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FOREWORD

The Southern Tasmania Football League (STFL) Rules and Regulations have been drafted based on the traditional rules & regulations of Competition Football.

They are drafted with a view that all clubs should recognise and accept the following basic premises:

- A player cannot play for an SFL Club unless they are a registered SFL player.
- The SFL Board is the governing body of the SFL.
- The SFL Executive is the decision-making group for operational matters and is the arbitrator of any dispute concerning the rights of a particular club or a particular player.
- In the event that the dispute is unable to be resolved, the matter may be investigated by an independent investigation officer.
- All players confirm their understanding of and commitment to abide by all SFL competition rules and regulations when accepting the online competition registration process and any club player declaration form.

The Rules and Regulations are not intended to be a legal document. They are framed with the intention of all SFL Clubs accepting them as guidelines in the belief that the SFL Management and Club personnel will work in a spirit of co-operation in the best interests of the SFL as a competition, all Clubs making up the competition and the players themselves.

ADMINISTRATIVE POINTS

THE RULES

These rules are considered reasonable by the SFL and that each rule shall be read and construed independently of the other provisions of these rules.

Parts of a rule may be valid if other parts or provisions of the rule were deleted.

ALTERATION TO RULES

These Rules and Regulations may be amended or varied from time to time by the SFL Executive.

At least a majority of the SFL Executive must support any proposal before these rules can be altered.

FINAL DECISION

Where these rules provide for decisions to be made or action to be taken by the SFL Executive or the appointed SFL Arbitrator, it is acknowledged that they are responsible to the SFL Executive for decisions and actions and make those decisions and take that action within the context of SFL policies and guidelines.

Any SFL Club that feels aggrieved in any way for being in contravention of the Player Rules and Regulations may appeal to the SFL Executive in accordance with s59 of this document.

Should the SFL Executive be satisfied that any person who is in breach of or who has failed to comply with these Rules has acted honestly and, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, ought fairly to be excused from liability, it may relieve that person wholly or partly from that liability on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit. It is reasonable, therefore, to suggest that the SFL Executive may make a final decision on any matter relating to these rules when they believe that an honest mistake has been made.

INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICER

The SFL shall be entitled to exercise its discretion to utilise the services of an Independent Investigations Officer to investigate any matter pertaining to the Player Rules and Regulations.

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Part 1- Preliminary

1. Definitions

Except where a different intention is apparent from the context, expressions used in these Rules and Regulations have the following meanings:

“Executive”- means the SFL Executive made up of the President, Vice President and Directors

“Competition Manager”- means the person for the time being holding the office as or acting in the office of SFL Competition Manager of the league.

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

“Competition”- means the SFL competitions, including senior men’s, women’s, reserves and colts.

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

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

“TSL”- means Tasmanian State League

“The League”- means the Southern Football League.

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

“Dual Registration”- means a player who is registered in both TSL, STJFL, OSFA and SFL competitions, with only one club in each league, and may transfer between each league as a player for both clubs.

2. Authority and Effect

2.1 These Rules and Regulations are published by the Southern Football League under the authority of the leagues constitution and are binding on all clubs, players, officials and any other persons registered under these Rules and Regulations.

2.2 The league adopts the Laws of Australian Football subject to its right to vary those Laws from time to time.

2.3 AFL Policies The league adopts the AFL policies subject to its right to vary those policies from time to time.

2.4 Amendments to these Rules and Regulations can be made by majority vote of the Executive.

2.5 Authorised officers:

Each Club shall lodge a list of three (3) people who shall for the purposes of these rules, be the Club's authorised officers. Any of these officers of the club have the right to act on behalf of the club in all matters including, but not restricted to, transfers, registrations and in the termination of matches.

Should a person be replaced in this capacity, then the club must advise the SFL immediately. These people would normally be the President, the Football Director, and one other person delegated with the authority to act on behalf of the club.

3. Constitution of Clubs

3.1 The Constitution of a club or other instrument of constitution and any alterations or additions to that constitution, shall be subject to the approval of the Executive.

3.2 Each club shall deposit with the league its constitution within one month of its adoption and any alterations or additions to the constitution within one month of making the alterations or additions.

3.3 A club shall not alter its constitution in such a way that it conflicts with the provisions of any one of the constitutions and Rules and Regulations and resolutions of the league.

3.4 The Executive shall not withhold its approval to a club constitution or any alterations or additions to it if there is no conflict with the provisions of the constitution these Rules and Regulations and resolutions of the league.

3.5 All Clubs agree to abide by the Constitution of the league, however in the event of a dispute, the overriding Constitution will be that of the league over any other Constitution that may have some association with the league via an Affiliation Agreement.

3.6 A reference to a penalty means a maximum penalty.

4. Committees, etc.

The Executive shall appoint the following committees and tribunal, but it is not limited in appointing any other committee it deems necessary to conduct the business of the league:

- Appeals Committee: (3 people) (maximum 3 people)
- Complaints Committee: (3 people) (maximum 3 people)
- Grounds Committee: (Executive or SFL Competition Manager of the SFL)
- Independent Tribunal (maximum 3 sitting people at hearing)
- Rules Review Committee: Competitions Manager & nominated reps (maximum 3 people)
- Representative Teams Committee: Competitions Manager & nominated reps (maximum 3 people)
- Player points Policy (PPS): Determined by the SFL Executive

4.1 In Rules and Regulations dealing with the makeup of those bodies, a reference to a person being independent means one who does not hold office with a club.

4.2 In the event of a casual vacancy occurring on any such body the Executive shall appoint a replacement person as soon as practicable.

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

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

4.5 If a chairman nominated or appointed in accordance with these Rules and Regulations absent from a meeting the members present shall appoint a chairman from among their number for that occasion.

4.6 A quorum for all committees shall be 2 of the members except as otherwise provided in these Rules and Regulations.

4.7 Appeals committee

- (a) The Executive shall appoint each year an appeals committee of 3 people.
- (b) The committee has the function of hearing and determining
 - (i) Appeals relating to refusal of transfers to which rule 19 applies and
 - (ii) Such other matters arising under these By Laws or under the constitution of the league as the Executive refers to it.
- (c) On the hearing of a matter, the appeal committee
 - (i) Shall make a full and thorough investigation without regard to legal forms and solemnities.
 - (ii) May admit evidence that is considered relevant notwithstanding that evidence might not be admissible in a court of law; and
 - (iii) Shall observe the principles of natural justice.
- (d) In reaching a decision the committee shall take into account;
 - (i) The interest of the public and of the game
 - (ii) The interest of the league and of the clubs and associations or bodies who are involved in the appeal.
 - (iii) The interests and all aspects of the player, including any hardship (financial or otherwise) likely to be suffered by him if the transfer is not given.
 - (iv) The player's age and length of service, and his value to the club association, or his body from which the transfer is sought.
- (e) Subject to those requirements, the committee may regulate its own procedure.
- (f) The appeals committee may fix the cost of an appeal and order that cost to be paid by one or more of the unsuccessful parties and shall decide at its' discretion as to refund or otherwise of the deposit.
- (g) A decision of the appeal committee is final and in the case of a transfer appeal being upheld, subject to the compliance with owing monies and property to the clubs the necessary document shall be made available to the player as soon as possible.
- (h) A transfer granted by the committee lapses at 31st December if it has not been acted upon and has no validity after that day.

4.8 Complaints committee

- (a) The Executive shall appoint each year a Complaints committee of 3 people.

(b) The committee shall hear and determining complaints in accordance with rules 57 and 58.

4.9 Grounds committee

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

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

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

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

4.10 Player Points system committee:

(a) The committee shall be made up of the Vice Presidents, Directors and nominated representatives.

(b) The committee is to convene to review the PPS annually not later than during August / September for consideration of any amendments for the following season.

Part Two- The Clubs

5. UNIFORMS

5.1 Jumper Design and Colours

(a) Every club upon admission to the league shall apply for and obtain permission of the SFL Executive to use the colours, uniform and design under which the club proposes to play. These uniforms, when approved, shall be registered with the SFL Rules and Regulations.

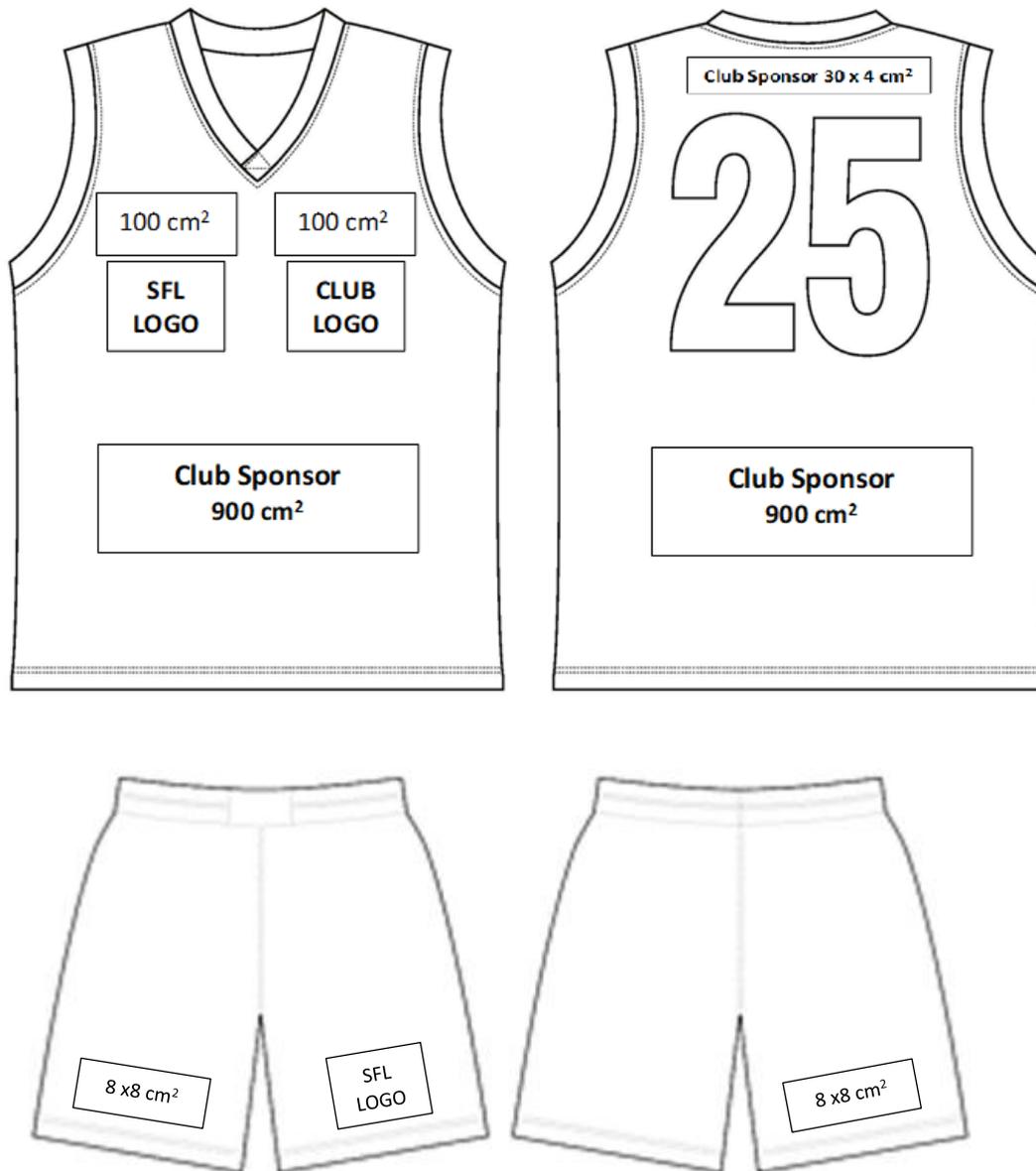
(b) Any club desiring to vary or alter its colours, uniform or design shall first apply for and obtain the permission of the SFL Executive to make such variation or alteration and when approved the same shall be registered by the same process, provided always that notice of such change of colours or alteration of design is given to the league not later than the first day of December in the preceding year to that in which such change is to be effected.

(c) The materials used and the manufacturing process of club uniforms must be approved by the SFL Executive, who will have regard to the product license agreements from time to time in force. Any variation to the approved material or manufacturing process must be approved by the SFL Executive.

(d) All jumpers must display legible numbers on the back.

(e) The following guidelines cover advertising space on jumpers. Clubs must also obtain approval for the type of sponsor from the Competitions Manager prior to any new sponsors' logos being displayed on Club Uniform. The Competitions Manager may refer any decision to a special meeting of the SFL Executive. Failure to gain the necessary approval will incur a penalty. **Penalty: \$500.00**

5.1 JUMPER ADVERTISING SPACE



5.2 Shorts

- (a) Players are permitted to wear their club uniform-coloured shorts at all home games
- (b) all "away" teams will wear white shorts in all SFL/SFLW games unless otherwise decided by the Executive.
- (c) Any coloured under-short garment or bicycle short (skins), other than flesh coloured, is deemed to be a clash of colours for the purpose of this rule.
- (d) Any club which permits its players to take the field in a uniform which does not comply with these requirements commits an offence in each match in which such uniform is worn **Penalty: \$100.00**
- (e) It is the Match Manager, Umpires or an SFL official's responsibility to report any clothing offence to SFL Competition Manager.

In any dispute, the final say in the question of coloured shorts will rest with the SFL Executive

SHORTS ADVERTISING SPACE

SFL & sponsor on front – left hand side. Any non-conflicting sponsor front of short RHS – 8 x 8cm²
 Across butt. On back 8 x 8 cm² (or equivalent) on one side only.

Approval for all short logos must be sought from the SFL Executive.

5.3 Socks

Players must wear their clubs agreed coloured socks. These socks may have a sponsor's badge/logo on them. All changes to sock designs and or sponsor logos must be approved by the SFL Management.

5.4 Player Body Signage

Clubs may utilize the new opportunity of using body transfers to promote sponsors. Transfers must be no larger than 5cm x 5cm (or equivalent) and are subject to approval by the SFL Management.

5.5 Football Boots

Football Boots must be worn when playing in the SFL and form a part of the official uniform.

6. Player Numbers

6.1 Each player taking part in a match as a registered player of the league shall wear a number distinguishing him from all other players in the team, of a size and style no smaller than 26cm and located in such a position as the executive shall from time to time direct.

6.2 Where a player takes the field without a number or wears a number that is in breach of sub rule 1, that player's club is guilty of an offence.

6.3 It is the Match Manager, Umpires or an SFL official's responsibility to report any clothing offence to SFL Competition Manager.

Team Lists submitted to the League with any players listed with no jumper number or a duplicated jumper numbers **Penalty: \$100**

7. Protective Equipment

7.1 Before any protective gear may be worn in a match it must be:

- (a) Approved by the players club doctor and
- (b) Details of the written approval must be lodged with the League 24 hours prior to the first game in which the player is to participate wearing the protective gear.
- (c) Umpires have the power to examine any dressing and if necessary, check with the Head Trainer/ Doctor of the club concerned.

7.2 Gloves are permitted as approved by the AFL.

7.3 Helmets or head guards must be black or of the predominant club colour and AFL approved.

7.4 Where a player takes to the field in breach of this rule that player's club is guilty of an offence.

7.5 It is the Match Manager, Umpires or an SFL official's responsibility to report any clothing offence to SFL Competition Manager. **Penalty: \$100.00 –one initial warning may be granted to a team.**

8. Team Selections

8.1 All Senior, Women's, Reserves and Colts squads of up to 26 players in each is to be entered into PlayHQ in the accepted format by no later than 6.30pm on each Thursday. **Penalty \$100 per occasion**

8.2 Clubs are only permitted to play the players that have been included in its initial squad of 26 published via the PlayHQ system. **Penalty \$150 per occasion**

9. Clubs Information and Responsibilities

9.1 Prior to each season each club shall supply to the SFL Competition Manager addresses, business, home and mobile telephone numbers, and email addresses where applicable of administrators, including secretary, Executive or committee members and the coaches of each team

9.2 During the season each club must provide SFL Competition Manager or a nominated person: By 9pm on the Tuesday before:

- (a) The first home and away match correct names and numbers for all teams
- (b) Detail of any changes to those lists on a weekly basis.
- (c) Other information as required, including club notes, player profiles and player milestones. **Penalty \$50 per occasion**

9.3 The home team time keeper, or a nominated person on game day is required to enter the game scores at quarter time, half time, three quarter time and full time in all games on the PlayHQ system. This will ensure that all game scores are available on the day for the media. **Penalty \$50**

9.4 The SFL will arrange a full set of Clash jumpers as required, to the away team in a specific rostered match. These jumpers are to be arranged to be collected from SFL headquarters no later than 3.00pm on the Friday prior to the match to be played. These jumpers are to be laundered and repaired as required and returned to SFL headquarters no later than 4.00pm on the Wednesday following the match in which they were used.

A fee of \$100.00 will be payable to the SFL by the club for each and every jumper not returned.

9.5 For media and Football Record purposes after each match each team shall supply to the ground match manager no later than 30 minutes after completion of any match, a full list of goal kickers and six best players.

Penalty \$50.00 per occurrence

9.6 All results and team sheets must be entered on PlayHQ, by no later than 5.30pm (day game), and 9pm (night/ twilight games) This is responsibility of the home team.

9.7 All results and team sheets must be submitted on the SFL's Google Drive including goal umpire scorecards by no later than 8 pm on the day of the games played. **Penalty \$50.00**

10. Membership Levies

Each Club shall pay the annual levy fixed each year for membership of the competition and any further fees or levies fixed from time to time by the League. The levy for the current year can be found in **Attachment A**.

11. Public Comment

Club officials, coaches and players shall not make derogatory public comments on opposition club facilities and the decision-making process of the league. This includes comments made on social media platforms.

11.1 Clubs will be issued with a notice to respond once a breach has been identified and a penalty of \$250.00 may be imposed on offender's club.

12. Cessation of a club's representation

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

12.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules and Regulations to the contrary, the league may rule upon all matters arising from a club ceasing to be a club of the league, including and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the entitlement of the remaining clubs of the league to acquire the services of players.

PART 3- Registrations and Transfers

13. Registrar

13.1 SFL Competition Manager shall act as the registrar annually.

13.2 A club has the right to appeal to the appeals committee against any decision of the registrar under these Rules and Regulations and the decision of the appeals committee is final

13.3 Coach and Officials Registration

(a) All team coaches must be registered with coach.afl membership annually and hold a current Tasmanian WWVC registration which requires to be attached as a document in membership. COACH AFL membership will automatically register coach in PlayHQ.

(b) All other regular officials must be registered online with PlayHQ. (Trainers-First Aid, Team Manager, Runner)

14. Registration of players

Obligations of SFL Clubs

- (a) Clubs may not play any person who is not registered with that Club.
- (b) The player would be considered ineligible, and the penalty would be in line with rule 14 concerning ineligible players.
- (c) Clubs must ensure the player completes registration online via PlayHQ.
- (d) Clubs may not register any player who is already registered with another Club unless they have transferred in accordance with these rules.
- All players are required annually via PlayHQ to register online.
 - Each registered player is required to pay the annual SFL registration fee at time of registering. In completing an SFL online registration a player agrees to follow all of the rules and conditions set out in this document.
 - Any player not appropriately registered online is deemed to be an unregistered player.
 - An unregistered player is one who is not on the registered list of players.
 - Throughout these Rules and Regulations a player who is named on a team sheet lodged prior to a match must have been present at the venue on the day to be deemed to have played.
 - The onus of good faith in respect of all information submitted for the purpose of registration shall at all times rest with the applicant's club.
 - The registration of a player remains in force if the player plays in the current season at least one club game as long as the player is a listed player member of that club.
 - Online registration must be completed by midnight the day prior to the player playing their first game of the season, the player is not deemed to be registered until it has been entered correctly online in PlayHQ.
 - No registration can be accepted after 9.30 pm on the first Friday of July annually
 - New season PlayHQ registrations may open online from the 1st November of the preceding calendar year.
 - Any player aged 15 years or older at the commencement of the relevant calendar year may register with SFL as a player with a Club.
 - The following conditions apply to the Club and the player (players under the age of 16 must apply for dispensation by the Competitions Manager and have a signed and completed Underage Player Permission, Medical & Disclaimer Form to play senior football.
 - Senior football is SFL Seniors, Reserves & Women's.
 - (SFL Management will address each application on its merits)
 - Any player registered with a junior club from U16 or below must have a local interchange approval via PlayHQ to be eligible to play in the SFL. (referred to as dual registration)
 - Players wishing to play in alternative competitions (SFL, TSL, STJFL, ODFL, OSFA) may access dual registration via a local interchange as approved between clubs & leagues.
 - Match Day Permits in PlayHQ are only to be used for the SFL representative side for a one-day registration, and not for permits between leagues.
 - Match Day Permit maybe approved by the Competition Manager of the League to allow transfer of a player on the day between clubs for the purpose of equalisation of numbers and avoiding a potential forfeit. (must be pre-approved to match with Football Operations).

15. Ineligibility

15.1 If a player is deemed ineligible to play and a Club fails to comply with these rules, and the player participates in a match then it shall lose all its points in that game, including premiership points if applicable. The opponent in this game would gain the premiership points (if they had originally lost the game).

This penalty will be incurred for each game in which an ineligible player takes part.

15.2 A club that plays an unregistered player shall forfeit that match (including finals) and will be subject to a fine. **Penalty of \$250.00 for each occurrence.**

A club that plays an uncleared (transferred) player shall forfeit that match (including finals) and will be fined. **A Penalty \$250.00** for each such occurrence if in the opinion of SFL Competition Manager the club's action was deliberate or negligent.

15.3 An unregistered player is one whose name is not on the register of players (PlayHQ current season) or has been deregistered by the league. **A Penalty \$250.00** for each such occurrence.

15.4 Effect upon match percentage

The team in opposition to the team playing the ineligible player keep their match percentage (i.e. the scores stand) but the team playing the ineligible player record zero points for and keep their, against score.

15.5 Effect upon statistics

Individual statistics from the game where an ineligible player is included will stand. That is, all players would receive a game against their individual tally, goals kicked would be added to season tallies and any reports to the SFL Tribunal would stand.

16. Cancellation of registration

(a) The SFL Executive may at any time by a three-quarter majority cancel the registration of a person who is registered with the SFL as a player with a Club if they are guilty of conduct, which is unbecoming for an SFL player or may bring the game of football into disrepute.

(b) Should the Competition Manager decide at any time that a player of any league club should not be permitted to play with that club, the club, on receiving notice from the SFL Competition Manager, shall discontinue to play the said player. If after receiving such notice, the club continues to play said player, it shall be dealt with as the league sees fit, will forfeit all points gained whilst playing that player, and be subject to a **Penalty of \$500.00 per player.**

17. Transfers and Permits

A player who desires to play with another SFL Club or to play in another State must first obtain a transfer from their original Club.

17.1 Procedures for Transfers

(a) The player must complete, sign and date an Application for Transfer and provide to the transferor club. The League may request a copy of this at any time.

(b) Transfers and permits are to be processed online via PlayHQ.

(c) Transfer applications on the PlayHQ system must be actioned within 6 (six) working days as per the National Guidelines

(d) If a club fails to respond to the request for approval of a transfer within six (6) business days from receipt of the transfer application the League shall grant the transfer, online via PlayHQ.

(e) The transfer of players to SFL clubs from the SFL or other leagues cannot occur between 1st of July and the 1st of November unless the application for transfer is lodged on or before 4.00pm on the 30th June.

The Transfer period is closed in the Christmas/New Year annually between 1st of December and 31st January.

(f) Either the player or the Club seeking the transfer may revoke an application for a transfer at any time prior to the application for transfer being accepted (by way of signature) by both the transferor Club and the transferor League and then returned to the League of the Club seeking the transfer.

(g) Where the Rules and Regulations of an association in Australia other than the SFL specify a requirement of transfer approval by the controlling body, the procedure for a transfer for a player in such an association shall be the same as in sub rule (1).

(h) **There shall be no transfer fees applied.**

(i) Any new transfer for the current season will not be processed until PlayHQ online opens for registrations on the 1st of November till the 30th November, then again from the 1st of February for the current season.

17.2 Refusal of Transfer

A player can be refused a clearance under the following circumstances;

- a) The player is currently contracted
- b) The player owes money to the club
- c) The player is in possession of club property
- d) Is withdrawn

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

- A player is deemed to have failed to obtain a transfer if he receives formal notice of the refusal.
- A player may appeal against a refusal of a transfer to the Appeals Committee by lodging a notice on the approved form with SFL Competition Manager together with a deposit of \$250.00.
- The appeal shall be lodged seven days after the refusal and shall set out the grounds of the appeal including where applicable details of hardship suffered by the player because of the refusal and what actions have been undertaken to facilitate an agreed outcome for transfer.
- SFL Competition Manager, by notice in writing, shall notify the player and club or association or body that has refused the transfer of the date and time of the appeal and advise that club or association or body that it is entitled to be heard at the appeal if it wishes.
- SFL Competition Manager shall use their best endeavours to arrange a hearing within fourteen (14) days of lodgement of the appeal.
- A player under suspension or disqualification for a field offence or by his body or who has been expelled by the league, association, body or club is not eligible during the relevant period to lodge an appeal against a transfer.

17.3 Permits and Local Interchange Agreements

In SFLW Competitions, clubs may permit a player from clubs in different divisions. This permit can only be utilised in home and away roster matches only. No player will be eligible to play finals via the permit system. Players may only play in one competition each round.

Where an interchanged player has played 70% or more of their games in one division, they are only eligible to play finals in that division.

A maximum of four (4) players are permitted to play in any SFLW division on a local interchange agreement in any team on match day.

18. Transfers between different competitions.

18.1 In this rule “association” means any other football body operating in Australia other than the Southern Football League.

18.2 A TSL Club will be given automatic approval to transfer players in the SFL and TSL via dual registration, (Local Interchange).

18.3 No player will be permitted to play with more than one club in the league unless it does not field a prospective team in required Division (colts), in this instance a Local Interchange Agreement is required.

18.4 The procedure for interstate transfers will be as required by PlayHQ is the same as for intrastate transfers.

19. Transfers after standing out of football.

A player who was registered with a league club but who submits a statutory declaration, if requested, saying that he has not played football in any competition in the preceding two seasons is not required to produce a transfer to play with another league club but he does require an online PlayHQ transfer and registration renewal approved.

20. Playing in breach of these Rules and Regulations

A player who obtains a transfer or registration by using wrong information or whom in any other way plays contrary to the Rules and Regulations in this part shall be dealt with as the Executive deems appropriate, and may shall be refused permission by the SFL Executive to play during the season in question.

21. Effect of disqualification

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

22. Affiliated Association appeals

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

23. SFL Colts Provisions Season 2021 -U19

23.1 The operative time for calculating ages for the Southern Football League under these Rules, is the 1st January in the year of the season.

23.2 Confirmation of date of birth must be supplied to the registrar SFL Competition Manager for any player wishing to be registered under this rule if requested.

23.3 In registering, an underage player shall provide to the Club, who will make the information available to SFL Competition Manager, if requested, the required details for verification of age.

23.4 A club which plays a player in breach of this rule will forfeit all matches in which the player plays the match. **Penalty for playing unqualified player of age shall be loss of points / forfeit of game; Fine \$500.00**

Part 4- The Competition

24. Salary Caps & National Regulations and Player Declaration

24.1 Player Payment Rule for Football Payments.

24.2 The salary cap for senior men football payments per club is \$60,000.00 per season, irrespective of how many roster games are played in that season (“the Roster Season Cap”). The salary cap applies to roster matches only.

24.3 The salary cap for senior women division 1 football payments per club is \$10,000 per season, irrespective of how many roster games are played in that season (“the Roster Season Cap”). The salary cap applies to roster matches only.

24.4 For finals matches the salary cap for each finals match will be the Roster Season Cap divided by the number of roster games played in that season. For example, in n 18 round home and away season, the salary cap for the finals match would be \$60,000 divided by 18 matches.

24.5 Total Player Payments shall mean and include (but not be limited to);

24.5.1 Gross payment- the player and coaches’ payments shall be calculated as a gross payment prior to payment by a club of group tax

24.5.2 Loans – The full amount of loans made directly or indirectly by or on behalf of any club or associate of a club to any player or an associate of a player or to a coach or to any associate of the coach shall be deemed to be a football payment to the player or coach at the time of the advance loan.

24.5.3 Travel – Players are permitted to be paid for travel on condition that the amount paid is declared and included under the total player payments.

24.5.4 Superannuation – All statutory and other contributions to superannuation shall be deemed to be football payments to the players of the club or football payments to the coaches of the club.

24.5.5 Relocation Expenses – All amounts paid by way of relocation expenses or living away from home allowance, including rental for housing shall be deemed to be football payments to the player or football payments to the coach.

24.5.6 Sports Trainers | Medical support payments be allowed outside of salary cap Colts coach payment allowed outside of salary cap to a maximum \$2000

24.5.7 SFLW coach payment allowed outside of salary cap to a maximum \$2000

25. Standard Player Declaration

(a) Copies of all contracts to be forwarded to SFL Competition Manager by the 7th of July each season.

(b) No new Standard Player Declarations will be accepted after the 30th of July. **Penalty: \$500.00 per player**

(c) Failure to supply player contracts by the 15st of July will result in a penalty: \$1000 to the club

(d) Failure to supply player contracts by the 30th of July will result in a penalty of \$2000 to the club

(e) Failure to supply player contracts by the 14th of August may result in the club being ineligible to play in finals in that season.

A copy of the current accepted Player Declaration is attached in Attachment B

26. Definitions

(a) Total Player Payments – shall mean and include (but not limited to) the total of all payments for a single football season (whenever such payments be made) made by a club or by an associate, representative, supporter, sponsor, financial contributor to or of a club to or for the financial benefit or advantage of the players of a club or to or for the financial benefit or advantage of an associate of the players of a club in remuneration of the players providing services to a club as players of Australian Rules Football.

(b) Football Payments – shall include total player payments and total coaches' payments and shall mean and include (but not limited to) all payments by legal tender and any financial benefit or advantage given or provided to or applied to the benefit of a player or an associate of a player or applied to the benefit of a coach or an associate of a coach.

(c) Total Coaches Payment - shall mean and include (but not limited to) the total of all payments for a single football season (whenever such payments be made) made by a club or by an associate, representative, supporter, sponsor, financial contributor to or of a club to or for the financial benefit or advantage of a coach or coaches of a club or to or for the financial benefit or advantage of an associate of a coach or coaches of a club in remuneration of a coach or coaches providing services to a club as a coach or coaches.

(d) Coach of Australian Rules Football shall mean and include the following:

- Senior playing coach
- Senior non-playing coach
- Senior playing assistant coach
- Senior non-playing assistant coach(s)
- Senior playing skills / development coach
- Reserves playing coach
- Reserves non-playing coach
- Colts coach
- Women's coach
- Any other non-playing bench / line coaches

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

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

(g) Associate of a Coach: shall mean and include (but not be limited to) an associate of a player, the coaches' parents, wife, defacto spouse, partner, companion, friend, acquaintance or business associate.

27. Club responsibilities:

All clubs must provide to the League:

(a) A copy of the contract or agreement, supported by statutory declaration from the player or coach, the club has with each coach or player within the club to confirm that the payments specified in the contract or agreement are the only payments to be made for playing football with that club.

(b) Both documents must be lodged with the league by the 7th of July, each season.

(c) Women's Division 2 and 3, Reserves, Colts and Underage players are exempt from the contract requirements to the extent of playing two senior matches, but such a player must comply with the contract requirements before playing a third match. Any player falling into this category must have his contract submitted prior to playing the third game.

28. Procedures to be adopted by SFL Competition Manager;

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

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

29. Breaches and Penalties –

- (a) Any club found guilty of breaching the salary cap may be penalised up to half of their current Premiership points, or in the case of finals, shall forfeit all games.
- (b) The decision as to whether a breach of a provision or provisions of these rules has occurred after a decision has been made, shall only be subject to an appeal by the appeals committee, who's decision will be final and binding on all parties and no review (including by prerogative Writ or otherwise) or appeal there from shall lie.
- (c) The Player Points Policy document for 2022 is separate to these Rules and Regulations.

30. Schedule of teams

30.1 All Clubs participating in the SFL will use best endeavours to have a Seniors, Reserves Women's and Colts team participating in all matches.

30.2 SFL member clubs are required under the Constitution to have a minimum of two teams.

31. Schedule of matches (FIXTURE)

31.1 Prior to the start of the season SFL Competition Manager shall prepare and publish a schedule of matches for the season including home and away and finals series, showing the dates of all matches and the grounds allocated for home and away matches.

31.2 Finals shall be played on such grounds as the Executive desire.

31.3 During the course of a season the Executive may make such changes to the schedule as it thinks necessary or desirable and may postpone or bring forward any match to such time and place as it thinks appropriate.

31.4 By agreement of both clubs, a game may be rescheduled to another day, venue or time. Written confirmation of such to be submitted to SFL Competition Manager by giving (7) days in advance, otherwise the original roster shall stand.

32. The points table

32.1 The league shall maintain a points table and a percentage table for the purpose of determining the finalists for the final's series.

32.2 In home and away matches a winning team shall earn four points, a team that draws two points and no points shall be awarded in respect of a bye.

32.3 The ongoing percentage for each team shall be points scored for, divided by the points scored against.

31.4 In the event an uneven number of byes exist in a competition, match ratio wins shall determine ladder positions

33. Forfeits

33.1 A team shall forfeit a match:

(a) In circumstances laid down by any of these Rules and Regulations that result in a forfeit; or

(b) Where a team fails to appear within 15 minutes of the official starting time or leaves the ground during playing time.

33.2 If a team because of failure to appear wishes to put forward a reason for its conduct the Executive may in its absolute discretion re-open the matter with power to order the match be played on another day, but the decision of the Executive is final.

33.3 If a club forfeits after the Thursday night prior to the weekend's game the **Penalty for a forfeit shall be \$250.00, along with the costs of umpire fees.**

33.4 If a league roster match cannot be played on the scheduled date because of the unavailability or unplayable condition of the grounds that game in that round shall be abandoned and the points shared equally.

33.5 If a club does not meet the requirements in clause 33 above, or does not provide a team for 50% of the rostered matches, the penalty will be they will not be allocated any home final, and:

(a) They will pay a forfeit fee of \$100 per game, per team to the league, which will be distributed to the opposition Club if they are unable to field a team;

(b) In the event a Club cannot meet the requirements of clause 33.2 above, but are participating in a rival competition, **the penalty will be \$500 per game**, and

(c) The Executive may in its absolute discretion make such other determination as is warranted in the circumstances.

34. The finalists

(a) SFLM at the end of the home and away series- the first five teams on the points table shall be the finalists.

(b) SFLW at the end of the home and away series the first four teams in each division on the points table shall be the finalists.

(c) If the number of the teams in the competition is five or less a final four will apply.

(d) In the SFL Colts if there are less than 9 teams in the competition then a final four series will be played.

34.2 Teams which finish with the same number of points shall be ranked according to percentages.

(a) In the event of two teams that are potential finalists having the same number of points and the same percentages at the end of the home and away roster the calculation shall be based on the points gained when the two sides met during the roster.

(b) If both clubs have the same points the club who has the best percentage for and against for those games will proceed to the finals.

35. THE FINALS

35.1 Men's SFL/ Reserves

After the end of the home and away matches the first five clubs decided if agreed to as in rule 33 (1a) according to the preceding Rules and Regulations shall play off for the Premiership under the league's final five system. The finals series shall comprise six finals matches played over four consecutive weekends as follows:

WEEK ONE FINALS / ELIMINATION ROUNDS

Elimination Final 4v5

Qualifying Final 2v3

WEEK TWO FINALS SEMI FINALS ROUND

1st. Semi Final Loser QF v Winner EF

2nd. Semi Final 1 v Winner QF

WEEK THREE PRELIMINARY FINAL

Preliminary Final Loser 2nd SF v Winner 1st SF

WEEK FOUR GRAND FINAL

Grand Final Winner 2nd SF v Winner PF

35.2 Women's SFLW Divisions 1, 2 and 3/ SFL Colts

After the end of the home and away matches the first four clubs decided if agreed to as in rule 33 (1b) according to the preceding Rules and Regulations shall play off for the Premiership under the league's final four system. The finals series shall comprise 4 finals matches played over four consecutive weekends as follows:

WEEK 1 FINALS SEMI FINALS ROUND

1st. Semi Final 3rd v 4th

2nd. Semi Final 1st v 2nd

WEEK 2 PRELIMINARY FINAL

Preliminary Final Loser 2nd SF v Winner 1st SF

WEEK 3 GRAND FINAL

Grand Final Winner 2nd SF v Winner PF

36. Eligibility to play in finals

(a) A player registered who has played in at least five club roster matches during the current season is eligible to play in senior finals. **(18 actual roster games played)**

(b) If less than 18 games played e.g. **(16 games + 2 byes = 18 rounds)**

A player registered who has played in at least four club roster matches during the current season is eligible to play in senior finals

(c) SFLW Rule– Finals

- All registered SFLW players must play **four (4)** SFLW rostered games during the SFLW home and away season to be eligible to play SFLW finals football.
- In the case of a local interchange player, that is a player registered to play with two teams withing one club, they must have played a minimum of four (4) games in that division.

36.1 A player shall not be eligible to play in reserves or colts finals unless he has played in at least five rosters matches in that grade during the current season. **(a or b as above)**

36.2 A player who has played in six or more senior roster matches is eligible to play in reserves finals if during the same season he has played in four reserves matches.

36.3 A player who plays in two grades on the one day or in the one round of roster games on different days may count only the higher grade.

36.4 A player who plays in a senior final cannot subsequently play in an SFL senior, reserves, colts grade final unless they have played two thirds of their roster matches in the SFLW, SFL senior, reserves or colts during the season.

36.5 An underage (18) player who has played in six or more higher grade matches is eligible to play in an underage final IF he has played in three Colts matches during the same season.

36.6 No player can play in more than one competition on the weekend during finals matches.

36.7 A maximum of four (4) only players are permitted to play in the SFLW on Local Interchange in any team on match day.

36.8 The operation of this rule can cause selection difficulties for a club that is committed to playing both a senior, reserves and/or colts finals on the same day or on consecutive days. Such situations may be treated as a special case, and, assuming that every player who is to participate is properly registered and eligible to play in that grade for one or other of the teams, the club may select any of those players for either teams as it thinks best, regardless of the constraints that otherwise might apply under these Rules and Regulations. Clarification, if seniors & reserves and no colts are playing finals on the same day the teams maybe selected as best two teams so long as players are eligible.

Penalty – loss of game, Fine \$250.00

For any breach of this Rule, an appeal must be lodged with the SFL Competition Manager within 24 hours of completion of the game.

37. Ties in finals

37.1 In the event of a tie in any final the umpire shall advise the captains that after a five-minute break, during which ends will be changed, extra time of two five-minute periods, plus time on shall be played. (seniors only) no time on for women, reserves or colts.

37.2 During the five-minute break coaches and officials may go to their teams as if it were a three-quarter time break.

37.3 After the first five-minute period the team will change ends immediately, coaches and officials not being able to go onto the ground.

37.4 In the event of a further tie at the end of the two periods a further two five-minute periods with no time on will be played, with no breaks other than time to change ends and so on until a result is reached.

37.5 If scores are still tied after two extra sets of time, the teams will change ends and the match will recommence, the first team to score shall win the match, if 5 minutes is played with no score, teams change ends. (Golden Score)

38. Approved footballs

SFL Competition Manager is responsible for advising approved footballs to be used in all matches conducted by the league each season.

38.1 Each match to be provided with three footballs to commence the match.

38.2 Seniors to have at least one brand new ball each match.

38.3 Clubs are to purchase all footballs through the SFL administration.

Penalty - \$250 for non use of approved balls

39 SFLW unique rules

38.1 Boundary Throw Ins (in 10m)

38.2 Boundary umpire to bring in the ball of the boundary line by 10m for all Throw Ins

38.3 Last Disposal (kick or handball): Midfield only / Between the arcs. Deliberate out of bounds remains in play for kicks looking to gain territory rather than to a team mate

40. Timekeepers & Starting Time for matches

40.1 Each club is responsible for providing a time keeper for each match including finals and for supplying one clock each to be of a type approved by the league.

Penalty - \$250

40.2 Clocks shall be submitted to an examiner appointed by the league as and when required.

40.3 The timekeepers shall comply with law 10 of the Laws of Australian Football dealing with the keeping of records, use of sirens and time on unless the league, as authorised by that law varies those requirements.

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

40.5

Team	Day	Night	Twilight
*Women's			
* Colts	10.00 am	2.00 pm	As determined
*Reserves	12.00 pm	4.00 pm	As determined
* Seniors	2.00 pm	6.00 pm	As determined

*Starting times may be adjusted by mutual agreement and if another club team (s) is also fixtured at that venue.

40.6 Other match times may be agreed upon with consultation with the SFL Competitions Manager. Four matches may be considered on the one day to facilitate additional matches.

40.7 The home team time keeper, or a suitable person at the club on game day is required to enter the game scores at quarter time, half time, three quarter time and full time in all games on the PlayHQ system. This will ensure that all game scores are available on the day for the media. **Penalty \$50**

41. Playing times

41.1 The length of quarters shall be as follows:

- Seniors: Each quarter shall comprise 20 minutes **with time on**;
- Reserves: Each quarter shall comprise 20 minutes with **no time on**;
- Colts: Each quarter shall comprise 20 minutes with **no time on**;
- Women's: Each quarter shall comprise 18 minutes with **no time on**;
- Finals: All finals shall be as above.

41.2 Length of breaks:

Seniors / Women / Reserves & Colts: $\frac{1}{4}$ time 6 minutes $\frac{1}{2}$ time 15 minutes $\frac{3}{4}$ time 6 minutes

41.3 (a) In relation to the Women's, Reserves and Colts, time on will be called if a stretcher enters the field of play, or a headcount is called, the field umpire in charge stops the game and indicates time on.

(b) The field umpire shall have the discretion to call time on in the event he considers it necessary due to an undue delay in play.

41.4 Timekeepers sheet – Attachment C with these rules.

42. Match procedure

42.1 The siren shall be sounded as per the rule 10.3 of the Laws of Australian Football.

42.2 In the event of teams being ready to start prior to the official start time of each quarter, the field umpire will hold the ball aloft and the timekeepers shall sound the official start time siren.

Start on advertised time, Seniors, not greater than 10 minutes prior to scheduled match time.

42.3 (a) A designated person from each team, if not the Captain is required to attend the toss, for choice of ends in the centre circle before the one-minute siren.

(b) The central umpire is to be notified by the respective team manager who will be tossing the coin for their team **if not the captain**.

42.4 It is an offence, to be reported by the umpire, if:

(a) A designated person is not present for the toss at the time specified; or

(b) A team is not ready at the official starting time.

Penalty for breach - \$250

42.5 Before the match each club is permitted to warm up and use footballs at an agreed part of the ground until the two-minute siren.

42.6 v Team huddles during $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ time breaks shall be located outside the centre square.

43. On ground club Non-playing Coaches, Officials, runners, medical staff, water carriers, team managers, Interchange official & players.

An Interchange Area, which shall be 15 metres wide; is to be marked on the ground.

A line is to be marked in front of the coach's box dugout a minimum of two (2) metres back from the boundary line.

43.1 PERSONNEL INSIDE PLAYING ARENA

At grounds which have coach's boxes or dugouts, interchange players, team *runner^, team manager, coach(s) and *trainer must use the facility provided. Other Trainers and water carriers may position themselves at intervals around the boundary line, provided they do not interfere with the functions of the

interchange steward or other officials involved in the running of the match. Must be positioned back against the fence away from the boundary line.

43.2 The maximum number of people allowed at the coach's boxes is ten (10) all of whom shall be interchange players and officials named on the official team sheet. **All persons in this area must be clearly identifiable as to a club identity.**

43.3 The registered club officials who may go onto the ground at specified times or for specified purposes are trainers, water carriers, medical officers, physiotherapists, runners and an interchange steward.

43.4 A club may have a maximum of eight on field support staff of trainers and water carriers.

(maximum of four water carriers).

43.5 Other registered club officials have no on-ground rights other than during the breaks but.

43.6 The use of mobile telephones, walkie talkies or other electronic equipment is not permitted on the playing area during a match, except for the strip between the boundary line and the fence area.

43.7 The SFL home team is to supply an SFL approved fluorescent jacket marked "**Umpire Escort**".

This jacket is to be worn by the **Umpire Escort** who will also be responsible for escorting the umpires onto the ground pre-match and after ½ time break and from the ground at half time and full time in each match. The Umpire Escort is also required to be positioned at the umpire's huddle at the ¼ and ¾ time breaks. This person may double as an Interchange Steward.

44. Runners

44.1 Each club may have an official runner in each match.

(a) Women's, Reserves & Colts, one runner per team only.

(b) Senior teams only may use two runners, if the seniors utilise two runner's they must abide by AFL Laws which allows only one runner on the field at any one time, and they must enter & leave through the interchange gate.

44.2 The runner must wear the approved league uniform. Non-compliance with this rule will incur a warning followed by a fine if it happens again as set by the Executive.

44.3 The runner must be attired in appropriate clothing normal for running duties inclusive of the approved top. Street clothes and jeans are not allowed.

44.4 The runner is authorised only to go directly to speak to a player or players of his team to confer or to deliver messages and he must then immediately leave the field.

44.5 Runners are not to act as trainers or water carriers in the senior grade.

44.6 Persons acting as a runner shall be at least 15 years of age.

44.7 Coaches are not permitted to act as runners or water boys.

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

Penalty- \$100

45. Medical | training staff and Water Carriers

A club may have a maximum of eight on field support staff of trainers and water carriers. (max of 4 water carriers).

45.1 The trainers shall be stationed at designated points around the boundary, where practicable between advertising signs.

45.2 They shall wear League approved identification.

45.3 The medical officer and physiotherapist of each club are permitted to wear civilian attire however must wear a league approved armband.

45.4 Persons acting as water carriers shall be at least 14 years old.

45.5 Water carriers shall wear League approved identification.

45.6 A water carrier may not act as a trainer, runner or coach and shall when not attending players sit against the boundary fence between the advertising signs at either end of the 50-metre arc.

45.7 Drinks to players / umpires may only be delivered when a player is preparing for a set shot on goal and after a goal has been scored and or a delayed stoppage in play such as an injury delay in play.

They must be leaving the field of play prior to recommencement of play.

45.8 Any umpire may report an infringement of this rule.

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

46. Team managers

46.1 Each team shall have a team manager, who will give the umpires a team sheet along with **three** match balls for the match no later than thirty minutes before the scheduled starting time.

46.2 Once the team sheet has been handed to the umpire no alteration can be made to the team, except in the case of a replacement for a torn or bloodied jumper which is approved by the umpire.

46.3 The team sheet shall be in the approved form and include the correct names, including given names and numbers of all players, names of all on-ground trainers and water carriers, names of officials sitting on the bench and in the case of a home club's form the name of the interchange steward.

46.4 All players must have an allocated unique number.

46.5 No team can have another player wearing the same number

46.6 At the end of the match the team manager will go to the umpires to see if the match is all clear.

(a) If all clear is not given he will be asked to return and collect the charge sheets.

46.7 Any Umpire Match Reports,

The Competitions Manager will liaise with the Clubs as to any offer of a prescribed set penalty and or requirement to attend a hearing, of the date and time and place of the hearing and who is to attend, no later than 12noon on the Monday following the incident.

46.8 The appointed umpires are to complete an online report for player reports arising from games. These reports are to be uploaded to the Google Drive including all details of reports including the charge(s), players involved and their club. The Competition Manager will advise clubs of any players reported in games as soon as practicably possible, but ideally on the day of the actual report being laid.

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

Penalty- \$100

47. Interchange Players

47.1 The number of interchange players in the senior reserves and colts' competition shall be a maximum of four (4) with 18 on-field players.

47.2 The number of interchange players in the women's competition shall be a maximum of six (6), with 16 on-field players for Divisions 2 and 3. In Division 1 the maximum of four (4), with 16 on-field players.

47.3 the minimum number of players on the field shall be 14. (AFL LAWS)

47.4 **Fair Play rule:**

It is a requirement that **for all; colts, reserves & women's** matches are played with equal numbers on the ground.

Teams with less than 20 players

19 = 16 on field + 3 interchange

18 = 16 on field + 2 interchange

17 = 16 on field + 1 interchange

16 = 16 on field and no interchange

15 = 15 on field and no interchange

14 = 14 on field and no interchange

Both teams play with 14-16 on field with remaining players on the interchange bench. The number of players in the opposition team shall be up to a maximum full team list as per s47.2. Equal on field numbers required

(a) If a player is injured and is forced from the ground the opposition is to still have equal numbers on the field. The team who loses a player through injury is to advise the umpire / opposition of the occurrence via the captain and or team runner.

(b) If a team has a player sent off by the umpire and does not have a replacement, then they will play short for the duration of the send-off period.

(c) Clubs found not abiding by this by-law shall be penalised competition points and or a substantial fine.

Penalty for playing unequal numbers shall be loss of points / forfeit of game; Fine \$500.00

48. Concussed players

48.1 Where a player is injured and there are reasonable grounds to believe that they may not be responsible for their actions, it is the responsibility of the club, through its head trainer, to have the player examined by a medical practitioner; unless the medical practitioner certifies that the player is cognisant of and responsible for his actions, the player is not permitted to continue to play in the said match.

48.2 A club official who does not comply with this AFL Law is guilty of an offence and may be fined.

Penalty up to a maximum of \$500.00.

49. Bleeding players / Infectious diseases

49.1 The Meaning of Active Bleeding

(a) In this By-Law, the term "Active Bleeding" means the existence of an injury or wound, which continues to bleed.

Active bleeding does not include minor bleeding from a graze or scratch, which has abated and can be readily removed from a player or any part of his uniform.

(b) Participation in Matches When Actively Bleeding Unless by law 50 (7) applies;

(i) A player must not remain on the playing surface for so long as the player is actively bleeding;

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

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

49.2 Active Bleeding – Role of Umpire

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

(a) Stop play at the first available opportunity;

(b) Direct the player concerned to immediately leave the playing surface;

(i) Subject to By-Law 50.3.3, wait a reasonable period to allow the replacement player to take up position before recommencing play; and re-commence play.

49.3 Player to Follow Directions of Field Umpire.

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

(a) The cause of such bleeding has abated;

(b) The injury is securely bound to ensure that all blood is contained;

(c) Any blood-stained article of uniform has been removed and replaced; and

(d) Any blood on any part of the player's body has been thoroughly cleaned and removed.

49.4 Replacement Player

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

49.5 Refusal to Leave the Playing Surface

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

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

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

- (c) If the player refuses to leave the playing surface the field umpire shall report the player for misconduct in failing to follow a direction of an Umpire;
- (d) The match will immediately end and be forfeited by the reported player's team.
- (e) Procedure When Player Not Actively Bleeding:
Where a field umpire is of the opinion that a player is not actively bleeding, but the player has blood on any part of his body or uniform, the following must apply:
At the first available opportunity, the field umpire must signal and direct the player to obtain treatment. After the signal is given, play will continue; the player may remain on the playing surface after the signal is given by the field umpire, but must at the earliest opportunity;
- (i) In the case of blood being on any part of his uniform, have the piece of uniform removed and replaced; and/or
- (ii) (ii) In the case of blood being on any part of his body, have the blood removed and the cause of any bleeding (if any) treated and covered so that all blood is contained; If after receiving treatment, the field umpire is of the opinion that blood is still appearing on any part of the player's body or uniform, the player's deemed to be actively bleeding and By-Law 50 (c) will apply.
- (f) Deliberate Smearing of Blood
Regardless of any other provision in these Rules and Regulations, if a player intentionally smears or otherwise causes blood to be placed on another player's body or uniform, the field umpire must immediately stop play and allow that player such time as is necessary to have the blood removed or item of uniform removed and replaced. Offending players shall be reported.
- (g) Protective Gloves
Each club or team must ensure that any doctor, trainer and any other person treating players of a team wears protective gloves as may be approved from time to time by the relevant Controlling Body.
- (h) Disposal of Bloodied Clothing and Other Material Each club or team must ensure that:
Any bloodied item of uniform or clothing of a player is placed as soon as is possible in a hygienic sealed container and laundered to ensure the removal of all blood; and
All towels, wipes, bandages, dressings and other materials used in the treatment of bleeding players must be placed in a hygienically sealed container and discarded and destroyed in a hygienic manner.
- (i) Dressing Rooms
Each club or team must ensure that all dressing rooms and other areas occupied by the team prior to, during or immediately following the completion of any Match are kept clean and that no blood remains on any surface, equipment, hand basin, toilet, shower, bath or other area. All such surfaces, equipment and areas must be cleansed and disinfected immediately after contact with blood.
- (j) Hygiene
Each club or team must ensure that:
Players do not urinate (other than in a toilet) in or about any dressing rooms or on the playing surface prior to, during or immediately following the completion of any Match; and each of its players observes a high standard of personal hygiene.

Part 4- Umpires

50. Ban on playing

A field, boundary or goal umpire registered with the League's umpiring body is not permitted to play with any SFL Competition during a season in which they have received payment unless their services have been dispensed with or their resignation accepted by the umpiring controlling body.

Penalty \$250.00 and the player concerned must obtain acceptance of his resignation from the umpiring body prior to playing.

51. Umpires' dressing rooms

Umpires' dressing rooms at grounds are out of bounds to anyone other than the umpires, their trainers, ground managers, umpire escorts, SFL Competition Manager and members of the umpires' body.

Penalty - \$500.

52. Comment on umpires | Privacy of umpires | Abusive language

52.1 Club officials, coaches and players shall not make derogatory public comment on umpires. This includes social media platforms.

Penalty - \$500 to be imposed on offender's club and or referral to tribunal

52.2 It is an offence for an official to use abusive, threatening or use insulting language to an umpire on the day of the match. (Code Conduct members / supporters) **Penalty- \$500**

52.3 A coach or official is not permitted to (inappropriately) speak to umpires during the progress of the match, including the intervals.

52.4 A player, coach or official (excluding umpires escort) is not permitted to enter into the centre square during the intervals of a match. **Penalty- \$250**

53. Protection of umpires

In all league controlled matches it is the responsibility of the home team to provide protection of umpires before and after and during breaks in the match.

Host Club must have escort in appropriate supplied SFL apparel.

Penalty- \$250

Part 5- Discipline, Charges and Dispute Resolution

54. Authority of the executive

54.1 The executive has, and may exercise, all the disciplinary powers and functions vested in the league by the Constitution, and these Rules and Regulations and the Laws of Australian Football.

54.2 Without limiting the generality of that sub rule, the executive may, by direct action:

- (a) Impose specific penalties where those penalties are named in these Rules and Regulations;
- (b) Impose penalties in its discretion for other breaches to or failure to comply with the constitution of these Rules and Regulations;
- (c) Impose a penalty in respect of conduct which, in the opinion of the executive, tends to be prejudicial to the interest of the game or tends to bring the game into disrepute.

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

54.4 In any action under this rule the executive shall observe the principles of natural justice.

55. Charges by umpires

55.1 An umpire who intends to make a charge against a player or club official shall:

- (a) Follow procedure laid down by the Laws of Australian Football;
- (b) Report the players or club official to SFL Football Operations, for the executive to take such action as it thinks fit.

56. MATCH REVIEW PANEL / INDEPENDENT TRIBUNAL PROCESS

All reports, in all grades, (or the all Clear) must be uploaded to the Match Day Paperwork app by no later than 9-00am on the Monday following the game to the SFL Competition Manager.

Nominated Club Advocates /Team Managers for all reported players are required to be available for contact from the MRP Convenor in respect to any penalty offers or request hearing procedures on the Monday immediately following the game within the period of 10-00am to 12-00pm.

The Match Review Panel will review each charge and apply a sanction in line with the national guidelines and use its best endeavour to communicate this offer of sanction prior to 11.00am to the Club nominated contact person. Communication will be done in writing via Email.

The club will then be required to respond by no later than 8:00pm that night as to whether the player wishes to accept or reject the MRP offer.

In the case of non-acceptance of the MRP offer by 8:00pm on Monday night, the charge will be referred to the Independent Tribunal on the Tuesday night of that week. As per the standard process and the early plea offer of the Tribunal, including the base sanction, will no longer be available as set out in section 3 Guidelines.

Failure to be able to make contact with the nominated club person during this period will automatically mean that the base sanction of the offer will be applied.

57. Charges by the Executive

57.1 The Executive may lay a charge for determination by the independent tribunal against any player, official or employee of a club if it believes that person may have committed an offence under the Laws of Australian Football or these Rules and Regulations or has acted in contravention of the league's constitution.

57.2 The charge shall be in the form of a notice in writing appended to these Rules and Regulations shall be signed by an authorised person and shall be delivered to the chairman of the independent tribunal.

57.3 It is the responsibility of SFL Competition Manager to notify the relevant parties or individuals of the date, time and place of the hearing and any changes in those particulars.

57.4 For the purpose of this rule, an authorised person is SFL Competition Manager, an Executive member, or any other person appointed in writing by the Executive.

57.5 The tribunal chairman through the Competition Manager may offer a set penalty for those offences for which a set penalty can be applied.

58. Investigations

58.1 The Executive may investigate any matter it believes may constitute a breach of the Laws of Australian Football or of these Rules and Regulations and shall appoint in each case an investigator who may be appointed by the League.

58.2 The investigator is authorised to require the co-operation of clubs and their employees, players and officials by answering questions and providing access to documents or any other evidentiary material.

58.3 A club or person who fails to comply with the requirement of the investigator is deemed to be guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the league and may be charged with that offence under rule (55) of these Rules and Regulations.

59. Official complaints by clubs

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

59.2 The complaint shall be in writing, signed by the club's President or league director, accompanied by a **deposit of \$250**, this deposit will be refunded if the complaint is proved and shall be lodged with SFL Competition Manager on behalf of the Executive within three (3) days (including Sundays) of the incident complained of.

59.3 The Executive may deal with the complaint itself in such a manner as it thinks fit, or it may refer the complaint to another committee, tribunal or Executive.

59.4 In the event of a club making a complaint against an umpire under this rule the executive may refer the complaint to the umpire's appointment board for such action as the Executive may consider appropriate.

60. Complaints committee

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

61. Effect of suspension or disqualification

61.1 Except where the Executive may otherwise determine, a player or official who is suspended or disqualified by the independent tribunal, the league or any other league or association or body recognised as being competent by the Executive, for a breach of the Laws of Australian Football may not play with a league club or hold any office or act in any capacity in a league club until the suspension or disqualification has been removed by the body that imposed it or has by the passage of time.

61.2 Nothing in this rule prevents a player or official who is suspended or disqualified from participating in any league club practice matches including pre-season inter-club matches or acting as non-playing coach of his club during the period of his suspension or disqualification.

61.3 A league club which includes suspended or disqualified player in any match shall forfeit that match, **and a fine of \$500 imposed.**

Persons under suspension are not permitted on the inside of the playing arena on match days during the suspension.

62. Internal club discipline

62.1 A league club which expels or suspends a player from its ranks shall within one week notify SFL Competition Manager in writing, of the expulsion or suspension, including the name and address of the person and particulars of the offence or conduct for which he was expelled or suspended.

62.2 A person expelled or disqualified by his club may not participate in a match unless the club withdraws its action.

63. Racial and Religious vilification

63.1 No player or an official with a club shall act towards or speak to any other person in a manner, or engage in any other conduct which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person ("the person vilified") on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

63.2 In the event that it is alleged that a person has contravened rule (1), an umpire, club or player may by 5.00pm on the first working day following the day on which the contravention is alleged to have occurred, lodge a complaint in writing to SFL Competition Manager.

63.3 The league shall:

(a) Inform the person alleged to have contravened rule (1) of the complaint and provide that person with an opportunity to respond to it.

(b) Arrange for the complaint to be conciliated and take all steps necessary for the complaint to be conciliated.

63.4 Where the league is of the opinion that the matter has not been resolved by conciliation the league shall: (a) In the case of a player or official refer the complaint to the independent tribunal to be dealt with under the Laws of Australian Football.

63.5 Where a person alleged to have contravened rule (1) has previously taken part in conciliation (other than as a person vilified) the league may refer the complaint directly to the independent tribunal to be dealt with as a reportable offence under the Laws of Australian Football.

63.6 Any conciliation referred to in rule (3) shall be conducted by a suitably qualified person nominated by the Executive.

63.7 In the event that a complaint is referred to the independent tribunal under rule (4), no evidence shall be given to or accepted by the tribunal or the league relating to anything said or done in any conciliation carried out pursuant to rule (3).

63.8 SFL Competition Manager shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that conciliation of a complaint under rule (3) is completed by 5.00pm on the fifth working day following the day on which the incident is alleged to have occurred.

63.9 Any time limit for the doing of anything referred to in this rule may be extended by the league if in the opinion of the league it is just and equitable to do so.

64. Failing to answer to a summons

64.1 Any player, coach, member of staff or official of a club who neglects or refuses to attend any committee, tribunal, Executive or other meeting to which he or she may have been summoned by the Executive shall be dealt with as the Executive in its absolute discretion thinks fit.

64.2 If a player does not appear at a tribunal hearing when requested or has not been given leave of absence by the chairman of the tribunal or SFL Competition Manager, the following fines will apply to any penalty which the tribunal may impose. **Penalty: \$100**

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

Part 6- The Independent Tribunal

65. Powers and Functions

65.1 The tribunal has jurisdiction to deal with all charges brought under the Laws of Australian Football or these By Laws and such other matters as the Executive may from time to time refer to the tribunal.

65.2 Charges may be brought by umpires, stewards, SFL Competition Manager, the executive and any other person authorised in writing by the Executive.

65.3 Where a person pleads guilty to, or is found guilty of a charge, the tribunal may suspend, disqualify or fine that person or impose any other penalty which it is authorised by the Laws of Australian Football or these Rules and Regulations.

65.4 The tribunal may of its own motion charge a witness (whether the witness is a party to the proceedings or not) with giving unsatisfactory evidence and after giving the person so charged an opportunity to be heard, proceed to a finding of guilty or not guilty and impose **a penalty (\$100)**, if applicable, in the same manner as with other charges.

65.5 Except as otherwise specified in this By-Law the decision of the tribunal is final.

65.6 (a) Where a person has been found guilty of a charge under these provisions, that person may appeal the finding, or any penalty imposed by the Independent Tribunal.

(b) The appeal is to be determined by an Appeals Committee, as appointed under these laws.

(c) A written Notice of Appeal, signed by the appellant's Club Director, must be lodged with SFL Competition Manager within 48 hours of the tribunal's determination and/or imposition of penalty.

(d) A **deposit of \$500** must be paid by the appellant prior to the hearing of the appeal.

(e) Where the Appeals Committee considers an appeal to be frivolous or without merit, the deposit may be forfeited either wholly or in part.

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

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

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

(a) Reduce the term;

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

(c) Re-affirm the penalty.

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

66. Set Penalties National Guidelines

66.1 A player or official who is reported under the Laws of Australian Football may take the option of accepting a set penalty dependent on the rule that he has been reported under as set out in the 2021 State and Territory Tribunal Guidelines and referenced in Section 56 of the Rules and Regulations.

67. Procedures

67.1 On the hearing of a charge, the tribunal:

- (a) Shall make a full and thorough investigation without regard to legal forms and solemnities;
- (b) May admit evidence, including video evidence, that is considered relevant notwithstanding that the evidence might not be admissible in a court of law; and
- (c) Shall observe the principles of natural justice.

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

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

67.4 Subject to those provisions, the tribunal may regulate its own procedure.

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

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

67.7 Unless otherwise directed by the chairperson, hearings of the tribunal are public hearings.

68. Attendance at Hearings

68.1 Unless otherwise notified by SFL Competition Manager a hearing will be conducted at a place determined by the Executive commencing at 6.00pm sharp on the Tuesday following the match in respect of which the report was made.

68.2 Unless otherwise notified by SFL Competition Manager Attendance by umpires, reported players and offended players is compulsory and any such person who is not present by 6.15 pm may be charged with failing to attend a hearing.

68.3 A person who cannot attend must give notice to the league by noon on the day of the hearing explaining the reason for incapacity to attend, which may include written evidence from an employer that the person is required to be at work at the relevant time.

68.4 A penalty for non-attendance is in addition to any other penalty arising from the hearing.

68.5 The Tribunal Chairman may hear evidence by means of a Teleconference facility.

69. Public comment

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

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

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

Part 7- Miscellaneous

70. Service of notices

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

71. Representative football

71.1 All registered players who play in the SFL and SFLW may be selected to play in representative football during the season. Players selected will be advised of the date(s) of the representative game(s) and the dates

and times of trainings by the appointed coach. All registered players accept that they may be selected to play representative football when they register to play in the competition each season.

71.2 All registered players who are injured at the time of their selection must provide a medical certificate which states the nature of their injury and the expected date of return to training and playing.

71.3 All registered players who at the time of their selection are unable to train due to work commitments must provide a signed letter from their employer stating their inability to train or play in representative football.

71.4 A player who has been selected in a representative squad / team and who neglects to train or play or fulfil all requirements as directed by the Executive shall on failing to satisfy the executive as to their reasons, shall not be available to represent his/her club in the following SFL roster match after the completion of the representative game(s)-

71.3 The executive shall appoint representative coaches and ratify all support positions.

72. Best & Fairest and awards

72.1 Each year the league shall provide a medal for the best and fairest player in the league during the season, the medals to be determined for the seniors, reserves women's and colts.

72.2 The medals shall be known as:

Seniors	William Leitch Medal
Reserves	George Watt Medal
Colts	Lipscombe Medal
Best and Fairest Division 1	Women's SFLW Medal
Best and Fairest Division 2	Women's SFLW Medal
Best and Fairest Division 3	Women's SFLW Medal
Senior Best Grand Final	Gorringer-Martyn Medal
Reserves Best Grand Final	Johnstone Medal
Colts best Grand Final –	V.A. Geard Medal
Best and Fairest Division 1	Women's SFLW Medal
Best and Fairest Division 2	Women's SFLW Medal
Best and Fairest Division 3	Women's SFLW Medal

Best Representative Player Male	Hodgman Medal
Best Representative Player SFLW	SFLW Medal
Best Representative Player Colts	SFL Medal
Best Representative Player Under 20s	SFLW Medal

Awards

Leading Goalkicking awards Senior Men(Colin Smith), Reserves, Colts &

Leading Goal Kickers SFLW Division 1

Leading Goal Kickers SFLW Division 2

Leading Goal Kickers SFLW Division 3

Huon News Media Award

Senior Men

Coach Year

Volunteer Year

Sports Trainer Year

Team of the Year Senior Men's & Women's

Rising Star Senior Men's & Women's

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

72.3 The field umpires shall, after each home and away match, log onto the Google Drive system and allocate their preferences for best players in their game, their first choice to receive three votes, their second choice to receive two votes, and their third choice to receive one vote.

72.4 The Google Drive Vote Card will calculate the votes allocated to players and the votes counted, the player receiving the largest number of votes to be awarded the medal.

72.5 Any player is ineligible to win the medal if they have been found guilty by the independent tribunal of an offence against the Laws of Australian Football or these Rules and Regulations during the season, other than an offence related to time wasting, his uniform or his equipment and melee charges.

72.6 In the event of two or more eligible players securing the same number of votes, medals shall be presented to each player and the award then shared.

73. Insurance

The league shall affect Insurance for the following:

73.1 Public Liability with a minimum sum insured of \$10 million

73.2 Death and Capital Benefits for all players and officials

74. SFL Forms

74.1 The Executive may design and alter from time to time such forms for the implementation of these rules as it thinks appropriate.

74.2 A form that is required to be lodged at the office of the league is correctly lodged if it is sent by scanned email within the time specified for the particular form.

74.3 All forms to be used by clubs in relation to transfers and registrations of players appear in attachments

75. Financial Penalties

75.1 All financial penalties imposed to clubs must be paid by the club within 7 days upon notification. If the penalty is not paid in this time period, the club will not be permitted to participate in any games for premiership points until the fine is paid in full.

75.2 Notification of pending fines or financial penalties will be given within 3 working days, either by phone, email or post, in the normal practice for the particular club.

76. On field Apparel

All on field apparel including warm up gear, playing jumpers, shorts and socks must utilise required, licensed SFL & partner logo's on the front of garment.

In addition to this, provision/supply of new on-field apparel (warm up gear, jumpers, playing shorts and socks) must be obtained through league approved suppliers, details of which will be advised to all clubs by SFL Competition Manager at least three months prior to the commencement of the season.

In 2022 the approved on-field player apparel supplier is

2019-2021  is the approved on-field apparel supplier. **Penalty - \$500**

77. AFL Policies

The AFL National Policies support SFL Rules and Regulations.

Member Protection

The AFL regards unlawful discrimination, sexual harassment, bullying and abuse in any form as intolerable and believes that all people have the right to work, play and socialise in an environment which is safe, inclusive and respectful.

This policy reinforces the values the AFL places upon creating the best environment for all people connected with Australian football. It clearly defines expected standards of behaviour for all people associated with our game and sets out the AFL's approach to addressing inappropriate behaviour.

[AFL Member Protection Policy](#)

Other National Policies

[Schedule 1 - National Child Protection Policy](#)

[Schedule 2 - National Social Media Engagement Policy](#)

[Schedule 3 - National Privacy Policy](#)

[Schedule 4 - National Vilification & Discrimination Policy](#)

[Schedule 5 - National Player Transfer Regulations & Attachments](#)

[Schedule 6 - National De-Registration Policy](#)

[Schedule 7 - National Anti-Doping Code](#)

[Schedule 8 - National Extreme Weather Policy](#)

[Schedule 9 - National Gambling Policy](#)

Schedule 10 - National Sexuality & Pregnancy Guidelines

[Schedule 11 - National Complaint & Investigation Guidelines](#)

[Schedule 12 - State and Territory Tribunal Guidelines](#)

[Schedule 13 - National Disciplinary Tribunal Guidelines](#)

Annexures:

TRIB	Tribunal Guidelines	IF	Investigation Form
PPS	Player Points System	TF	Timekeepers form
SPDF	Standard Player Declaration Form	IF	Interchange Form
RF	Report Form VC Vote cards	OO	Order off Law / Card System
SC	Scorecard	COC	Code of Conduct

Coaches /Players:

Fairness – Respect – Responsibility – Safety

- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors
- Compliment & encourage all players
- Condemn unsporting behaviour & promote respect for all opponents
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making your decisions
- Place the safety & welfare of the players above all else

Spectators:

Fairness – Respect – Responsibility – Safety

- Applaud good performance on both sides
- Never ridicule the umpires, players or spectators
- Respect and abide by decisions of umpires and officials
- Respect rights and dignity of others
- Never use foul language
- No alcohol or glass on oval (use the wet areas)

Member clubs are subject to heavy fines for breaches of the code Southern Football League Inc.

Attachments

Attachment A

Membership Levies for season 2022 the levies are as follows:

Full Members \$500

SFLW Members \$300

Recess Member \$300

Attachment B



STANDARD PLAYER DECLARATION

NAME, CLUB AND LEAGUE

This Declaration is made by: (‘the Player’)

Of: Football Club (‘the Club’)

An affiliated club of the: **SOUTHERN Football League Tasmania** (‘the League’)

Affiliated with: **AFL TASMANIA** (‘State Football Body’)

VALIDITY PERIOD Valid until: / /

PLAYER PAYMENTS For Home and Away games (strike through where not applicable)

Per senior match won: \$ Per senior match lost or drawn: \$

Per non-senior match won: \$ Per non-senior match lost or drawn: \$

Incentives: \$ for

Deductions from match pay: Annual subs: \$ Social functions: \$

Club property: \$ Other: \$

Coaching (if applicable): \$ for

Other payments: \$ for

DATE FOR PAYMENT Weekly Monthly Other (describe):

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (strike through where not applicable)

- I volunteer in the football and other Club activities as a hobby or pastime.
- Any services I provide to the Club are provided as a hobby or pastime.
- I do not rely on the above payments (if applicable) for my regular personal income.
- I have (if applicable) submitted a ‘statement by a supplier’ to the Club (available at <https://www.ato.gov.au/forms/statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-abn/>)

(Note: It is the responsibility of the Player to satisfy themselves that the above acknowledgements are true and correct. Players are encouraged to obtain their own tax advice in respect of the payments they receive in connection with AFL football).

By signing this Declaration, Player and Club confirm they will comply with all applicable rules, regulations and policies including the National Player Transfer Regulations, National Deregistration Policy and applicable State Football Body rules.

SIGNED By the Player: Date: / /

By parent or legal guardian Date: / /
(where Player is under 18 years of age)

For the Club:

Position: Date: / /
President | Secretary | Treasurer | Football Manager (delete inapplicable titles)

Southern Football League 1 – 5 Ryde Street, North Hobart, TAS 7000

Mailing address PO Box 714, Glenorchy, TAS 7010

SFL Timekeepers Report form



DATE _____

VENUE: _____

GRADE: Seniors, Reserves, Colts, SFLW (women's)
 (Please circle grade)

HOME TEAM

v

AWAY TEAM

Quarter	Goals	Behinds	Total	Quarter	Goals	Behinds	Total
1				1			
2				2			
3				3			
4				4			
Total				Total			

First Quarter Umpires enter field _____ Home team enter field _____ Away team enter field _____ Start: _____ Finish: _____ Time between 1 st & 2 nd Quarter _____	Third Quarter Umpires enter field _____ Home team enter field _____ Away team enter field _____ Start: _____ Finish: _____ Time between 3 rd & 4 th Quarter _____
Second Quarter Start: _____ Finish: _____ Time between 2 nd & 3 rd Quarter _____	Fourth Quarter Start: _____ Finish: _____

40 Playing times

(1) The length of quarters shall be as follows:

Seniors: Each quarter shall comprise 20 minutes with time on.

Reserves: Each quarter shall comprise 20 minutes with no time on.

Colts: Each quarter shall comprise 20 minutes with no time on.

Women's: Each quarter shall comprise 18 minutes with no time on.

Finals: All finals shall be as above.

Length of breaks:

Seniors: ½ time 6 minutes, ¾ time 15 minutes seniors; ¾ time 6 minutes

Women's Reserves & Colts: ½ time 6 minutes, ¾ time 15 minutes seniors; ¾ time 6 minutes.

(2) In relation to the Women's, Reserves and Colts, time on will be called if a stretcher enters the field of play, or a headcount is called, and the field umpire in charge stops the game and indicates time on.

The field umpire shall have the discretion to call time on in the event he considers it necessary.

Signature _____ Name _____ Club _____