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These Regulations are made under Rule 5.1.4 of the Constitution and Rules of the SA Community Football League Inc ('**SACFL**').

1. **Interpretation**

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

1.1. '**Affiliated League**' means a football League which has affiliated with SACFL under Rule 9.4 of the SACFL Constitution;

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

1.3. '**Affiliated Leagues Council**' means the body known by that name referred to in Regulation 3.6;

1.4. **'AFL'** means the Australian Football League.

1.5. **'AFL Interstate Player Transfer Regulations'** means regulations relating to the transfer of players from one State or Territory of Australia to another as published by the AFL from time to time.

1.6. '**Appeal Tribunal**' means a League Independent Tribunal or Zone Independent Tribunal appointed under Regulation 5 of these Regulations or the Permit Tribunal as the case may be;

1.7. '**Approved Player Point's System**' and '**APPS**' means a Player Point System approved by the Board which has been adopted by an Affiliated League under clause 32

1.8. '**Board**' and **'Community Football Board**' means the Board of Directors of SACFL appointed under Rule 4 of the SACFL Constitution;

1.9. '**Bona fide change of residence**' means for the purposes of Regulation 9, a substantiated and verifiable change of place of residence by a player;

1.10. '**Chief Executive Officer**' means the General Manager of the SACFL appointed under Rule 20 of the SACFL Constitution;

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

1.12. '**Clearance Form**' means a form to be completed by a player seeking an approval to transfer as a player from an Affiliated League Club;

1.13. '**Country Championships**' means the competition arranged and conducted by the Regional Football Council referred to in Regulation 7.4 of these Regulations;

1.14. '**Contractual Obligation**' means for the purposes of Regulation 9 a written agreement between a person and an Affiliated League Club under which that person agrees to provide his services as a football player to that Club for a fixed term;

1.15. '**Financial Indebtedness'** means for the purpose of Regulation 9 a debt owing by a player to a club for subscriptions of the last season in which the player played for that club;

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

1.17. '**football**' means the game of Australian Football;

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

1.19. '**Investigation Committee**' means the Investigation Committee appointed by the Board under Regulation 5 of these Regulations;

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

1.21. '**League Independent Tribunal**' means a Tribunal appointed by an Affiliated League under Regulation 5.1 of these Regulations;

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

1.22A **'Officer'** means a member of any committee, director, officer, administrator, employee or any other office holder or servant of an Affiliated League, or an Affiliated League Club respectively whether renumerated or not

1.23. '**Payments Officer**' means the person appointed as the Payments Officer by an Affiliated League under Regulation 31.1.6;

1.24. '**Permit Tribunal**' means the Permit Tribunal appointed under Regulation 2.4 of the SANFL Regulations;

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

1.26. '**Player Points System**' means a Points System referred to in Regulation 32;

1.27. **'Qualification For A Game Played'** means a player is in attendance at the venue, is dressed in appropriate playing attire by half time and is entered on the team sheet. If the player does not meet these requirements, the players name must be removed from the team sheet and may not be replaced, and the player is deemed to not have played in the game;

1.28. '**Regional Affiliated League**' means an Affiliated League referred to in Regulations 2.1.1 to 2.1.6 inclusive of these Regulations;

1.29. '**Regional Director**' means a Regional Director appointed under Regulation 4.2 of these Regulations and includes an Alternate Regional Director appointed under that Regulation;

1.30. '**Regional Football Council**' and '**Regional Football Council**' means the body known by that name referred to in Regulation 3 of these Regulations;

1.31. '**Regional Football Manager**' means the person appointed to manage and administer football in Regional South Australia under Regulation 3.4 of these Regulations;

1.32. '**Regional State Team**' means the team to be selected under Regulation 7 of these Regulations;

1.33. '**Regional State Team Selection Committee**' means the committee appointed to select a Regional Affiliated League State Team under Regulation 7.1 of these Regulations;

1.34. '**Regulations**' means these Regulations;

1.35. '**SAAFL**' means the South Australian Amateur Football League Inc;

1.36. '**SACFL Constitution**' means the Constitution and Rules of the SACFL;

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

1.38. '**SANFL Constitution**' and '**League Constitution**' means the Constitution and Rules of the SANFL;

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

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

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

1.42. '**Zone**' and **'Regional Zone'** means each of the Regional Zones referred to in Regulations 2.1.1 to 2.1.6 inclusive of these Regulations;

1.43. '**Zone Council**' means a Zone Council appointed under Regulation 4.1 of these Regulation as varied from time to time;

1.44. '**Zone Independent Tribunal**' means the Tribunal appointed by each Zone Council appointed under Regulation 0 of these Regulations;

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

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

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

2. Regional Zones

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

REGIONAL ZONE LEAGUES

2.1.1 **South East Zone** – Mid South East and River Murray Football Leagues, and those clubs within the state of South Australia comprising the Kowree Naracoorte Tatiara and Western Border Football Leagues

2.1.2 **Eastern Zone** – Barossa, Light and Gawler, Riverland, Mallee.

2.1.3 **Southern Zone -** Great Southern, Southern, Kangaroo Island.

2.1.4 **Central Zone -** Northern Areas, North East, Adelaide Plains, Yorke Peninsula, Hills

2.1.5 **Northern Zone** - Whyalla, Woomera and Districts, Spencer Gulf, Broken Hill

2.1.6 **Western Zone -** Port Lincoln, Great Flinders, Mid West, Eastern Eyre, Far West.

2.2 The number name and composition of the Regional Zones may be varied from time to time to comprise such Affiliated Leagues or Associations as shall be decided by the Board in consultation with the Regional Football Council.

2.3 The number name and composition of the Regional Zones may be reviewed by the Board at any time, but in any event must be reviewed at intervals of not more than five (5) years. Such review must be carried out by the Board itself, or by the Investigation Committee or other committee appointed or nominated by the Board, in either case in consultation with the Regional Football Council.

3. **Regional Football Council ('RFC') South Australian Amateur Football League Inc ('SAAFL') and Affiliated League Council ('AFC').**

3.1 There will be a Regional Football Council comprising the Regional Directors appointed under Regulation 4.2 by the Zone Council of each Zone referred to in Regulations 2.1.1 to 2.1.6 inclusive.

3.2 The objects and powers of the Regional Football Council are to:-

3.2.1 Promote manage and develop football generally in Regional South Australia in consultation with and subject to any direction of the Board;

3.2.2 Investigate, report to, make recommendations to and advise the Board upon matters relating to or affecting Regional football in South Australia;

3.2.3 Implement manage and control any initiatives, proposals and plans which the Board may direct concerning or affecting Regional football in South Australia;

3.2.4 Arrange and conduct in consultation with the Board, intra-state football Championships and other intra-state matches for senior players;

3.2.5 Arrange in consultation with the Board, the selection and participation of a team or teams to play in the National Country Championships and other interstate Country matches.

3.3 **Regional Football Council Meetings and Procedures**

3.3.1 The Regional Football Council will meet for the purpose of conducting its business and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit. Until otherwise decided by the Regional Football Council it will meet not less than three times in each year on dates to be determined by it;

3.3.2 In addition to the meetings referred to in Regulation 3.3.1 a meeting of the Regional Football Council must be called not less than and not more than 14 days after written notice is given by not less than two Directors requesting such meeting. Any request for such meeting must state the business to be discussed at the meeting;

3.3.3 A quorum for a meeting of the Regional Football Council will be 4 Regional Directors;

3.3.4 The Regional Football Council must appoint one of its number to be the Chairman of its meetings provided that if one or more of its members is/are members of the Community Football Board, the Chairman must be appointed from those members.

3.3.5 If for any reason the Chairman is or will be absent from any meeting he must nominate another member of the Regional Football Council to be the Chairman of that meeting. If the Chairman does not make that nomination the members of the Regional Football Council present must appoint from their number another person to be the Chairman of that meeting;

3.3.6 All resolutions of the Regional Football Council must be passed by a simple majority. Each member of the Regional Football Council, including the Chairman, is entitled to a deliberative vote on any resolution put to it. In the event of equality of votes, the Chairman or in his absence the Chairman of that meeting will not have a casting vote;

3.3.7 A resolution in writing signed by a majority of the members of the Regional Football Council for the time being entitled to vote at a meeting of the Regional Football Council, will be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Regional Football Council duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more members of the Regional Football Council;

3.3.8 The Regional Football Council may regulate the conduct of its meetings in such manner as it sees fit. Failing any such regulation, the Regional Football Council will conduct its meetings in accordance with the meeting procedures adopted by the Board from time to time;

3.3.9 Minutes of all Regional Football Council meetings must be circulated to:-

3.3.9.1 all Regional Directors

3.3.9.2 the Board; and

3.3.9.3 the secretaries of all Regional Affiliated Leagues.

3.4 **Regional Football Manager**

The Board must appoint a Regional Football Manager to carry out the management and administration of the affairs of the Regional Football Council.

3.5 **South Australian Amateur Football League Inc**

If and whilst the SAAFL is an Affiliated League it will:-

3.5.1 Promote football generally within Metropolitan Adelaide;

3.5.2 Investigate, report to, make recommendations to and advise the Board upon matters relating to or affecting football within Metropolitan Adelaide;

3.5.3 Implement any initiatives, proposals and plans which the Board or the League may direct concerning or affecting football within Metropolitan Adelaide.

3.5.4 Otherwise conduct its affairs in accordance with its Constitution Rules and By-Laws in force from time to time.

3.6 **Affiliated Leagues Council**

There will be a body known as the Affiliated Leagues Council comprising the Regional Directors and three persons nominated by the SAAFL from time to time one of whom must be one of the persons nominated by the SAAFL for appointment as appointed to be a Director of the SACFL under Rule 4.3.2 of the SACFL Constitution.

3.7 The role of the Affiliated Leagues Council will be to consider and make recommendations to the Board on matters of mutual interest or concern relating to Regional and Metropolitan football in South Australia.

3.8 The Affiliated Leagues Council will meet for the purpose of conducting its business and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit. Until otherwise decided by the Affiliated Leagues Council it will meet not less than three times in each year on dates to be determined by it;

3.9 In addition to the meetings referred to in Regulation 3.8 a meeting of the Affiliated Leagues Council must be called not less than and not more than 14 days after written notice is given by not less than two of its members requesting such meeting. Any request for such meeting must state the business to be discussed at the meeting;

3.10 A quorum for a meeting of the Affiliated Leagues Council will be 6 of its members;

3.11 The Affiliated Leagues Council must appoint one of its members to be the Chairman of its meetings;

3.12 If for any reason the Chairman is or will be absent from any meeting he must nominate another member of the Affiliated Leagues Council to be the Chairman of that meeting. If the Chairman does not make that nomination the members of the Affiliated Leagues Council present must appoint from their number another person to be the Chairman of that meeting;

3.13 All resolutions of the Affiliated Leagues Council must be passed by a simple majority. Each member of the Affiliated Leagues Council, including the Chairman, is entitled to a deliberate vote on any resolution put to it. In the event of equality of votes, the Chairman or in his absence the Chairman of that meeting will not have a casting vote;

3.14 The Affiliated Leagues Council may regulate the conduct of its meetings in such manner as it sees fit. Failing any such regulation, the Affiliated Leagues Council will conduct its meetings in accordance with the meeting procedures adopted by the Board from time to time;

3.15 Minutes of all meetings of the Affiliated Leagues Council must be circulated to:

3.15.1 all Regional Directors;

3.15.2 the President of the SAAFL;

3.15.3 the Board; and

3.15.4 the Secretaries of all Affiliated Leagues.

4. Zone Councils

4.1 There will be a Zone Council in each Zone comprising two delegates appointed by and to represent each Regional Affiliated League comprising that Zone.

4.2 The Zone Council must hold an Annual Meeting by no later than the 25th March in each year at which the delegates must subject to Regulation 4.3 and 4.8, make the following appointments:-

4.2.1 a Chairman;

4.2.2 a Regional Director who may be the same person as the Chairman;

4.2.3 an Alternate Regional Director;

4.2.4 a Secretary;

4.2.5 a panel of persons from which a Zone Independent Tribunal can be appointed under Regulation 6.2, each of whom must be a person who is neither a delegate to that Zone Council nor an officer or official of any Affiliated League and Affiliated League Club comprising that Zone. Each Affiliated League comprising a Zone may nominate not more than then three (3) persons for appointment to this panel.

4.3 Appointments made by the Zone Council under Regulation 4.2:

4.3.1 Must be approved by the Board;

4.3.2 In the case of a Regional Director will be for a term commencing at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Zone Council at which he/she was appointed and ending at the conclusion of the Second Annual Meeting of the Zone Council following his/her appointment;

4.3.3 In the case of all other appointment under Regulation 4.2.1 will be for a term commencing at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Zone Council at which he/she was appointed and ending at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Zone Council in the following year

4.4 A casual vacancy which occurs in any of the offices appointed under Regulation 4.2 will be filled by the Zone Council at a meeting called for that purpose. The appointment of any person appointed to fill a casual vacancy in any of the offices appointed under this Regulation 4.4:

4.4.1 Will be subject to the approval of the Board

4.4.2 Will be for the remainder of the term of office of the person who position is filled

4.5 In addition to the Annual Meeting, the Zone Council may hold such other meeting during the year as it may decide

4.6 A Zone Council meeting may be called by the Regional Director of that Zone, and must be called on receipt of the written request of a majority of delegates representing Affiliates Leagues within that Zone. Not less than seven (7) nor more than fourteen (14) days' written notice must be given of each meeting called under this Regulation 4.6

4.7 The cost of each meeting called under Regulation 4.6 must be shared equally by the Affiliated Leagues comprising that Zone.

4.7.1 The minutes of all Zone Council meetings must be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer and the SACFL by Regional Football Manager.

4.7.2 Each Zone Council may from time to time appoint sub-committees and nominate their terms of reference.

4.7.3 Each Affiliated League may appoint a proxy delegate to attend a Zone Council meeting in the place of any delegate appointed by it who is unable to attend such meeting.

4.7.4 If the Chairman of a Zone Council is a candidate for the position of Regional Director or Alternate Regional Director he must vacate the Chair for the period of the meeting when the appointment of those positions is being made. If the Chairman vacates the chair in these circumstances, the meeting will be chaired by a representative of the SACFL if present at the meeting or failing his presence by one of the members of the Zone Council present and appointed by those members.

4.8 The following shall apply to the appointment of persons as Regional Directors

4.8.1 A person cannot be appointed as a Regional Director or remain in the office of Regional Director whilst he/she remains an Officer (other than as a patron) of, or is otherwise involved in or associated with the governance, management or administration of, any Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club;

4.8.2 Despite Regulation 4.8.1 a Regional Director who was appointed prior to 25 March 2012 may complete their current term of appointment notwithstanding that they are an Officer of an Affiliated League or an Officer of an Affiliated League Club;

4.8.3 If a Zone Council has failed to appoint a Regional Director in accordance with Regulation 4.2:

4.8.3.1 The Board may request that a Zone Council meet for the purpose of making an appointment of a Regional Director and such appointment is to be made within 30 days of the date of such request;

4.8.3.2 If, following a request made by the Board under Regulation 4.8.3.1, the Zone Council fails to appoint a Regional Director, then the Board may appoint a person to act as the Regional Director for that Zone Council; and

4.8.3.3 The term of a Regional Director appointed under this Regulation 4.8.3 shall commence on the date of the appointment and expire at the conclusion of the second Annual Meeting of the Zone Council following his/her appointment

5. **Investigation Committee**

5.1 At its first meeting in each Financial Year the Board must appoint an Investigation Committee of three persons comprising:-

5.1.1 one person appointed by the Board;

5.1.2 one person nominated by each of the Regional Football Council and the SAAFL.

5.2 In addition to the persons appointed under Rule 5.1 the Board must appoint and the Regional Football Council and the SAAFL must each nominate a person or persons to be a proxy or proxies for the persons so appointed under that Rules.

5.3 At any meeting of the Investigation Committee, two (2) persons being persons appointed under Rules 5.1 and 5.2 will form a quorum one of whom must be the person appointed under Regulation 5.1.1.

5.4 **Powers and Duties of the Investigation Committee.**

The Investigation Committee has the power to:-

5.4.1 Investigate any matter referred to it by the Board or a Regional Director or an Affiliated League in relation to Zones or to the affiliation of Leagues or Associations;

5.4.2 Investigate any matter referred to it by an Affiliated League or a Club of an Affiliated League concerning the interpretation of the Constitution Rules and Regulations of the Affiliated League provided that such matter is not trivial

5.4.3 Investigate all other matters which may be referred to it under the SACFL Constitution or these Regulations;

5.4.4 Summon any person to appear before it and give evidence;

5.4.5 Admit or reject any evidence which may be given to it;

5.4.6 Adjourn its proceedings to such a time and place as it shall deem fit;

5.4.7 Adopt or pursue any procedure considered convenient and proper for the disposal of any matter before it;

5.4.8 Sustain or dismiss any application, objection, appeal or charge brought before it upon such grounds as it in its absolute discretion may determine;

5.4.9 Make recommendations to the Board as to recipients of the League Merit Awards under Regulation 28 of these Regulations;

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

5.4.11 **Notice of Referral**

A referral under Regulation 5.4.2 must be made by written notice to the Secretary of the Investigation Committee. The notice of referral must contain all facts relevant to the matter which is being referred together with the relief being sought by the referring party. In addition the notice of referral must be accompanied by payment to the League of:

5.4.11.1 The sum of $250.00 towards the costs of the referral, which sum will not be refundable in any circumstances; and

5.4.11.2 The further sum of $500.00 which shall be dealt with in accordance with Regulation 5.4.12

All amounts referred to in this rule are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax.

5.4.12 **Fee**

For the purposes of this Regulation 5, if the Investigation Committee determines that the matter referred to it is not trivial in nature the payment made by it under Regulation 5.4.11.2 will be refunded on receipt of an appropriate tax invoice.

If however the Investigation Committee determines that the matter referred to it is trivial in nature the payment made under Regulation 5.11.4.2 will not be refunded.

5.5 The decision of the Investigation Committee on any matter referred to or any investigation carried out by it will be final and binding and no appeal from any decision made by it will be to any other tribunal or body whether judicial, quasi judicial or otherwise.

5.6 Minutes of all meetings and decisions of the Investigation Committee must be forwarded to the Community Football Manager.

6. Appeal Tribunals

6.1 League Independent Tribunal

6.1.1 Subject to Regulation 6.1.2 each Affiliated League must appoint a League Independent Tribunal at its Annual General Meeting so that it consists of at least six (6) members each of whom shall be a person who is neither a delegate or official of any Club within that League. A League Independent Tribunal shall be constituted at any one time for the purposes of any hearing, by three (3) of its members;

6.1.2 The Constitution of an Affiliated League may provide that its League Independent Tribunal shall be constituted at any one time by one person, in which case the minimum number of members appointed at its Annual General Meeting shall be not less than three (3);

6.1.3 The members of the League Independent Tribunal must be elected by the Affiliated League and shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. Each retiring member of the League Independent Tribunal shall be eligible for re-election.

6.2 **Zone Independent Tribunal**

6.2.1 Each Zone must appoint a Zone Independent Tribunal.

6.2.2 A Zone Independent Tribunal will be constituted at any one time by three (3) persons each of whom must be a person appointed to the panel of persons referred to in Regulation 4.2.5.

6.2.3 The Regional Director of a Zone must appoint the three (3) persons to sit at any hearing conducted by the Zone Independent Tribunal of that Zone. The Regional Director must also appoint one of the three (3) persons so appointed to act as a Chairman.

6.2.4 The Regional Football Council must be notified by no later than one week after the Annual Meeting of an Affiliated League and a Zone Council respectively of the names of the persons appointed to positions of the League Independent Tribunal and the Zone Independent Tribunal.

6.3 **Powers and Procedures of Appeal Tribunals**

An Appeal Tribunal has the power to:

6.3.1 Investigate any matters which may be referred to it under these Regulations;

6.3.2 Grant or refuse a Clearance to any player appealing to it;

6.3.3 Sustain or dismiss any application appeal or charge brought before it upon such grounds as it in its absolute discretion may determine;

6.3.4 Impose any penalties which it may imposed in respect of any matters referred to it under these Regulations;

6.3.5 In making its determination with respect to any application appeal or charge, the Appeal Tribunal must consider and take into account all the circumstances and relevant matters including without limitation:-

6.3.5.1 Any relevant regulation contained in these Regulations;

6.3.5.2 The age of the applicant;

6.3.5.3 The interests of any Affiliated League or Leagues involved in the application appeal or charge;

6.3.5.4 The interests of the game of Australian Football;

6.3.5.5 The interests in all respects of the person appealing;

6.3.5.6 Any hardship (financial or otherwise) likely to be suffered in the event of the appeal being disallowed;

6.3.5.7 Contractual obligations (if any) between a person appealing and the Club from which a Clearance is sought.

6.4 An Appeal Tribunal has the power:-

6.4.1 To summon any person to appear before them and give evidence;

6.4.2 To admit or reject any evidence which may be given to it;

6.4.3 To adjourn its proceedings at and to such time and place as it shall deem fit.

6.5 Both a player appealing to an Appeal Tribunal and a Club against which the appeal has been lodged will be entitled to be represented by an advocate before the Tribunal but such advocate must not be a member of the legal profession.

6.6 The decision of an Appeal Tribunal will be final and binding and no appeal from its decision will lie to any other tribunal or body whether judicial, quasi-judicial or otherwise.

7. State Team Selection Committee – Regional Affiliated Leagues

7.1 There will be a Regional State Team Selection Committee consisting of four (4) members which must be appointed annually by the Community Football Board for the purpose of selecting a State Team to represent Regional Football Leagues in interstate and other representative matches

7.2 The Community Football Board must in consultation with the State Team Selection Committee appoint a coach for the Regional Affiliated Leagues State Team ("the Coach") who, upon appointment will be an ex-officio member of the State Team Selection Committee.

7.3 Powers and Duties of the State Team Selection Committee

7.3.1 To select a Regional State Team to represent the Regional Affiliated Leagues in interstate and other representative matches and to appoint the captain and vice captain of that team as and when required.

7.3.2 To make recommendations to the Regional Football Council concerning the appointment of the Coach, Assistant Coach and management personnel required by the Regional State Team.

7.3.3 To make recommendations to the Regional Football Council concerning ways of improving the performance of a State Team representing the Regional Affiliated Leagues.

7.4 Country Championships and State/League Representation

7.4.1 The Regional Football Council must, in consultation with the Board, arrange and conduct a country championships football competition ("the Country Championships") at such time or times as it may decide.

7.4.2 The format of the Country Championships and the composition of teams competing in it will be decided by the Regional Football Council in consultation with the Board, which format and composition may, without limitation, comprise of a competition played between Affiliated Leagues, or combinations of Affiliated Leagues decided by the Regional Football Council and approved by the Board.

7.4.3 Each Affiliated League must, unless it has reasonable cause or excuse to not do so, participate in the Country Championships.

7.4.4 Each Affiliated League must, regardless of whether or not it participates in the Country Championships encourage the clubs of its League to encourage and support the players of those clubs to make themselves available for selection in a team which is to participate in a Country Championships.

7.4.5 If an Affiliated League cannot, because of reasonable cause or excuse, participate in a Country Championships it must notify the Regional Football Council and the Board of its intention not to do so in writing by February 28th in the year in which the Country Championships are to be held, giving detailed reasons and explanations as to why it cannot so participate.

7.4.6 Regardless of any contract or agreement, players of all Affiliated League Clubs have a right, and must make themselves available, to play in any team selected to represent the Affiliated

League in which they play or any combination of Affiliated Leagues of which that Affiliated League forms a part, in any Country Championships or other intrastate representative match, and/or a Regional State Team.

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

A player who makes himself so unavailable without reasonable cause or excuse will be subject to a penalty of a fine not exceeding $500.00 and suspension for the next two matches in which he is available to play for his Affiliated League Club in competitions in which it participates in its Affiliated League.

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

Any player who is found guilty of having made himself so unavailable without reasonable cause or excuse will be subject to a penalty of a fine not exceeding $500.00 and suspension for the next two matches in which he is available to play for his Affiliated League Club in competitions in which it participates in its Affiliated League.

8. **Clearance of Players**

8.1 Subject to these Regulations and the AFL Interstate Player Transfer Regulations, a player desiring to register as a player of an Affiliated League Club who:

8.1.1 has been registered as a player in any other football league or association anywhere in Australia; and/or

8.1.2 has played with or was registered with any Affiliated League Club prior to, or at the same time as he was registered football with an SANFL League Club regardless of when this may have been ;

must be granted an approval to transfer ("Clearance") from the Affiliated League Club with which such player was previously registered, before being eligible for registration to play football for another Affiliated League Club.

8.2 A Clearance must be obtained by way of an application for Clearance by the player which must be made on a SACFL Player Registration and Transfer Form approved by the Board from time to time.

8.3 A Player Registration and Transfer Form must be signed by the player in his own handwriting, and if such player be under eighteen (18) years the clearance application shall be endorsed by the player's parent or guardian, and delivered to the Secretary of the Club which he desires to play ('the Transferee Club'). Upon receipt of the Clearance Form the Secretary of the Transferee Club must immediately note the date of its receipt, enter it onto the Footyweb IT System and complete the form where applicable.

8.3.1 The Appointed League/Club Official of the League who has requested the clearance application ("the application") electronically must keep a record of the original application that has been signed by the player making application and produce a copy of such original application on demand from the Appointed League Official of the recipient League and/or SACFL by no later than 5pm on the next business day following such request.

8.3.2 The Secretary of the forwarding League shall keep such application for a period of 24 calendar months. Clearance applications submitted electronically must contain the following information;

- Players Name
- Address
- Date of Birth
- Player Registration number
- Club the player desires to be cleared from and it's Affiliated League,
- Club the player wishes to be registered with and it's Affiliated League.

8.4 Subject to Regulation **Error! Reference source not found.**:

8.4.1 A Clearance Form can not be lodged with the Secretary of the Affiliated League in which the player wishes to play before February 1st and after June 30th in the year in which the application for Clearance is made.

8.4.2 The granting or refusal of a Clearance can not be notified by the Affiliated League from which the Clearance is sought after July 8th in the Financial Year in which the application is made.

8.5 Subject to Regulation **Error! Reference source not found.** a Clearance can only be obtained during he period from February 1st to the July 8th both inclusive in each calendar year during which period the following provisions will apply:

8.5.1 If a Clearance in respect of an application for a Clearance by a player from a Club of an Affiliated League ("the transferring League") to a Club of another Affiliated League to which the player desires to transfer ("the Receiving League") within six (6) business days inclusive of dispatch, by the Transferring League, the Receiving League may advise the Transferring League by telephone, facsimile or email, of its intention to register the player concerned. All telephone calls, facsimile messages and emails of this nature must be recorded.

8.5.2 An Affiliated League which grants a Clearance under this Regulation 8 must immediately inform the Club of the Affiliated League in which the player was last registered that it has granted such Clearance.

8.5.3 If an allegation is made that an Affiliated League has granted or caused the granting of a permit or Clearance which is not in accordance with these Regulations, such allegation must be referred to the Investigation Committee for investigation and determination. If such allegation is found to be proven the Investigation Committee may fine the Affiliated League concerned an amount not exceeding $1,000.00.

8.5.4 A dispute relating to the bona fides of any telephone, facsimile or email advice in accordance with Regulation 8.5.1 must be referred to the Investigation Committee for determination.

8.5.5 The determination of any dispute referred to it under Regulation 8.5.4 must be made by the Investigation Committee within 21 days of receipt of the complaint by that Committee and when made will be binding on all parties concerned.

8.6 Services required is acceptable as a valid reason for refusal of a transfer between clubs only when a player has played a match for their club during the current season.

8.7 Should a player wish to withdraw their transfer application, the player must complete the Player Withdrawal of Transfer form (Appendix 11). The player's registered club must submit this form to its affiliated league when refusing the transfer within the six clear business days from the date the Transfer Application was loaded.

9. **Clearance – Cannot Be Refused**

9.1 **Financial Indebtedness and Contractual Obligation**

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

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

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

(Refer Appendix 6)

9.2 **Player who has not played for 24 months**

These regulations shall not apply to players who have not played competition football for the previous twenty-four (24) months. The player must satisfy the league that he or she has not played for a period of 24 months and can apply for registration to play after July 1. This can be verified via AFL FootyWeb

10. **Appeals where Clearance is refused**

10.1 **Club to Club within the same League**

10.1.1 A player registered with an Affiliated League Club who is refused a Clearance from a Club of the Affiliated League in which he is registered to another Club in the same Affiliated League, may appeal against that refusal to the League Independent Tribunal of that Affiliated League.

10.1.2 Such appeal must be directed by the player to the League Independent Tribunal through the Secretary of that Affiliated League by the Secretary of the Affiliated League Club to which the player has sought a Clearance.

10.2 **League to League within the same Zone**

10.2.1 A player registered with an Affiliated League Club who is refused a Clearance from that Affiliated League Club in to a Club of another Affiliated League within the same Zone, may appeal against that refusal to the Zone Independent Tribunal of that Zone.

10.2.2 Such appeal must be directed to the Zone Independent Tribunal through the Regional Director of that Zone by the Secretary of the Affiliated League to which the player has sought the Clearance.

10.3 **League to League outside Zone**

10.3.1 A player registered with an Affiliated League Club who is refused a Clearance to a Club of an Affiliated League outside of the Zone from which he desires a Clearance, may appeal to the Permit Tribunal.

10.3.2 Such appeal must be directed to the Permit Tribunal by the Secretary of the Affiliated League to which the player is seeking the Clearance by forwarding the appeal to the Affiliated Leagues Manager of or other person nominated by the SANFL for that purpose by post, facsimile or email.

10.3.3 Other than a Clearance to which Regulation **Error! Reference source not found.** pplies a player of an Affiliated League Club cannot appeal against an application for Clearance which is refused after July 8th in any year.

10.4 **Appeal Procedures**

10.4.1 An appeal by a player against a refusal to grant a Clearance must be made in writing, signed by the player and lodged, together with a further Clearance Form completed and signed by the player, with the relevant person provided for in Regulations 10.1, 0or 10.3 as the case may be.

10.4.2 The player must at the time of lodging his appeal pay to the Secretary of the Affiliated League from which the Clearance was sought, a fee of $1,000.00 or such other amount as the Board may prescribe from time to time and the Secretary receiving the fee must acknowledge receipt of it to the player. The Secretary of the Affiliated League concerned will not be obliged to proceed with the appeal until such prescribed fee has been received.

10.4.3 If an appeal made under Regulation 10.4.1, is successful the relevant Appeal Tribunal may determine that the up to 100% of the fee paid under Regulation 10.4.2 can be refunded to the player, and may also determine that the Club which refused the Clearance to the player will be liable to pay a fee not exceeding $1,000.00 to the SACFL.

10.4.4 If the Club which is liable to pay the fee determined by the Appeal Tribunal under Regulation 10.4.3 does not do so within seven (7) days of the decision by the Appeal Tribunal, each of the teams of that Club shall lose all premiership points gained in football matches played whilst that fee remains unpaid.

10.4.5 If an appeal made under Regulation 10.4.1 is unsuccessful, the relevant Appeal Tribunal may determine in its absolute discretion that any amount up to the whole of the fee paid under Regulation 10.4.2 may be retained and paid to the SACFL.

10.4.6 In making any determination under Regulation 10.4.3 the relevant Appeal Tribunal may take into account any matter relating to the appeal including without limitation, but in particular, as to whether or not the appeal was frivolous or vexatious.

10.4.7 An appeal against the refusal of a Clearance must be lodged in accordance with this Regulation 10 within seven (7) clear days of receipt of notification by the player concerned that the Clearance was refused.

10.4.8 An appeal to the League Independent Tribunal under Regulation 10.1 or Zone Independent Tribunal under Regulation 0 must be heard within seven (7) clear days of notice of the appeal being lodged with the relevant Affiliated League Secretary or Regional Director as the case may be.

10.4.9 An appeal to the Permit Tribunal under this Regulation 10.3.2must be heard within a maximum of fourteen (14) days of the notice of appeal being lodged with the relevant person at the SANFL, except with consent of all parties including the Affiliated Leagues, the Affiliated League Clubs and player involved.

10.4.10 The costs of an appeal to the Zone Independent Tribunal or to the Permit Tribunal must be determined by the Regional Director of that Zone and must be paid:

10.4.10.1 By the Affiliated League Club to which the player desires to transfer if the appeal is unsuccessful; or

10.4.10.2 By the Affiliated League Club from which the player sought a transfer, if the appeal is successful

10.4.10.3 within seven (7) days of being notified by the Regional Director .

10.4.11 Expenses to be included in the costs of an appeal under Regulation 10.4.10 include the reasonable costs of travelling, accommodation and meals.

10.4.12 Except as set out in this Regulation 10 a player who is refused a Clearance may appeal once only in any season against a refusal to grant a Clearance. If a player is refused a Clearance and is unsuccessful with his appeal and subsequently makes application for a Clearance to another Affiliated League Club, he will subject to this Regulation 10 have a right of appeal against a refusal of the subsequent application for Clearance.

11. Player disqualification or suspension – Appeal to League Commissioners

11.1 A person disqualified or suspended by a Tribunal of an Affiliated League for six (6) matches or more in the team for which he was playing or officiating when charged or reported, may appeal to the League Commissioners against such disqualification or suspension on one or more of the following grounds:

11.1.1 With respect to the issue of guilt:

11.1.1.1 That there was an error of law; or

11.1.1.2 That the decision was so unreasonable that no Tribunal acting reasonably could have come to that decision having regard to the evidence before it

11.1.2 With respect to the issue of penalty:

11.1.2.1 That the sanction imposed was manifestly excessive

11.2 **Lodgement of Notice of Appeal**

Such appeal must be directed to the League Commissioners by the Secretary of the Affiliated League in which the person is registered by forwarding the appeal to the General Manager Football Operations or such other person as may be nominated by the SANFL within 28 days of such disqualification or suspension being imposed. In the case of an appeal under Regulation 11 the notice of appeal must be accompanied by payment to the League by the appellant of:

11.2.1 The sum of $2,500 towards the costs of the appeal, which sum will not be refundable in any circumstances; and

11.2.2 The further sum of $1,500 which shall be dealt with in accordance with Regulation 11.9

11.2.3 Copies of all photographs, video recordings, drawings, diagrams and other documents used or tendered by the Appellant at the relevant Tribunal hearing, which the Appellant intends to use or rely upon at hearing of the appeal by the League Commissioners

11.3 **Time for Hearing of Appeal**

Upon receipt of Notice of Appeal, the General Manager Football Operations or other person nominated by the SANFL under Regulation 11.2 must:

11.3.1 Fix the date, time and place for the hearing of the appeal as soon as practicable

11.3.2 Advise all parties interested in the appeal in writing of those particulars

11.4 **Attendance**

11.4.1 An appellant must attend and appear before the League Commissioners at the date, time and place fixed for the hearing of the appeal. Where an appellant fails to attend the Appeal may be heard and determine the appeal in the Appellant's absence

11.4.2 The appellant and respective league may be represented by legal practitioners who may attend and appear at any hearing before the League Commissioners

11.5 **Procedure and Evidence**

11.5.1 **League Commissioners to Regulate its Own Procedure**

Subject to any other matters set out in this Regulation 11, the League Commissioners may regulate any proceedings brought before it in such a manner as it decides

11.5.2 **Rules of Evidence**

The League Commissioners are 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 they decide

11.6 **Obligations of SACFL Appeals**

11.6.1 Natural justice and other obligations

The League Commissioners must:

11.6.1.1 Provide any person whose interest will be directly and adversely affected by its decision with a reasonable opportunity to be heard

11.6.1.2 Hear and determine the matter before it in an unbiased manner; and

11.6.1.3 Make a decision that a reasonable body could honestly arrive at

11.7 **Decision of League Commissioners**

11.7.1 On the hearing of an appeal, where the League Commissioners determine that one or more of the grounds set out in Regulation 11.1 have been established it may:

11.7.1.1 If the appeal is against a finding of guilt, may uphold, quash or modify the decision of the Tribunal and/or make any other decision which the Tribunal could have made;

11.7.1.2 If the appeal is against the imposition of a penalty, the League Commissioners may affirm, increase, decrease or vary the penalty imposed by the Tribunal and/or any other penalty which the Tribunal could have imposed;

11.7.1.3 Make such orders and give such directions as it thinks fit:

11.7.2 The decision of the League Commissioners on any appeal will be final and binding upon the League all Clubs and all persons who are subject to and bound by these Regulations. After a decision has been delivered by the League Commissioners the matter which was the subject of that decision cannot be reheard nor can the decision be rescinded or altered

11.8 **No Obligation to Give Reason**

The League Commissioners are not obliged to give reasons for a decision made by them under Regulation 11

11.9 **Appeal Fee**

For the purposes of this Regulation 11, an appeal is successful if, and only if the League Commissioners determine that one or more of the grounds set out in Regulation 11.1 has been established:

11.9.1 **Successful Appeal**

Where an appeal is successful, the payment made under Regulation 11.2.2 must be refunded on receipt by the League of an appropriate tax invoice

11.9.2 **Unsuccessful Appeal**

Where an appeal is not successful, the payment made under Regulation 11.2.2 will not be refunded, unless the matter involves a monetary sanction and the League Commissioners determine that it would be manifestly unjust and unfair not to refund the whole or part of such payment in which case, the whole or such part of such payment as the League Commissioners may determine will be refunded on receipt by the League of an appropriate tax invoice

11.10 **Costs**

Each party to an appeal must bear his/its own costs in relation to the appeal

11.11 **Appeal may be Abandoned**

11.11.1 Subject to Regulation 11.11.2 an appellant may abandon an appeal before the commencement of any hearing of an appeal by giving written notice to the General Manager Football Operations on behalf of the League Commissioners

11.11.2 Where an appellant abandons the appeal during the conduct of the appeal, the payment made under regulation 11.2.2 will not be refunded

11.12 **Validity of Appeal and Hearings**

11.12.1 Where there is any procedural irregularity in the manner in which an appeal has been brought, the League Commissioners may still hear and determine the appeal unless it is of the opinion that the irregularity has caused or will cause injustice if the appeal is heard

11.12.2 Subject to Regulation 11.3.1 any procedure or requirement regulating the function of the League Commissioners is directory in nature and a decision of the League Commissioners is not invalid because the League Commissioners have not observed that procedure or requirement

11.13 **Public Comment and Criticism**

11.13.1 A person who is subject to these Regulations must not:

11.13.1.1 Publicly comment on the contents of any Notice of Appeal before the determination of an appeal by the League Commissioners

11.13.1.2 Make any public criticism of a decision of the League Commissioners or of any member of the League Commissioners or any matter touching or concerning the League Commission or a determination made by it

11.13.1.3 Any breach of Regulation 11.13 will be referred to the League Commissioners for consideration of an appropriate penalty

11.14 **Exhaust Internal Appeal**

A person who is subject to and/or bound by these Regulations must exercise his/her right of appeal under this Regulation 11 and have any appeal heard and determined by the League Commissioners before commencing any proceedings or becoming a party to any proceedings in a court of law. If proceedings are subsequently commenced in a court of law the person or club instigating the appeal must meet their own legal costs as well as those incurred by the league.

12. **Playing Without Clearance or Permit**

12.1 An Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League which has grounds for believing that a player has played football with a team of an Affiliated League Cub without having obtained any necessary transfer or permit required by these Regulations may report the same to the Investigation Committee through the Secretary of the relevant Affiliated League. Upon receipt of such report the Investigation Committee must notify the player, Affiliated League Club and Affiliated League concerned of such report, conduct any investigation deemed necessary, and may impose any penalty authorised by these Regulations.

12.2 A player who plays with a team of an Affiliated League Club without having first been granted the necessary Transfer or permit required under these Regulations will be liable to a fine of $1,000.00 and disqualification for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months.

12.3 A fine imposed on a player under Regulation 12.2 must be paid to the Community Football Board within seven (7) days of the fine being imposed by the Investigation Committee. If the player defaults paying the fine within seven (7) days imposed by the Investigation Committee, then the club is liable to pay the fine to the Community Football Board. The Club shall lose all Premiership Points gained whilst the fine remains unpaid.

12.4 The Investigation Committee may impose any one of the following penalties on the Affiliated League in which a player referred to in Regulation 12.1 played:

12.4.1 Censure

12.4.2 A fine not exceeding $2,000.00 which must be paid to the SACFL.

and in addition may recommend, the disaffiliation of that Affiliated League to the SACFL.

13. **Playing Without Clearance (SANFL League Clubs)**

13.1 A player desiring to transfer from an SANFL League Club to an Affiliated League Club must not play for the Affiliated League Club until such time as he has obtained a Clearance from the SANFL Club with which he was last registered and any transfer fee payable under the SANFL Regulations has been paid.

13.2 If a player plays for an Affiliated League Club in breach of Regulation 13.1 such breach must be referred to the Investigation Committee for investigation and determination.

13.3 In the event of a breach of Regulation 13.1, the Investigation Committee may impose penalties equivalent to those referred to in Regulation 12.2 and 12.4 on the Player, Affiliated League Club and Affiliated League respectively.

14. **Clearances Other**

14.1 **Player under 15 years**

14.1.1 A player under the age of fifteen (15) years on January 1st in any Financial Year, will not be required to obtain a Clearance from the Affiliated League Club with which he was last registered to be eligible for registration as a player with another Affiliated League Club.

14.1.2 A player may only transfer without Clearance under Regulation 14.1.1 once in any Financial Year. Any subsequent transfer in that Financial Year must be approved by:

14.1.2.1 The League Independent Tribunal if the player desires to transfer to another Club within the same Affiliated League, or

14.1.2.2 The Zone Independent Tribunal if the player desires to transfer to a Club of a different Affiliated League within the same Zone; or

14.1.2.3 The Investigation Committee if the player desires to transfer to a Club of an Affiliated League in another Zone.

14.2 **Player of Disbanded Club**

14.2.1 Subject to Regulation 0 a player of an Affiliated League Club which disbands ("the Disbanded Club") will be entitled to be registered as a player of another Affiliated League Club without obtaining a Clearance provided that the player is not disqualified or suspended.

14.2.2 A player referred to in Regulation 14.2.1 can not be registered to play with another Affiliated League Club unless that Affiliated League Club has obtained written notification that the Disbanded Club has been disbanded:

14.2.3 From the Secretary of the Affiliated League of which the Disbanded Club was a member; or

14.2.4 If the Affiliated League of which the Disbanded Club was a member has also been disbanded, from the Regional Director of the Zone of which that Affiliated League formed part.

15. **Playing with Two Clubs**

15.1 A player may be registered to play football with only one Affiliated League Club at any one time, unless the player is under the age of fifteen (15) years on January 1st in the current year. The player under fifteen years of age may register with a second club in a different Affiliated League, via a type two (2) permit on Sporting Pulse, with the approval of both Leagues. In any particular case, if one of the two leagues does not agree then an application can be brought to an independent panel to determine the issue. Applications are to be lodged with the nominated representative from the SANFL.

15.1.1 A player who is over the age of fifteen (15) years and under the age of eighteen years (18) years on January 1st in the current year may dual register with a second club in a different Affiliated League via a type two (2) permit on Sporting Pulse, with the approval of both Leagues. In any particular case, if one of the two leagues does not agree then an application can be brought to an independent panel to determine the issue. Applications are to be lodged with the nominated representative from the SANFL.

15.1.2 Any permit granted under 15.1.1 will apply for junior football only.

15.1.3 Any player granted a permit under 15.1.1 shall only represent one (1) club on any given weekend.

15.1.4 In the event of a breach of Regulation 15.1.3, the Investigation Committee may impose penalties equivalent to those referred to in Regulation12.2 and12.4 on the Player, Affiliated League Club and Affiliated League respectively.

15.2 An Affiliated League Club or Affiliated League which has grounds for believing that a player is registered to play football for more than one Affiliated League Club at the same time may report the same to the Investigation Committee through the Secretary of the Affiliated League concerned. Upon receipt of such report the Investigation Committee must notify the Player, Club and Affiliated League concerned of such report, conduct any investigation deemed necessary and may impose any penalty authorised by these Regulations.

15.3 A player who is registered to play football with more than one Affiliated League Club at the same time will be liable to the a fine of $1,000.00 which must be to the Affiliated League Club with which the player was first registered and must be deregistered by the Affiliated League Club with which he was second registered until he obtains a Clearance from the Club with which he was first registered.

16. **Temporary Permits**

16.1 **Transfer in Employment**

16.1.1 A player who:

16.1.1.1 Is registered to play football with an Affiliated League Club ("**the Home Club**"); and

16.1.1.2 Is temporarily transferred in his employment by his current employer from the locality of his Home Club to a branch of his employer's business in another locality ("**the new place of employment**"); and

16.1.1.3 Has been in the employment of his current employer for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding his temporary transfer of employment; and

16.1.1.4 The new place of employment is more than 100 kilometres from the home ground of his Home Club; and

16.1.1.5 Is not disqualified or suspended from playing football;

16.2 may be granted a permit to play football for another Affiliated League Club ("**the New Club**") by the Affiliated League of which the New Club is a member.

16.2.1 A permit issued under Regulation 16.1.1 will be limited to the period of the transfer in employment and will also be subject to Regulation 16.2.2.

16.2.2 An application for a permit under Regulation 16.1.1 must be approved by the Affiliated League Club and the Affiliated League with which the player is currently registered before the permit can be issued.

16.3 **Student attending Educational Institution**

16.3.1 A player not referred to in Regulation 15 who is required to temporarily change his usual place of residence in order to attend a secondary or tertiary Educational Institution within the State of South Australia may obtain dual registration via a type two (2) permit on Sporting Pulse, to play football with an Affiliated League Club in an Affiliated League in the vicinity of that Educational Institution, with the approval of both Leagues. In any particular case, if one of the two leagues does not agree then an application can be brought to an independent panel to determine the issue. Applications are to be lodged with the nominated representative from the SANFL.

16.3.2 Subject to him not being disqualified or suspended, a player who obtains a Clearance and is registered to play football with a Club other than his Home Club under Regulation 16.3.1 may be granted a temporary permit to play for his Home Club during periods of vacation or study leave, provided that such permit is issued by the Affiliated League of which his Home Club is a member, and the issue of such permit is approved by the Affiliated League and Affiliated League Club with which the player is currently registered.

16.3.3 For the purposes of this Regulation 16.3 the term "Home Club" means the Affiliated League Club with which the player was registered to play football before he obtained the Clearance and become registered to play football with another Affiliated League Club under Regulation 16.3.1.

16.4 **Temporary Return to Home Club**

16.4.1 A player who:

16.4.1.1 Has been registered to play football with an Affiliated League Club (**"the Home Club"**); and

16.4.1.2 Has transferred his employment to a place which is more than 150 kilometres from the home ground of his Home Club ("**the new place of employment**"); and

16.4.1.3 Has, with the approval of his Home Club, obtained a Clearance to play football for an Affiliated League Club situated in the vicinity of his new place of employment; and

16.4.1.4 Because of the conditions of his employment is able to return to or near his place of residence (**"Original Residence"**) when he played for his Home Club;

may subject to Regulations 16.4.2, 16.4.3 and 16.6 be granted a permit, to play football for his Home Club by the Affiliated League of which his Home Club is a member.

16.4.2 A permit issued under this Regulation 16.4 will be limited to the period or periods of time when the player is able to return to his Original Residence because of the conditions of his employment.

16.4.3 The approval of an application for a permit under Regulation 16.4.1 is subject to the approval of the Affiliated League Club and the Affiliated League with which the player is currently registered to play football.

16.5 **Promotion of Football**

The Regional Football Council may with the approval of the Board grant a permit to a player of an Affiliated League Club to play football for a team of another Affiliated League Club if in its absolute discretion it determines that it is in the best interests of an Affiliated League and/or football generally.

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

16.5.1 It must in the best interests of football generally and made for the promotion of football in a specific Affiliated League or Leagues;

16.5.2 It must for one game only;

16.5.3 A permit under this Regulation 16.5 must not be granted for a player to play football for the same Affiliated League Club more than once in any Season;

16.5.4 The granting of the permit will be subject to the conditions contained in Regulation 16.6 to the extent that they are applicable

16.6 **Provision Relating to all Permits under Regulation 16**

The following provisions will apply to the issue of all permits under this Regulation 16:

16.6.1 A player applying for a permit must do so on the Affiliated Leagues Temporary Permit Form approved by the Board;

16.6.2 The permit will apply in Minor Round games only and will not enable a player to qualify for a Finals Series;

16.6.3 Subject to Regulation 16.5.2 a permit will be restricted to a maximum period of four weeks and a player will not be granted more than four temporary permits in any one season.

16.6.4 Consecutive temporary permits may be granted subject to the lodging of a new Affiliated League Temporary Permit Form at the completion of each period of four weeks.

16.6.5 A player must not use more than two Temporary Permit Forms for the one change of locality.

16.6.6 A player granted a permit under this Regulation 16 shall remain a registered player of the Affiliated League Club with which he is registered and shall at all times, irrespective of his place of residence, remain eligible to play with that Club.

17. **Interstate Clearance Applications**

An application for a Clearance by a player to a Club in a State other than South Australia must be endorsed as being either granted or refused by both the Affiliated League Club with which he was last registered and the Affiliated League of which that Cub is a member and returned within fourteen (14) days from the date of dispatch of such Clearance by the Affiliated League Club to the Affiliated League.

18. **Transfer Fees**

18.1 An Affiliated League Club must not request or receive a transfer fee as consideration for the transfer of a player who desires a transfer from an Affiliated League Club to another Affiliated League Club regardless of whether or not those Clubs are within the same Affiliated League or in different Affiliated Leagues.

18.2 An allegation of a breach of this Regulation 18 must be referred to the Investigation Committee for investigation and determination.

18.3 An Affiliated League Club which commits a breach of this Regulation 18 is liable to a fine not exceeding $5,000.00 or such other amount as the Board may determine.

18.4 Whilst there is any agreement in force between the Board, on behalf of the Affiliated Leagues, and the SANFL relating to payments to be made to Affiliated Leagues by way of compensation for players drafted to an AFL Club ('**transfer fees**'):-

18.4.1 Each Zone Council may decide on the way in which any transfer fees are divided within its Zone provided that a minimum of 40% for the total of any transfer fees received by an Affiliated League must be paid to the Affiliated League Club with which the drafted player was first registered.

18.4.2 The Affiliated League Club which receives a share of such transfer fee must apply those monies in or towards the development of junior football or in respect of such other matters related to football as the Board determines.

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

19.1 An Affiliated League Club which desires to transfer from an Affiliated League to another Affiliated League can do so only with the approval of the Board upon the recommendation of the Investigation Committee.

19.2 An Affiliated League Club which desires to transfer from an Affiliated League to another Affiliated League must do so by written application given to:

19.2.1 The Secretary of the Affiliated League with which the Club wishes to be affiliated,

19.2.2 The Secretary of the Affiliated League with which the Club is currently affiliated, and

19.2.3 The Investigation Committee,

by no later than October 31st in the year in which the application is made. An application received after that date will not be considered in that year unless there is agreement between the Affiliated League to which the Club wishes to transfer, the Affiliated League from which the Club wishes to transfer and the Investigation Committee.

19.3 An application under Regulation 19.2 must give complete details of the reasons why such transfer is sought and must be investigated by the Investigation Committee which must make a recommendation concerning such transfer within 60 days of its receipt by the Investigation Committee.

19.4 The Investigation Committee may, in its discretion, recommend that the transfer of a Club under this Regulation 19 be conditional upon the Club satisfying or making proper arrangements for the payment of any outstanding debt or financial obligation owing by that Club to its Affiliated League.

19.5 Upon making its recommendation the Investigation Committee will forward the same to the Board which must either approve or reject such recommendation within 21 days of receipt of same. The decision of the Board will be final and binding on all parties.

19.6 Except for the approval or rejection of a recommendation of the Investigation Committee under Regulation 19.4 the Board will not to make any determination or decision concerning the question as to which Affiliated League a Club forms a part or becomes a member.

20. **Disbanded Leagues**

20.1 If an Affiliated League Club which disbands, is accepted into another Affiliated League, it shall retain as registered players all players who were previously registered with it.

20.2 Upon receipt from the Regional Director of a list of registered players of that Club those players shall be automatically registered with that Club in its new Affiliated League.

20.3 The Secretary of an Affiliated League which disbands must supply to the Board a complete list of players registered with all Clubs in that Affiliated League as at the date on which the Affiliated League disbanded.

21. **Clubs Merging**

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

22. **Playing Unaffiliated Leagues**

22.1 A team of an Affiliated League or an Affiliated League Club must not play against a team of an unaffiliated league or club of an unaffiliated league without the approval of the Board.

22.2 A complaint alleging that a team of an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club has breached this Regulation 22 must be referred to the Investigation Committee for hearing and determination which hearing and determination must be made within 28 days of the date on which it was referred to the Investigation Committee.

22.3 The Investigation Committee may impose a fine not exceeding $5,000.00 for a breach of this Regulation 22 by an Affiliated League or an Affiliated League Club (or both) which fine must be paid to the SACFL.

23. **Playing Suspended or Disqualified Players**

An Affiliated League Club which knowingly plays a suspended or disqualified player, in any Football Match will, in addition to any other penalty which may be imposed under these Regulations, be liable to a fine of $2,000.00 for each occasion on which a player so plays.

24. **Offences in Inter-League Matches**

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

25. **Amendments to Regulations**

25.1 The Board may alter amend or vary these Regulations . Any alteration amendment or variation to these Regulations must be approved by the Football Commission before it can have any force or effect.

25.2 An Affiliated League may table a proposed amendment to these Regulations at an official meeting of the Zone of which it forms part, for consideration, and if approved by that Zone, the proposed amendment may then be submitted in writing to the Board for consideration.

26. **Domestic Matters**

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

27. **Matters Not Provided For**

The Board has power to decide any matters not provided for in these Regulations which decision will be subject to the approval of the Football Commission before having any force or effect.

28. **SANFL Merit Awards**

Under an Affiliation and Licence Agreement made between the SANFL and the SACFL, Merit Awards may be awarded annually by the SANFL to acknowledge outstanding service to the Game of Australian Football given by persons associated with Affiliated Leagues.

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

28.1 The award may be made only to persons who have rendered outstanding service to an Affiliated League, Affiliated League Club or the game of football and is limited to one award for each Affiliated League in any one season.

28.2 Nominations of persons for a Merit Award by Affiliated Leagues must be forwarded to the Community Football Department for consideration and recommendation to the Board by no later than June 30th in each year.

28.3 A record of the service rendered by the nominated person must be forwarded with each nomination.

28.4 The number of Merit awards to be awarded each year will normally be five. The League however may in any year award more than five Merit Awards if it decides in its discretion that there are more than five persons deserving of Merit Awards in that year.

29. **Coach Accreditation**

All coaches of Affiliated League Clubs are required to obtain Level 1 Accreditation prior to the commencement of their second year of coaching. If a coach continues to coach without having obtained the necessary accreditation, a team which is coached by the unaccredited coach will lose all match points for matches won by the team whilst the unaccredited coach continues to coach. In the event of no match points being received by that team, the Affiliated League in which the team plays may impose an appropriate penalty.

All Coaches of League and Zone teams must have Level 1 Accreditation prior to being appointed.

30. **Disciplinary**

30.1 Each Affiliated League, Affiliated League Club, Regional Director, officer, official or servant of an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club and player of an Affiliated League Club must:

30.1.1 Observe, obey and comply with:

30.1.1.1 The SANFL Constitution, the SANFL Regulations, the SACFL Constitution and these Regulations in so far as they apply to such person, Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club; and

30.1.1.2 Any decision or direction of or direction made by the Football Commission and/or the Board; and

30.1.1.3 Any agreement to which the SANFL, SACFL, Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club is a party to the extent that he is legally capable of so doing.

30.1.2 Not engage in conduct:

30.1.2.1 Which is unbecoming, detrimental or prejudicial to the welfare, image, spirit or best interests of Football, the SANFL, an SANFL League Club, the SACFL, an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club; or

30.1.2.2 Which would cause the SANFL, an SANFL League Club, the SACFL, an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club to be in breach of any agreement to which any one of them is a party.

30.2 If a person, Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club to whom or which this Regulation 30 applies is found guilty of a breach of the SANFL Constitution, the SANFL Regulations, the SACFL Constitution, these Regulations or the Laws of the Game, any one or more the following sanctions and penalties may be imposed on that person, Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club;

30.2.1 Censure;

30.2.2 Suspension or disqualification from playing any Football Match, or exercising any official function with the SANFL, an SANFL League Club, the SACFL, an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club, or attending any Football Match;

30.2.3 The withdrawal of, or suspension or disqualification from exercising any right or privilege which that person may have or to which he may be entitled by virtue of any office, position or class of membership held in or of the SANFL, an SANFL League Club, an Affiliated League or an Affiliated League Club or otherwise under or by virtue of the SANFL Constitution, the SANFL Regulations, the SACFL Constitution or these Regulations.

30.2.4 In the case of an Affiliated League Club the reversal of the result of a Match including a Major Round Match and/or the suspension or disqualification of a Team or Teams of an Affiliated League Club and/or the loss of premiership points both retrospective and prospective.

30.2.5 A fine not exceeding $5,000.00 or such other amount as the Board may determine.

On imposing any sanction or penalty under this Regulation 30.2, regard may be had to any sanction or penalty imposed by any other Regulation in these Regulations.

30.3 A charge or report alleging a breach of these Regulations or of the Laws of the Game, other than a charge laid by a Registered Umpire on the day of a Match may be laid by a Director of an Affiliated League, Regional Director, the Chief Executive Officer or the Investigation Committee.

30.4 A charge laid or a report made under Regulation 30.3 may be made at any time, but in any event, as soon as practicable after the occurrence of the event or conduct, which is the subject of the charge or report is alleged to have occurred.

30.5 A charge or report alleging a breach of these Regulations together with particulars of such charge or report must be delivered to the person or body alleged in such charge or report to have committed the breach, as soon as is practical after receipt of the charge or report and must also inform such person or body of the time and place fixed for hearing of such charge or report.

30.6 Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations a charge or report alleging a breach of these Regulations must be referred to the League Commissioners for hearing and determination.

30.7 Every Officer, Director, Life Member, employee of an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club, member of, player, Director, Registered Official, officer, servant or agent of an Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club, as the case may be, must attend every meeting, hearing or inquiry of any appeal Tribunal or Commissioner or Tribunal of the SANFL duly constituted by these Regulations to which he has been summoned to attend.

30.8 Whenever a fine has been imposed under these Regulations on an Affiliated League Club, or player, officer, official servant or agent of an Affiliated League Club:

30.8.1 The Affiliated League Club concerned will be responsible for the payment of such fine;

30.8.2 The fine must be paid to the SACFL within seven (7) days of the SACFL giving notice to the Affiliated League Club of the imposition of such fine; and

30.8.3 If the Affiliated League Club does not pay the fine as required by Regulation 30.8.3 each of its teams shall lose all premierships points gained whilst the fine remains unpaid unless otherwise determined by the Board.

31. Salary Cap

31.1 Board to Determine a Salary Cap

The Board must determine a Salary Cap to apply in each Financial Year. For the purpose of this Regulation, the expression "Salary Cap" means the maximum total amount, which an Affiliated League Club may pay or provide to its Players by way of Football Payments in a Financial Year.

The Board must set a maximum Salary Cap for all Leagues.

31.1.1 The Board may issue Guidelines

The Board may from time to time issue guidelines concerning the Salary Cap and the value to be placed on any Football Payment.

31.1.2 Football Payments

The value of all or any part of any money, consideration or other benefit paid or provided to a Player between the period commencing on 1 November in a year expiring on 31 October in the next year under any contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding between an Affiliated League Club or any person or entity directly or indirectly associated with an Affiliated League Club (including without limitation any sponsor, supporter or supporter group of that Affiliated League Club) and a player which relates to or is consideration for the playing of football by that Player for any team of that Affiliated League Club in any Match, is or will be deemed to be a Football Payment for the purpose of these Regulations.

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

Relates to cash, goods services or benefit in any form

Any payments made to a Club by a sponsor, Supporter Group etc and passed on to a player).

31.1.3 Deemed Football Payments

Without in any way limiting Regulation 31.1.2 the following payments or benefits paid or provided to or for the benefit of a Player by an Affiliated League Club or by any sponsor, supporter, supporter group of or any person or entity associated directly or indirectly with that Affiliated League Club are or are deemed to be Football Payments.

(What are regarded as Football Payments for the purpose of the Salary Cap).

31.1.3.1 **Payments Made Under Contract**

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

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

31.1.3.2 **Match Payments**

All payments made to a Player by an Affiliated League Club arising out of the selection of a Player in which a Senior or B Grade team of that Affiliated League Club is participant including without limitation payments made for **Minor Round Matches won and lost and all other bonus or incentive payments.**

(A payment made to a player, whether contracted or not, who plays a game League/Reserve (A and B) with his Club during the minor rounds of a season.)

31.1.3.3 **Board or Rent Subsides**

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

(All to be included.)

31.1.3.4 **Best and Fairest Payments**

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

(Cost of medals or trophies not included, but any cash or kind accompanying the medal or trophy must be included in the Salary Cap.)

31.1.3.5 **After Match Club Awards - Sponsors**

Payments or benefits in excess of a total value of $200.00 by way of vouchers, services or product and the total of all cash payments made or given in respect of in each Minor Round of matches to Players as After Match Awards.

31.1.3.6 **Coaches Fees**

Coaching fees paid by a Club to all Coaching staff in excess of $10,000.00 or such other sum as may be determined by the Board.

(The actual fees paid to all coaches must be included in the Salary Cap return.)

31.1.3.7 **FBT**

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

(Should the Club be liable for any FBT payment in respect to any benefit paid to a player, then that amount is to be included in the Salary Cap.)

31.1.3.8 **Superannuation**

All statutory and other contributions to Superannuation made by a Club on behalf of or for the benefits of a Player.

(Any payment or contribution made to a Superannuation Fund on behalf of a Player is to be included in the Salary Cap – unless his match payments are inclusive of Superannuation.)

31.1.3.9 **Travel**

No Salary Cap relief will apply to Clubs where players travel less than 100 km round trip to their playing Club. Salary Cap Relief will apply to Clubs at a rate of $0.15 per kilometre for distance travelled in excess of 100 km round trip to and from their playing Club. Any amount paid in excess of $0.15/km is to be included (if a player has to travel 150 km to the location of his playing Club – 300 km round trip, 200 km at $0.15/km (eg $30.00) will be exempted from the Salary Cap provision).

31.1.3.10 **Player's wages for employment**

All payments made to a Player (who has changed his place of residence to play football) by his employer, over and above the market value of the services provided by the Player the Employer for the position which he holds in his employment.

Example:

(If a player shifts his place of residence to play football, commences employment in that area nearby his new residence, with any person, sponsor or official of the new Club with which he is playing and receives $700.00 per week in that job, but the market value of the services for the position which he holds is $500.00, per week then the amount of $200.00 per week would be included in the Salary Cap.)

Payments not to be included:

- **Head Trainer/Training Staff**
- **Bus Hire**

- **Medical Expenses**
- **Medical Supplies**
- **After game/training refreshments (Reasonable)**

31.1.4 **Football Payments not to exceed Salary Cap**

Subject to any guidelines which may be issued by the Board from time to time or in any particular case, neither an Affiliated League Club nor any person or entity directly or indirectly associated with an Affiliated League Club (including without limitation any sponsor or supporter group or that Affiliated League Club) in any Financial Year give to or apply for the benefit of, or offer to give to or apply for the benefit of a Player any Football Payments or cause to offer to cause any Football Payments given to or applied for the benefit of all Players of the Affiliated League Club whether given or applied by the Affiliated League Club or by some other person or entity, which in total would exceed the Salary Cap for that Affiliated League Club for that Financial Year. For the purposes of determining whether a Club has paid given or applied any Football Payments in accordance with this Regulation 0 in any Season it will be deemed that the maximum value of Football Payments which may be given or applied to a Player under any contract agreement or understanding has been so given or applied.

31.1.5 **Details of Player Contracts and Football Payments to be Lodged**

31.1.5.1 For the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Regulation 31, each Affiliated League Club must complete and lodge with the Payment Officer;

31.1.5.1.1 **By 30 April in each calendar year a Memorandum which sets out full** details of all Football Payments promised or which are to be given or applied by that Club to or for the benefit of a Players of that Club during the then current Financial Year.

(Each Club is to lodge with the Payments Officer the full details of all payments/benefits which have been or will be made to Players of League and Reserve players (ie A Grade and B Grade) of that Club during the current Financial Year. This return to be lodged by 30 April each year.)

31.1.5.1.2 By 30 November in each calendar year full details of all Football Payments which have been made to or which have been applied by that Club to or for the benefit of Players of that Club during the Financial year ending on 31 October in that calendar year.

(By 30 November, each Club must lodge with the Payment Officer the details of payments/benefits that have been, be made to Players during the Financial Year ending on the previous October 31.)

31.1.5.2 The Memorandum required to be lodged under Regulation 31.1.5.1.1 and Regulation 31.1.5.1.2 must be in the form of Appendices 1 and 2 respectively to these Regulations or with such variations to them as the Board may require.

31.1.5.3 **Club Statement – Football Payments**

When the Memorandum required under Regulation 31.1.5.1.2, is lodged it must be accompanied by a Club Statement made by the President or the Secretary of the Club lodging the Memorandum. This Club Statement will be in the form of and contain the information required in the Form in Appendix 3 to these Regulations.

31.1.5.4 **Affiliated League Clubs to Provide Audited Statement**

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

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

31.1.5.5 **Auditors may Inspect Books**

An Affiliated League Club must permit a person appointed by the Board or by the Payments Officers to have full and free access to all books, documents and other papers of that Affiliated League Club or any person or entity controlled by that Affiliated League Club with that person believes may be relevant to any matter relating to the Salary Cap or any Football Payments (including Deemed Football Payments).

(A Club must allow a person appointed by the Board or the Payments Officer to have full and free access to all books relevant to matters of the Salary Cap.)

31.1.5.6 **Statutory Declaration – Payments Under $20,000.00**

Where a Club signs a Statutory Declaration stating that the total payments/benefits paid to Players of the Club in any Financial Year are below $20,000.00 for that Financial Year, such Declaration may be accepted by the Payments Officer as sufficient evidence of the Football Payments made by that Club in that Financial Year and no additional information need be provided concerning Football Payments made by the Club in that Financial Year unless requested by the Payments Officer or the Board.

31.1.6 **Payments Officer**

Each Affiliated League must from time to time appoint a Payments Officer who will have and may exercise such powers as may from time to time be delegated to him by that Affiliated League. The Payments Officer must not be an officer, or employee of that Affiliated League or an Affiliated League Club of that Affiliated League.

(Each League must appoint an independent Payments Officer.)

31.1.7 Clubs to do all things necessary to assist Payments Officer

31.1.7.1 **Full and Free Access**

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

(The Payments Officer shall have access to the books of the Clubs to carry out enquiries relevant to the Salary Cap.)

31.1.7.2 **Copies**

Upon being so requested, an Affiliated League Club and/or a Player must provide the Payments Officer with true copies of such books, documents or other papers in the possession of or under the control of the Affiliated League Club or any person or entity controlled by the Affiliated League Club or the Player, as the case may be, and provide such other information and answer such questions as the Payment officer believes may be relevant to any Enquiries he may make.

(True copies of any books, documents etc are to be made available to the Payments Officer by the Club if requested.)

31.1.8 **Payments by Sponsors, Supporters etc**

Each Affiliated League Club must provide to the Payments Officer full and complete details of all payments made:

31.1.8.1 by or on behalf of or for the benefit of the Affiliated League Club to any Player or otherwise for the benefit of any Player;

31.1.8.2 to any Players by sponsors, supporters (including supporter groups) or any person or entity associated directly or indirectly with the Club.

31.1.9 **Payments to be included if explanation unsatisfactory**

The Payments Officer may seek an explanation from an Affiliated League Club as to the nature of any payments made or benefit provided to a Player by the person or entity associated directly or indirectly with that Affiliated League Club. In the event that the Affiliated League Club fails to explain the payment or benefit provided to the satisfaction of the Payment Officer he may deem such payment or benefit to be a Football Payment to the Player for the purposes of these Regulations.

Upon the Payments Officer advising that Affiliated League that he has deemed any payment or benefit to be a Football payment, that payment or benefit will be a Football Payment for all purposes of this Regulation 31.

(If a Club fails to explain to the Payments Officer what a payment or benefit being made to a player is then the value of the payment or benefit will be included in the Salary Cap.)

31.1.10 **Payments Officer to report to Affiliated League**

The Payments Officer will report directly to the Affiliated League by which he is appointed. He must not at any time divulge any information obtained by him in the course of his enquiries other than to that Affiliated League except where he may be compelled to do so by order of a Court or Tribunal of competent jurisdiction.

31.1.11 **No Breach of Statute**

Each of the powers, requirements and obligations set out in this Regulation 31 are to be read and construed so as to not infringe or breach any Statute or law and shall be limited or severed to the extent that any Statute or law requires. Nothing in this Regulation 31 shall or be deemed to:

31.1.11.1 directly or indirectly require a person to quote that person's tax file number;

31.1.11.2 directly or indirectly require the production of a document or copy of a document on which a tax file number is recorded without allowing the person to whom the tax file number belongs the right to remove that number if he or she so wishes;

31.1.11.3 directly or indirectly require a person to quote another person's tax file number;

31.1.11.4 directly or indirectly require, authorise or permit a person to divulge or communicate another person's tax file number to a third party;

31.1.11.5 directly or indirectly require a person to make a record of any taxation information relating to another person or divulge or communicate to another person any taxation information relating to a third person or otherwise made use of any taxation information relating to a third person or otherwise make use of any taxation information relating to another person where such information was disclosed or obtained in breach of a provision of the taxation law;

31.1.11.6 directly or indirectly require any act, matter or thing which constitutes an offence under the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* and any amendment thereto and/or the *Privacy Act 1988*.

31.1.12 **Breach of Salary Cap**

31.1.12.1 **Payment Officer to Investigate alleged Breach of Regulation 31**

Any alleged breach of this Regulation 32 by a Club must be referred to the Payments Officer in writing for investigation.

31.1.12.2 **Affiliated League to Hear and Determine Alleged Breach of Regulation 31**

If, following any investigation, the Payments Officer forms the view that there has been a breach of this Regulation 32 by a Club, he must refer that alleged breach to that **Club's Affiliated League** for hearing and determination, by the League Independent Tribunal of **that Affiliated League**.

A copy of the alleged breach be given to the Regional Director of the Zone of which that Affiliated League forms part. The Regional Director must be available to attend the hearing of the alleged breach by the League Independent Tribunal.

A written report of the League Independent Tribunal's findings concerning the alleged breach must be forwarded to the Investigation Committee within 14 days of the determination by that Tribunal.

31.1.12.3 **Penalties for Breach of Regulation 31**

In addition to any other penalties which may be imposed under Regulation 30 for a breach of these Regulation the penalties for a breach of Regulation 31 shall until otherwise decided by the Board be:

31.1.12.3.1 If the aggregate of the Football Payments paid, given or applied in the relevant Financial Year exceeds the Salary Cap for that Financial Year by up to 10 percent, the penalty will be a fine equal to the amount by which the Football Payments exceed the Salary Cap.

31.1.12.3.2 If the aggregate of the Football Payments paid, given or applied in the relevant Financial Year exceed the Salary Cap for that financial year by more than 10 percent, the penalty will be a fine equivalent to double the amount by which the Football Payments exceed the Salary Cap.

31.1.12.3.3 Any penalties incurred are to be paid by the first match for Premiership points in the following Season.

32. **Approved Player Points System**

32.1 Regulation 31 will apply to all Affiliated Leagues and Affiliated League Clubs except where an Affiliated League adopts an Approved Player Points System ("APPS") by 31 December in the calendar year before the first Season in respect of which the APPS is adopted by that Affiliated League.

32.2 If an Affiliated League adopts an APPS all Clubs of that Affiliated League will be excused from compliance with Regulation 31 whilst the APPS remains in operation in that Affiliated League and will continue to be so excused until:

32.2.1 The Affiliated League notifies the Board in writing that the APPS adopted by it is to no longer apply.

32.2.2 It is found guilty of a breach of Regulations 32.4and 32.5 and such breach is not remedied.

32.3 If an Affiliated League wishes to adopt a Player Points System:

32.3.1 It must submit its proposed Player Points System to the Community Football Manager for approval by the Board by not later than 30 November in the calendar year before the first Season in which it is to apply to that Affiliated League;

32.3.2 The proposed Player Points System must be based on the Guidelines set out in Appendix 4 to these Regulations as amended or varied by the Board from time to time or with such variation as the Board may approve.

32.4 An Affiliated League which has adopted an APPS must not alter, amend or vary that System in any way without the approval of the Board.

32.5 If the Board alters the guidelines in Appendix 4 applicable to an APPS as a consequence of which an approved player points system which has been adopted by an Affiliated League does not then comply with the guidelines in Appendix 4, then such Affiliated League must alter its APPS so that it complies with the guidelines as altered by the Board and have such alterations approved by the Board.

32.6 If an Affiliated League adopts an APPS, a player of a Club of that Affiliated League must, before being selected to play in the Senior (A Grade) Team of that Club complete and deliver to the Club a declaration in a form approved by the Affiliated League ("the Player Declaration") which must:

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

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

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

32.7 If a player or official of a Club is found guilty of providing any false or misleading information in the Player Declaration referred to in Regulation 32.6:

32.7.1 Such player or official will be liable to penalties including, but not limited to deregistration (in the case of a player) suspension and/or a fine not exceeding $2,000.00, or such other amount as the Board may determine from time to time;

32.7.2 The Club may be liable to a fine not exceeding $2,000.00, or such other amount as the Board may determine from time to time, and/or the loss of premiership points by its Senior (A Grade) Team.

32.8 If a team of a Club exceeds the Total Points Rating allocated to it, in any game played by its Senior (A Grade) Team the following penalties will automatically apply:

32.8.1 The loss of all premiership points, earned for that game, the loss of all points scored by the team in that game, plus a fine of $1,000.00

32.9 Subject to Regulation 32.10 any allegation of a breach of the provisions of this Regulation 32 will, be heard and determined by the League Independent Tribunal of the Affiliated League.

32.10 In addition to any sanctions which may be imposed under Regulations 32.7, 32.8 and 32.9 if any person, Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club contravenes or is in breach of:

32.10.1 The terms and conditions of the APPS which has been adopted by that Affiliated League; or

32.10.2 Any other provision contained in this Regulation 32;

such contravention or breach will be deemed to be a breach of these Regulations and such person, Affiliated League or Affiliated League Club may be charged, dealt with, and be liable to the penalties provided, under Regulation 31.

32.11 If a dispute arises concerning any matter relating to an APPS such dispute must be referred to the League Independent Tribunal of the Affiliated League concerned for hearing and determination.

SALARY CAP STATEMENT **APPENDIX 1**

_____ **FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

	Player's Name	Match Payments			Incentives	Travel Payments	Accom	Super	FBT	Loss of Injury	Misc	Games Played	Total Payment
		A	B	Bonus + Incentives									
1.													
2.													
3.													
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SIGNED: _____ Secretary/Treasurer **_____ Witness** **____/____/____ Date**

APPENDIX 2

SALARY CAP STATEMENT

PERIOD ____/____/____ TO ____/____/____

COACHING FEES

1	$	
2	$	
3	$	
4	$	
5	$	
6	$	
TOTAL COACHING FEES		$
(less $10,000.00)		($10,000.00)
TOTAL COACHES FEES TO BE INCLUDED IN SALARY CAP		**$**

(This figure will be zero if total coaching fees is less.)

AFTER MATCH AWARDS

1. CASH

A GRADE	$
B GRADE	$
OTHER GRADES	$
TOTAL AWARDS	$

2. VOUCHERS

A GRADE	$
B GRADE	$
OTHER GRADES	$
TOTAL AWARDS	$
LESS ALLOWANCE	($)
NETT CASH AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED IN SALARY CAP	**$**

BEST & FAIREST PAYMENTS

A GRADE	$
B GRADE	$
B GRADE OTHER GRADES	$
ALL AMOUNTS TO BE INCLUDED IN SALARY CAP	$
TOTAL MATCH PAYMENTS & ASSOC PAYMENTS FROM APPENDIX 1	**$**
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR PURPOSE OF SALARY CAP	**$**

SIGNED: _____ Secretary/Manager

____/____/____ Date

APPENDIX 3

CLUB STATEMENT

I, _____ of _____

in the State of South Australia being the President/Secretary of _____

Club Inc, affiliated with _____ League Inc State:

That the attached pages numbered _____ to _____ are signed by me correctly state the names of all registered players and coaches of the club and the amount of salary, expenses and value of benefits proposed and/or paid to each player for the period 01/11/ ____ to 31/10/ ____.

DATED this day of 20

_____

(Signature)

APPENDIX 4
APPROVED PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM ("APPS")

1. Basis of the APPS

The basis of the APPS is as follows:

1.1 An Affiliated League Club must not field players in its Senior (A Grade) Team in any game which exceed the total points which have been allocated to that Club under the Total Points Rating. (Refer clause 2.1 below).

1.2 The APPS will only apply to Senior (A grade) Teams.

1.3 "Junior Football" means a competition in which players must be under the age of 18 years on a prescribed date in the calendar year in which that competition is conducted.

1.4 "Junior Player" means a player under the age of 18 years who has played a minimum of 25 games from the year in which he turns 13 years of age with the Club of an Affiliated League with which he is seeking registration.

1.5 A player who is the child of a Club Life Member can be registered with that same club and they will attract zero (0) points.

1.6 A player transferring from one Affiliated League Club to another Affiliated League Club and who is under 19 years of age on the 31st December in the previous calendar year and has played a combined total of more than twenty (20) games at SANFL Under 18, Reserves and/or League Level – attract 2 additional points

1.7 A player transferring from one Affiliated League Club to a Club of any Australian Football League or Association will retain the same Player Point Rating he had, if any, if he is transferred back to such Affiliated League Club in the same season

2. Total Points Rating

2.1 Each Affiliated League Club will be allocated a "Total Points Rating of up to and including 15 points" for each Season based on the position on the premiership table of each clubs Senior Team at the end of the preceding Season, or on such other criteria as may be approved by the Board

Example:

Clubs which finished at the top of the premiership table at the end of the preceding season will be allocated a lower Total Points Rating then those Clubs finishing at the lower end of the premiership table which will be allocated a higher Total Points Rating.

Thus, in a 10 team competition the top four clubs could be allocated 10 points, the next three clubs 12 points and the bottom three clubs 15 points.

2.2 Any League may apply to the Community Football General Manager for increased Total Points Rating for club/s in excess of 15 points for exceptional circumstances before the 1st March preceding the season.

3. Player Points Rating

3.1 A player of an Affiliated League Club must, before being selected to play in the Senior (A Grade) Team of that Club, complete and deliver to the Club a declaration in a form approved by the Affiliated League ("the Player Declaration") which must:

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

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

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

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

3.2.1 A non playing coach does not attract any player points.

3.3 Each player playing in the Senior (A grade) Team of a Club will be allocated a "Player Points Rating" as outlined below:

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

3.3.2 In accordance with the criteria below, each player selected in a Senior Team who has had playing experience with another Club in Australia may be given a further points rating (in addition to any point or points given under 4.1.1 above) depending on the level of the competition or competitions in which he has previously played, the number of games played in that competition, the period of time since he previously played in that competition and/or any other criteria which may be approved by the Board.

A. AFL Players

A player who has played a majority of matches in the AFL in their previous playing season – five (5) additional points, less any deductions or concessions as set out below: -

- Deduct five (5) points if the player has returned to the Club of the Affiliated League for which he last played (including Junior Football) before playing for an AFL Club.
- Deduct a further one (1) point for each season since last playing for an AFL Club.
- If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months or more before resuming as a player he will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

B. State League Players (SANFL, AFL VIC, North East AFL, WAFL)

A player who has played a majority of matches for the Senior team for a Club or Clubs in any one of the above State Leagues in their previous playing season – four (4) additional points, less any deductions or concessions as set out below:

- A player who is registered to play with a Club of an Affiliated League who returns to that Club of the Affiliated League will not attract any additional points irrespective of the number of games played in the Senior Teams of the clubs in any of the above State Leagues.
- Deduct one (1) point if the player did not play a game for the Senior Team of a Club of any of the above State Leagues in the previous season.
- Deduct a further one (1) point for each Season since the player last played with a senior team of a club of any of the above State Leagues.
- If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months or more before resuming as a player he will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

C. Major League Players

A player who has played a majority of matches for the Senior Team of a Club or Clubs in a Category One League or Category 2 League in their previous playing season - an additional three (3) points should be added in the case of a Category One League and an additional two (2) points should be added in the case of a Category Two League.

The Community Football Board has created the following two category lists;

(a) **Category One League**

- AFLNT, AFLNSW/ACT, AFLQ & AFLTAS
- Reserves of WAFL, SANFL & AFLVIC
- South Australian Amateur Football League – Div 1 2 3
- Adelaide Plains Football League
- Barossa Light and Gawler Football League
- Great Flinders Football League
- Great Southern Football League
- Hills Football League – Central & Country Divisions
- Kowree Naracoorte Tatiara Football League
- Mallee Football League
- Mid South Eastern Football League
- Northern Areas Football Association
- North Eastern Football League
- Port Lincoln Football League
- Riverland Football League
- River Murray Football League
- Southern Football League
- Spencer Gulf Football League
- Western Border Football league
- Whyalla Football League
- Yorke Peninsula Football League
- Victorian Major Leagues listed in 22.1 of the AFL Victoria Regulations
- WAAFL, VAFA – Division 1, 2, 3

(b) **Category Two Leagues**

- South Australian Amateur Football League – Division 1, 2, 3 Reserves
- South Australian Amateur Football League – others
- Broken Hill Football League
- Eastern Eyre Football League
- Far North Football League
- Far West Football League
- Kangaroo Island Football League
- Mid West Football League
- Riverland Football League – Independents
- Any other Senior competition in Australia.

- Deduct one (1) point for each season since the player last played for a senior team of a Club in a Category One League or a Category Two League.

- If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months or more before resuming as a player he will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

- A registered player of a Club of an Affiliated League who has played a total of 25 or more games in the Senior (A grade) Team or Reserves (B grade) Team or Junior Football with that Club, who has transferred to a Club of another League within Australia and returns to his original Club will have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

4. **APPS General**

In the case of a player who has played an equal number of games in two or more categories, the highest category (points) shall apply.

An Affiliated League has the delegation to vary the additional points where a player is required to relocate from one township to another within the same affiliated league.

Any proposed amendments to the APPS must be submitted to the Community Football Manager for referral to the Board by no later than the 31st July for the following season.

Please note that leagues can request exceptional Club ratings in excess of 15 points by the 1st March preceding the season.

APPENDIX 5

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

TEMPORARY PERMIT FORM

SA COMMUNITY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

I…… of ……

…… Postcode …….

Having been transferred to ……..

……..

By my employer apply for a temporary permit to play with the …….

…… Football Club in the ……

…… League/Association during the period of my transfer.

The period of my transfer is expected to be …… weeks from ……(date).

I have worked continuously for my current employer since …… 20….

I have been a player of the …….. Club

of the ……... League/Association

and I am/am not a disqualified player.

……. Signed

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TEMPORARY PERMIT

The …… Football Club acknowledges

The transfer of ……... a player

In the …… Football League/Association

For a period of …… weeks, this permit to expire on …… 20….

…….. Secretary of Club

…….…… Secretary of League/Association

NOTE: Regulation 16 of the SA Community Football League Inc. Regulations

SA Community Football League
Playing Contract

* This contract does not come into effect until the player has been cleared from his previous club/league (if applicable). *

A Player must be 18 years of age to sign a contract.

This playing contract is between: .....……('the player')

And the: ……..……...Football Club

As members of the:.....…….……Football League

AFFILIATED WITH THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY FOOTBALL LEAGUE (INC) (SACFL)

The parties have executed THIS CONTRACT on: ……/……../……..

for the following SEASON(S): ……..……

In accordance with information on the reverse of this page, the following details set out the payment amounts from the club to the player as a return for services associated with the club.

Details of reached agreement;

	$ AMOUNT	
BASE SALARY	_____	(payment per season regardless of matches played)
MATCH PAYMENTS	_____	(per senior match played)
	_____	(per reserves match player)
OTHER PAYMENTS / BENEFITS	_____	Details: .....
	_____	Details:.....
	_____	Details:.....
	_____	Details:.....

The manner and dates for payment (outline when payment including tax will be made)

.....

The player must comply with the following conditions:

.....

.....

.....

The club and player acknowledge that this contract has been entered into in good faith. <u>The contract shall only be valid, when the player becomes registered with the club</u>. This contract shall terminate on the 31st day of October in the final year referred to above.

Playing Contract

CONDITIONS

PLAYER OBLIGATIONS

1.1 Attend all training sessions and team meetings of the Club.
1.2 Obey all reasonable directions of the Senior Coach, President, and Secretary of the Club.
1.3 Play in all football matches in which he is selected to play or as otherwise directed by the Club unless a duly qualified Medical Practitioner rules him unfit to play.
1.4 Comply with all reasonable requirements of the Club relating to preparation for matches, attendance at social functions, behaviour and dress.
1.5 Not play or train for Australian Football with any other Club or team (save for a South Australian representative team or the league representative team) without first obtaining the consent in writing of the Club.
1.6 Do everything reasonably necessary to obtain and maintain the best possible physical condition so as to render the most efficient service to the Club and to submit from time to time and as and when required by the Club to a complete a thorough medical fitness test and examination.
1.7 Maintain membership of recognised hospital and medical benefits fund which provides hospital, medical and dental benefits coverage and includes ambulance subscription.
1.8 Not engage in any dangerous activity which in the opinion of the Club may affect the Player's ability to perform his obligations under this Contract without first obtaining the consent in writing of the Club.
1.9 During league matches, wear only such items of playing apparel as may be approved of or prescribed by the League and to the extent that the same are not inconsistent therewith, the Club.
1.10 Not comment on a matter which the Club has notified the Player is a matter upon which Players of the Club are not to comment publicly.

PLAYER BOUND TO RULES

2.1 The Player hereby agrees with the Club that he is bound by:-
(a) the Rules and Regulations of the Club;
(b) the Rules and Regulations of the League within which the Club plays (including requirements of players and clubs regarding registration); and
(c) the Rules and Regulations of AFL Inc,
including any modifications thereof made from time to time ("the Rules").

DISPUTE

3.1 In the event of a dispute arising between the parties during the term of this Contract or following the termination hereof, the matter may be referred for determination to the nominee of the league. A request for determination by an aggrieved party shall be made in writing to the other party and shall contain a precise statement of the issue in dispute and all relevant facts giving rise to the dispute. The League may adjudicate upon any dispute in accordance with its rules in force at the time.

TERMINATION

This Contract may be terminated by:
4.1 The Club if the Player is in breach of any of his obligations hereunder and the breach continues for a period of 14 days after notice in writing by the Club to the Player requiring the breach to be remedied.
4.2 The Player if the Club is in breach of any of its obligations hereunder and the breach continues for a period of 14 days after notice in writing by the Player to the Club requiring the breach to be remedied.
4.3 The Player immediately by notice in writing given to the Club upon his name being included, in accordance with the Rules of the Australian Football League ("the AFL"), on the official list of players of any team competing in the AFL competition.

PLAYER MOVEMENT TO SANFL / AFL

5.1 The player will remain contracted with the club named on the reverse side of this form until the expiration of the contract. It is noted and agreed to by all parties to this contract that the SANFL and or AFL contract will take precedence over this contract and that the rules and regulations of the AFL or SANFL will be adhered to.

WAIVER

6.1 A waiver by any party of any of the terms and conditions of this Contract in any one case shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of such term or condition for the future or for any other or subsequent breach.

SIGNED by the PLAYER:.....
In the presence of:

NAME:.....

SIGNATURE:.....

POSITION within CLUB:.....

SA Community Football League Inc.

Player Registration & Transfer Form

SECTION 1 – PLAYER REGISTRATION

I hereby apply for registration with the _____Club in the _____League/Assoc and will comply with the rules set down by the Club/League/Association and the SANFL.

I hereby apply for a transfer from the _____Club with which I was previously registered.

Given Names:	Surname:	Date of Birth:
Road/Street:	Suburb/Town:	Post Code:
Home phone:	Mobile:	Email Address:

SECTION 1a – PLAYING HISTORY DECLARATION

Have you been a registered player with any other Australian Football club? **YES/NO**

If yes, please list your playing history below. You must state which League/s and Club/s you played with and the amount of games played in each grade.

Season	League/Assoc	Club	Grade/Division	Games Played

Are you a contracted player of any Club? **YES/NO**

Are you currently under suspension or have a suspended sentence against you? **YES/NO**

Have you previously played with a club in the League/Assoc. you are making application to be transferred to: **YES/NO**

If yes, please complete previous club: _____

I declare that the above particulars are, to the best of my knowledge, and belief, true and correct.

Signature of player: ..... Date: .....

Signature (Club Official): ..... Name: .....

If player is under the age of 18 – Parent/Guardian signature is required.

Signature: ..... Parent/Guardian Date: .....

If a player or official of a Club is found guilty of providing false or misleading information in this declaration then such player or official may be liable to penalties including deregistration, suspension and/or a fine not exceeding $2000.00. The player's club may also be liable to a fine not exceeding $2000.00 and/or the loss of premiership points in the Senior "A" grade team.

SECTION 1b – PLAYER POINT RATING

Club Points allocation	0	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION 2 – OFFICE USE ONLY

League Points allocation	0	1	2	3	4	5

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

BENEFITS TO SENIOR LEAGUES WHO AFFILIATE WITH THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

All Clubs pay an Affiliation Fee to assist fund the Regional Football Manager's position and also receive the additional benefits which are as follows:

1. Representation on Committees and Forums

Affiliated Leagues have the opportunity to voice an opinion or concerns through:

1. Regional Football Manager whose salary is subsidised by Affiliation Fees
2. Their Regional Director at the Regional Football Council
3. Their Directors representing them on the SACFL Board.
4. Periodic Presidents Forums.
5. Annual Zone meetings
6. Their Regional Director who can refer Game Development matters to the Regional Football Manager who represents Community Football on this committee

2. Financial

1. Clubs within an Affiliated League may be eligible for transfer fees from SANFL Clubs for players who play 30 League games. ($2,000)
2. AFL Transfer fees for players who have been drafted by an AFL Club. The zone, League and Club will receive a total of 25% of the transfer fee for each milestone achieved. The total amount currently payable for players drafted in 2009 who play 10 AFL games and are on an AFL list for 2 years is 25% of $45,000 which is $11,250 ($112,000 distributed in 2009).
3. Affiliated Leagues can apply to the SACFL for funding for Junior Carnivals, Sports Trainers and Coaches Course costs.
4. Clubs from an Affiliated League may apply for funding through the Football Development Foundation for subsidies on jumpers and portable goal posts when they establish new teams
5. Affiliated Leagues are eligible for subsidies from JLT Insurances program for annual premium (Clubs with 2 senior/2 junior teams subsidised in excess of $530 per annum).
6. Clubs within an Affiliated League may request a letter of endorsement from the SACFL, as support for Clubs applying for Government Grants.
7. Affiliated Clubs/Leagues are eligible to apply for a grant through the SACFL Department to the AFL for Facility Funding from the AFL Facility Development Reserve
8. Affiliated Clubs are eligible to apply for a grant from the SACFL, Clubs SA, AHA-SA Facility Fund
9. Affiliated Clubs/Leagues have the opportunity to purchase equipment from SACFL licenced suppliers for playing apparel, footballs and sports tape
10. Affiliated Clubs can apply for any partnership proposal negotiated by the SACFB (ie Telstra Assistance Fund, West End Community Fund (Water Tanks) and others as they become available).

3. Products

All Affiliated Leagues are:

1. Authorised to order or use stationery downloaded from SA Community Football website such as team sheets, score cards, clearance forms etc at no cost
2. Supplied copies yearly of Laws of Australian Football publication
3. Provided with copies of League Directory at no cost
4. Able to access Player Management System Footyweb at no cost.
5. Able to access generic email addresses to assist communication at no cost
6. Able to access SANFL Regional Development Co-ordinators to partner promotion and increase participation programs in their League

4. Administrative Support

Affiliated Leagues are able to receive assistance on Administrative, Constitution and Regulation matters from:

1. SACFL Department – General Manager Community Football, Regional Football Manager, Office Manager
2. Regional Directors and members of the SA Community Football Board
3. The SACFL and SANFL Clubs
4. SANFL Regional Development Coordinators.
5. SANFL Regional Umpiring Managers.

5. Junior Development

Affiliated Leagues have the opportunity to participate in:

1. SANFL Junior Development Programs
2. AFL and SANFL Participation Programs
3. Coaching Clinics and Promotions by AFL/SANFL Players and Development Staff.
4. Opportunity for Junior Teams to play SANFL Mini League or AFL Little League.
5. Assistance for Clubs within Affiliated Leagues to establish or be involved with Auskick centres.
6. SANFL Elite Programs
   a) Under 14 Development Camps (where applicable)
   b) SANFL Club Development Squads
   c) Under 15 Championships
   d) Under 17 Youth Championships
   e) SANFL Country Talented Player Pathway
   f) AFL Community Camps

6. Umpiring

Affiliated Leagues:

1. Receive training and support from the SANFL Umpiring Department.
2. Have access to the Country Umpiring Scheme
3. Have the opportunity for umpires to be nominated into the SANFL Umpiring Academy.
4. Have access to a Panel Supervisors Conference.

7. Awards/Functions

Affiliated Leagues:

1. Have the opportunity to nominate persons from a League or Club to receive an SANFL Merit Award.
2. Have the opportunity to nominate persons for SACFL Life Membership
3. Officials are invited to attend the Affiliated Leagues Dinner and SANFL Grand Final.

8. General

1. Affiliated Leagues, Clubs and Players are protected by the SACFL Constitution and Regulations
2. Clubs within an Affiliated League can not change Leagues without the approval of the SACFL Board.
3. Affiliated Leagues have the opportunity to have AFL or SANFL games played in a Leagues area.
4. Affiliated Leagues have the opportunity to appeal to the SACFL for a determination on clearances, certain tribunal matters and certain grievances.
5. The support of the SANFL and football fraternity to react and assist when disasters happen for example - Pt Lincoln bushfires, Gladstone disaster, Karoonda tornado, Pt Noarlunga storm and Danny Ross death while playing for Mintaro-Manoora etc
6. Available support for Clubs and League reaching milestone achievements

Development Programs Levy

The Programs Development Levy of $250 per Country and Regional Club per annum assists fund the SA Community Football League co-ordinate all the state based programs.

Therefore players who play in an Affiliated League have the opportunity to represent:

1. Their State Zone in annual City v Country match.
2. Their Zone in the State Country Championships.
3. Their State at the Australian Country Championships.
4. The SANFL at State Under 16 and Under 18 level.

APPENDIX 9

SA COMMUNITY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

NOTICE OF APPEAL – REGULATION 11

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

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

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

	GROUNDS OF APPEAL	**X**
1.	That there has been an error of law, *(Provide details/particulars of the alleged error(s) on a separate sheet)*	
2.	That the decision of the tribunal was so unreasonable that no tribunal acting reasonably could have come to that decision having regard to the evidence before it *(Provide details/particulars of the basis on which this ground an appeal is relied upon on a separate sheet)*	
3.	That the penalty imposed was manifestly excessive *(Provide details/particulars of the basis on which this ground an appeal is relied upon on a separate sheet)*	

Signature: .....

Print Name: .....

Player/Official

Submission details: This Notice of Appeal including details/particulars of the grounds relied upon, any supporting evidence and a cheque for a total amount of $4,000 must be sent to the office for the attention of the SACFL employee referred to below; so that it is received by him no later than 28 days following the date of the Tribunal Hearing detailed above.

Mr _____
Community Football Manager
SA COMMUNITY FOOTBALL LEAGUE
PO Box 1, West Lakes SA 5021
T: 08 8424 2212 F: 08 8424 2270

APPENDIX 10

SACFL LIFE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Life Membership of the South Australian Community Football League

A

The following non-exclusive qualification guidelines for Life Membership of the South Australian Community Football League have been determined by the South Australian Football Commission:

Community Football Board, Regional Director, Appointee or Servant of an Affiliated League

1. A member of the SA Community Football Board having served on the Board for a period of not less than 8 calendar years(Maximum term on CFB is 9 years)
2. A member of the Affiliated Leagues Council having served for a period of not less than 15 years
3. A member of the SA Community Football Board and member of the Affiliated Leagues Council having a combined service of not less than 12 years
4. A person appointed as a League President, Secretary or Chief Executive Officer for a period of not less than 25 calendar years
5. A person having served in a combination of the above roles for not less than 25 calendar years may be considered for Life Membership

B

1. In determining a person's service to an Affiliated League for the purposes of this Appendix 10 only service to an Affiliated League whilst the League is or remains an Affiliated League shall be taken into consideration.

2. In calculating the length of a person's service for the purposes of this Appendix 10 where a person has held two or more positions concurrently, the period of concurrent service in those positions shall only be counted once and not be aggregated.

C

Each life member shall receive from the SACFL and SANFL

1. A Life Membership Medallion
2. A Certificate of Life Membership
3. Complimentary invitations to attend the SACFL Annual General Meeting, Annual SA Community Football Luncheon and SA Country Championship Dinner
4. Two tickets to the Member's Reserve at AAMI Stadium for AFL minor round matches and SANFL matches

SA Community Football League Inc.

Player Withdrawal of Transfer Form

GUIDELINES

The Player's registered club must submit this form to its affiliated league when refusing the transfer within the six (6) clear business day timeframe.

PLAYER TO COMPLETE

SECTION ONE - To be completed (BLOCK LETTERS) and signed by the player:-

I, *(Player's full name)*…… Date of Birth: ……../……../……..

Of *(Address)*…… *(Suburb)*…….…… *(State)*……. *(P/Code)*…….

Wish to **withdraw** my application to transfer to the ……...…….. Football Club

In the ……..... Football League / Association.

And wish to **remain** a registered player with the ……. Football Club

In the ……..... Football League / Association.

Home Phone: …… Work Phone: ……...

Mobile: …… Email: …….

I declare that all information provided is true and correct.

Signed: …… **Date:** …….

NB: Deliberately providing misleading information could result in immediate penalties against the player and / or the club.

CLUB TO COMPLETE

SECTION TWO - To be completed (BLOCK LETTERS) and signed by the club President / Secretary (or delegated representative) that the player wishes to remain at:-

On behalf of the football club, I declare that the above particulars are, to the best of my knowledge true and correct. (Penalties will apply to any club that lodges a false Player Withdrawal of Transfer Form).

Name: *(Please Print)* _____

Position: *(President / Secretary)* _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Appendix 12
SA Community Football League
CYBERSAFETY POLICY

Creating a Cybersmart Environment

Social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and YouTube can be a great way for clubs to provide information, promote their sport, their activities and successes.

As with off-line communities, some social media users can act anti-socially and show disrespect for their online community with little consideration of the social and potentially legal implications. Issues like bullying and harassment, unwanted or inappropriate contact, uploading of inappropriate or offensive content can cause issues for individual club members or the club involved.

In the club environment you may choose to promote **cybersafety** by recommending to you members to

- *Use the privacy settings*
- *Keep your private information private.*
- *Think before you post any content, video, images or text, online. You can put it up, but you can't necessarily take it down. Ask before posting images or stories about others. What you see as harmless fun may be embarrassing and humiliating for them and create a poor club image*
- *Don't project an undesirable self-image of yourself or the club*
- *Choose your online friends wisely. Others' inappropriate views and behaviours can reflect badly on you and the club.*
- *Communicate with others as you would do offline, with courtesy and respect.*
- *If you think someone is being bullied or harassed online, speak out.*
  If club members are involved speak with your coach or club official. The club will not tolerate this behaviour

Rationale

The SA Community Football League (SACFL) has an obligation to maintain a safe physical and emotional environment for league officials, staff, registered players, umpires, coaches, club members, parents, spectators and sponsors. This responsibility is increasingly being linked to the use of the Internet and Information & Communication Technologies (ICT), and has seen the emergence of a number of related Cybersafety issues. The Internet and ICT devices/equipment bring great benefits to all users and to the effective operation of the SACFL, individual leagues and clubs.

The SACFL places a high priority on the acceptable use of ICT devices/equipment which will benefit members however; it recognises that the presence in the sporting arena of these technologies can also facilitate anti-social, inappropriate, and even illegal behaviour and activities. The SACFL aims, therefore, to maximise the benefits of these technologies, while at the same time to minimise the dangers and manage the risks.

Policy

The SACFL and its member clubs encourage effective and safe Cybersafety practices which aim to maximise the benefits of the Internet and ICT and allow for the effective operation of the SACFL and member leagues and clubs, whilst minimising and managing any risks.

The SACFL takes seriously its responsibility in providing robust policy and guidelines for its members in relation to what is deemed acceptable and appropriate online behaviours. The League and/or club name, motto, crest, logo and/or uniform must not be used in any way which would result in a negative impact for the league or club and its members.

Members of the SACFL and its clubs have a responsibility to ensure that all online communications are in keeping with the leagues expectations in relation to appropriate and respectful interactions with officials, coaches, umpires, players, parents, spectators and sponsors. Players will not post inappropriate comments about individual SACFL or club members which if said in person during the playing of a game would result in disciplinary action being taken.

Images of Children

In South Australia under the Summary Offences Act 1953 a person must not engage in indecent filming. Images of children and adults should not be used inappropriately or illegally.

Wherever possible, obtain permission from a child's parent/guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own and ensure that the parent knows the way the image will be used. The privacy of others needs to be respected and clubs should disallow the use of camera phones, videos and cameras inside changing areas, showers and toilets.

Clubs or Associations displaying an image of a child should avoid naming or identifying the child or, wherever possible, avoid using both the first name and surname.

Do not display personal information such as residential address, email address or telephone numbers without gaining consent from the parent/guardian.

Additional information such as hobbies, likes/dislikes, school, etc should not be included as this information can be used as grooming tools by pedophiles or other persons.

It is the responsibility of the organisation to only use appropriate images of a child, relevant to the sport and ensure that the child is suitably clothed in a manner that promotes the sport.

Cyberbullying

"Cyberbullying is a way of delivering covert psychological bullying. It uses information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated and hostile behaviour, by an individual or group that is intended to harm others." (Belsey 2007)

Cyberbullying includes, but is not limited to, the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, racially vilifying or threatening another person by sending or posting inappropriate and hurtful e-mail messages, instant messages, text messages, phone messages, digital pictures or images, or Web site postings (including social network sites eg facebook or blogs) and the sending, receiving and/or possession of naked or sexually explicit images of a person. Club members must also be aware that postings from their individual accounts, whether done by themselves or another person will remain the responsibility of the account owner.

All members of the SACFL and individual clubs must be aware that in certain circumstances where a crime has been committed, they may also be subjected to a criminal investigation by Police over which the league and/or club will have no control. This particularly applies to 'sexting' where the image is of a person under the age of 18 years whereby Police will be informed immediately a club becomes aware of the situation.

Procedure

SACFL and/or club officials or members who feel that they have been the victims of such misuses of technology should save and store the offending material on their computer, mobile phone or other device. They should then print a copy of the material and immediately report the incident to the relevant club/league representative.

All reports of cyberbullying and other technology misuses will be investigated fully in accordance with SACFL Regulation 5.0 and may result in a notification to Police where the SACFL, league or club is legally obliged to do so.

If the SACFL and/or individual League's executive receives a complaint about an online issue, the allegations will be forwarded to the relevant League Investigation Officer.

If there is evidence, charges will be laid and the complaint will proceed to the league's Independent Tribunal, exactly the same as if the investigation relates to physical violence or other reportable offences.

Penalties

Any proven charges will automatically lead to a minimum of a two (2) match suspension for a registered player. In deciding the final penalty, consideration will be given to the seriousness of the act, the impact on the victim, the impact on the club/league/ SACFL and the prior good history or otherwise of the player. Players charged with these types of offences for a second or subsequent time and where a suspension has been previously imposed will face deregistration.

Any player presented before the tribunal for the first or subsequent time on a cyberbyullying offence must be aware that the penalties available to the tribunal members will cover the complete range including deregistration.

In the case of a non playing club member being proved to have engaged in harassment or bullying, the club employing, engaging or otherwise associated with the person a the time of the conduct shall be deemed to be vicariously liable for the conduct of the person and shall pay to the League a penalty to be determined by the league.

Important terms used in this document:

*(a) The abbreviation **'ICT'** in this document refers to the term 'Information, Communication and Technologies.*

(b)

*(b) **'Cybersafety'** refers to the safe and responsible use of the Internet and ICT equipment/devices, including mobile phones*

*(c) The term **'ICT equipment/devices'** used in this document, includes but is not limited to, computers (such as desktops, laptops, PDAs), storage devices (such as USB and flash memory devices, CDs, DVDs, floppy disks, iPods, MP3 players), cameras (such as video, digital, webcams), all types of mobile phones, video and audio players/receivers (such as portable CD and DVD players),Gaming Consoles, and any other, similar, technologies as they come into use.*

APPENDIX 13





AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

PLAYER AND OFFICIAL

DEREGISTRATION POLICY

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NATIONAL DEREGISTRATION POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The Deregistration Policy has been developed to provide a risk management framework and policy basis for community football administrators to recognise a duty of care with respect to players/officials who could pose an unacceptable risk to other players/officials.

It is imperative that all Leagues and State Bodies adopt this policy to ensure that a consistent approach is applied to the deregistration of players/officials.

1.2 Definitions

Club means an Australian football club entitled to field a team in a competition conducted by a League.

Deregistration means the withdrawal of a Player's permit to play or an Official's capacity to officiate in any form of Australian football.

League means a league associated with a State Body via an affiliation agreement.

Reportable Offence means any reportable offence identified in the Laws of Australian Football, as amended from time to time.

Official includes but not limited to coaches, assistant coaches, officers, trainers, runners, employees or any person performing any duties (paid or unpaid) for or on behalf of a Club, League or State Body.

Player means a player who participates in any Australian football match administered by a League.

State Body means the governing State and Territory football bodies affiliated to the AFL as follows:

(a) AFL NSW/ACT

(b) AFL Queensland

(c) AFL Northern Territory

(d) AFL Tasmania

(e) AFL Victoria

(f) South Australian National Football League

(g) West Australian Football Commission

Suspension means a period during which a Player or Official is not allowed to play or officiate in a game of Australian football.

1.3 Application

(a) The Deregistration Policy applies to all State Bodies and their affiliated Leagues and Clubs.

(b) Headings and indexes are only included for ease of reference and do not affect interpretation.

1.4 Variation

The AFL may from time to time, and in consultation with State Bodies where necessary, alter the procedures for Deregistration in its absolute discretion.

2. POLICY AIMS

The policy aims to:

(a) Deregister a Player who is found guilty of a Reportable Offence(s) where such offence or offences cause the tribunal history of such Player to fall beyond an acceptable level for Australian football;

(b) Deregister an Official who is found guilty of a Reportable Offence(s) (at any level) where such offence or offences are deemed to fall beyond an acceptable level for Australian football;

(c) Apply the Deregistration of a Player/Official to both roles so that a deregistered Player cannot officiate in any capacity and a deregistered Official cannot participate as a Player;

(d) Prevent a Player from transferring between Leagues with the view to creating a "clean slate" with the new League. The tribunal history shall follow the Player to allow the new League to make an informed judgement regarding initial registration taking into account past and current tribunal sentences.

3. DEREGISTRATION PROCEDURES

3.1 General

(a) The full tribunal history of a Player is to be forwarded to the new League from the previous League upon a Player being cleared from one League to another (as per the National Player Transfer Regulations, as amended from time to time). It is noted that **all guilty verdicts** determined by a League (tribunal, investigation, appeal or similar process) shall be forwarded to the new League for their records together with the clearance / transfer details.

(b) The full tribunal history of a Player (including tribunal record at all previous league/s) shall be considered when determining penalties for offences and also potential Deregistration.

(c) A League that suspects that an Official may have a tribunal history is to seek information from the Official's previous League/s.

(d) Club imposed penalties will not be considered on the permanent record for a Player or Official.

(e) Information regarding suspended sentences will be transferred between Leagues and Leagues would only consider such sentences relevant to possible Deregistration if and when the Suspension from such suspended sentence is served.

3.2 Deregistration Process

3.2.1 Notification

(a) Leagues

i) State Leagues must advise all and Clubs of the details of the policy and make the policy readily available to their Clubs, Players and Officials.

ii) Once a Player/Official has accumulated a Suspension history of ten (10) weeks or more, the League must advise the Player/Official and their Club in writing that the Player/Official faces the risk of automatic Deregistration should the Player/Official incur further Suspension(s) that results in him/her reaching or exceeding the sixteen (16) week total Suspension history.

iii) Notification of Deregistration shall be made in writing to the Player/Official and their Club.

iv) Leagues shall be notified in writing of all decisions to deregister a Player/Official, by the Player's/Official's Club. A central database of all deregistered players/officials will be kept by all Leagues.

v) Should a Player/Official's tribunal history already have reached or exceed a combined total of sixteen (16) weeks Suspension at the time of implementing this policy, the League is to formally advise the Player/Official and the Player's/Official's club that the Player/Official faces automatic Deregistration should the Player/Official incur another Suspension.

(b) Clubs

i) Clubs must advise all of their Players/Officials in relation to this policy.

ii) Clubs must at all times strive to ensure their Players and Officials do not get themselves into a position of potentially being deregistered. Anger management training is seen as a critical component of this prevention for Clubs to arrange.

3.2.2 Criteria for Deregistration

(a) Players

i) Players shall be automatically deregistered and not allowed further registration with the same or another League if the Player has **accumulated a combined total of sixteen (16) weeks Suspension (or greater)** in a football career (including AFL career, subject to section 3.2.2(a)(iii) below).

ii) For the avoidance of doubt, any Suspension period served by a Player in any junior Australian football competition, will count for the purposes of this Deregistration policy.

iii) Any Suspension period served by a Player during his AFL career shall carry over, however such Suspension period shall be halved for the purposes of this Deregistration policy. For example, if a Player receives a total of six (6) weeks Suspension whilst playing in the AFL, only three (3) weeks shall carry over for the purposes of this Deregistration policy.

First Offence

iv) Should a player receive sixteen (16) weeks or more Suspension as a "first offence" it shall be at the Leagues discretion as to whether or not that Player will be deregistered, following his/her Suspension.

(b) Officials

Officials shall be deregistered and not allowed to officiate in any form in the same or another League if they have accumulated a combined total of sixteen (16) weeks Suspension (or greater) throughout their whole Australian football career.

(c) Players / Officials

A combined total of sixteen (16) weeks or greater as a Player and / or Official shall result in automatic Deregistration.

3.3 Deregistered Players/Officials Seeking Re-registration

(a) A Player/Official shall not be eligible for re-registration unless the Player or Official gains an exemption to reregister from the relevant State Body. Such exemption shall only be granted under exceptional circumstances (i.e. where the relevant State Body is satisfied that the Player/Official is genuinely rehabilitated and unlikely to re offend).

(b) A deregistered Player cannot officiate in or at any Australian football match unless an exemption is given by the relevant State Body.

(c) A deregistered Official cannot participate as a Player or officiate in or at any Australian football match.

(d) A deregistered Player/Official who is successful in gaining an exemption to play/officiate and subsequently re-offends will automatically be deregistered with no further right to apply for an exemption or to appeal.

3.4 Appeals

After a Player/Official has been deregistered in accordance with section 3.2 above, that Player/Official may appeal to their State body in accordance with the rules set out in section 3.5 below.

3.5 Appeals to State Body

(a) A deregistered Player/Official can appeal a decision of their State Body in accordance with their State Body's rules, regulations, by-laws and/or guidelines regulating tribunal and appeals procedures, as amended from time to time.

(b) It is the obligation of the Player/Official to present their case with all necessary witnesses and relevant documents to the State Body and show cause why he/she should be reregistered.

(c) A Player/Official may only submit one (1) appeal in any one Australian football season.

(d) Such appeal shall be heard within a period determined by the State Body.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision within a State Body's rules, regulations, by-laws and/or guidelines, the State Body reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to impose any time limits relating to appeals as it deems appropriate.

(f) The decision of the State Body shall be final and binding on all parties.

SA Community Football League Inc.

Concussion Policy

Overview

This policy is designed to use world's best practice to ensure optimum player safety regarding the management and prevention of head injuries.

Purpose

It is specifically tailored to VOLUNTEER based teams without specialised medical staff.

Its intention is to provide a streamlined process to HELP clubs provide a SAFE playing environment and take the PRESSURE off non-medical personnel to make decisions regarding safety to play.

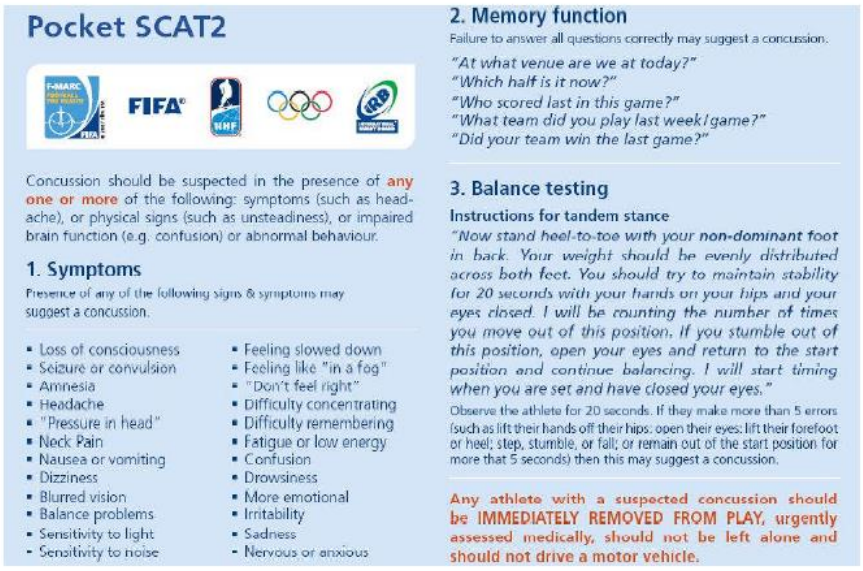
Process

A. Any player suspected of having suffered a head injury/concussion or is knocked unconscious shall:
   i. Be assessed by ANY member of the team's personnel using the Pocket SCAT 2 assessment tool, preferably within 10 minutes of the incident
      - Use of the Pocket SCAT2 requires NO medical training

B. Any player who FAILS the SCAT2 assessment should:
   i. NOT be returned to the field of play.
   ii. Have their names notified to the central umpires, who will record the player's name in the match report, which is then submitted to the League

C. A player whose name is submitted to the League as having FAILED the SCAT 2:
   i. Will NOT be permitted to play until the league receives a MEDICAL CERTIFICATE clearing him to play.

D. A player who suffers a Concussion should on the day of the game:
   i. NOT consume alcohol and keep well hydrated
   ii. NOT drive a motor vehicle
   iii. NOT be left alone, and be woken every 2-3 hours during the night to ensure they are well.
   iv. Seek IMMEDIATE medical attention if they:
      - Are unconscious for more than 5 minutes
      - Develop visual disturbance
      - Are confused
      - Develop nausea/vomiting
      - Have a headache not responding to Paracetamol or Ibuprofen



Pocket SCAT2

Concussion should be suspected in the presence of any one or more of the following: symptoms (such as headache), or physical signs (such as unsteadiness), or impaired brain function (e.g. confusion) or abnormal behaviour.

1. Symptoms

Presence of any of the following signs & symptoms may suggest a concussion.

- Loss of consciousness
- Seizure or convulsion
- Amnesia
- Headache
- "Pressure in head"
- Neck Pain
- Nausea or vomiting
- Dizziness
- Blurred vision
- Balance problems
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Feeling slowed down
- Feeling like "in a fog"
- "Don't feel right"
- Difficulty concentrating
- Difficulty remembering
- Fatigue or low energy
- Confusion
- Drowsiness
- More emotional
- Irritability
- Sadness
- Nervous or anxious

2. Memory function

Failure to answer all questions correctly may suggest a concussion.

"At what venue are we at today?"
"Which half is it now?"
"Who scored last in this game?"
"What team did you play last week/game?"
"Did your team win the last game?"

3. Balance testing

Instructions for tandem stance

"Now stand heel-to-toe with your non-dominant foot in back. Your weight should be evenly distributed across both feet. You should try to maintain stability for 20 seconds with your hands on your hips and your eyes closed. I will be counting the number of times you move out of this position. If you stumble out of this position, open your eyes and return to the start position and continue balancing. I will start timing when you are set and have closed your eyes."

Observe the athlete for 20 seconds. If they make more than 5 errors (such as lift their hands off their hips; open their eyes; lift their forefoot or heel; step, stumble, or fall; or remain out of the start position for more that 5 seconds) then this may suggest a concussion.

Any athlete with a suspected concussion should be IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM PLAY, urgently assessed medically, should not be left alone and should not drive a motor vehicle.

APPENDIX 15
South Australian Community Football League

GUIDELINES FOR PROCEDURES AT HEARINGS OF COMMISSIONERS

1. The accused player shall be entitled to be represented before the tribunal.
2. Order of proceedings:-
   - 2.1 A Commissioner shall satisfy himself that the person charged has had details of the charge.
   - 2.2 Plea of player.
   - 2.3 Video Evidence will be used at the discretion of the Commissioner (may be used before or after umpires evidence).
   - 2.4 Umpires evidence.
   - 2.5 Cross-examination of Umpire by the Commissioner/s.
   - 2.6 Cross-examination of Umpire by the player advocate.
   - 2.7 Evidence of Umpires' witness.
   - 2.8 Cross-examination of Umpires' witness.
   - 2.9 Evidence of player.
   - 2.10 Examination of player by the Commissioner/s.
   - 2.11 Evidence of player's witness/s.
   - 2.12 Examination of player's witness/s by the Commissioner/s.
   - 2.13 Cross-examination of player's witness by the Umpire.
   - 2.14 Submission by the player based upon the evidence presented.
   - 2.15 All people other than the Commissioner shall withdraw to allow the Commissioner to decide whether the charge is proven.
   - 2.16 Upon reaching his decision the Commissioner shall recall the person charged.
   - 2.17 If the charge is found "not proven" the Commissioner will declare the hearing closed.
   - 2.18 If the charge is found "proven" the details of the player's record shall be read.
   - 2.19 The player or his representative may take a submission to the Commissioner on the question of penalty.
   - 2.20 All parties shall again withdraw to allow the Commissioner to decide on what order is to be made.
   - 2.21 The player charged and his representative shall then be readmitted and informed of the decision.

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