



Memorandum

To: AFL Canberra Clubs

From: Garry Lawless – Football Operations Manager

Date: 5th February 2016

Re: **2016 By Law Changes – 5.2.2016**

Dear AFL Canberra Clubs,

Please find enclosed some details on the 2016 By Laws. State By Laws are attached and have tracked changes. Details on the Regional Laws changes are listed below.

The By Laws are being distributed at this time due to printing timelines. If there are any By Law changes after 5 February, 2016 – they will be clearly identified and communicated.

We will look to outline major By Law changes at the Club Expo.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Lawless', written in a cursive style.

Garry Lawless
Football Operations Manager

State By Law Changes

The State By Laws have been attached and changes have been tracked.

Regional Law Changes

Below is a brief list of Regional Law changes:

- Page 8
 - Juniors – Junior Competition
 - Example of age requirements added
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 - 1.10 Refusal or Cancellation of Affiliation
 - Update of regulation number
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 - 2.1.1 Match Day Registrations
 - Online information required by Monday morning (midnight)
 - Information added on the requirements of Manual Registration
 - 2.2 Registration Documents
 - Clarification of under age players and parent requirements
- Page 13
 - 3.2.1 Maximum Transfer numbers
 - Change of wording from original club to Home Player
 - 3.3.2 State League Trial
 - Removal of rule
- Page 22
 - 5.3 Suspended Players / Coaches / Officials
 - Removal of Regional Law
- Page 27
 - 15.7 Forfeits
 - Additional costs for forfeits listed
 - Clubs to invoice each other rather than AFL Canberra
- Page 28
 - 15.7 (E) i
 - Greater clarification around needing to play the highest grade entered
- Page 29
 - 15.7 (G) i
 - Forfeiting team will have 200 points against them (for and against)
 - Greater clarification around needing to play the highest grade entered
 - 15.9 Adverse Weather
 - Remove of Regional Laws – 2 and 3
- Page 30
 - 15.13.1 Restricted Team List – Juniors
 - Adding of requirements for selecting restricted lists
 - 15.14 Mercy Rule – Juniors
 - Has been removed
- Page 31
 - 16.1 Finals Structure
 - Removal of Regional Law
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- 16.5 Drawn Finals
 - Time on will only occur for First Grade
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 - 17.1.2 Playing Numbers
 - 16 a side allowed in all senior grades (except First Grade and Third Grade)
 - 16 a side is not allowed in senior finals
 - 17.2.1 Even Up
 - Will not apply in any final including Youth Girls
- Page 37
 - 17.5 Team Sheet / List
 - Additional copy required for the Announcer (if applicable)
- Page 39
 - 18.4 Change rooms
 - Information added on requirements for notification if change rooms are unavailable
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 - 18.7 Emergency Medical Arrangements
 - Statement around ERC requirements added
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 - 18.11 Gloves
 - Moved to page 56
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 - 19.1.4
 - Online information required by Monday morning (midnight)
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 - 19.3 (B) i Runners Attire
 - Runners should do not have to be a particular colour, just need to be easily identifiable as judged by Umpires
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 - 19.4 (C) i Trainers, Other Medical Support and Water Carriers
 - Trainers and Water Carriers do not have to be a particular colour, just need to be easily identifiable as judged by Umpires
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 - 19.9 Regional Clubs
 - Clarification on regional payments
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 - 20.1 (B) i Uniform Designs
 - Request for uniforms designs to be passed on
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 - 21.4 Field Umpire Numbers
 - Ability for games to continue with only one umpire
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 - 23.1 (A) i Gloves
 - Approved gloves able to be used
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 - 24.8 (A) i
 - Regional Law removed
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 - 27.4 Fines
 - Change whereby clubs in arrears by 60 days will lose competition points (although can reclaim them once paid up)

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 - Appendix A – Licence Agreement
 - Adding of Community Clubs needing to nominate an aligned Senior Club
 - Addition of general payment terms
 - Removal of Team Nomination Form
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 - Appendix B – Interchange of Players between AFL Canberra Clubs
 - 1.1.1
 - Listing of Senior alignments and outlining of the process
 - Clarification that Local Interchange Agreement permit is required
 - Removal of By Law that can only play with one club on any weekend
 - 1.1.4
 - Outlining that Match Day Permits can be used outside aligned Clubs although cannot qualify for finals
 - 1.5
 - Clarification on wording to be clear that rules are the same for the movement of players between grades for Senior and Community Clubs.
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 - Appendix C - Interchange Agreements (and others)
 - Updating of wording to reflect Match Day Permit and Footyweb system
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 - Appendix F – Finals Structures
 - Removed
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 - Appendix F – Player Eligibility in Finals
 - 1.2
 - Removal that can only play one final a weekend
 - 1.3
 - Clarification on junior requirements:
 - Can play multiple division unless have not played 50% of matches in actual age group
 - 1.5
 - Removal of NEAFL alignments
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 - Appendix G – Specific Competition
 - 1.0 Rising Stars Competition
 - Each Rising Stars may have up to eight players aged 18 years at the 1st January
 - 3.0 AFL Canberra First Grade
 - Information on NEAFL allocations to be provided.
 - Information on points to be provided.
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 - Appendix H – AFL Canberra Awards
 - Inclusion of other AFL Canberra awards:
 - Women's
 - Junior Player of the Year
 - Rising Star
 - Teams of the Year
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 - Appendix I – AFL Canberra Development Compensation Levy
 - Increase in levies

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 - Appendix J – Hosting Finals
 - Changes to host fees
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 - Appendix K – Competition Details
 - 1.1 Senior Requirements
 - First Grade to have time on
 - Reduction in break in all divisions except First Grade (5-12-5 minutes)
 - 1.2 Junior Requirements
 - Additional of Under 16 division
 - Youth Girls to be Full Size fields
 - Youth Girls Under 19's – kicking off the ground allowed