 1 Sports Trainers accreditation at the commencement of the current playing season.
- 20.4 If an appointed Trainer has not obtained the necessary accreditation as prescribed in Clause 20.3, The League may impose a penalty or Fine upon the unaccredited Trainer and/or the Trainer’s Member Club.
- 20.5 A Member Club Field Umpire shall be accredited to an appropriate level as determined by The League once the Umpire has umpired five (5) or more matches of The League.

21 CROWD CONTROL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 21.1 The Code of Behaviour (Appendix 5) details The League's expected standards of behaviour from Member Clubs, officials, players and supporters.
- 21.2 A Member Club shall be held responsible for the conduct and the behaviour of any Member Club Official, Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer, Runner, player, member, employee, supporter or any other person associated with their Member Club ("Associated Person(s)") at matches in which their teams are participating.
- 21.3 A Member Club shall be liable to a penalty and/or Fine imposed by The League for a breach of The League's Code of Behaviour or for misconduct or misbehaviour by their Associated Person(s) at, during or after a match of The League.

22 OFFICIAL FOOTBALL

- 22.1 All footballs used in all matches of The League shall be the football designated as the official football of The League.

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 A Member Club shall comply with the insurance requirements as directed by The League.

24 FEES AND FINES

- 24.1 A Member Club shall pay their subscriptions in four (4) instalments due and payable by 30th April, 31st May, 30th June and 31st July each year.
- 24.2 Umpire's fees for Member Club matches played shall be invoiced separately by The League.
- 24.3 A Member Club may apply to The League in writing for alternative payment methods which shall be considered by The League provided the application is lodged no later than 7 days prior to the due Member Club payment date.
- 24.4 The League may impose a Fine on a Member Club, official or player for breaching or failing to comply with The League's Rules and Regulations and/or in accordance with the Fines List (Appendix 7).
- 24.5 The League, the Executive Committee, the Tribunal or the Investigation Committee may impose a Fine and/or a penalty not listed on the Fines List to a Member Club, official, Coach or player for breaching or failing to comply with these Rules and Regulations and/or The League's Constitution.
- 24.6 A financial penalty may be imposed by The League on an outstanding subscription, fee or Fine as determined by The League.
- 24.7 A Member Club failing to pay a subscription, fee, Fine or other payment for which the Member Club is liable by the due date as determined by The League may be deemed unfinancial and any or all teams of such Member Club may be suspended by The League until the monies owed are paid.
- 24.8 A Member Club which is deemed unfinancial may not be permitted to participate in further matches of The League including Major Round matches.
- (a) when such situation occurs the team which the unfinancial Member Club was due to play shall be awarded the match.
- 24.9 An unfinancial Member Club's re-nomination for the following playing season shall not be accepted by The League until any outstanding amount(s) is paid.
- 24.10 A Member Club may appeal a Fine issued by The League subject to:
- (a) the appeal being lodged with The League on the Appeal Of Fine Issued form (**Error! Reference source not found.**8) within seven (7) days of the date of the Fine being issued and signed by the President or Chairman of the Member Club forwarding the appeal.

SECTION 6 PLAYER'S UNIFORMS, LOGOS, GUERNSEY CLASHES**25 PLAYER'S UNIFORM(S)**

- 25.1 Upon The League approving the type and style of the uniform(s) of the Member Club, this uniform(s) shall be deemed to be the registered uniform(s) of the Member Club.
- 25.2 A player participating in a match of The League shall wear the uniform of their Member Club as approved by The League.
- 25.3 The playing number(s) shall be securely fixed to the back of all player's guernseys for all matches of The League.
- 25.4 The League may impose a Fine to a Member Club for each player infringing any provisions of Clauses 25.2 and/or 25.3.

26 CHANGE OF CLUB'S PLAYING UNIFORM

- 26.1 A change to a Member Club's uniform, or an additional new uniform(s), shall be approved by The League.
- 26.2 When a Member Club desires to change or add a new uniform(s) such Member Club shall supply The League artwork of the front and the rear view of their proposed new uniform(s) including shorts and socks prior to the twenty eighth (28th) of February of the upcoming playing season.
- 26.3 The League shall determine the Member Club's proposed uniform(s) changes and/or additional uniform(s).

27 LOGOS ON CLUB'S PLAYING UNIFORM(S)

- 27.1 A Member Club guernsey shall be badged with the approved logo of The League and The League's sponsors logos.
- The League logo - Adelaide Footy League - 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.
 - 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.
 - further logos as prescribed by The League are to be placed together side by side near the bottom left corner of the front of the guernsey with the combined area not exceeding 140mm x 60mm.
 - an Under 18 guernsey is exempted from being badged with The League Sponsor logo if such Sponsor is alcohol related.
- 27.2 A maximum of a further two Member Club logos may be placed 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.
- 27.3 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.
- 27.4 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.
- 27.5 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.
- 27.6 Member Club football shorts shall incorporate the following logos
- on the vertical side panel on both sides of the shorts in the following order from the top of the shorts
 - The League logo - Adelaide Footy League - of no more than 30mm x 30mm in size.
 - the shorts supplier's logo of no greater than 30mm x 30mm in size.

- (b) two (2) Member Club sponsors logos are permitted on a player's shorts.
- (c) the logo on a player's shorts shall not exceed 640 square mm in area and shall be placed on either front leg panel.
- (d) For the shapes the maximum dimensions are
 - (i) circle – 80mm in diameter.
 - (ii) square – 80mm x 80mm.
 - (iii) rectangle – 100mm x 60mm.
- (e) Member Club football socks shall incorporate the approved supplier logo placed on both sides of the sock centred half way up the sock from the start of the ankle not including the turn down or foot.

28 PLAYING UNIFORM CLASHES

- 28.1 A Member Club shall have a uniform design approved by The League to differentiate it from all other Member Club's uniforms.
- 28.2 In the event of The League determining a clash of uniforms of two Member Clubs playing each other in a match of The League the following shall apply
- (a) the Member Club designated as the Away team shall change its guernsey for such match so as to remove the clash
 - (b) the Member Club designated as the Home team shall wear their licensed colour - not white - shorts as approved by The League
 - (c) the Member Club designated as the Away team shall wear their licensed white shorts as approved by The League
 - (d) for Major Round matches the highest ranked team shall wear the shorts of their choice.
- 28.3 A Fine may be imposed upon a Member Club for each player infringing a provision of Clause 28.2.
- 28.4 Should a dispute arise as to a determination made pursuant to Clause 28.2 a decision shall be obtained from The League.
- 28.5 Should a Member Club have a guernsey clash such Member Club may hire a set of guernseys from The League
- (a) a fee shall be invoiced to the Member Club for the loan of the guernseys.
 - (b) all guernseys shall be clean and dry when returned to The League no later than the Tuesday afternoon following the match in which they were used.
 - (c) the Member Club shall be invoiced for the cost of a replacement guernsey(s) or cleaning or guernsey repairs if required.

SECTION 7 UMPIRE APPLICATIONS, UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS, UMPIRE'S DUTIES

29 UMPIRE APPLICATIONS

- 29.1 An Umpiring Manager shall be appointed by The League.
- 29.2 Applications for The League and Member Club appointed Field Umpires, Boundary Umpires and Goal Umpires shall be on the form prescribed by and available from The League.
- 29.3 All Umpires making application to The League shall consent to being subject to a Police Check.
- (a) The Police Authority to Access Person History Information form shall be supplied when such application to The League is made.
- 29.4 Applications made in accordance with Clauses 29.2 and 29.3 shall be forwarded to the Umpiring Manager for consideration.

30 UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

- 30.1 A Member Club shall supply a Field, Boundary and/or Goal Umpire(s) when directed by The League.
- (a) a Field Umpire shall have the same powers accorded to them as if they were appointed by the Umpiring Manager.
 - (b) failure to supply such Umpire(s) as directed shall result in a Fine being imposed to the Member Club.
- 30.2 Field Umpires supplied by a Member Club shall remain in their Member Club's back half of the playing field for the duration of any match of The League.
- 30.3 Unless approved by the Umpiring Manager Field Umpires shall be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age and Boundary and Goal Umpires shall be a minimum of fourteen (14) years of age.
- 30.4 The Umpiring Manager shall appoint and allocate Umpires for matches conducted by The League.
- 30.5 An Umpire appointed by the Umpiring Manager shall not appoint a substitute to fill their match duties unless authorised by the Umpiring Manager.
- 30.6 An Umpire appointed by the Umpiring Manager whom is unable to fulfil their match duties shall notify the Umpiring Manager before noon on the day prior to the match to which they were appointed.
- 30.7 Should a Field Umpire appointed by the Umpiring Manager or a Member Club appointed Umpire fail to appear at a match ten minutes prior to the appointed starting time of the match the two Captains shall in consultation and mutual agreement with an appointed Field Umpire of The League at the ground agree upon terms for the match to proceed.
- (a) the Field Umpire(s) agreed upon shall have the powers accorded to them as if they were appointed by the Umpiring Manager.
 - (b) in the event of no agreement being reached by the two Captains and an appointed Field Umpire of The League at the ground, the Home Member Club Match Day Official shall appoint a replacement Field Umpire(s) and the match shall proceed.
 - (c) should both Field Umpires fail to arrive, the match may proceed with only one Field Umpire provided the two Captains agree on the choice of such sole Field Umpire.

31 UMPIRE'S DUTIES

- 31.1 The Field Umpire(s) officiating in a match conducted by The League shall be listed on each Member Club's Team Sheet prior to the commencement of play.
- 31.2 Field Umpires shall provide reports of matches on the forms provided by and in the manner prescribed by The League.
- 31.3 The officiating Umpires shall have the powers to advise and make recommendations to The League of matters pertaining to the conduct of matches with particular reference to
- (a) the condition of an oval where a match of The League is played.
 - (b) the condition of the football(s) provided by a Member Club for use during the match.
 - (i) the Field Umpire(s) may reject a football considered by them to be unfit for play.
 - (c) the playing field being correctly line marked as per Clause 36.18.
 - (d) the condition of goal and behind posts including padding.
 - (e) the condition of the goal Umpire flags.
 - (f) all officiating Umpire's attire.
 - (g) absence or quality of a player's guernsey number(s).
 - (h) the incorrect uniform or attire of players and Member Club officials.
 - (i) an extraordinary late commencement of a quarter of a match.
 - (j) such other powers or conditions as prescribed by The League.

- 31.4 Each Field Umpire officiating in a match of The League shall at the end of each match choose the names of those players who were in their opinion the best and fairest, second best and fairest and third best and fairest players in the match.
- 31.5 Information relating to Clauses 31.2 and 31.4 shall be forwarded to The League on the Field Umpire's Report form on the Match Day Paperwork App to be completed by a Field Umpire at the end of each match of The League.
- 31.6 If the Match Day Paperwork App is unable to be completed by a Field Umpire, all Match Day Paperwork is to be hand delivered to The League by 10:00am on the Monday proceeding the match.
- 31.7 The Umpiring Manager shall consider the match reports of all Umpires.
- 31.8 Field Umpires shall notify The League of any Category "A" reports before 10.00am on the Monday proceeding the match.

SECTION 8**DELAYED/INCOMPLETE MATCH, HEAT PROCEDURE, UNSAFE WEATHER, AMBULANCE, OVAL LIGHTING****32 DELAYED OR INCOMPLETE MATCH**

- 32.1 If by mutual agreement of the two Captains it is impractical or unsafe for a match to commence within the reasonable scheduled start time for reasons beyond the control of either team the result of such match shall be determined by The League.
- 32.2 When a match is delayed prior to half time for greater than sixty (60) minutes then such match is to be abandoned and the result shall be recorded as a Draw.
- 32.3 When a match is delayed after half time for greater than sixty (60) minutes then such match is to be abandoned and the score shall remain as the final score of the match.
- 32.4 A match may recommence after a delay and the following shall apply
- when there is no match to follow on the same playing field, the match shall be extended to three (3) hours duration or by mutual agreement of the two Captains the match may be extended past this time.
 - when there is a match to follow on the same playing field the match shall be completed at least five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the following match.
- 32.5 When a match is limited in its completion time the two Captains may by mutual arrangement alter the length of the quarters and breaks to give equal time kicking to each end provided
- the first two quarters are of equal length duration or
 - last two quarters are of equal length duration and
 - the minimum duration of a quarter is ten (10) minutes.
- 32.6 When the two Captains cannot agree the Field Umpire(s) shall make the final determination.
- 32.7 When a team is directed to recommence play by the Field Umpire(s) but refuses, such team shall be deemed to have forfeited the match.

33 HEAT PROCEDURE

- 33.1 When the Adelaide metropolitan forecast temperature of the day of competition is 40°C or over, as specified by radio station 5AA at 8.00am on the morning of the match, all matches of The League scheduled for the day shall be cancelled.
- 33.2 In senior matches affected by Clause 33.1
- if another match or matches were played on a Friday or a Sunday in the same round as cancelled Saturday matches there shall be no Premiership Points or scores allocated for any matches played in this round.

- (b) there shall be no Umpire's votes allocated for The League's Best and Fairest.
 - (c) a Category "A" or a Category "B" report by an Umpire from a match played shall still be lodged by the reporting Umpire(s) to The League.
 - (d) if a cancelled match which had been scheduled to be played either prior to or after a Saturday round of matches which were played may be re-scheduled provided both Member Clubs agree to the new time and location.
 - (e) if a match is not played in a round which Saturday matches were played, each team which did not play and which do not re-schedule to play such match shall be awarded one Premiership Point and their cancelled match shall be deemed a Draw.
 - (f) a cancelled match shall not be counted in a player's total of matches played in The League.
- 33.3 When the forecast temperature of the day of competition is 38°C – 39°C, as specified by radio station 5AA at 8:00am on the morning of the match, the Heat Procedure shall apply.
- 33.4 The Heat Procedure also applies for trial matches involving a Member Club.
- 33.5 The Home Member Club shall be responsible to initiate the following Heat Procedure process
- (a) the start of the Reserves or curtain raiser match is to be moved back 10 minutes to a 12.05pm start.
 - (b) the second match to start at its normal time of 2.15pm.
 - (i) if a match has been programmed to be played prior to the Reserves or curtain raiser match the match is to be moved back fifteen (15) minutes to a 10.00am start.
 - (c) the Home Member Club's Timekeeper shall sound the siren at the fifteen (15) minute mark of each quarter to allow a two minute break for players to take fluids and cool down.
 - (d) the Timekeeper shall sound a warning siren after one (1) minute 30 seconds and a second siren after one (1) minute 45 seconds and play shall recommence exactly two (2) minutes after the break commenced.
 - (e) play shall recommence in the same location where it ceased at the onset of the break.
 - (f) during the two (2) minute break a non playing Coach is not permitted to enter the playing field.
- 33.6 If a subsequent cool change arrives after the Heat Procedure has been initiated, the match being playing may revert to normal playing Rules providing the two Captains agree to such terms.
- 33.7 On days when the Heat Procedure is applied the deadline for Member Club's SportsTG responsibilities shall be 5.45pm.

34 UNSAFE WEATHER, AMBULANCE ON OVAL

- 34.1 In the case of weather deemed by the two Captains and/or the Field Umpires as a threat to the safety of Member Club players or it is impractical for the match to proceed with an ambulance being prolonged on the playing field before or during a match of The League, the procedure taken shall be as detailed in Clause 32 herein.

35 OVAL LIGHTING

- 35.1 The League may program night matches.
- (a) a Member Club desiring to host a night match shall have their oval lighting comply with the Australian Standard (AS 2560.2.3) Sports Lighting and ensure their oval's minimum reading is 100 lux.
 - (b) 100 lux is the minimum requirement suitable for competition at local club level as prescribed by the AFL under their Preferred Facility Guidelines for State, Regional and Local facilities.
- 35.2 if a section of or a complete light tower ceases to operate before or during a night match of The League which in the opinion of the two Captains adversely affects the playing conditions of such match the procedure taken shall be as detailed in Clause 32 herein.

SECTION 9 MATCH AND INTERCHANGE RULES, OFFICIALS ON OVAL, PLAYER COUNT, FORFEITS**36 MATCH RULES**

- 36.1 The Laws of Australian Football applies to all matches of The League except as modified by The League's Rules, Regulations, Policies, Directions and Procedures.
- 36.2 All matches of The League including Major Round matches shall commence at the time and venue stipulated by The League with the exception of Clauses 46.20 (c) and 46.22 (c).
- (a) a change to match dates and/or start times as programmed by The League shall be agreed between Member Clubs.
 - (b) both Member Clubs shall notify The League at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date of such match or within twenty-four (24) hours after a Major Round match has been programmed by The League.
- 36.3 A Member Club may request an entrance fee donation but may not enforce such fee upon a person attending a match of The League.
- 36.4 A Member Club may impose a car park fee for entry into the Member Club grounds.
- 36.5 The quarter time, half time and three quarter time intervals shall be for a duration specified by The League.
- 36.6 The starting and duration times for matches shall be specified by The League.
- 36.7 Each Member Club in every Division shall provide a suitable Sherrin football.
- 36.8 Each Member Club in every Division shall provide a Timekeeper.
- (a) the two timekeepers shall remain together throughout each quarter.
 - (b) the Home timekeeper shall record the quarter by quarter scores of the match.
- 36.9 In a match where time on is added a Timekeeper is to add time on when the following occur
- (a) when indicated by a Field Umpire - raised hand and whistle blown - there is a delay in play.
 - (b) when a Boundary Umpire signals the football is out of bounds - raised hand and whistle blown.
 - (c) after a goal or behind is scored as indicated by a Goal Umpire.
- 36.10 In a match where time on is added a Timekeeper is to cease time on when any of the following occur
- (a) a Field Umpire indicates - raised hand and whistle blown - play has restarted.
 - (b) it is obvious to the Timekeeper play has restarted.
 - (c) the Boundary Umpire throws the football back into play.
 - (d) a Field Umpire restarts play by throwing the football up in the centre of the playing field after a goal has been scored or after the football is kicked back into play after a behind has been scored.
- 36.11 The Home Member Club shall provide a suitable siren, horn or bell.
- 36.12 The Home Timekeeper shall sound the siren or horn at the times and on the number of occasions as stipulated in the annual Handbook of The League.
- 36.13 The Home Member Club shall provide an Interchange Steward whom shall be positioned in close proximity to the interchange area for the duration of the match and shall wear the official Interchange Steward attire as prescribed by The League for the duration of the match being played.
- 36.14 The Home Member Club shall supply accessible coach's boxes.
- 36.15 The Home Member Club shall provide a stretcher to be placed in a safe position and which is accessible to both teams near the boundary line at the interchange area.
- 36.16 Each Member Club shall provide goal flags of white material not less than 50 cm square.
- 36.17 The Home Member Club shall have suitable goal posts and behind posts fixed in their proper positions with suitable protective padding at a minimum height of 2.5 metres from the bottom of each post and with a minimum of 35 millimetres thickness affixed to such goal and behind posts.

- 36.18 The Home Member Club shall have their playing field(s) properly line marked including:
- (a) an interchange area which shall be fifteen (15) metres wide and where possible be centralised between the two coach's boxes on the boundary line of the playing field.
 - (b) a centre circle three metres in diameter and an outer circle ten (10) metres in diameter which shall be located in the middle of the centre square.
 - (c) a line drawn in the shape of an arc at each end of the playing surface to show the distance to the centre of the goal line. This distance is to remain constant throughout the arc and dependent upon the size of the oval be between 35 and 50 metres.
 - (i) the arc shall not intersect with the centre square line.
 - (d) both goal squares with two lines nine (9) metres in length joined by a line six point four (6.4) metres in width.
 - (e) a clearly marked line or an oval fence to ensure spectators are kept to a minimum of three (3) metres from the boundary line.
- 36.19 The Home Member Club shall supply a scoreboard attendant for any match of The League.
- 36.20 A Member Club is required to enter a Team Sheet for their team into SportsTG before the start of a match listing the following
- (a) the names and guernsey numbers of the players in the team.
 - (b) the names of the Captain and Vice-Captain.
 - (c) the name of the Coach(s), Runner(s) and Team Manager.
- 36.21 A Member Club team shall consist of between fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) players who may be on the playing field at any one time during a match of The League with no more than three (3) interchange players for Minor Round matches.
- (a) a Member Club participating in C Divisions, Division 7 Reserves and Under 18's may field up to twenty-five (25) players including a maximum of seven (7) interchange players in a match of The League.
 - (b) for a Major Round match the number of interchange players each team in Divisions 1 to 7 is permitted to play is four (4).
 - (c) for a Major Round match the number of interchange players each team in C Divisions, Division 7 Reserves and Under 18's is seven (7).
 - (d) the two Member Club's Team Managers shall confirm with each other at the half time break of the match being played all players listed on the two Team Sheets are in attendance at the venue and are attired in official playing uniform. If a player listed on either Team Sheet does not meet these requirements, the player's name shall be removed from the Field Umpire's copy of the Team Sheet and the player may not be replaced and shall be deemed not to have played in the match.
- 36.22 The Home Member Club is to complete the Australian Football National Risk Protection Scheme Match Day Checklist electronically and have it confirmed by an Away Member Club official.
- 36.23 Two Runners may be used by a Member Club in a match of The League provided only one Runner is on the playing field at any one time.
- 36.24 If both Runners from the one Member Club are on the playing field at the same time while a match is in progress, a Field Umpire may send one Runner from the playing field without replacement for the remainder of the match.
- 36.25 A maximum of three (3) Drinks Carriers per participating team may be on the playing field at the same time in a match of The League while play is in progress.
- (a) a Drinks Carrier shall be a minimum of twelve (12) years of age.

- 36.26 In a match of The League Member Clubs shall ensure the Runner(s), Trainer(s), Drinks Carrier(s), Interchange Steward and Member Club appointed Umpires wear the appropriate match attire as prescribed by The League (Appendix 9).
- 36.27 A suspended player shall not officiate in any official position in a match of The League unless permission is obtained from The League prior to such match being played.
- 36.28 If a Member Club has more than one team playing in The League, all registered players of such Member Club shall except as is otherwise provided in these Rules and Regulations be eligible to play in a team of the Member Club in the same round.
- 36.29 A Member Club player shall not play for another club prior to or after a match of The League in any one round with the exception of The League's Under 18 Division matches and school matches.
- 36.30 Both participating Member Clubs shall agree for more than two matches to be played on the same oval on the same day unless The League instigates Clause 46.16.
- 36.31 Alcohol, bottles or a drink in a glass are not permitted to be taken onto the playing field at any time during a match of The League.
- 36.32 A player of the defending team may kick the football being used at the time back into play once the Goal Umpire has signalled a behind has been scored.
- 36.33 Filming any part of the playing field and/or play during a match of The League is permitted subject to
- (a) a Member Club and/or "Associated Persons" shall not permit, aid, engage, employ or reward (whether monetary or otherwise) any person or persons to video, live stream or transmit via radio, television, film or internet or any other format of transmitting, producing or reproducing footage of a match or part of a match of The League for commercial gain by the Member Club and/or "Associated Persons" without such Member Club and/or "Associated Persons" receiving express approval in writing from The League
- 36.34 The League may implement special Match Day Rules as it sees fit.

37 INTERCHANGE RULES

- 37.1 A fifteen (15) metre section of the boundary line of the playing field shall be marked clearly by the Home Member Club as the interchange area and where possible be centralised between the two (2) coach's boxes on the boundary line of the playing field.
- 37.2 The Interchange Steward shall record on the interchange card:
- (a) Category "A" and/or Category "B" report(s).
 - (b) an interchange breach.
 - (c) a player sent from the playing field under the Blood Rule.
 - (d) a player removed from the playing field by stretcher or ambulance
- 37.3 A player may leave the playing field while play is in progress and be replaced unless sent off under a Category "A" offence or for a second Category "B" offence in the match being played through the interchange area unless
- (a) the player exits across any part of the boundary line on a stretcher.
 - (b) the player exits across any part of the boundary line of the playing field other than the interchange area accompanied by a Member Club official who is officiating in the match being played
 - (i) these officials are either a Match Day Official or a Runner or a member of the training staff, one of whom shall signal to the Interchange Steward by raising an arm while standing alongside the player as the player exits the playing field.
- 37.4 The Interchange Steward shall advise an official of the Member Club one (1) minute prior to when their player is to return to the Field if the player is returning from an Umpire send-off report or from the compulsory stretcher Rule (Clause 42.1(e)).

- 37.5 The interchange area is the only area a player may enter the playing field when play is in progress.
- 37.6 When a player does not enter the playing field through the interchange area the Interchange Steward and/or Field Umpire shall report the circumstance, including the score at the time, to The League.
- (a) The League may impose a Fine and/or penalty as it deems appropriate.

38 RUNNERS, TRAINERS, DRINKS CARRIERS ON OVAL

- 38.1 The Coach or a Member of the Club's coaching staff of a team playing a match in The League may not act in the capacity of a Field, Goal or Boundary Umpire, or as a Match Day Official, an Interchange Steward, a Runner, Trainer, Team Manager or Drinks Carrier during such match unless permission has been obtained from The League prior to the match being played.
- 38.2 A Runner(s), Trainer(s) and/or Drinks Carrier(s) shall vacate the playing field immediately they have provided their role to a player(s).
- 38.3 A Runner, Trainer or Drinks Carrier in breach of Clause 38.1 or 38.2 may be sent from the playing field by the Field Umpire(s) for the remainder of the match and shall not be replaced.
- 38.4 A free kick from the position the person was sent off shall be awarded to the opposing team if a Field Umpire instigates Clause 38.3.

39 COUNTING OF PLAYERS

- 39.1 The Captain or acting Captain of a team may at any time during a match request a Field Umpire count the number of players of the opposing team who are on the playing field.
- 39.2 Where such a request is made the Field Umpire shall stop play and signal time on at the first available opportunity and call into line within the centre square the players of both teams who are at the time on the playing field and count the number of players.
- 39.3 Time on may be initiated in matches where time on is not played if this is the desire of either of the officiating Member Club Timekeepers.
- 39.4 Where the team has more than the permitted number of players on the playing field the following conditions shall apply
- (a) a Field Umpire shall instruct both Goal Umpires to record the scores of both teams at the time of the player count.
- (b) upon completing the count the Field Umpire(s) shall ensure each team has the permitted number of players on the field prior to recommencing the match.
- (c) a Field Umpire shall award a free kick to the Captain or acting Captain of the opposing team which shall be taken at the centre circle or where play was stopped, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending team.
- (d) a twenty-five (25) metre penalty shall then be imposed from the position where the free kick was awarded.
- (e) the Field Umpire shall report the details of the player count to The League by 10.00am on the Monday following the match.
- (f) The League shall determine whether the offending team shall lose all points which it had scored in the match up to the time of the count or vary the scores of the match and/or impose such other penalty it deems appropriate.
- 39.5 Where a count reveals the opposing team has the correct permitted number of players on the playing field the following shall apply
- (a) a Field Umpire shall award a free kick to the Captain or acting Captain of the opposing team which shall be taken at the centre circle or where play was stopped whichever is the greater penalty against the offending team.
- (b) a twenty-five (25) metre penalty shall then be imposed from the position where the free kick was awarded.

- (c) if a Field Umpire is of the opinion the request was made primarily to delay play or such request did not have sufficient merit, the Field Umpire may report the Captain or acting Captain who requested the count for Time Wasting as a Category “A” offence.

40 FORFEITS

- 40.1 A Member Club not able to field a minimum of fourteen (14) players suitably attired in playing uniforms within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled start time of a match shall be deemed to have forfeited such match unless a later start time is agreed upon by both Captains of the teams participating in such match.
- 40.2 A Member Club forfeiting a match of The League in which it is involved shall notify The League not later than noon on the day preceding such match.
- 40.3 A Member Club forfeiting a match and not giving the notice specified in Clause 40.2 may be imposed a Fine by The League which may include the cost of fees for Umpire(s) appointed by The League and any other applicable costs including costs incurred by the opposing Member Club as deemed fair and reasonable by The League.
- 40.4 A Member Club may only forfeit their lowest Division team(s)
- (a) failure to do so shall result in the forfeiting team(s) and any of the same Member Club teams playing in any Divisions lower in the same round losing any premiership points obtained and their score in such matches and shall be debited with sixty (60) points “against” in the Premiership Table in all applicable Divisions.
- 40.5 In the event of a Member Club forfeiting a match, the match will be awarded to the opposing team and the Member Club receiving the forfeit shall be credited with two (2) Premiership Points and the Premiership Table in such Division will be adjusted after all teams within the Division have played each other once and the average points margin shall be awarded “against” the forfeiting club and the Member Club receiving the forfeit shall be awarded the average points “for”.
- 40.6 The Member Club awarded the match by forfeit may enter a Team Sheet into SportsTG prior to noon on the Monday following the scheduled match listing the players whom would have played in such match had the forfeited match been played and the match shall count for the purpose of player qualification for the Major Round in the same playing season.
- (a) no other match forms are required to be sent to The League from such match.
- 40.7 The League may in its absolute discretion impose a Fine, suspend or withdraw from the competition a team or the Member Club which forfeits three matches or more during a playing season and may deem such Member Club to be ineligible for a refund of fees or subscriptions, either paid or due to be paid to The League.
- 40.8 In the event a B Division team forfeits a match of The League the Member Club in which the B Division team is affiliated with may be advised a further forfeit of the B Division team may result in the A Division team also forfeiting with the result of two (2) Premiership Points and a ten (10) goal win to the teams receiving the forfeit.
- 40.9 When a Member Club has received a forfeit from the opposing Member Club and has a lower Division team playing on the same weekend only the following players shall be eligible to play in the lower Division match
- (a) was selected in the lower Division prior to the forfeit or
- (b) played in the lower Division in the previous match or
- (c) played at least three (3) matches in the lower Division in the current playing season.

41 TWENTY FIVE METRE PENALTY

- 41.1 A twenty five (25) metre penalty may be enforced by a Field Umpire(s) where the Umpire deems it to be applicable.

41.2 A twenty five (25) metre penalty shall be enforced by a Field Umpire as a result of a player count as per Clauses 39.4 and 39.5.

SECTION 10 STRETCHER, PROHIBITED ITEMS, BLOOD RULE

42 USE OF STRETCHER

42.1 When a stretcher is required for a player the following procedure shall apply

- (a) upon being advised or noticing a player requires a stretcher, a Field Umpire shall stop play at the earliest opportunity and unless medical staff consider it unsafe to do so the player shall be removed from the playing field on the stretcher by the shortest and most direct route.
- (b) a team may replace the injured player with a player listed on its Team Sheet who shall enter the playing surface via the interchange area.
- (c) the replacement player may enter the playing field as soon as the injured player is placed on the stretcher.
- (d) the Field Umpire(s) shall recommence play only after the player on the stretcher has left the playing field.
- (e) a player whom has been removed from the playing field on a stretcher shall not resume playing for a period of twenty (20) minutes actual playing time from the time the player left the playing field.
- (f) The twenty (20) minutes of playing time is a continuous twenty (20) minutes on the Interchange Steward's watch or clock.
 - (i) there is no stopping of the twenty (20) minutes on the clock for time on as signaled by the Field Umpire(s).
- (g) after such twenty (20) minute period the player may be interchanged with another player provided due consideration is taken into account in regard to the player's health and safety to resume playing in the match.
- (h) time on may be initiated in matches where time on is not played if this is the desire of either of the officiating Member Club Timekeepers.
- (i) when a stretcher is brought on to the playing field but is not used by the player, Clauses 42.1 (e) and 42.1 (f) do not apply.

43 PROHIBITION OF ITEMS ON OVAL

43.1 Players shall not wear during a match

- (a) any form of jewellery or
- (b) boot studs, plates/cleats or any protective equipment - other than protective equipment approved by The League - unless the Field Umpire(s) is satisfied the item does not constitute a danger or increased risk of injury to other players competing in the match or
- (c) protective equipment which has previously been approved by The League but if the Field Umpire(s) believe such equipment has during the match become dangerous or increased the risk of injury to other players.

44 BLOOD RULE

44.1 When a Field Umpire(s) becomes aware of a player with active bleeding on the person or the player's uniform the Umpire shall stop play and simultaneously raise their arms crossed above their head directed at the Interchange Steward and send the player from the playing field.

44.2 Active bleeding means the existence of an injury or wound which continues to bleed

- (a) active bleeding shall not include minor bleeding from a graze or scratch which has stopped and may be readily removed from a player or any part of their playing uniform.
- 44.3 The player with active bleeding shall immediately leave the playing field at the nearest boundary line or the interchange and shall be recorded by the Interchange Steward.
- 44.4 A player sent from the playing field under the Blood Rule may be replaced immediately.
- 44.5 The replacement player shall enter the playing field as soon as possible after the Field Umpire has raised their arms crossed above their head signifying a player is leaving the playing field under the Blood Rule.
- 44.6 The replacement player shall immediately proceed to the same location of the player they are replacing
- (a) the replacement player upon entering the playing field may only proceed to a different location if approved by the opposing team's Captain.
- 44.7 A Field Umpire(s) shall not restart play until the replacement player is in position.
- 44.8 If the player with active bleeding is about to have a kick as a result of a mark or free just prior to being sent from the playing field, the nearest player to the player with active bleeding at the time of the player's departure is to take the kick, not the replacement player.
- 44.9 When a Field Umpire is of the opinion a player is not actively bleeding but the player has blood on any part of their body or uniform shall at the first available opportunity signal and direct the player to obtain treatment and play shall continue after the signal is given.
- 44.10 The player may remain on the playing field but shall at the earliest opportunity in the case of blood being on any part of their uniform have the piece of uniform removed and the cause of any bleeding - if any - treated and covered so all blood is contained.
- 44.11 If after receiving treatment, the Field Umpire is of the opinion blood is still appearing on any part of the player's body or uniform the player is deemed to be actively bleeding and Clause 44.1 shall apply.
- 44.12 A player may be reported by a Field Umpire for a Category "A" misconduct offence if the player refuses to promptly obey the direction of the Field Umpire to leave the playing field.
- 44.13 A player awarded a mark or free kick after the Field Umpire has signalled the quarter of football has come to an end may kick the football even though such player may be actively bleeding.
- 44.14 The player shall not re-enter the playing field or take any further part in the match unless
- (a) the cause of such bleeding has stopped.
- (b) the injury is securely bound to ensure all blood is contained.
- (c) any blood stained article of the player's uniform has been removed or replaced.
- (d) any blood on any part of the player's body has been thoroughly cleansed and removed.

SECTION 11 PERMITS, MAJOR ROUND, PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS

45 PERMIT COMMITTEE

- 45.1 The League shall appoint a Permit Committee.
- 45.2 The Permit Committee shall have the power to issue a Permit to a player whether registered or not to participate in a match conducted by The League on such conditions as it deems appropriate.
- 45.3 No Permit to play in The League shall be issued for over age players competing in an Under 18 Division.
- 45.4 No Permit to play in The League shall be issued to a player playing in another league or association where the league or association has a bye round on the same weekend except those made in Clause 14.

46 MAJOR ROUND

- 46.1 A Member Club listed in **bold** in Clauses 46.7 and 46.9 may apply to The League to host a Division 1 to Division 7 Major Round Match (“Home Final” or “Final”) excluding a Grand Final on their Home oval or an available neutral oval of their choice.
- (a) a Member Club’s Home Final request to The League is not applicable for a Member Club’s Reserves or “C” Division team.
- 46.2 The Member Club shall fulfil The League’s minimum requirements including but not limited to
- (a) The League shall receive a Member Club’s payment for the right to host a Home Final before noon on the Wednesday of the week of the match to be played.
- (b) the ground surface of their oval shall be in a reasonable condition.
- (c) the change rooms shall have reasonable facilities for players, Umpires and Trainers.
- (d) reasonable facilities are provided for spectators.
- (e) ensure there is a scoreboard and a scoreboard attendant for all matches played on the day.
- (f) 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 products on the day.
- (iii) pay a fee as determined by The League for the Home Final rights for a Division 1 to Division 7 Qualifying or Elimination or Semi or Preliminary Final.
- 46.3 A Major Round match shall be programmed by The League to be played on a neutral oval when a Member Club chooses not to request either a Home Final or a Final to be played on a neutral oval of their choice or when a Member Club’s application has been rejected by The League.
- 46.4 The League shall endeavour to match teams from the same Member Club to play at the same venue.
- (a) a minimum of one (1) match shall be played before an “A” Division Major Round match.
- (b) preference shall be given to a Reserves “B” Division team to play such earlier match.
- 46.5 Member Clubs shall be notified by The League of their confirmation to host a Home Final.
- 46.6 A Final Four system shall be played at the end of the Minor Round in a Division comprising eight (8) teams or less.
- (a) an eight (8) teams Division finals system may be changed at the discretion of The League.
- 46.7 Where a Final Four system is played the following programme shall be used:
- (a) in the first week of the Major Round **the team finishing third** at the completion of the Minor Round shall play the team finishing fourth in the First Semi Final and **the team finishing first** shall play the team finishing 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
- (i) 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.
- 46.8 A Final Five system shall be played at the end of the Minor Round in Divisions comprising nine (9) teams or more
- (a) A nine (9) teams Division finals system may be changed at the discretion of The League.
- 46.9 Where a Final Five system is played the following programme shall apply.
- (a) in the first week of the Major Round the **team finishing second** at the completion of the Minor Round shall play the team finishing third in the Qualifying Final and **the team finishing fourth** shall play the team finishing fifth in the Elimination Final
- (i) the team finishing first at the completion of the Minor Round 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 finishing first** at the completion of the Minor Round 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
 - (i) 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 the Division.
- 46.10 Should a Draw occur in any Major Round match the following shall apply
- (a) teams shall break for five minutes at the completion of the drawn match and swap ends
 - (b) the competing teams shall play five minutes of extra time in each direction
 - (c) the extra time shall be played including time on if the drawn match had been played with time on
 - (d) if at the end of the extra time played the scores remain drawn the teams shall swap ends and play five minutes of extra time in each direction
 - (e) if at the end of the second extra time played the scores remain drawn the match shall be determined by the first team to score
 - (f) the winner of the toss of a coin by the two Captains shall determine which direction the teams shall kick in the last extra time played
- 46.11 The League retains the right to change a Major Round match venue during the week preceding the match.
- 46.12 Officials of The League may carry out an inspection of the oval, change rooms, Umpire’s Room, scoreboard and any other facilities and advise Member Clubs the venue may not be suitable for a Major Round match to be played.
- 46.13 A Draft for Finals matches and oval locations shall be listed on The League’s website by 3.00pm on the Monday prior to each week of Major Round matches.
- (a) the official confirmation of Major Round matches and oval locations shall be posted on The League’s website on the following day – Tuesday - by 3.00pm
- 46.14 Each Member Club is required to provide two Match Day Officials per Major Round match.
- 46.15 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).
- 46.16 Both participating Member Clubs in a lowest Division scheduled Major Round match shall agree for more than two matches to be played on the same oval on the same day except when one Member Club has three (3) senior teams playing on the same day.
- (a) in such situation The League retains the right to programme these three (3) matches, and this Division’s Grand Final, to be played on the same oval on the same day.
- 46.17 For a Major Round match each participating Member Club is to enter into SportsTG a Team sheet including a maximum of two (2) emergencies by noon on the Friday prior to the scheduled match.
- 46.18 For a Major Round match the Home Member Club is to produce copies listing the two participating Member Club’s players and their guernsey numbers and these lists made available to spectators at the match.
- 46.19 Alcoholic drinks are not permitted to be taken into a Major Round venue.
- 46.20 For the first week of the Major Round the highest ranked qualifying team at the end of the Minor Round
- (a) shall have their choice of shorts, guernseys, coach’s box and change room.

- (b) shall supply the Interchange Steward, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant.
 - (c) may apply to play their Major Round match on their Home ground or to be played on a neutral ground of their choice subject to availability.
- 46.21 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.
- 46.22 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) apply to play the Preliminary Final as a Home Final or to be played on a suitable oval of their choice.
- 46.23 The League shall determine where a Major Round match is played when two or more Member Clubs request to play a Home Final on the same oval of their choice.
- 46.24 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) reasonable facilities provided for spectators.
 - (d) ensure there is a scoreboard and a scoreboard attendant for all matches played on the day.
 - (e) fulfilling The League's obligations to its Major Sponsors.
 - (i) the Member Club shall be sponsored by SABC.
 - (ii) the venue shall exclusively supply SABC products for this event.
- 46.25 Where applicable, admission fees for neutral ground Major Round matches shall be determined by The League.
- 46.26 A Member Club participating in a Major Round match shall be entitled to have thirty five (35) persons per team admitted at no cost if there is an Entry Fee at such match.
- 46.27 A Premiership winning Member Club 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.

47 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MAJOR ROUND

- 47.1 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 senior team of a Member Club in a minimum of four (4) Minor Round matches.
 - (b) if a player competes in two (2) Minor Round matches on the same weekend the higher Division match shall be the only match considered in relation to Major Round eligibility
 - (i) Under 18 Divisions are exempt.
 - (c) if a SANFL Under 18 player played for their Member Club when such player's SANFL club had a bye, this match shall not be included as a match in eligibility for participating in the Major Round
 - (i) Under 18 Divisions are exempt.
 - (d) the majority of matches in which the player participated shall be in the team for which they seek selection in the Major Round
 - (i) Under 18 Divisions are exempt.

- (e) an Under 18 Division player shall be eligible to play in any senior division of The League provided such player has played a minimum of two (2) Minor Round matches in the team the player is seeking selection.
- 47.2 There is free interchange of players between consecutively graded Divisions.
- 47.3 There is no free interchange of players between non-consecutively graded Divisions.
- 47.4 A player may be promoted from a lower Division team to play in a higher Division team for any Major Round match.
- 47.5 A player shall not play in a lower Division Major Round match after having played in a higher Division match in the same Major Round of matches or on the same weekend.
- (a) Under 18 Divisions are exempt.
- 47.6 The following conditions shall apply for a player when the player's 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 matches for the season in the lower Division.
 - (b) a player whom has not participated in a Major Round match for their Member Club shall have played a minimum of one match for their lower Division team during the Minor Round to play in the Member Club's lower Division's Major Round matches.
 - (c) notwithstanding Clauses 47.6 (a) and 47.6 (b) a player may continue to play in the Member Club's lower Division team in the following Major Round match(es) if such player played in the Member Club's lower Division team in the previous weekend's Major Round matches.
- 47.7 A player may apply to The League to play in any Major Round match of The League after playing a Final in another league or association including SANFL in the same playing season including SANFL Under 18's.
- 47.8 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
- (a) Under 18 Divisions exempt.
- 47.9 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
- (a) Under 18 Divisions are exempt.
- 47.10 A Member Club may make a Permit application to The League for a player for the Major Round in accordance with Clause 47.
- 47.11 A request for a player Permit shall be submitted on the Application For A Permit For A Player To Play In The Major Round form (Appendix 10) 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.
- 47.12 A player shall play in at least four (4) Minor Round matches within the U18 Division to be eligible to participate in the Major Round of that Division.

SECTION 12 MATCH REVIEW PANEL, RED AND YELLOW CARDS, REPORTS, MELEE, COMPLAINTS

48 MATCH REVIEW PANEL

- 48.1 A Match Review Panel ("MRP") shall be appointed by The League.
- 48.2 The MRP shall be responsible for assessing the merits of a Category "A" Report.
- 48.3 The MRP may in its sole discretion
- (a) dismiss a Category "A" report.

(b) offer a reported player or official a Prescribed Penalty or a Pre-Tribunal Penalty.

(c) refer a Category “A” report to the Tribunal.

48.4 When a Prescribed Penalty or a Pre-Tribunal Penalty offered by the MRP is rejected by a player or official the report shall be referred to the Tribunal.

49 POWER TO MAKE A CATEGORY “A” REPORT

49.1 An officiating Umpire or an Official of The League may make a Category “A” report in a match or trial match of The League.

(a) The Officials of The League appointed each year by The League shall be

(i) a member of the Executive Committee.

(ii) an official Umpire Observer of The League.

(iii) on the Umpire’s Coaching staff.

(iv) an Umpire at the ground to which they have been appointed to Umpire by the Umpiring Manager.

(v) a person appointed by The League.

49.2 A person with the exception of an officiating Umpire with either current or past affiliation with a Member Club is unable to act as an Official of The League in a match in which such past or current Member Club is participating.

49.3 An Official of The League reporting a player for a Category “A” offence shall approach the Field Umpire(s) only at the next available break in play - including when a goal has been scored - to inform the Field Umpire(s) of such report.

49.4 Only an officiating Field Umpire may impose a send-off for a Category “A” offence.

50 CATEGORY “A” REPORTABLE OFFENCES

50.1 A Category “A” offence is when the offence is to cause a player to be reported by an Umpire or an Official of The League as defined in Clause 49.1.

50.2 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

(a) the reporting Field Umpire shall notify the Interchange Steward by holding up a red card indicating the player has been reported for a Category “A” Offence

(b) the player may be replaced after ten (10) minutes of playing time

(i) the ten (10) minutes of playing time is a continuous ten (10) minutes on the Interchange Steward’s watch or clock.

(ii) there is no stopping of the ten (10) minutes on the clock for any time on as signaled by the Field Umpire(s).

(c) either or both participating team Runners may approach the reporting Field Umpire only during a break in play – including when a goal has been scored - to request the duration of the send-off for the Category “A” offence.

(d) the Field Umpire(s) shall inform either or both the reported player’s Runner and the opposing team’s Runner the amount of send-off time imposed.

50.3 A Goal or Boundary Umpire or an Official of The League 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

(a) 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.

50.4 Any of the following types of conduct is considered a Category “A” reportable offence

- (a) Intentionally or carelessly
 - (i) striking another person.
 - (ii) kicking another person.
 - (iii) kneeling another person.
 - (iv) stomping on another person.
 - (v) charging another person.
 - (vi) engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable.
 - (vii) bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that player has their head down over the football.
 - (viii) head-butting an opponent or making contact to an opponent using the head.
 - (ix) eye-gouging an opponent or making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the eye region of an opponent.
 - (x) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the face of an opponent.
 - (xi) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an injured player.
 - (xii) scratching another person, or
 - (xiii) tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg.
- (b) intentionally making contact with or striking an Umpire.
- (c) attempting to make contact with or strike an Umpire.
- (d) carelessly making contact with an Umpire.
- (e) spitting at or on an Umpire.
- (f) spitting at or on another person.
- (g) attempting to strike another person.
- (h) attempting to kick another person.
- (i) attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg.
- (j) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language.
- (k) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language.
- (l) behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire.
- (m) disputing a decision of an Umpire.
- (n) use of an obscene gesture.
- (o) engaging in time wasting.
- (p) engaging in an act of staging.
- (q) engaging in a Melee, except where a player's sole intention is to remove a player from the same team from the incident.
- (r) wrestling another person.
- (s) wrestling another person.
- (t) pinching another person.
- (u) interfering with a player kicking for goal.
- (v) 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 football is in transit.
- (w) failing to leave the playing surface when directed to do so by an Umpire.
- (x) wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Clause 36, or
- (y) engaging in any other act of misconduct or serious misconduct.

50.5 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.

- 50.6 If a player committing a Category “A” offence refuses to leave the playing field to the satisfaction of the Field Umpire(s), the Field Umpire(s) may report the offending player’s Member Club to The League.
- 50.7 A player who has already been reported for a Category “A” offence who is then reported for a Category “A” or “B” offence in the same match shall be sent from the playing field by the Field Umpire(s) for the remainder of the match but may be replaced after ten (10) minutes of playing time.
- 50.8 A Category “A” report is to be made on the official interchange card by the Interchange Steward stating the playing number, the time the player was sent from the playing field and the quarter in which the report was made.
- 50.9 A Category “A” report shall be detailed by the Field Umpire(s) on The Match Day Paperwork App.
- 50.10 A report made by a Field Umpire(s) made in accordance with Clauses 50.1 or 50.3 hereof shall be lodged with The League by 10:00am on the Monday following the match from which the report was made.
- 50.11 Any officiating Umpire from the match in which the report was made shall so far be as reasonably practicable comply with the requests of The League to appear before the Tribunal and/or the Investigation Committee.
- 50.12 The MRP may nominate certain Category “A” reportable offences as a Prescribed Penalty offence and the player or official may accept the Prescribed Penalty if offered by the MRP.
- (a) when a Prescribed Penalty offered by the MRP is rejected by a player or official the matter shall be referred to the Tribunal.
 - (b) a player may plead guilty and accept a Prescribed Penalty only once during the playing season.
 - (c) a maximum of three (3) players from a Member Club may plead guilty and accept a Prescribed Penalty during the playing season.
 - (d) any further Category “A” Reports from the Member Club for the remainder of the playing season will be referred to the Tribunal.
- 50.13 The Prescribed Penalty offences list and penalties are as follows:
- (a) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language, or an obscene gesture to a person(s) other than an officiating Umpire - **1 match**.
 - (b) engaging in time wasting - **1 match**.
 - (c) throwing or pushing another player after the player has taken a mark, disposed of the football or after otherwise out of play - **1 match**.
 - (d) engaging in a Melee, except where a player’s sole intention is to remove a team mate from the incident - **1 match**.
 - (e) attempting to trip another player by hand or arm - **1 match**.
 - (f) 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 football is in transit - **1 match**.
 - (g) wrestling another player - **1 match**.
 - (h) failing to leave the playing field when directed to do so by a Field Umpire - **1 match**.
 - (i) wearing boots, jewellery or other equipment prohibited under Clause 43 of these Rules and Regulations - **1 match**.
 - (j) an act of misconduct - **1 match**.
 - (k) engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable - **2 matches**.
 - (l) attempting to strike another player - **2 matches**.
- 50.14 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.

51 CATEGORY “B” ORDER OFF RULE

- 51.1 A Category “B” offence is when a minor misconduct is committed by a player which in the opinion of a Field Umpire(s) does not warrant a Category “A” report but the player shall be sent from the playing field for ten (10) minutes and may be immediately replaced.
- 51.2 The Field Umpire(s) shall notify the Interchange Steward by holding up a yellow card indicating the player has been sent off for a category “B” offence.
- 51.3 The ten (10) minutes of playing time is a continuous ten (10) minutes on the Interchange Steward’s watch or clock.
- (a) there is no stopping of the ten (10) minutes on the clock for time on as signalled by the Field Umpire(s).
- 51.4 A player who is issued a second Category “B” offence in the same match shall be sent from the playing field by the Field Umpire(s) for the remainder of the match but may be replaced after ten (10) minutes of playing time.
- 51.5 A player who is issued two (2) Category “B” yellow cards in the same match shall be suspended for one match.
- 51.6 A Category “B” offence shall only be made by a Field Umpire umpiring the particular match.
- 51.7 The Field Umpire(s) shall send the Category “B” offending player from the playing field immediately or the Umpire may allow play to continue before effecting the send-off if the Umpire believes this is an advantage to the non-offending team.
- 51.8 If a player committing a Category “B” offence refuses to leave the playing field to the satisfaction of the Field Umpire(s), the player may be reported for a time wasting or a misconduct Category “A” offence.
- 51.9 A Category “B” report shall be made on the official interchange card by the Interchange Steward, stating the player’s guernsey number, the time sent from the playing field and the quarter in which the report occurred.
- 51.10 A Category “B” report shall be detailed by the Field Umpire(s) on The Match Day Paperwork App.
- 51.11 A player sent from the playing field for three (3) Category “B” offences during any one Minor Round playing season shall incur a two (2) match suspension for the following two (2) matches of The League
- (a) these two (2) games suspension are not included in such player’s accumulative suspended games total in The League.
- (b) such player shall still be eligible to win a Best and Fairest (medal) award in The League.
- 51.12 The League shall advise the player’s Member Club when the suspension subject to Clause 51.11 is to be instigated.
- 51.13 The accumulation of Category “B” offences begins at the start of the Minor Round each playing season and ceases at the end of the Minor Round in the same playing season.
- 51.14 A Member Club or player may appeal against a Category “B” offence
- (a) such appeal shall be lodged to The League in writing within two (2) days of the match played.
- (b) a \$200 fee shall be lodged with the appeal.
- (c) the appeal shall be heard by the Tribunal.
- (d) The \$200 lodgement fee shall be forfeited if the original decision is confirmed but reimbursed if the appeal is upheld.

52 MELEE

- 52.1 During a match of The League if three (3) or more players continue to wrestle, fight or aggressively conflict with each another after instructions from a Field Umpire(s) to cease such confrontation and which in the opinion of the Field Umpire(s) the incident is likely to bring the match being played into disrepute or prejudice the interests or reputation of The League either or both Member Clubs may be reported for an Engaging In A Melee offence.
- 52.2 Officiating Field Umpires appointed by The League in which the match is being played or Officials of The League may report a Member Club for an Engaging In A Melee offence.

- 52.3 The Field Umpire(s) or an Official of The League shall inform the Interchange Steward of such offence(s) and the Interchange Steward shall acknowledge the Engaging In A Melee details have been received and understood.
- (a) if a player or players are sent from the playing field for an Engaging In A Melee offence either or both Member Clubs may be liable for a Fine.
- 52.4 The Umpire(s) or Official of The League shall inform The League of the incident by 10.00am on the Monday following the match.
- 52.5 Fines for Engaging In A Melee offence in the same year are as follows
- (a) First (1st) offence – \$250 Fine.
- (b) Second (2nd) offence - \$500 Fine.
- (c) Third (3rd) offence - \$1000 Fine.
- (d) Fourth (4th) offence – referred directly to the Tribunal.
- 52.6 The League and/or Tribunal shall retain the rights to impose a further Fine and/or penalty upon a player or Member Club Official or Member Club.
- 52.7 The penalties as listed in Clause 52.5 may be doubled during Major Round matches of The League.
- 52.8 If a Member Club is issued a second Engaging In A Melee offence in the same Division in the same year's Major Round, the Member Club shall be referred directly to the Tribunal.

53 DISCRIMINATION, RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION

- 53.1 A person shall not act towards or speak to another person in a manner, or engage in conduct which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person on any basis, including but not limited to, a person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, special ability/disability - including without limitation, disease or illness - or sexual orientation, preference or identity.
- 53.2 In the event a person hears what they interpret to be a racist remark such person may lodge a complaint in writing to The League advising of what was said, by whom and at whom it was directed.
- 53.3 The League may investigate such complaint as it deems fit.
- 53.4 A person who exhibits racist behaviour shall be liable to a penalty The League may impose including a Fine and/or loss of Premiership Points in the Division the player's team participates in or in all Divisions in which such Member Club participates.

54 COMPLAINTS

- 54.1 A Member Club or person may lodge a complaint to The League in writing within seven (7) days in respect of a matter relating to an aspect of The League or a match played in The League.
- 54.2 The League, the Executive Committee, the Tribunal or the Investigation Committee shall deal with such complaint.
- 54.3 A complaint in respect of a matter relating to an aspect of The League or a match played in The League lodged after seven (7) days shall only be considered at the discretion of The League.

SECTION 13 TRIBUNAL, APPEAL BOARD, INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE, ANTI-DOPING CODE

55 THE TRIBUNAL

- 55.1 Shall meet at the time and place as directed by The League.
- 55.2 The Tribunal Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members of The League's Tribunal Panel shall be persons not having a current official position in a Member Club

- (a) when possible, each Tribunal shall be constituted by three (3) members of The League’s Tribunal Panel
 - (b) two (2) Tribunal members shall comprise a quorum of the Tribunal.
- 55.3 The Tribunal shall have the power to hear and determine any report or charge laid by an Umpire, Official of The League or other authorised official of The League including an investigation or a matter referred to it by The League in respect of any breach of these Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution of The League.
- 55.4 The Tribunal shall
- (a) have the power to require the attendance of any person or persons before it at any time it deems fit.
 - (b) at its absolute discretion admit or reject any evidence given or tendered at the hearing of such report and/or adopt and pursue any procedure which it considers appropriate and proper.
 - (c) at its absolute discretion adjourn from time to time the hearing of any report or investigation.
 - (d) have the power to make recommendations to The League concerning a matter arising from a hearing of the Tribunal.
 - (e) forward to The League a report detailing the offences heard and determined by it.
- 55.5 Subject to Clause 55.4 the Tribunal may deem no report shall be heard and determined by the Tribunal unless the following conditions are complied with
- (a) the report shall be in writing on the Report By Umpire form or by entering the full details into the Match Day Paperwork App and shall set out the substance of the report, the player’s guernsey number and wherever possible the name of the player reported.
 - (b) The Report by Umpire form shall be signed by the Field Umpire(s) and any other Umpire(s) except where the report is submitted via the Match Day Paperwork App or an Official of The League making the report and submitted to The League.
 - (c) any one of the President or Chairman or Secretary or Football Director of the Member Club to which the reported player(s) or official(s) belong are the only persons permitted to approach the Field Umpire(s) or other reporting official at the end of the match from which the report(s) has arisen to obtain the relevant report(s) details.
- 55.6 Notwithstanding a non-compliance with any one or more of the conditions specified in these Rules and Regulations the Tribunal may in its absolute discretion dispense with the compliance of such conditions and proceed to determine any report provided such dispensation does not prejudice any player called before the Tribunal.
- 55.7 The Umpire(s) or an Official of The League either signing the Report by Umpire form or lodging the report via the Match Day Paperwork App, the Advocate of the player’s Member Club and any witnesses shall attend the Tribunal at the time and place directed by The League.
- (a) The League may impose a Fine to a Member Club if their Advocate and/or the reported player fail to attend the Tribunal.
 - (b) the reporting Umpire(s) may request anyone to attend the Tribunal as a witness.
 - (c) the offended player involved in a Category “A” report may request to attend the Tribunal hearing relating to such report or if directed to attend by The League.
- 55.8 Should the reported player or a required Member Club official(s) as requested by The League not appear before the Tribunal at the time and place directed by The League the Tribunal shall have the power to hear and determine the report in the player’s absence or adjourn such hearing and/or fine the player(s), official(s) or Member Club.
- 55.9 Should the Umpire(s) or an Official of The League signing the report not appear before the Tribunal at the time and place directed by The League, the Tribunal shall have the power to dismiss the report or adjourn such hearing.

55.10 In determining a report the Tribunal shall have the power to

- (a) dismiss the report.
- (b) find a report not proven.
- (c) find a report proven and reprimand any player(s) or official(s).
- (d) find a report proven and suspend any player or official for any period.
- (e) find a report proven and impose on any player or official or Member Club a Fine for each report proven.
- (f) find a report proven and impose upon a player or official a suspension for any period or suspend such period of suspension upon the player or official undertaking to be of good behaviour for any period specified by the Tribunal.
- (g) suspend for any period or impose a Fine on any player whom while playing under a suspended suspension in accordance with Clause 55.10(f) is found guilty by the Tribunal of a further charge during the period of such suspended suspension.
- (h) find a report not proven but if in the opinion of The League a player has committed a breach under these Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution, The League may deal with such other breach in accordance with the provisions set out herein as if such breach were the report being determined and to this effect may amend, alter or substitute any report in place of the original report.

55.11 The Tribunal shall retain the rights to impose a Fine and/or penalty or an additional penalty upon any person or Member Club who or which

- (a) fails to have a Member Club Advocate represent the reported player(s) or official(s) at the Tribunal hearing.
- (b) knowingly gives false evidence to the Tribunal at any Tribunal hearing.
- (c) before, at, or after any Tribunal hearing insults, abuses or assaults the Tribunal or any member thereof or any person giving evidence at such hearing or whom in the opinion of the Tribunal is guilty of misconduct at a Tribunal hearing.
- (d) refuses or neglects to obey an order of the Tribunal.

55.12 Should a Member Club include on its Team Sheet a player under suspension as a result of an order of the Tribunal during the player's suspension such Member Club shall be liable to a Fine and/or loss of all Premiership Points accrued in the particular Division or in all Divisions in which such Member Club participates as from the date the suspension was implemented.

55.13 The Tribunal and/or The League shall have the power to call before it a player who has been reported for a Prescribed Penalty offence as listed in Clause 50.13.

- (a) the Tribunal shall in such case have the power to hear and determine the report and to impose a penalty as described in Clause 55.10.

55.14 A suspended player whose full or part of suspension is to be served during the Major Round shall serve such suspension in the Division in which they were reported.

55.15 A bye is not counted as a match of The League for a suspension to be served.

55.16 A person disqualified or suspended for six (6) matches or more at a single Tribunal hearing may appeal against such disqualification or suspension to the SACFL in accordance with Regulation 11.1 of the SACFL Regulations.

56 TRIBUNAL APPEAL BOARD

56.1 An appeal lodged under Clauses 56.4 or 56.5 shall be heard and determined by a Tribunal Appeal Board ("the Board").

56.2 Each Board shall be constituted by three (3) members, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Tribunal, and the other two appointed by The League. None of the members of the Tribunal or the

- Investigation Committee involved in the decision which is the subject of the appeal can be a member of the Board.
- 56.3 The members of the Board shall not have any current or past affiliation with any Member Club involved in the appeal and a paid employee of The League cannot be a member of the Board.
- 56.4 A Member Club player or official suspended by the Tribunal may appeal to The League against the decision of the Tribunal if
- (a) the person was suspended by the Tribunal for a period of six (6) matches or more and
 - (b) the person has the permission of their Member Club in writing to appeal and
 - (c) the person's appeal is accompanied by a fee of \$500 - inclusive of GST - which shall be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 56.5 A Member Club may appeal in writing to The League against a decision of the Tribunal imposing a penalty upon the Member Club provided the appeal is accompanied by a fee of \$500 - inclusive of GST - which shall be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 56.6 An appeal can only be brought under Clauses 56.4 and/or 56.5
- (a) with respect to the issue of guilt
 - (i) if it is alleged there has been an error by the Tribunal in the application of The League's Rules and Regulations, or
 - (b) with respect to the issue of penalty
 - (i) if it is alleged the penalty imposed by the Tribunal was manifestly excessive.
- 56.7 An appeal should be in writing setting out in full the basis of the appeal and shall be received by The League not later than two (2) days following the decision by the Tribunal against which the appeal is brought.
- 56.8 Subject to any other matters set out in this Rule the Board may regulate any proceedings brought before it in such manner as it decides.
- 56.9 The Board is not bound by the rules of evidence nor by the practices and procedures applicable to courts of record but may inform itself on any matter in such manner as it decides.
- 56.10 An appeal is to proceed by way of a review of the evidence before the Tribunal and not by way of a rehearing.
- 56.11 At the hearing of an appeal from a decision of the Tribunal fresh evidence may not be presented without leave of the Board.
- (a) The Board shall not grant such leave unless the Board is satisfied
 - (i) the evidence could not by reasonable diligence have been obtained prior to the end of the hearing before the Tribunal and
 - (ii) the evidence is of such a character if considered with other evidence which was given before the Tribunal, the Tribunal would have reached a different result.
- 56.12 Each Board has the power
- (a) to affirm, reverse or vary the decision which is the subject of the appeal.
 - (b) to increase or decrease the penalty imposed by the Tribunal.
 - (c) to adjourn its proceedings at and to such time and place as it shall deem fit and
 - (d) to stay the execution of the penalty imposed by the Tribunal pending the determination of the appeal.
- 56.13 The Board is not obliged to give reasons for a decision made by it under Clause 56.12.
- 56.14 Subject to Clause 56.12 a player lodging an appeal against a suspension imposed by the Tribunal may not participate in a match of The League until their appeal has been heard and determined by the Board.

57 INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

- 57.1 The League shall appoint an Investigation Committee prior to the start of each playing season.
- 57.2 The Investigation Committee shall have the power to hear and determine any matter referred to it by The League.
- 57.3 The Investigation Committee shall comprise a quorum of not less than two persons none of whom have any current or past affiliation with a Member Club involved in the investigation.
- 57.4 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 a Member Club(s) player(s) or official(s).
 - (e) summon a person to appear before it and give evidence.
 - (f) admit or reject evidence which it may be given.
 - (g) adjourn proceedings to a time and place deemed fit.
 - (h) adopt or pursue a procedure considered convenient and proper for the disposal of any matter.
 - (i) sustain or dismiss an application brought before it upon grounds as it in its absolute discretion may determine.
 - (j) refuse to investigate a matter brought before it for investigation if it determines in its absolute discretion such matter is trivial.
 - (k) alter or delete as it sees fit the result of a match played.
 - (l) direct a person(s) to attend a meeting at its own discretion.
 - (m) refer matters as it deems fit to The League, or the Tribunal or the Executive Committee.
 - (n) initiate an investigation into a Tribunal decision or penalty.
- 57.5 The Investigation Committee shall retain the rights to impose a penalty or Fine upon a person or Member Club who or which:
- (a) knowingly gives false evidence to the Investigation Committee or
 - (b) before, at or after a meeting of the Investigation Committee insults, abuses or assaults a member of the Investigation Committee or a person giving evidence at such hearing or
 - (c) in the opinion of the Investigation Committee is guilty of misconduct at a meeting or
 - (d) refuses or neglects to obey an 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.
- 57.6 The President or Chairman and Member Club Advocate are required to attend an investigation involving their Member Club and are permitted to bring relevant people in regard to the alleged incident(s).
- 57.7 A referral under Clause 57 shall
- (a) be made to The League in writing by a Member Club.
 - (b) contain all facts relevant to the matter which is being referred as well as the relief sought by the referring party.
 - (c) be accompanied by a payment of \$250 - inclusive of GST - which will be refunded in the event the relief being sought by the referral party is satisfied.
- 57.8 The decision of the Investigation Committee on a matter referred to it or an investigation carried out by it will be final and binding and there will be no avenue of appeal to another Tribunal or body whether judicial, quasi-judicial or otherwise.

58 ANTI-DOPING CODE

- 58.1 A Member Club and its officials are bound by the Australian Football League (AFL) Anti-Doping Code under Clause 21 of the Laws of Australian Football.
- 58.2 The AFL is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code (WADA).
- 58.3 WADA is the international organisation responsible for fighting doping in sport.
- 58.4 The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) is responsible for implementing the AFL's Anti-Doping Code at all levels of competition.
- 58.5 ASADA's responsibilities for investigations extend to The League.
- 58.6 A Member Club player or official does not have to be tested to breach the Code and receive a sanction.
- 58.7 Penalties under the AFL Anti-Doping Code may be up to four (4) years and prevent a person from performing any role in a Member Club including playing, coaching or being a support staff member.
- 58.8 Such sanctions may include participation in any event, game or activity managed by a Member Club.

SECTION 14 MEDALISTS, MERIT AWARDS, LIFE MEMBERSHIP**59 BEST AND FAIREST**

- 59.1 A medal shall be awarded every year to the Best and Fairest player in every Division.
- 59.2 Medal winners are determined by the Field Umpire(s) voting as described in Clause 31.4.
- 59.3 In the event of a tie by the highest vote winning players in a Division all tied players shall receive the same medal
- 59.4 A player guilty of a Category "A" offence shall be ineligible to win a Best and Fairest award in the playing season in which such player was found guilty

60 MERIT AWARDS

- 60.1 The League shall award Merit Certificates to volunteers who have made a significant contribution to their Member Club and/or to The League (Appendix 11)
- 60.2 Certificate Of Merit award nominations shall be submitted on the form prescribed by The League (Appendix 12)

61 PLAYER LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 61.1 To be awarded Player Life Membership of The League a player shall play 150 senior matches in The League.

62 LEAGUE LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 62.1 A Member Club may present to The League or The League may present to the General Committee a nomination for a person they regard has rendered conspicuous and/or distinguished service to The League to be elected a Life Member of The League.
- 62.2 The nominated person shall have given a minimum of fifteen (15) years significant contribution to The League and shall not have been a paid employee in any aspects of The League in such person's fifteen (15) years.
- 62.3 The nomination of a person for Life Membership of The League by a Member Club shall be in writing and signed by the proposer and seconder.
- 62.4 The General Committee shall ratify a Life Member nomination by a two-thirds majority of Member Clubs.