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Part 1 - PRELIMINARY

1. Authority and Effect

- (1) These By-Laws are published by the Southern Football League under the authority of the leagues constitution and are binding on all clubs, players, officials and any other persons registered under these By-Laws.
- (2) The league adopts the Laws of Australian Football subject to its right to vary those Laws from time to time.

2. Constitution of Clubs

- (1) The Constitution of a club or other instrument of constitution and any alterations or additions to that constitution, shall be subject to the approval of the executive.
- (2) Each club shall deposit with the league its constitution within one month of its adoption and any alterations or additions to the constitution within one month of making the alterations or additions.
- (3) A club shall not alter its constitution in such a way that it conflicts with the provisions of any one of the constitution and By-Laws and resolutions of the league.
- (4) The executive shall not withhold its approval to a club constitution or any alterations or additions to it if there is no conflict with the provisions of the constitution these By-Laws and resolutions of the league.

3 Definitions

- (1) Except where a different intention is apparent from the context, expressions used in these By-Laws have the following meanings.

“Association” means a league association or other body (other than the league itself) which conducts a football competition in Southern Tasmania.

“Competition” means the Southern Football League competition, including reserves and colts.

“Executive Officer” means the person for the time being holding the office as, or acting in the office of Executive Officer of the league.

“Home Team” means the team named first on the league’s published roster of home and away matches.

“League Club” or **“Club”** means any of the clubs participating in the Southern Football League.

“The League” means the Southern Football League.

“Official” means any person involved in the administration of a club.

(2) A reference to a penalty means a maximum penalty.

4 Committees, etc.

(1) **The executive shall appoint following committees and tribunal but it is not limited in appointing any other committee it deems necessary to conduct the business of the league:**

Appeals Committee
Complaints Committee
Grounds Committee
Independent Tribunal

(2) In By-Laws dealing with the make up of those bodies, a reference to a person being independent means one who does not hold office with a club.

(3) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring on any such body the executive shall appoint a replacement person as soon as practicable.

(4) A club shall not be represented on any such body or on the league by more than one representative.

(5) Except where otherwise specified the members of each body shall convene as soon as practicable after their appointment and decide their procedure, times of meeting and the notice necessary for convening meetings.

If a chairman nominated or appointed in accordance with these By-Laws is absent from a meeting the members present shall appoint a chairman from among their number for that occasion.

A quorum for all committees shall be 50% + 1 of the members except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws.

Appeals committee –

- (a) The executive shall appoint each year an appeal committee.
- (b) The committee has the function of hearing and determining;

Appeals relating to refusal of transfers to which rule **19** applies;

and

- (ii) Such other matters arising under these By Laws or under the constitution of the league as the executive refers

to it.

- (c) On the hearing of a matter, the appeal committee;

- (i) Shall make a full and thorough investigation without regard to legal forms and solemnities;

- (ii) May admit evidence that is considered relevant notwithstanding that evidence might not be admissible in a court of law; and

- (iii) Shall observe the principles of natural justice.

- (d) In reaching a decision the committee shall take into account;

- (i) The interest of the public and of the game;
- (ii) The interest of the league and of the clubs and associations or body who are involved in the appeal;
- (iii) The interests an all aspects of the player, including any hardship (financial or otherwise) likely to be suffered by him if the transfer is not given;

- (iv) The player's age and length of service, and his value to the club association, or his body from which the transfer is sought.

- (e) Subject to those requirements, the committee may regulate its own procedure.

- (f) The appeal committee may fix the cost of an appeal and order that cost to be paid by one or more of the unsuccessful parties,

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otherwise of

shall make a decision in it's discretion as to refund or
the deposit.

document
as possible.

- (g) A decision of the appeal committee is final and in the case of a transfer appeal being upheld, subject to the compliance with owing monies and property to the clubs the necessary shall be made available to the player as soon
- (h) A transfer granted by the committee lapses at 31st December if it has not been acted upon and has no validity after that day.

Grounds committee –

In the event of a club failing to gain occupancy of a particular ground or failing to comply with conditions of occupancy determined from time to time by the executive, the executive shall have power to make alternative ground arrangements for that club's matches.

It shall be the responsibility of the grounds committee to inspect all clubs facilities at least once annually.

The grounds committee will report to the executive any club who in their opinion has facilities that they feel are not up to their requirements.

The executive after having requested the club to upgrade facilities, may after a satisfactory period (such period shall have been agreed upon by both parties) transfer that club's home games to alternative facilities until the improvements have been completed.

PART TWO – THE CLUBS

5 Public Comment

- (1) Club officials, coaches and players shall not make public comment on club facilities and the decision making process of the league.

Penalty - \$250.00 to be imposed on offender's club.

- (2) Offending clubs will be advised by SFL, within 3 working days of the pending penalty. Including the grounds for such penalty pertaining to Public Comment.

6 Colour of Shorts

- (1) In home and away matches the home team wears dark shorts and the away team wears white.

- (2) In the event of finals the General Manager shall decide the colours to be worn.

7 Players Numbers

- (1) Each player taking part in a match as a registered player of the league shall wear a number distinguishing him from all other players in the team, of a size and style no smaller than 30 cm and located in such a position as the executive shall from time to time direct.
- (2) Where a player takes the field without a number or wears a number that is in breach of sub rule 1, that player's club is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: \$250.00

8 Protective Equipment

- (1) Bike shorts and visible guards must be the colour of the shorts or flesh coloured
- (2) Gloves are permitted as approved by the AFL

- (3) Helmets or head guards must be black or of the predominant club colour.
- (4) Where a player takes to the field in breach of this rule that player's club is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: \$250.00 after one warning

9 Clubs information and responsibilities

- (1) Prior to each season each club shall supply to the General Manager:
 - (a) Addresses, business, home and mobile telephone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses where applicable of administrators, committee members and the coach of each team including secretary, executive or each team
- (2) During the season each club must provide the General Manager:
 - (a) By 11am on the Monday before the first home and away match correct names and numbers for all three teams for the Football Sporting Pulse Programme. Team sheets must be entered on
 - (b) Detail of any changes to those teams.
 - (c) Other information as required, including club notes, player profiles and player milestones. Fine \$50
 - (d) The SFL will provide a full set of Clash Guernseys as required, to the away team in a specific rostered match. These Guernseys are to be collected from SFL headquarters no later than 3.00pm on the Friday prior to the match to be played. These Guernseys are to be laundered and repaired as required and returned to SFL headquarters no later than 4.00pm on the Wednesday following the match in which they were used. A fee of \$100.00 will be payable to the SFL by the club for each and every Guernsey not returned.
- (3) For media and Football Programme purposes after each senior, reserves and Colts match each club shall supply to the ground manager a full list of goal kickers and at least six best players.

- (4) All results and team sheets must be entered on Sporting Pulse or a \$50 fine will be payable.
- (5) All results and team sheets must be in by 0930 Monday morning or a \$50 fine will be payable

10 Team Selections

- (1) Senior team selections must be notified to the Media or General Manager in the accepted format by no later than 8.30pm on each Thursday during the season showing 18 players, interchange players and four emergencies. Only those players which are named from the above list may take the field. Clubs may apply for special dispensation from this rule under extenuating circumstances by applying to the General Manager prior to the commencement of the game.

(a) A Reserves squad and Colts squad of up to 25 players in each is to be notified to the media or General Manager in the accepted format by no later than 8.30pm on each Thursday.

- (2) The penalty for a breach of this rule is \$250.00

11 Cessation of a clubs representation

(1) If a league club ceases to be entitled to representation in the league, a player or person otherwise bound to that club shall not require a transfer from the club, but subject to any determination to the contrary made by the league pursuant to sub rule (2) the player or person shall require the approval of a majority of two thirds of the members who are present and are entitled to vote at a meeting called for that purpose.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in theses By-Laws to the contrary, the league may rule upon all matters arising from a club ceasing to be a club of the league, including and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the entitlement of the remaining clubs of the league to acquire the services of players.

PART 3 – REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS

12 Registrar

- (1) The General Manager of the league shall act as the registrar annually.
- (2) A club has the right to appeal to the appeal committee against any decision of the registrar under these By-Laws and the decision of the appeal committee is final

13 Registration of players

- (1) The league shall furnish to the club a list of players registered by the club during the previous season.
- (2) Each club shall furnish to the league a properly completed application for registration in respect of each player not registered

with that club the previous season.

- (3) No player can participate in any Premiership match until approved.
- (4) Throughout these By-Laws a player who is named on a team sheet lodged prior to a match is deemed to have played or participated regardless of whether he took the field or not.
- (5) Where an application for new registration is granted, the given name, surname and address of the player, the name of his club and the date of registration shall be entered into a register of players which shall be kept in the office of the league.
- (6) The onus of good faith in respect of all information submitted for the purpose of registration shall at all times rest with the applicant's club.
- (7) The registration of a player remains in force if the player plays at least one club game in two consecutive years as long as the player is a member of that club.
- (8) Registration forms must be lodged with the league before 9.30am on the Thursday before the day on which the player intends to play his first match, and a player is not deemed to be registered until it has been accepted by the registrar.
- (9) No registration can be accepted after 9.30am on the first Friday in July annually.
- (10) Any new registration for the current season will not be accepted until the 1st of January of the current season.

14 Unregistered Players

- (1) A club that plays an unregistered player shall forfeit that match and will be liable for a fine of \$250.00 for each such matter.
- (2) A club that plays an uncleared player shall forfeit that match and will be fined \$250.00 for each such occurrence if in the opinion of the General Manager the club's action was

deliberate.

- (3) An unregistered player is one whose name is not on the register of players or whose registration has expired or has been deregistered by the league.

15 Salary Cap

Football Payments

For the roster season 2009 and onwards the salary cap for football payments shall be \$55,000-00 for home and away and all finals games (as set out below) for players and coaches.

- (2) **Total Player Payments** shall mean and include (but not be limited to);
- (a) **Gross payment**- the player and coaches' payments shall be calculated as a gross payment prior to payment by a club of group tax
 - (b) **Loans** – The full amount of loans made directly or indirectly by or on behalf of any club or associate of a club to any player or an associate of a player or to a coach or to any associate of the coach shall be deemed to be a football payment to the player or coach at the time of the advance loan.
 - (c) **Travel** – Players are permitted to be paid for travel on condition that the amount paid is declared and included under the total player payments.
 - (d) **Superannuation** – All statutory and other contributions to superannuation shall be deemed to be football payments to the players of the club or football payments to the coaches of the club.
 - (e) **Relocation Expenses** – All amounts paid by way of relocation expenses or living away from home allowance, including rental for housing shall be deemed to be football payments to the player or football payments to the coach.
 - (f) Total payment for any individual player (excluding contracted coaches) not to exceed \$200.00 per game.

(3) **Definitions**

- (a) **Total Player Payments** – shall mean and include (but not limited to) the total of all payments for a single football season (whenever such payments be made) made by a club or by an associate, representative, supporter, sponsor, financial contributor to or of a club to or for the financial benefit or advantage of the players of a club or to or for the financial benefit or advantage of an associate of the players of a club in remuneration of the players providing services to a club as players of Australian Rules Football.
- (b) **Football Payments** – shall include total player payments and total coaches payments and shall mean and include (but not limited to) all payments by legal tender and any financial benefit or advantage given or provided to or applied to the benefit of a player or an associate of a player or applied to the benefit of a coach or an associate of a coach.
- (c) **Total Coaches Payment** - shall mean and include (but not limited to) the total of all payments for a single football season (whenever such payments be made) made by a club or by an associate, representative, supporter, sponsor, financial contributor to or of a club to or for the financial benefit or advantage of a coach or coaches of a club or to or for the financial benefit or advantage of an associate of a coach or coaches of a club in remuneration of a coach or coaches providing services to a club as a coach or coaches.
- (d) **Coach of Australian Rules Football** shall mean and include the following:

Senior playing coach
Senior non playing coach
Senior playing assistant coach
Senior playing skills / development coach
Reserves playing coach
Reserves non playing coach
Colts coach

- (e) **Associate of the Club:** shall mean and include (but not be

limited to) a person, business or corporate entity whether or not providing financial support to a club but which acts in such a way that a reasonable person would on the balance of probabilities deduce that such person, business or corporate entity acts in such a way as to associate his, her or themselves or it with a club or clubs.

- (f) **Associate of a Player:** shall mean and include (but not be limited to) an associate of a club for which the player plays Australian Rules Football, the player's parents, wife, defacto spouse, partner, companion, friend, acquaintance or business associate.
- (g) **Associate of a Coach:** shall mean and include (but not be limited to) an associate of a player, the coaches parents, wife, defacto spouse, partner, companion, friend, acquaintance or business associate.

(4) **Club responsibilities:** All clubs must provide to the League:

- (a) A copy of the contract or agreement, supported by statutory declaration from the player or coach, the club has with each coach or player within the club to confirm that the payments specified in the contract or agreement are the only payments to be made for playing football with that club.
- (b) Both documents must be lodged with the league before the first Friday in July, each season.
- (c) Reserves and Colts players are exempt from the contract requirements to the extent of playing two senior matches, but such a player must comply with the contract requirements before playing a third match.

(5) **Procedures to be adopted by General Manager;**

In determining whether there has been a breach by a club or a player of any of the preceding provisions in respect to Football Payments and Total Player Payments, the Competition Manager following the approval of the executive, may in his role and unfettered discretion adopt the following procedure:

- (a) advise the club or a player of a club in writing that he considers a breach of the provisions in respect to football payment and or total player payments has occurred and with such notice allow a club or a player or a club on behalf of a player a period of seven (7) days in which to forward written submissions to him showing cause as to why a breach of a provision or provisions in respect to football payments and or total player payments should not be deemed to have occurred and why the prescribed penalty should not be imposed .
 - (b) In addition to (a) above conduct a hearing in camera at an appropriate venue during which oral submissions will be made on behalf of a club or a player of a club or a coach by an authorized member of the controlling body of the club.
 - (c) within seven (7) days of the completion of such hearing hand down his decision in writing in respect to whether a breach of provisions concerning Football payments and or total player payments has occurred and the penalty to be recommended in respect to that breach;
 - (d) the onus of proving that a breach or breaches of any provisions of theses rules by a club or player or coach has not occurred lies on the club or player or coach;
 - (e) the standard of proof is the balance of probabilities;
 - (f) any hearing conducted in camera by the Competition Manager shall be conducted with as little informality as possible and the rules of evidence shall not apply;
 - (g) the hearing panel may, at the sole discretion of the Competition Manager be constituted by the Competition Manager sitting alone or a panel of three persons of which the Competition Manager shall be one and chairman;
- (6) **Breaches and Penalties –**
- (a) Any club found guilty of breaching the salary cap maybe penalized up to twelve (12) Premiership points
 - (b) The decision as to whether a breach of a provision or

provisions of these rules has occurred shall be final and binding on all parties and no review (including by prerogative Writ or otherwise) or appeal there from shall lie.

16 Transfers

- (1) A transfer form must be used in all cases whenever a player transfers to or from a league club and must be lodged with the registrar within seven days following the date of signing by the player. Transfers and permits should also be lodged online with Sporting Pulse
- (2) A player registered with a club under this part who wishes to transfer to another league club shall submit to the registrar on the appropriate form a request for approval for a transfer, and should also be lodged online with Sporting Pulse.
- (3) If a club fails to respond to the request for approval of a transfer within fourteen (14) days from receipt of the transfer application the League shall grant the transfer, online via Sporting Pulse.
- (4) Where the By-Laws of an association in Australia other than the SFL specify a requirement of transfer approval by the controlling body, the procedure for a transfer for a player in such an association shall be the same as in sub rule (1).
- (5) There shall be no transfer fees applied.
- (6) Any new transfer for the current season will not be

accepted
current season.

until the 1st of February of the

17 Transfers between different competitions.

- (1) In this rule “association” means any other football body operating in Australia other than the Southern Football League.
- (2) A player registered with a league club who wished to play with any

other association or body shall apply to the registrar for a transfer on the form available for that purpose.

18 Transfers after standing out of football.

(1) A player who was registered with a league club but who submits a statutory declaration saying that he has not played football in any competition in the preceding 23 months is not required to produce a transfer to play with another league club but he does require a new registration approved by the registrar.

19 Refusal of transfer

(1) This rule applies to a player registered with league clubs who wishes to transfer to another league club and a player in another association or body who is refused a transfer by a league club to which his club is attached or the association in which he is registered.

(2) A player is deemed to have failed to obtain a transfer if he receives formal notice of the refusal.

(3) A player can only be refused a transfer on the grounds of:

- (a) If the player has an existing contract with the transferor club
- (b) If the player owes property to the transferor club
- (c) If the player is financially encumbered to the transferor club

(4) The onus on proving the provisions in the above rule lies with the club refusing the transfer.

(5) A player may appeal against a refusal of a transfer to the Appeal Committee by lodging a notice in the approved form with the General Manager together with a cash deposit of

\$250.00.

(6) The appeal shall be lodged within seven days of the refusal and shall set out the grounds of the appeal including where

applicable
because of the refusal.

details of hardship suffered by the player

(7) The General Manager, by notice in writing, shall notify the player and club or association or body that has refused the transfer of the date and time of the appeal and advise that club or association or body that it is entitled to be heard at the appeal if it wishes.

(8) The Executive Officer shall use his best endeavours to arrange a hearing within fourteen (14) days of lodgement of the appeal.

(9) A player under suspension or disqualification for a field offence or by his body or who has been expelled by the league, association, body or club is not eligible during the relevant period to lodge an appeal against a transfer.

20 Playing in breach of these By-Laws

A player who obtains a transfer or registration by using wrong information or whom in any other way plays contrary to the By-Laws in this part shall be dealt with as the registrar deems appropriate.

21 Cancellation of registration

Should the registrar decide at any time that a player of any league club should not be permitted to play with that club, the club, on receiving notice from the registrar, shall discontinue to play said player. If after receiving such notice, the club continues to play said player, it shall be dealt with as the league sees fit.

22 Effect of disqualification

A person who has been disqualified is not allowed to hold any position in connection with any league club until the disqualification is removed or expired.

23 Interstate transfers

- (1) The procedure for interstate transfers is the same as for intrastate transfers except that the appropriate AFL form shall be used and the time for lodgement is 14 days.
- (2) A player must have resided in Tasmania before being eligible for a transfer.

24 Affiliated Association appeals

An appeal lodged by an association affiliated with the league against a decision of the league or another association or body shall be heard by an independent arbitrator appointed by the league.

25 SFL Colts Provisions

- (1) The operative time for calculating ages for the Southern Football league under these By Laws is the 1st October in the year of the current season.
- (2) Confirmation of date of birth must be supplied to the registrar for any player wishing to be registered under this rule.
- (3) In registering, an underage player shall provide the required details for verification of age.
- (4) A club which plays a player in breach of this rule will forfeit the match.
- (5) The number of interchange in the Southern Football league Colts competition shall be a maximum of four (4)
- (6) (a) the minimum number of players on the field shall be 15

if a team begins the game with less than 18 players then the opposition shall only play the equal number on the field at the start of the game

PART 4 – UMPIRES

26 Ban on playing

A field, boundary or goal umpire is not permitted to play with any league club during a season in which he has received payment unless his services have been dispensed with or his resignation accepted by the umpiring controlling body.

27 Umpires' dressing rooms

Umpires' dressing rooms at grounds are out of bounds to anyone other than the umpires, their trainers, ground managers, the league's General Manager and members of the umpires' body.

28 Public comment on umpires

Club officials, coaches and players shall not make public comment on umpires.

Penalty- \$250.00 to be imposed on offender's club.

29 Protection of umpires

In all league controlled matches it is the responsibility of the home team to provide protection of umpires before and after and during breaks in the match. Must have escort, fine \$50.

30 Privacy of umpires

- (1) A coach or official is not permitted to speak to umpires during the progress of the match, including the intervals.
- (2) A coach or official or player other than the club captain is not permitted to enter into the centre square during the intervals of a match.

31 Abusive language

It is an offence for an official to use abusive, threatening or insulting language to an umpire on the day of the match

PART 5 – THE COMPETITION

32 Schedule of matches

- (1) Prior to the start of the season the General Manager shall prepare and publish a schedule of matches for the season including home and away and finals series, showing the dates of all matches and the grounds allocated for home and away matches.
- (2) Finals shall be played on such grounds as the executive may desire.
- (3) During the course of a season the executive may make such changes to the schedule as it thinks necessary or desirable, and may postpone or bring forward any match to such time and place as it thinks appropriate.

33 The points table

- (1) The league shall maintain a points table and a percentage table for the purpose of determining the finalists for the finals series.
- (2) In home and away matches a winning team shall earn four points, a team that draws two points and no points shall be awarded in respect of a bye.
- (3) The ongoing percentage for each team shall be points scored for, divided by the points scored against.

34 Forfeits

- (1) A team shall forfeit a match:
 - (a) In circumstances laid down by any of these By-Laws that result in a forfeit; or
 - (b) Where a team fails to appear within 15 minutes of the official starting time or leaves the ground during playing time.
- (2) If a team because of failure to appear wishes to put forward a reason for its conduct the executive may in its absolute discretion re-open the matter with power to order the match be played on another day, but the decision of the

executive is final.

- (3) If a club forfeits after the Thursday night prior to the weekend's game the penalty for a forfeit shall be \$100.00, and umpire fees paid.
- (5) If a league roster match cannot be played on the scheduled date because of the unavailability or unplayable condition of the grounds that round in that league shall be abandoned and the points shared.

35 The finalists

- (1) At the end of the home and away series the first eight teams on the points table shall be the finalists.
- (2) Teams which finish with the same number of points shall be ranked according to percentages.
- (3) In the event of two teams that are potential finalists having the same number of points and the same percentages at the end of the home and away roster the calculation shall be based on the points gained when the two sides met during the roster. If both clubs have the same points the club who has the best percentage for and against for those games will proceed to the finals.

36 The finals

After the end of the home and away matches the first eight clubs decided if agreed to as in rule 35 (1) according to the preceding By-Laws shall play off for the Premiership under the AFL final six system.

The finals series shall comprise six finals matches played over four consecutive weekends as follows:

WEEK ONE FINALS QUALIFYING / ELIMINATION ROUNDS

- 1st. Elimination Final**
2nd. Elimination Final
Qualifying Final :

WEEK TWO FINALS SEMI FINALS ROUND

- 1st. Semi Final**

2nd. Semi Final

WEEK THREE PRELIMINARY FINALS ROUND

Preliminary Final

WEEK FOUR GRAND FINAL

Grand Final

37 Eligibility to play in finals

- (1) A player registered prior to the first Friday in July each season who has played in at least three club roster matches during the current season is eligible to play in senior finals.
- (2) A player shall not be eligible to play in reserves or colts finals unless he has played in at least three roster matches in that grade during the current season.
- (3) A player who has played in six or more senior roster matches is eligible to play in reserves finals if during the same season he has played in three reserves matches.
- (4) A player who plays in two grades on the one day or in the one round of roster games on different days may count only the higher grade.
- (5) A player who plays in a senior final cannot subsequently play in a reserves grade or under age grade final unless he has played two thirds of his roster matches in the reserves or colts during the season.
- (6) A reserves or colts grade player qualifying for the finals series shall not be debarred from playing in a finals match if he is selected as an interchange player for the senior grade side and does not take the field.

- (7) An underage player who has played in six or more higher grade matches is eligible to play in an underage final if he has played in three colts matches during the same season.
- (8) If an underage player plays in a higher grade finals match then he cannot play in an colts finals match unless he has played two thirds of his roster matches in the underage grade during that same season.
- (9) Because the operation of this rule can cause selection difficulties for a club that is committed to playing both a senior, reserves and colts finals on the same day or on consecutive days, that situation is treated as a special case, and, assuming that every player who is to participate is properly registered and eligible to play for one or other of the teams, the club may select any of those players for either teams as it thinks best, regardless of the constraints that otherwise might apply under these By-Laws.

Once a club's roster has commenced, players in the State U/16 Team will have two matches accredited to them for the two weekends of the AFL U/16 National Championships. Games in the selection process for state teams shall also be counted where the player was not permitted to play for his club team.

This rule was adopted from the Youth Rules by resolution at a Premier League meeting on July 19, 2007

38 Ties in finals

- (1) In the event of a tie in any other final the umpire shall advise the captains that after a five minute break, during which ends will be changed, extra time of two five minute periods with no time on shall be played.
- (2) During the five minute break coaches and officials may go to their teams as if it were a three quarter time break.
- (3) After the first five minute period the team will change ends immediately, coaches and officials not being able to go onto the ground.
- (4) In the event of a further tie at the end of the two periods a further two five minute periods with no time on will be played, with no breaks other than time to change ends and so on until a result is reached.

- (5) The interpretation and enforcement of these extra time provisions is entirely in the discretion of the umpires and their decision in this regard are not subject to challenge.

39 Approved footballs

The General Manager is responsible for advising approved footballs to be used in all matches conducted by the league.

40 Timekeepers

- (1) Each club is responsible for providing a time keeper for each match and for supplying two clocks each to be of a type approved by the league.
- (2) Clocks shall be submitted to an examiner appointed by the league as and when required.
- (3) The time keepers shall comply with law 10.3 of the Laws of Australian Football dealing with the keeping of records, use of sirens and time on unless the league, as authorised by that law varies those requirements.

41 Starting time for matches

The executive may from time to time determine the starting times for matches, the times by which teams of the club shall enter the field for the commencement of matches and the penalties to be paid or incurred by the clubs for failure of their teams to enter the field by the times so determined.

42 Playing times

- (1) The length of quarters shall be as follows:
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| Seniors: | Each quarter shall comprise 20 minutes with time on; |
| Reserves: | Each quarter shall comprise 25 minutes plus no time on; |
| Colts: | Each quarter shall comprise 20 minutes with no time on; |
| Finals: | All finals shall be as above. |

Length of breaks:

Seniors / Reserves: $\frac{1}{4}$ time 5 minutes
 $\frac{1}{2}$ time 20 minutes
 $\frac{3}{4}$ time 5 minutes

Underage: $\frac{1}{4}$ time 5 minutes
 $\frac{1}{2}$ time 20 minutes
 $\frac{3}{4}$ time 5 minutes

- (2) In relation to the Reserves and Colts, time on will be called if a stretcher enters the field of play and the field umpire in charge stops the game and indicates time on.
- (3) Timekeepers sheet – Attachment C.

43 Match procedure

- (1) The siren shall be sounded as per the rule 10.3 of the Laws of Australian Football.
- (2) In the event of teams being ready to start prior to the official start time of each quarter, the field umpire will hold the ball aloft and the timekeepers shall sound the official start time siren. Start on advertised time. Seniors not before 1.45pm.
- (3) A designated person from each team, if not the Captain is required to attend the toss for choice of ends in the centre circle before the one minute siren.

(b) The central umpire is to be notified by the respective team manager who will
be tossing the coin for their team.

- (4) It is an offence, to be reported by the umpire, if:

- (a) A designated person is not present for the toss at the time specified;
 - (b) A team is not ready at the official starting time.
- or

- (5) Before the match each club is permitted to warm up and use footballs at an agreed part of the ground until the two minute siren.
- (6) Team huddles during $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ time breaks shall be located outside the

centre square and on the 50 metre mark line closer to the respective coaches' boxes.

44 On ground club officials

- (1) The registered club officials who may go onto the ground at specified times or for specified purposes are trainers, water carriers, medical officers, physiotherapists, runners and an interchange steward.
- (a) The SFL shall supply to each club a fluorescent orange jacket marked "Interchange / Escort Steward". This jacket is to be worn by the interchange steward who will also be responsible for escorting the umpires from the ground at half time and full time in each match.
- (2) A club may have a maximum of eight trainers and a maximum of four water carriers, but not more than eight altogether from those categories.
- (3) Other registered club officials have no on-ground rights other than during the breaks but, subject to these By-Laws may have access to the coaching bench.
- (4) The coaching bench may be occupied by not more than eight people, all of whom shall be interchange players and officials named on the official team sheet.
- (5) The use of mobile telephones, walkie talkies or other electronic equipment is not permitted on the playing area during a match, except for the strip between the boundary line and the fence area.

45 Runners

- (1) Each club may have one official runner in each match.
- (2) The runner must wear the approved league uniform. Non compliance with this rule will incur a warning followed by a fine if it happens again as set by the executive.
- (3) The runner must be attired in appropriate clothing normal for running duties

inclusive of the approved top. Street clothes and jeans are not allowed.

(4) The runner is authorised only to go directly to speak to a player or players of his team to confer or to deliver messages and he must then immediately leave the field. Runners are not to act as trainers or water carriers.

(5) A runner is under the authority of the umpires and may be reported for misconduct or causing a delay or an interference with play.

46 Team managers

- (1) Each team shall have a team manager, who will give the umpires a team sheet along with two match balls for the match no later than thirty minutes before the scheduled starting time.
- (2) Once the team sheet has been handed to the umpire no alteration can be made to the team, except in the case of a replacement for a torn or bloodied jumper which is approved by the umpire.
- (3) The teamsheet shall be in the approved form and include the correct names, including given names and numbers of all players, names of all on-ground trainers and water carriers, names of officials sitting on the bench and in the case of a home club's form the name of the interchange steward.
- (4) At the end of the match the team manager will go to the umpires to see if the match is all clear.
- (5) If all clear is not given he will be asked to return and collect the charge sheets and will be advised to contact the Tribunal Chairman to be advised of the time and place of the tribunal hearing.
- (6) The Tribunal Chairman will notify both the Clubs required to attend a hearing, of the date and time and place of the hearing and who is to attend, no later than 11.30 am on the Monday following the incident reported.

The Team Manager shall appoint a person he considers appropriate to perform the role of Umpires' Escort. This person shall wear a distinguishing vest (as provided by the SFL) and be responsible for the on ground security at all breaks and pre and post game for the officiating umpires. This person may also perform the function of interchange steward.

\$50 fine for host club not supplying an umpire escort. \$50 fine for first time, \$100 then after.

47 Bleeding players / Infectious diseases

The Meaning of Active Bleeding

In this By-Law, the term “Active Bleeding” means the existence of an injury or wound, which continues to bleed. Active bleeding does not include minor bleeding from a graze or scratch, which has abated and can be readily removed from a player or any part of his uniform.

Participation in Matches When Actively Bleeding

Unless by law 50 (7) applies;

a player must not remain on the playing surface for so long as the player is actively bleeding;

a Club or Team must not allow any of its players to remain on the playing surface for so long as the player is actively bleeding;

Unless immediate treatment needs to be given having due regard to a player’s health and safety, a Club or Team must not allow any player who is actively bleeding to be treated on the playing surface.

Active Bleeding – Role of Umpire

(i) Role of Umpire

Where the field umpire is of the opinion that a player is actively bleeding, the field umpire must:

- (a) Stop play at the first available opportunity;
- (b) Direct the player concerned to immediately leave the playing surface;
- (c) Subject to By-Law 50.3.3, wait a reasonable period to allow the replacement player to take up position before recommencing play; and re-commence play.

(ii) Player to Follow Directions of Field Umpire.

Where a player is directed by a field umpire to leave the playing surface because he or she is actively bleeding, the player must leave the playing surface immediately through the Interchange Area. The player must not re-enter the playing surface or take any further part in any match until and unless:

- (a) The cause of such bleeding has abated;
- (b) The injury is securely bound to ensure that all blood is contained;
- (c) Any blood-stained article of uniform has been removed and replaced; and
- (d) Any blood on any part of the player's body has been thoroughly cleaned and removed.

(iii) Replacement Player

A player directed to leave the playing surface may be replaced by another player listed on the Team Sheet. A replacement player may enter the playing surface while the player that he is replacing is leaving the playing surface. If a replacement player has not entered the playing surface by the time the directed player has left the playing surface the field umpire must recommence play immediately.

(iv) Refusal to Leave the Playing Surface

Where a player refuses to or does not immediately leave the playing surface when directed to do so by a field umpire, the following will apply:

the field umpire must warn the player that a Free Kick will be awarded and that the player may be reported if he does not leave the playing surface;

if the player still refuses to leave the playing surface the field umpire must award a Free Kick to the player of the opposing Team who is nearest to where the warning was given or where play was stopped, whichever is the greatest penalty;

if the player refuses to leave the playing surface the field umpire shall report the player for misconduct in failing to follow a direction of an Umpire;

the match will immediately end and be forfeited by the reported player's team.

(d) Procedure When Player Not Actively Bleeding

Where a field umpire is of the opinion that a player is not actively bleeding, but the player has blood on any part of his body or uniform, the following must apply:

At the first available opportunity, the field umpire must signal and direct the player to obtain treatment. After the signal is given, play will continue; the player may remain on the playing surface after the signal is given by the field umpire, but must at the earliest opportunity;

in the case of blood being on any part of his uniform, have the piece of uniform removed and replaced; and/or

in the case of blood being on any part of his body, have the blood removed and the cause of any bleeding (if any) treated and covered so that all blood is contained;

If after receiving treatment, the field umpire is of the opinion that blood is still appearing on any part of the player's body or uniform, the player's deemed to be actively bleeding and By-Law 50 (c) will apply.

(e) Deliberate Smearing of Blood

Regardless of any other provision in these By-Laws, if a player intentionally smears or otherwise causes blood to be placed on another player's body or uniform, the field umpire must immediately stop play and allow that player such time as is necessary to have the blood removed or item of uniform removed and replaced.

(f) Protective Gloves

Each club or team must ensure that any doctor, trainer and any other person treating players of a team wears protective gloves as may be approved from time to time by the relevant Controlling Body.

Disposal of Bloodied Clothing and Other Material

Each club or team must ensure that:

Any bloodied item of uniform or clothing of a player is placed as soon as is possible in a hygienic sealed container and laundered to ensure the removal of all blood; and

All towels, wipes, bandages, dressings and other materials used in the treatment of bleeding players must be placed in a hygienically sealed container and discarded and destroyed in a hygienic manner.

Dressing Rooms

Each club or team must ensure that all dressing rooms and other areas occupied by the team prior to, during or immediately following the completion of any Match are kept clean and that no blood remains on any surface, equipment, hand basin, toilet, shower, bath or other area. All such surfaces, equipment and areas must be cleansed and disinfected immediately after contact with blood.

Hygiene

Each club or team must ensure that:

Players do not urinate (other than in a toilet) in or about any dressing rooms or on the playing surface prior to, during or immediately following the completion of any Match; and

Each of its players observes a high standard of personal hygiene.

48 Medical and training staff

- (1) The trainers shall be stationed at designated points around the boundary, where practicable between advertising signs.
- (2) They shall wear predominantly their club colours incorporating a league approved identification number.
- (3) The medical officer and physiotherapist of each club are permitted to wear civilian attire and must wear a league approved armband.
- (4) Any umpire may report an infringement of this rule.

Penalty: First offence warning, second offence or subsequent offence by the same club - \$50.00 to be imposed on the club concerned.

49 Water Carriers

- (1) Persons acting as water carriers shall be at least 13 years old.
- (2) Each shall wear predominantly their club colours as in rule 48.2.
- (3) A water carrier may not act as a trainer or runner and shall when not attending players sit against the boundary fence between the advertising signs at either end of the 50 metre arc.
- (4) Any umpire may report an infringement of this rule.

Penalty: same as in rule 48

50 Concussed players

- (1) Where a player is injured and there are reasonable grounds to believe that he may not be responsible for his actions, it is the responsibility of the club, through its head trainer, to have the player examined by a medical practitioner; unless the medical practitioner certifies that the player is cognisant of and responsible for his actions, the player is not permitted to continue to play in the said match.
- (2) A club official who does not comply with this rule is guilty of an offence and may be fined up to a maximum of \$50.00.

51 Interchange Players

the number of interchange players in the senior reserves and colts competition shall be a maximum of four (4).

PART 6 – DISCIPLINE, CHARGES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

52 Authority of the executive

(1) The executive has, and may exercise, all the disciplinary powers and functions vested in the league by the constitution, and these By-Laws and the Laws of Australian Football.

(2) Without limiting the generality of that sub rule, the executive may, by direct action:

(a) Impose specific penalties where those penalties are named in these By-Laws;

(b) Impose penalties in its discretion for other breaches to or failure to comply with the constitution of these By-Laws;

(c) Impose a penalty in respect of conduct which, in the opinion of the executive, tends to be prejudicial to the interest of the game or tends to bring the game into disrepute.

(3) The penalties available under this rule are a fine, suspension, disqualification, deregistration, or any other penalty which, in the circumstances of the case, the executive thinks appropriate.

(4) In any action under this rule the executive shall observe the principles of natural justice.

53 Charges by umpires

(1) An umpire who intends to make a charge against a player or club official shall:

(a) Follow procedure laid down by the Laws of Australian Football;

(b) Report the players or club official to the General Manager, for the executive to take such action as it thinks fit.

54 Charges by the executive

(1) The executive may lay a charge for determination by the independent

tribunal against any player, official or employee of a club if it believes that person may have committed an offence under the Laws of Australian Football or these By-Laws or has acted in contravention of the league's constitution.

- (2) The charge shall be in the form of a notice in writing appended to these By-Laws shall be signed by an authorised person and shall be delivered to the chairman of the independent tribunal.
- (3) It is the responsibility of the General Manager to notify the relevant parties or individuals of the date, time and place of the hearing and any changes in those particulars.
- (4) For the purpose of this rule, an authorised person is the General Manager, a executive member, or any other person appointed in writing by the executive.

55 Investigations

- (1) The executive may investigate any matter it believes may constitute a breach of the Laws of Australian Football or of these By-Laws and shall appoint for each case or generally an investigator, who may be the General Manager or another person.
- (2) The investigator is authorised to require the co-operation of clubs and their employees, players and officials by answering questions and providing access to documents or any other evidentiary material.
- (3) A club or person who fails to comply with the requirement of the investigator is deemed to be guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the league and may be charged with that offence under rule 55.2 of these By-Laws.

56 Official complaints

- (1) Any club has the right to lodge an official complaint with the league concerning other clubs or players, or reporting an infringement of these By-Laws or the Laws of Australian Football, or in respect of any other matter that the league, after receipt of the complaint, decides is an appropriate matter for complaint under this rule.

- (2) The complaint shall be in writing, signed by the club's league director, accompanied by a deposit of \$250, this deposit will be refunded if the complaint is proved and shall be lodged with the General Manager on behalf of the executive within four (4) days (including Sundays) of the incident complained of.
- (3) The executive may deal with the complaint itself in such a manner as it thinks fit, or it may refer the complaint to another committee, tribunal or executive.
- (4) In the event of a club making a complaint against an umpire under this rule the executive may refer the complaint to the umpires appointment board for such action as the executive may consider appropriate.

57 Complaints committee

All complaints are to be referred to the executive seven days prior to an executive meeting. Lodgement of complaints that are late will not be heard at the subsequent executive meeting.

58 Effect of suspension or disqualification

- (1) Except where the executive may otherwise determine, a player or official who is suspended or disqualified by the independent tribunal, the league or any other league or association or body recognised as being competent by the executive, for a breach of the Laws of Australian Football may not play with a league club or hold any office or act in any capacity in a league club until the suspension or disqualification has been removed by the body that imposed it or has by the passage of time.
- (2) Nothing in this rule prevents a player or official who is suspended or disqualified from participating in any league club practice matches including pre season inter-club matches or acting as non-playing coach of his club during the period of his suspension or disqualification.
- (3) A league club which includes suspended or disqualified player in any match shall forfeit that match.

59 Internal club discipline

- (1) A league club which expels or suspends a player from its ranks shall within one week notify the General Manager of the league in writing, of the expulsion or suspension, including the name and address of the person and particulars of the offence or conduct for which he was expelled or suspended.
- (2) A person expelled or disqualified by his club may not participate in a match unless the club withdraws its action.

60 Racial and Religious vilification

- (1) No player or an official with a club shall act towards or speak to any other person in a manner, or engage in any other conduct which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person (“the vilified”) on the basis of that person’s race, religion, colour, person descent or national or ethnic origin.
- (2) In the event that it is alleged that a person has contravened rule (1), an umpire, club or player may by 5.00pm on the first working day following the day on which the contravention is alleged to have occurred, lodge a complaint in writing to the General Manager.
- (3) The league shall:
 - (a) Inform the person alleged to have contravened rule (1) of the complaint and provide that person with an opportunity to respond to it.
 - (b) Arrange for the complaint to be conciliated and take all steps necessary for the complaint to be conciliated
- (4) Where the league is of the opinion that the matter has not been resolved by conciliation the league shall:
 - (a) In the case of a player or official refer the complaint to the independent tribunal to be dealt with under the Laws of Australian Football.

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- (5) Where a person alleged to have contravened rule (1) has previously taken part in conciliation (other than as a person vilified) the league may the complaint directly to the independent tribunal to be dealt reportable offence under the Laws of Australian
- (6) Any conciliation referred to in rule (3) shall be conducted by a suitably qualified person nominated by the executive.
- (7) In the event that a complaint is referred to the independent tribunal under rule (4), no evidence shall be given to or accepted by the tribunal or the league relating to anything said or done in any conciliation carried out pursuant to rule (3).
- (8) The General Manager shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that conciliation of a complaint under rule (3) is completed by 5.00pm on the fifth working day following the day on which the incident is alleged to have occurred.
- (9) Any time limit for the doing of anything referred to in this rule may be extended by the league if in the opinion of the league it is just and equitable to do so.

61 Failing to answer to a summons

- to which he or she may have been summoned by the executive shall be dealt with as the executive in its absolute discretion thinks fit.
- (1) Any player, coach, member of staff or official of a club who neglects or refuses to attend any committee, tribunal, executive or other meeting
- (2) If a player does not appear at a tribunal hearing when requested by the chairman of the tribunal the following fines will apply to any penalty which the tribunal may impose.

Penalty:	First offence	\$50.00
	Second or subsequent offence in the same season	\$100.00

The Tribunal Chairman is to issue a Season Directive outlining the penalties to be imposed on parties who fail to attend a Tribunal Hearing when called to do so.

PART 7 – THE INDEPENDENT TRIBUNAL

62 Powers and functions

- (1) The tribunal has jurisdiction to deal with all charges brought under the Laws of Australian Football or these By-Laws and such other matters as the executive may from time to time refer to the tribunal.
- (2) Charges may be brought by umpires, stewards, the General Manager, the executive and any other person authorised in writing by the executive.
- (3) Where a person pleads guilty to, or is found guilty of a charge, the tribunal may suspend, disqualify or fine that person or impose any other penalty which it is authorised by the Laws of Australian Football or these By-Laws.
- (4) The tribunal may of its own motion charge a witness (whether the witness is a party to the proceedings or not) with giving unsatisfactory evidence and after giving the person so charged an opportunity to be heard, proceed to a finding of guilty or not guilty and impose a penalty, if applicable, in the same manner as with other charges.
- (5) Except as otherwise specified in this By-Law the decision of the tribunal is final.
- (6)
 - (a) Where a person has been found guilty of a charge under these provisions, that person may appeal the finding or any penalty imposed by the Independent Tribunal.
 - (b) The appeal is to be determined by an Appeals Committee, as appointed under these laws.
 - (c) A written Notice of Appeal, signed by the appellant's Club Director, must be lodged with the General Manager within 48 hours of the tribunal's determination and/or imposition of penalty.
 - (d) A deposit of \$500 must be paid by the appellant prior to the hearing of the appeal.
 - (e) Where the Appeals Committee considers an appeal to be frivolous

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or without merit, the deposit may be forfeited either wholly
part.

(f) Any penalty imposed on a player by the Independent Tribunal
remains in force notwithstanding that an appeal has been
lodged by that player.

(g) On hearing the appeal, the Appeals Committee has the power to
increase, decrease or otherwise revoke the original penalty
imposed by the Independent Tribunal.

(7) Where a penalty of suspension or disqualification for more than three
years is imposed, the person affected may (in addition to the right of
review of the appeal) after three years apply in writing to the tribunal for a
penalty, and, after hearing the application the tribunal may:

(a) Reduce the term;

(b) Suspend so much of that term as it thinks appropriate and allow the
applicant, in the nature of parole, to resume playing subject to any
condition it may impose; or

(c) Re-affirm the penalty.

(8) A person whose penalty is re-affirmed on an application after three years
may reapply after each further year, but in the case of a second or
later application he shall lodge a non refundable deposit of
\$500.00.

63 Procedures

(1) On the hearing of a charge, the tribunal:

(a) Shall make a full and thorough investigation without regard to
legal forms and solemnities;

(b) May admit evidence, including video evidence, that is considered
admissible relevant notwithstanding that the evidence might not be
in a court of law; and

(c) Shall observe the principles of natural justice.

(2) The failure of an umpire, the executive or any other person presenting a charge to comply with one or more of the conditions in the Laws of Australian Football or these By-Laws shall not prevent the hearing and disposal of a charge if the Chairperson of the tribunal is satisfied that no substantial miscarriage of justice will occur as a result of that failure.

(3) A party to proceedings, whether it is the person making the charge or the person charged, is entitled to be represented by a person nominated by him as his advocate and that advocate shall have the normal conduct of that party's case, including calling and examining witnesses, summing up and where applicable, making a submission as to the penalty.

(4) Subject to those provisions, the tribunal may regulate its own procedure.

(5) The chairman of the tribunal may, in his discretion, prepare and publish guidelines from time to time for the benefit of parties to hearings, with the particular aim of achieving consistency in procedure and decision making.

(6) In any case where exceptional circumstances exist, leave of absence may be approved by the chairperson of the Tribunal. In such cases the charges may be adjourned from time to time.

(7) Unless otherwise directed by the chairperson, hearings of the tribunal are public hearings.

64 Attendance at hearings

(1) Unless otherwise notified by the executive a hearing will be conducted at a place determined by the executive commencing at 6.00pm sharp on the Monday following the match in respect of which the report was made.

(2) Attendance by umpires, reported players and offended players is compulsory and any such person who is not present by 6.25pm may be charged with failing to attend a hearing.

(3) A person who cannot attend must give notice in writing to the league by noon on the day of the hearing explaining the reason for incapacity to attend, which may include written evidence from an

employer that the
relevant time.

person is required to be at work at the

- (4) A penalty for non attendance is in addition to any other penalty arising from the hearing.
- (5) The Tribunal Chairman may hear evidence by means of a Teleconference facility.

65 Public comment

It is an offence for a player or an official of a club:

- (a) To comment publicly on the contents of a report or charge prior to its determination by the tribunal; or
- (b) To criticise publicly a decision of the tribunal.

**Penalty: \$250.00 to be imposed on the player or official's club
 and
 \$250.00 for a subsequent offence in the same season**

66 Set Penalties

A player or official who is reported under the Laws of Australian Football may take the option of accepting a set penalty dependent on the rule that he has been reported under as set out in attachment "B".

PART 8 – MISCELLANEOUS

67 Service of notices

Any notice required to be served under these By-Laws may be sent by fax, email or by ordinary mail and in the case of mail shall be deemed to have been received, unless the contrary is claimed, in the normal course of mail delivery.

68 Representative football

- (1) The executive shall appoint representative coaches and ratify all support positions.
- (2) A player who has been selected in a representative team and who neglects to train or play or fulfil all requirements as directed by the executive shall on failing to satisfy the executive as to his reasons, be dealt with as the executive sees fit.

69 Best & Fairest awards

- (1) Each year the league shall provide a medal for the best and fairest player in the league during the season, the medals to be determined for the seniors, reserves and colts.

The medals shall be known as:

Seniors –	William Leitch Medal
Reserves –	George Watt Medal
Colts –	Lipscombe Medal
Senior best Grand Final –	Gorringer-Martyn Medal
Reserves best Grand Final –	Johnstone Medal
Colts best Grand Final –	V.A. Geard Medal
Possible best 1 st Year Player –	Hodgman Medal

(Criteria shall be: Most votes polled by an eligible player in the home and away games as voted on by the umpires for the William Leitch Medal)

- (3) The field umpires shall, after each home and away match, write their choice of the three fairest and best players in the match umpired by them in order of preference, their first choice to receive three votes, their second choice to receive two votes, and their third choice to

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the General Manager.

paper being enclosed in a sealed envelope and
manager of the home team for passing on to

- (4) At the end of the home and away matches for the season, the envelopes will be opened by the General Manager or under his direction and the votes counted, the player receiving the largest number of votes to be awarded the medal.
- (5) A player is ineligible to win the medal if he has been found guilty by the independent tribunal of an offence against the Laws of Australian Football or these By-Laws during the season, other than an offence related to time wasting, his uniform or his equipment and melee charges.
- (6) In the event of two or more eligible players securing the same number of votes, medals shall be presented to each player and the award then shared.

70 Insurance

The league shall affect Insurance for the following:

- (a) Public Liability with a minimum Sum insured of \$10 Million.
- (b) Death & Capital Benefits for all players and officials.

71 SFL Forms

- (1) The executive may design and alter from time to time such forms for the implementation of these rules as it thinks appropriate.
- (2) A form that is required to be lodged at the office of the league is correctly lodged if it is sent by fax or scanned email within the time specified for the particular form and it is followed within 48 hours by the mailing of the hard copy of the form.
- (3) All forms to be used by clubs in relation to transfers and registrations of players appear in attachment "A".

SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE Inc.

REGISTRATION / TRANSFER FORM

(This Registration form is for SFL use only)

I, Date of Birth
..... / /
Christian Name(s) *Surname*

of
.....
Full Residential Address

SECTION A - REGISTRATION

hereby apply to be registered with the SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SFL) as a player of the FOOTBALL CLUB and on acceptance of my application, I agree to be bound by the Constitutions of both FOOTBALL TASMANIA and the SFL, with the SFL constitution prevailing in the event of any inconsistency between the two, and the SFL by-laws and I undertake not to play football in any competition, match or series of matches organised, controlled or conducted by another Club, Association or body in Tasmania while I am a registered player of the SFL or within 24 months of my ceasing to be a registered player of the SFL without first obtaining a transfer from this Football Club.

and, if applicable -

SECTION B - TRANSFER

lately being a playing member of the FOOTBALL CLUB, hereby apply for a transfer from that Club to play with the abovenamed Club. My reasons for applying for a transfer are: -
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I hereby declare that I *am* / *I am not* currently under suspension.

..... / / 20.....
Player Signature *Date*

SECTION C - CLUB REPLY

The FOOTBALL CLUB, hereby grants / *refuses the* transfer requested for the following

reasons:-.....
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Authorised Officer Signature *Date*

- (1) (a) Any player or official that is reported for the following offences under the Laws of Australian Football may elect to accept a suspension of one match plus one match suspended:
- 19.2.2. Intentionally, recklessly or negligently:-
- 19.2.2 (e) disputing a decision of an umpire
- 19.2.2 (f) using an obscene gesture
- 19.2.2 (g) (ii) striking another person
- 19.2.2 (g) (iv) engaging in time wasting
- 19.2.2 (g) (vi) throwing or pushing another player after that player has taken a mark, disposed of the football or after the football is otherwise out of play
- 19.2.2 (h) attempting to strike another player

19.2.2 (i) intentionally shaking a goal or behind post when another player is preparing to kick or goal or after the player ball is
is kicking for
has kicked for goal and the
in transit

19.2.2 (j) wrestling another person

19.2.2 (k) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language.

19.2.2 (m) failing to leave the playing surface when directed to do so by a field umpire

19.2.2 (n) wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under rule 9 of the Laws of

Australian Football.

(2) (a) Any player or official that is reported for the following offences under the Laws of Australian Football may elect to accept a suspension of two matches plus one match
suspended:

19.2.2 Intentionally, recklessly or negligently:-

19.2.2 (g) (iii) tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg

19.2.2 (g) (v) charging another person

19.2.2 (g) (vii) engaging in rough play against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable

19.2.2 (h) attempting to kick another person

19.2.2 (j) attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg

(b) Any player or official who has taken the option of a set penalty for

any of the above offences in 1 (a) and 2 (a) during the current season must attend a tribunal hearing for any subsequent reports listed above.

- (3) Any player or official reported for the following offences shall appear before the league tribunal:

19.2.2 (a) intentionally, recklessly or negligently making contact with or striking an umpire

19.2.2 (b) attempting to make contact with or strike an umpire

19.2.2 (c) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language toward or in relation to an umpire

19.2.2 (d) behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire

19.2.2 (g) (i) kicking another person

19.2.2 (g) (x) spitting at or on another person

19.2.2 (g) (xi) bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that player has his head down over the ball

19.2.2 (p) any act of misconduct

- (4) Rule 19.2.2 (f) (viii) – engaging in a melee, except where a player’s sole intention is to remove a teammate from the incident.

1 match suspended and a \$100 fine. That fine to be paid within 48 hours by the player and if not paid, the player cannot participate in another round of football or match until that fine is paid.

- (5) (a) Umpires shall report and charge any player or official in accordance with the normal procedure for the offences listed in (1) & (2) but the report shall not be heard by the tribunal unless so requested by either the umpire who lodged the report, the

reported player, the player allegedly offended against or as provided in (2) (b) above.

(b) Such requests shall be made by

(i) Umpire – noted on the report sheet

(ii) Reported Player – by way of pleading not guilty

(iii) Player allegedly offended against – by way of advice to the Executive Officer by no later than 5.00pm the day

after the match.

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