

NORTH WEST FOOTBALL LEAGUE OF TASMANIA INC.

CONSTITUTION

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North West Football League of Tasmania Inc.
CONSTITUTION

1. LEAGUE

- 1.1 The name of the association shall be the *North West Football League of Tasmania Incorporated* (herein called "the League").
- 1.2 The colours of the League shall be Maroon and Gold.
- 1.3 The League shall affiliate with the AFL through AFL Tasmania.
- 1.4 All fees and fines are listed in Appendix 1 and shall be reviewed at the second General Meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The basic objects of the League shall be:
 - 2.1.1 To promote and foster the game of AFL Football.
 - 2.1.2 To organise a roster of games on behalf of its members.
- 2.2 In addition to the basic objects of the League the objects and purposes of the League shall be deemed to include:
 - 2.2.1 Purchase, taking on lease or in exchange, and the hiring or otherwise, acquiring of any real or personal property that may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the League.
 - 2.2.2 Buying, selling and supplying of, and dealing in, goods of all kinds.
 - 2.2.3 Construction, maintenance, and alteration of buildings or works necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the League.
 - 2.2.4 Accepting of any gift, whether subject to a special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects or purposes of the League.
 - 2.2.5 Taking of such steps from time to time as the Board or the members in a General Meeting may deem expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the League, whether by way of donations, subscriptions, or otherwise.
 - 2.2.6 Printing and publishing of such newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets, or other documents as the Board or the members in a General Meeting may believe desirable for the promotion of the objects and purposes of the League.
 - 2.2.7 Borrowing and raising money in such manner and on such terms as the Board may think fit or as may be approved or directed by Resolution passed at a General Meeting.
 - 2.2.8 Subject to legal requirements, the investment of any monies of the League not immediately required for any of its objects or purposes in such manner as the Board may from time to time determine.
 - 2.2.9 Establishment and support, or aiding in the establishment or support, of any other association formed for any of the basic objects of the League.
 - 2.2.10 Purchase or acquisition, and undertaking, of all or any part of the property assets, liabilities, and engagements of any association with which the League may at any time become amalgamated in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Competition Rules & Regulations of the League.
 - 2.2.11 Doing of all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the basic objects of the League or any of the objects and purposes specified in this Section.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership of the League shall consist of:
 - 3.1.1 Patron, Vice Patron (or Co-Patrons), and Life Members.
 - 3.1.2 Executive Officers (President, 2 Vice Presidents, not more than four (4) Independent Directors).
 - 3.1.3 Clubs which have fulfilled their financial and other obligations to the League.
 - 3.1.4 Such other persons (if any) including Directors of affiliated bodies as the Board who by a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote at a meeting may from time to time determine.
- 3.2 Each Club comprised in the League shall be registered annually as a League Club and shall field (unless in each particular case otherwise expressly decided by a by two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote at a meeting) Senior Men, Development and Colts as a minimum. Senior Women, Boys Under 16, Under 14, Under 12 and Girls Under 17, Under 14 teams in the respective League Rosters.
- 3.3 An application for registration as a League Club shall be in writing, signed on behalf of the Club by any two of its President, Vice President, League Director and Secretary, and shall include the following particulars:
 - 3.3.1 Name and headquarters of such Club.
 - 3.3.2 Name, address and contact details of the President, League Director and Secretary of such Club.
 - 3.3.3 Postal address and/or electronic mail for the serving of all official notices, etc.
 - 3.3.4 Registered 'home' ground.

- 3.3.5 Club emblem and playing uniform (home and away strips if applicable) (Refer C3.6 and C4.6).
- 3.4 Such application shall be accompanied by a fee (see Appendix 1) and be lodged with the General Manager not later than October 31 in each year, provided that in special cases and upon payment of an increased fee (see Appendix 1), the Board may by Resolution, decide to accept an application at a later date. The application form shall be as documented at Appendix 2A.
- 3.5 Junior and women's affiliation fees are in addition to the fee in 3.4 and are as Appendix 1.
- 3.6 Any Club not a member for the previous year shall only be granted registration by a Resolution passed by a by two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote at the Annual or a Special General Meeting and upon payment of an entry fee (see Appendix 1).
- 3.7 Applications may be accepted from clubs in Northern Tasmania, from Deloraine to the West Coast.
- 3.8 Any Club (including Club officials) owing the League money at the time of the Annual General Meeting shall only be granted registration by a Resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting and upon payment of an entry fee (see Appendix 1).
- 3.9 Any club which is not a member of the League in the preceding year shall only be granted approval to use a club emblem and/or playing uniform for the subsequent year, which does not conflict with the club emblem and/or uniform or colours of a club which was a member of the League in that preceding year.

4. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

- 4.1 A Member as defined under Sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 may, at any time, resign from the League by delivering or sending by post to the General Manager of the League a written notice of resignation.
- 4.2 A Member as defined under Section 3.1.3 may, at any time, resign from the League by delivering or sending by post to the General Manager of the League a written notice of resignation. The resignation shall take effect upon:
 - 4.2.1 Acceptance by the League of the resignation of the Club.
 - 4.2.2 Exclusion of the Club from the League by Special Resolution, provided that at least one week before the meeting of the Board, at which such a Resolution is passed, the Club shall have had notice of such meeting and of what is alleged against it and of the intended Resolution and that it shall, at such meeting and before the passing of such Resolution, have had an opportunity of giving orally or in writing any explanation or defence it may think fit and provided further that any such Club may, by notice in writing lodged with the General Manager at least twenty four hours before the time for holding the meeting at which the Resolution is to be considered by the Board, elect to have the question dealt with by the League in a General Meeting and in that event an Extraordinary General Meeting of the League shall be called for the purposes and if at the meeting such a Resolution be passed by a majority of two-thirds of those present and eligible to vote (such vote to be taken by ballot) the Club concerned shall be punished accordingly and in the case of a Resolution for its expulsion the Club shall be expelled.
 - 4.2.3 Conclusion of the business of registration at the next Annual General Meeting, but no League Club shall be refused re-registration, unless excluded under Section 3.6, except by a Special Resolution.
- 4.3 The expiration of the registration of a League Club as set out in Section 4.2 shall not affect:
 - 4.3.1 Any prior disqualification or penalty imposed by the League or Tribunal.
 - 4.3.2 Any prior obligation or liability to the League or to a League Club.
 - 4.3.3 The continued exercise of the previous rights, authorities and powers of the League over such Club and/or its officers and players in respect of any of the matters mentioned in Sections 4.3.1 and 4.3.2, or in respect of Clearances, or in respect of any act, matter or thing, arising prior to such expiration.
- 4.4 Any League Club that leaves to become registered with any other League or body, or, fails to nominate teams in the NWFL shall forfeit any right to a share of a dividend under this Section. If successful in re-entering teams in the competition at a later date such club shall also forfeit any right to a share of a dividend under this section for a period of 5 years.
- 4.5 Any League Club that leaves to become registered with any other League or body, shall forfeit any right to any share of funds which were contributed as capital to facilitate the establishment of the League.
- 4.6 Any League Club that leaves to become registered with any other league or body shall forfeit the right to any club emblem and/or playing uniform or colours or combination of both.

5. BOARD

- 5.1 The Board takes care of the League's overall management and governance and consists of:
- Executive Officers (section 3.1.2)
 - League General Manager (section 15)
 - Club Directors (section 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5)
- 5.2 Each Club shall nominate a Director and proxy to represent them. The proxy may act instead of the Director of that Club at any meeting of the League at which such Club is otherwise not fully represented. Both the Delegate and the Proxy are to be members of the Club Board.
- 5.3 A Club may appoint an alternative proxy in place of any of its Directors for any particular meeting, in which case notice in writing of such appointment must be given to the General Manager of the League before such proxy may act.
- 5.4 A Club may change any of its Directors, in which case notice in writing of such change must be given to the General Manager by such Club Secretary before such change may take effect.
- 5.5 A Director shall hold office until the close of business at the next Annual General Meeting unless changed by their Club as provided for in Section 5.4 hereof, or resign, or be removed from office by a Special Resolution of the Board.
- 5.6 Any individual in the aforementioned sections who gets a voting role or becomes a League member agrees to follow the League's Constitution and Competition Rules and Regulations and can be subject to punishment if in breach by the Executive and/or Board.

6. EXECUTIVE

- 6.1 The Annual Meeting shall elect, as required:
- 6.1.1 An Independent President for two (2) years.
- 6.1.2 Two (2) Vice Presidents for two (2) years, one of whom shall be elected each year.
- 6.1.3 Not more than four (4) Independent Directors, two of whom shall be elected each year.
- 6.2 Candidate nominations, along with the proposers, seconders, and the candidate's consent (see Appendix 2), must be submitted to the General Manager 14 days before the meeting. A list of nominees will be shared with Club Secretaries, Directors, and Executive members 7 days before the meeting.
- 6.3 If nominations for a position don't exceed available slots by the deadline in 6.2, those nominees are elected.
- 6.4 If, at the close of nominations as set forth in Section 6.2, nominations for any one office do exceed the vacancies for that office, a ballot shall be held, and in the case of a tie (after a count-back) for any position the election shall be decided by drawing lots.
- 6.5 Late nominations are only accepted if the position isn't already filled.
- 6.6 Only Board members (as defined in Section 5.1) or member Club officers can propose or second nominees.
- 6.7 Those elected serve until the next Annual General Meeting (see Section 12) when their term expires or if they're removed as per Section 7.

7. EXECUTIVE AND SUB COMMITTEE VACANCIES

- 7.1 Any member of the Executive or a Sub Committee may resign their position at any time by notification in writing to the General Manager.
- 7.2 If an Executive member misses three straight Board/Executive meetings without approval, they may be replaced at the following General Meeting, as described in Section 6 with regard to nomination and notification.
- 7.3 If an Executive member resigns, retires, or is removed during their term, the Board will replace them using Section 6 procedures.
- 7.4 Should any member of a Sub-Committee fail to attend three consecutive meetings of that Sub-Committee without the consent of the Board, their position may be declared vacant and filled in accordance with Section 11.
- 7.5 An Executive member can be removed if a "no confidence" motion against them is approved by the majority of the Board during a General Meeting. They'd be replaced as per Section 6.
- 7.6 If there's a "no confidence" motion against the entire Executive and it gets majority Board approval during a General Meeting, all Executive positions become open. The General Manager then arranges a Special General Meeting using Section 13 to elect a new Executive using Section 6.
- 7.7 The Board can change Sub-Committee members by a majority vote during any General Meeting.

8. POWERS OF THE BOARD

- 8.1 In furtherance and not in limitation of the general powers conferred or implied in this Constitution, it is hereby expressly declared that the Board may exercise and perform the following powers and duties:
- 8.1.1 Cover costs related to starting and registering the League.

- 8.1.2 Buy, sell, or manage property and rights on behalf of the League. They can also borrow funds for the League.
- 8.1.3 Take all steps and proceedings and do all acts and things they may consider advisable for carrying into effect the objects of the League.
- 8.1.4 Appoint or remove sub-committees and staff as needed.
- 8.1.5 Define roles, pay, and responsibilities for those appointed under 8.1.4.
- 8.1.6 By a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote, modify the terms of the General Manager's employment.
- 8.1.7 By a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote, create or change League rules and regulations.
- 8.1.8 By a three-quarters majority of those present and eligible to vote, adjust how premierships are determined or cancel related games.
- 8.1.9 Make agreements and take actions on the League's behalf.
- 8.1.10 By a two-thirds majority, decide on League trustee appointments or changes.
- 8.1.11 Enter into agreements with other kindred bodies for mutual co-operation in advancing all or any of the objects of the League.
- 8.1.12 Board members can have direct contracts with the League if approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote.
- 8.1.13 Resolutions outside of a General Meeting signed by all Board members are as valid as those made in official meetings.

9. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

- 9.1 An Executive Officer or Director of the League or League employee who is interested in any contract or arrangement made or proposed to be made with the League is to disclose the interest:
 - 9.1.1 At the first meeting of the Board at which such contract or arrangement is first taken into consideration, if the interest then exists; or
 - 9.1.2 In any other case at the first meeting of the Board after the acquisition of the interest.
- 9.2 If an Executive Officer or Director or League employee becomes interested in such contract or arrangement after it is made or entered into they are to disclose the interest at the next meeting of the Board.
- 9.3 An Executive Officer or Director or League employee is not to be present or vote as a member of the Board in respect of any such contract or arrangement in which they are interested.

10. BOARD & EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

- 10.1 Board meetings will be at the League's Headquarters or other Board-appointed places. These may also be conducted via electronic means.
- 10.2 All Executive meetings of the League and all meetings of the Tribunal, Match Committee, Appeals Committee and Complaints Committee, shall be held at the League's Headquarters or at such other places as the Executive may from time to time appoint. These may also be conducted via electronic means.
- 10.3 A majority of those present and entitled to vote shall constitute the quorum at any meeting of the League convened under this Constitution and Competition Rules and Regulations.
- 10.4 The persons entitled to take part and vote at General Meetings shall be:
 - 10.4.1 President (with casting vote only).
 - 10.4.2 Two (2) Vice Presidents.
 - 10.4.3 Not more than four (4) Independent Directors.
 - 10.4.4 One (1) Director from each registered Club.
 - 10.4.5 Any such other Director representing an affiliated body as the League by a by two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote may from time to time determine.
- 10.4.6 No paid servant of the League shall be permitted to vote at any meeting of the League or its Sub-Committees. Provided that persons entitled under Section 10.4.5 shall only be entitled to take part and speak on issues pertaining to the relevant League roster in which they participate, their relationship to and membership of the League.
- 10.5 The Board shall meet at least (6) times a year or at such times as the Board directs. The Executive shall meet at least six (6) times per year or at such times as the President directs.
- 10.6 The President must call a General Meeting within two weeks if requested by two-thirds of Club Directors.
- 10.7 General Meetings can be scheduled by the President plus either two Executive Officers, or the General Manager. Members are notified seven days in advance.
- 10.8 Unless otherwise agreed to by a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote the business of the Board shall be taken in the following order:
 - 10.8.1 Present and apologies.
 - 10.8.2 Confirmation of previous minutes.
 - 10.8.3 General correspondence and matters arising.
 - 10.8.4 Financial report.

- 10.8.5 Sponsorship.
- 10.8.6 Promotion & Marketing.
- 10.8.7 AFL Tasmania.
- 10.8.8 Match Committee.
- 10.8.9 General Business.
- 10.9 At the second General Meeting after the Annual General Meeting, the following shall be included in the Agenda:
 - 10.9.1 Match Committee appointment (see Section 11.2 & 11.3).
 - 10.9.2 Appeals Committee appointment (see Section 11.4).
 - 10.9.3 Tribunal make-up and guidelines (see Section 11.5).
 - 10.9.4 Review of reportable offences (Appendix 5 Page 6)
 - 10.9.5 Review of fees and fines (Appendix 1).
 - 10.9.6 Adoption of Meeting/Events Schedule.
- 10.10 Existing structures shall remain in place until otherwise changed by the Board.
- 10.11 At the June/July General Meeting the salary cap, criteria and values shall be reviewed for the next season.
- 10.12 At a Board meeting held not later than the 15th March in each year the budget shall be approved for the current financial year
- 10.13 The General Manager, with the President's consent, can get written decisions from the Board without a meeting. If two-thirds agree within a week, it becomes a Board resolution.
- 10.14 At the June/July General Meeting, nominations for Life Membership shall be included in the agenda.

11. SUB COMMITTEES

- 11.1 Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Competition Rules and Regulations, the Board may at any time and from time to time appoint, change, suspend and remove from office all such Officers and or Sub-Committees and fill any vacancies arising therein.
- 11.2 A Senior Match Committee shall be appointed (see Section 10.9), with up to five members, which oversees daily football operations, player registrations, clearances, and related appeals for Senior Men, Senior Women, Development and Colts. They address other Board-assigned tasks as needed.
- 11.3 A Junior Match Committee shall be appointed with up to five members (see Section 10.9), which manages daily operations for specific under-age competitions (boys Under 16's, 14's, girls Under 17's, 14's and Under 12's) including registrations, clearances, and appeals. They address additional Board-assigned tasks as required.
- 11.4 An Appeals Committee will be appointed (see Section 10.9), requiring two for a quorum, and is established to oversee matters mentioned in the Constitution and Competition Rules and Regulations.
- 11.5 An Independent Tribunal will be appointed (see Section 10.9), requiring two for a quorum, and is established to oversee matters mentioned in the Constitution and Competition Rules and Regulations.

12. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

- 12.1 The AGM must be held by December 15th each year.
- 12.2 At the AGM, the agenda includes:
 - 12.2.1 Present and apologies.
 - 12.2.2 Ensure all Clubs are financial members.
 - 12.2.3 Receive nominations of those entitled to vote and proxies.
 - 12.2.4 Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting held subsequent to it.
 - 12.2.5 Business arising from Minutes.
 - 12.2.6 Receipt and consideration of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the past year.
 - 12.2.7 Election of Officers (as required):
 - President
 - 2 Vice Presidents
 - Not more than four (4) Independent Directors
 - Finance Director
 - Public Officer (refer section 16)
 - Auditor
 - 12.2.8 Patron or two (2) Co- Patrons.
 - 12.2.9 Vice Patron (in the event of Co-Patrons being elected the position of Vice Patron shall remain vacant).
 - 12.2.10 Application from League Clubs of previous year for registration as such.
 - 12.2.11 Application from other Clubs for registration as League Clubs.
 - 12.2.12 Amendments to the Constitution and Competition Rules & Regulations according to notice.
 - 12.2.13 Special Board-ordered business.

- 12.2.14 General Business.
- 12.3 A notice is sent to members (including Club secretaries) at least seven (7) days before the AGM, detailing the date, time, venue, and agenda.
- 12.4 Eligible voting AGM attendees are:
 - 12.4.1 President (with casting vote only).
 - 12.4.2 Two (2) Vice-Presidents.
 - 12.4.3 Not more than four (4) Independent Directors.
 - 12.4.4 Two (2) Directors from each registered Club (or a single director with double voting rights by producing an authority signed by its President or Secretary sent to the General Manager prior to the AGM).
 - 12.4.5 Any such other Director representing an affiliated body as the League, by two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote, may from time to time determine.
- 12.5 Life Members can attend and speak but vote only if they have a role from Section 12.4.
- 12.6 A majority of those entitled to attend shall constitute the quorum at an Annual General Meeting.
- 12.7 All eligible participants (see Section 12.4) will get AGM notices. Any accidental omission in notice-giving won't invalidate the AGM's resolutions.

13. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 13.1 Special General Meetings can be called by, the Board or President, two Executive Officers or the General Manager (if requested by the majority of the Board). Such meetings require a notice of at least 7 days, detailing the date, time, venue, and agenda. Only the specified agenda can be discussed unless all Clubs and Executive Officers unanimously agree otherwise.
- 13.2 All eligible participants should get notices of Special General Meetings. Any accidental omission in notice-giving won't invalidate the meeting's resolutions.
- 13.3 Those entitled to attend and vote shall be as defined for Annual General Meetings (see Section 12.4).
- 13.4 A majority of those entitled to attend shall constitute the quorum at any Special General Meeting of the League.

14. PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

- 14.1 The President chairs all meetings they attend. If absent, a Vice-President takes over. If no Executive Officers are present, the meeting chooses its Chairperson.
- 14.2 The Chairman has only a tie-breaking vote. If a Director acts as Chairman, they vote normally, and ties result in the motion failing.

15. GENERAL MANAGER

- 15.1 The Board shall appoint an independent General Manager of the League.
- 15.2 The Board may appoint other independent people whose duties shall be to assist the General Manager of the League in the carrying out of their duties and to act as General Manager of the League with the leave of the Board during such periods as the General Manager may be absent from their duties (or is unable for reason of illness or otherwise) to carry out his duties.
- 15.3 The terms and conditions of each appointment shall be as set out in a Contract of Employment.

16. PUBLIC OFFICER

- 16.1 The General Manager of the League or Finance Director for the time being shall act as Public Officer of the League and shall be responsible for the carrying out of all duties required by law as well as any duties the Board may from time to time direct.

17. SEAL OF THE LEAGUE

- 17.1 The Seal of the League shall be in the form of a rubber stamp inscribed with the name of the League encircling the word 'Seal'.
- 17.2 The Seal is to be used on all Contracts and when required by law.
- 17.3 The Seal is only used with the Board's approval. The General Manager keeps a record of its use.
- 17.4 When affixing the Seal, one Executive Officer and the General Manager must sign.

18. INCOME AND PROPERTY OF THE LEAGUE

- 18.1 The income of the League shall consist of:
 - 18.1.1 All registration, affiliation, appeals, protest, fines and other fees.
 - 18.1.2 Gross gate receipts from League final, representative, or other games, excluding pre-season and roster games.
 - 18.1.3 Pre-season and roster game receipts, retained by the home club.
 - 18.1.4 All other monies (including levies as hereinafter provided) payable to the League.
- 18.2 The Board can make financial agreements with any football authorities on sharing gate receipts or set payments.

- 18.3 The Board shall have power at any time to make equal levies or calls upon the Clubs of the League in order to meet the League liabilities and each League Club shall be responsible for the payment of such levy within fourteen (14) days.
- 18.4 Any Club failing to pay any levy or call made under Section 18.3 above or other debts, within fourteen (14) days of notification by the General Manager therefore shall be dealt with as in (Appendix 1) or as the Board may decide.
- 18.5 Clubs not paying the Match levy by the following Tuesday after the home game will be subject to penalties (see Appendix 1) .
- 18.6 Clubs or officials not paying fines, levies or debts (exception of section 18.3 and 18.4) within 7 days or an agreed time-frame face actions based on Appendix 1 or as decided by the Board.
- 18.7 A Reserve Fund shall be established that covers the League's liabilities for leave benefits and other contingencies.
- 18.8 The League Funds remaining on the thirty-first (31) day of October in each year, after all liabilities then incurred have been discharged and due provision made for the Reserve Fund may (as the Board, by a by two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote, determines to be retained for meeting subsequent current expenses or to be carried forward to the ensuing year) be divided equally among the registered Clubs of the League pro rata based on the number of teams that such Clubs field within the League. The funds are to be applied by such Clubs respectively in and towards the advancement of the objects of the League, and not in variance of aims of the League as herein before expressed.

19. FINANCIAL RECORDS

- 19.1 The Board will maintain accurate records of the League's assets, income, expenditures, and liabilities.
- 19.2 Each year, the Board will present an audited Balance Sheet and profit/loss statement at the Annual General Meeting. This will detail income sources and major expenses, ensuring transparency.
- 19.3 An accompanying Board report will discuss the League's overall state.
- 19.4 The League's financial year ends on October 31st.
- 19.5 All League funds will be promptly deposited into a Board-selected bank.
- 19.6 The President and General Manager can approve expenses up to a limit (see Appendix 1). All significant payments require dual authorisation and are made via electronic transfer.
- 19.7 The General Manager may keep petty cash (value as listed in Appendix 1) and shall keep auditable records.
- 19.8 Every immediate expense under this section will be reported at the next General Meeting.
- 19.9 The Executive can make necessary financial decisions for the League's operations.
- 19.10 Every League Club must submit an audited financial statement within a month of their Annual Meeting. Non-compliance faces penalties as in Appendix 1 or at the Executives discretion.
- 19.11 The Board shall comply with the provisions of Corporations Law.

20. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

- 20.1 The appointment of the Leagues auditors shall be made at the Annual General Meeting.
- 20.2 The accounts of the League shall be audited in November each year. Further examination of accounts or audits may be made as and when determined by a General Meeting of the Board.
- 20.3 While auditors can be League members, they shouldn't have any vested interest in the League's transactions outside of membership. Current Directors or Executive Officers cannot serve as auditors.
- 20.4 Auditors will review the League's Balance Sheet, associated accounts, and vouchers. They'll have access to all relevant documents and can consult with the Board or any official for clarification.
- 20.5 Post-audit, auditors will provide a report on the League's financial state, and whether in their opinion that it is a true and correct view of the League's affairs. This report will be discussed during the Annual General Meeting along with the Board's report.

21. RULES OF THE CONSTITUTION AND COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

- 21.1 The Board may make Rules (by Resolution or Motion) that are neither inconsistent with nor repugnant to the spirit of for the purpose of giving full effect to the objects of the League and the Laws of Australian Football.
- 21.2 The General Manager will maintain an official copy of the Constitution and Competition Rules & Regulations via electronic means.
- 21.3 After any rule changes, the General Manager will update the official copy.
- 21.4 Rules not included in the official document (a Resolution or Motion moved at any General Meeting) will expire by the next Annual General Meeting.
- 21.5 Every League Club gets an electronic version of the Constitution and Competition Rules and Regulations, and one will be made readily available for any other request.

22. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

- 22.1 Amendments to the Constitution require a three-quarters majority vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting.
- 22.2 Proposed amendments should be shared with the League General Manager and each Club's Secretary 14 days prior to the meeting, unless unanimously agreed otherwise.

23. AMENDMENTS TO COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

- 23.1 Amendments to the Competition Rules & Regulations need a two-thirds majority vote at any Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting or General Meeting.
- 23.2 Proposed amendments should be shared with the General Manager and each Club's Secretary 7 days before the intended meeting, unless unanimously agreed otherwise.
- 23.3 Current season's established Rules or Resolutions (see Section 21.4) can only be rescinded with prior written notice and a two-thirds majority vote. Unanimous consent from the Board can bypass this requirement.

24. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 24.1 The League may, at any General Meeting, elect, by secret ballot, a life member of the League, any person who has rendered service to the League or the game, and present them with a badge or certificate as approved by the Board. The badge shall admit him/her to all games played under the auspices of the League. Not more than one Life Member may be elected under this section in any year.
- 24.2 Any player having played 300 Senior games, whether roster, or finals in the North West Football League of Tasmania or the Northern Tasmanian Football League (prior to 2015), North Western Football Union (prior to 1987), Northern Tasmanian Football Association (prior to 1987), intra state, or state games, while a League player, may be recommended for Life Membership of the League. Multiple qualifying players can be elected in addition to the individual from section 24.1 in a year.

25. DISSOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE

- 25.1 Dissolution of the League may only be effected in accordance with the provisions of Corporations Law, or any amendments made there under.
- 25.2 If the League dissolves, all current and past members (from the last 12 months) may need to contribute to clear debts or liabilities, dissolution costs, and rights adjustments. Such sum is shown in Appendix 1.
- 25.3 A former member is not liable to contribute in respect of any debt or liability of the League contracted after that member ceased to be a member.

26. INDEMNITY OF MEMBERS

- 26.1 Every member of the Board, Auditor, employees and other officials for the time being of the League shall be indemnified out of the assets of the League against any liability arising out of the execution of the duties of their office which is incurred by them in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in their favour or in which they are acquitted or in connection with any application under the Code in which relief is granted to them by the Court in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust.
- 26.2 No official or officer of the League shall be liable for the accounts, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other official or officer or for the joining in any receipt or other act of conformity or for any loss or expense happening to the League through the insufficiency or deficiency of any securities in or upon which any of the monies of the League shall be invested, or for any loss or damage arising from bankruptcy, insolvency or fortuitous acts of any person with whom any monies, securities or effects shall be deposited, or for any loss, damage or misfortune whatever which shall happen in the execution of the duties of their office or in the relation thereto, unless the same happen through their own wilful act or default.

27. NOTICES

- 27.1 A notice shall be in writing and shall be served by or on behalf of or to the League, Board, committees, members, employees, officials, players or others:
 - 27.1.1 Personally;
 - 27.1.2 By sending it through the post in a pre-paid envelope addressed to their usual or last known address.
 - 27.1.3 By facsimile.
 - 27.1.4 By electronic mail.

28. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

28.1 Unless inconsistent with the context or otherwise qualified, the words and expressions hereinafter set out shall have the meanings hereto attached:

Affected Party (clause 71)	means the player or club to which the penalty has been applied.
Board	means the Board of Directors comprised of the Executive and one director from each League Club as per section 5.
Colts	means the Under 18 competition that allows for four over-age players to participate.
Director	means a representative appointed in writing under the hand of the President or Secretary of the body or Club to be represented on the Board or duly authorised proxy of such director.
Executive	means the Executive Officers.
Executive Officers	mean the President, two Vice-Presidents and not more than four (4) Independent Directors.
Game	AFL.
Gender	“he” is gender neutral to effect brevity in sentences. “He” also refers to “him”, “she”, “her” and “person”.
General Meeting	means Board or Executive Meeting.
Ground	means all the area (including buildings) within the outer fences of the site reserved for any game.
Independent	means not being an official or member (other than a Life Member) of a League Club.
League	means North West Football League of Tasmania Inc.
Match Review Officer	means individual who refers and reviews video footage. It may also refer to Integrity Officer or Tribunal Convener.
NWFL General Manager	means General Manager, Competition Manager, Manager, Operations Manager, Secretary, Administrator or equivalent as determined by the Board.
Officials	means all office bearers, elected committee members, coaches and their assistants and also support staff of Member Clubs of the League, and the League, entitled to enter onto the playing field whilst a game is in progress.
Player Declaration Form	means the contract that is signed by paid players and/or coaches at a football club.
PlayHQ	means Computer Program allowing registrations, clearances, team sheets, results, rosters and statistics to be undertaken online.
Registrar	means person officially nominated by the League or Club to deal with player registrations and Clearances. It must not be a player or a member of the coaching staff.
Rules	means Resolutions or Motions passed during the year at a General meeting that alters the Constitution or Competition Rules & Regulations. Such Rules are binding unless rescinded by the Board. Such Rules are automatically rescinded at the Annual General meeting unless formally adopted as part of the Constitution and Competition Rules & Regulations.
Secretary (Club)	means Secretary, General Manager, Manager, or equivalent.

Under-age means any competition below the age of 17 (formerly known as juniors)

- 28.2 Words importing the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa.
- 28.3 Words importing bodies (including Clubs) shall include the components, officials and/or players thereof and words importing officers shall include the persons for the time being acting as such officers.
- 28.4 Expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears to be construed, include references to printing, lithography, photography, facsimiles, photocopies, electronic mail and other modes of representing or reproducing words in visible form.
- 28.5 In the event of any question arising not provided for in the Constitution and Competition Rules & Regulations or the Laws of Australian Football, the League shall have the power to decide such question.

North West Football League of Tasmania Inc.
COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

1. AUTHORITY AND EFFECT

- 1.1 These Competition Rules & Regulations are published by the North West Football League of Tasmania Inc ("the League") under the authority of the League's Constitution. They are binding on all Clubs, players, officials and any other person or group registered under these Competition Rules & Regulations.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Except where a different intention is apparent from the context, expressions used in these Competition Rules & Regulations shall be as defined in the League's Constitution.

3. CLUB OBLIGATIONS

- 3.1 The Memorandum and Articles of Association of a Club or other instrument of constitution, and any alterations or additions to that Constitution shall be subject to the approval of the League.
- 3.2 Each Club shall supply to the League its Constitution within one month of its adoption, and any additions or alterations to the Constitution within one month of making those additions or alterations.
- 3.3 A Club shall not alter its Constitution in such a way as to conflict with the provisions of the Constitution, Competition Rules & Regulations, and or Resolutions of the League.
- 3.4 The League shall not withhold its approval of a Club Constitution or additions or amendments to that Constitution if there is no conflict under Competition Rules & Regulations 3.3 above.
- 3.5 Sponsorships negotiated by the League shall take precedence over all League Club sponsorships and no League Club shall enter into direct competition with sponsorships obtained by the League without first obtaining the consent of the Board in writing. Any breach of this provision by any League Club may result in such Club's immediate suspension., or being dealt with as the Board may deem necessary.
- 3.6 A club which signs an agreement to host a finals game and which subsequently breaches any item contained therein related to the league's sponsorship shall be dealt with by the Executive which shall have power to impose such penalty as it may deem necessary, provided always that the club which it is alleged has committed a breach shall be given the opportunity to present a case or defend itself against any such allegations. The Executive shall have power to impose a penalty per Appendix 1.
- 3.7 Clubs must obtain Executive consent before negotiating with League sponsors, and such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Breaches are subject to Executive-determined actions.

4. AUTHORITY THE LEAGUE

- 4.1 The League holds and can use all disciplinary powers granted by the League's Constitution, Competition Rules & Regulations, and the Laws of Australian Football.
- 4.2 The League shall have the right to impose such penalties as are permitted by the Constitution and Competition Rules & Regulations.
- 4.3 The League can delegate its rights and powers to subcommittees or individuals for a specified time.
- 4.4 The Executive shall have authority to take action against any club or individual where relevant personnel including trainers and coaches do not obtain appropriate accreditation or where a club fails to provide an escort as required by the Board with respect to umpires (refer Appendix 1).
- 4.5 The Tribunal will address all disputes or charges against players or officials raised by an umpire under the Laws of Australian Football. If allowed by subsequent guidelines, individuals might opt for a Early Guilty plea instead.
- 4.6 The Executive will handle all other complaints, protests, or charges, including breaches of Codes of Conduct against players, coaches, or Clubs unless designated for the Tribunal. After reviewing a case, the Executive can impose a penalty (refer to Appendix 1) or refer a matter to the Tribunal, the relevant Match Committee or make further recommendations as the Executive sees fit.

5. MATCH COMMITTEES - SENIOR & JUNIOR

- 5.1 The Match Committees are in charge of daily football operations, unless otherwise specified in these Competition Rules & Regulations (Constitution 11.2 & 11.3).
- 5.2 The Match Committees, through the Executive, can suspend a player's registration, deregister or disqualify a player, apply penalties or deduct premiership points from a Club, allocate matches to another Club, and pass any issues to the Executive for resolution.
- 5.2.1 If the Match Committees believe there's a reason to suspend, deregister, or disqualify a player, the player will be informed at least 48 hours prior to a hearing. The player will then have the opportunity to defend himself and can be represented by their Club President, Secretary, League Director, or official club advocate.

- 5.3 The Match Committees can summon any player or official to provide necessary evidence. If anyone declines this request, the Match Committees will report the refusal to the Executive for further action.
- 5.4 The Match Committees have the authority, as described in these Competition Rules & Regulations, to act against any Club, official, or player found making false statements.
- 5.5 Regardless of the provisions in these Competition Rules & Regulations, Clubs or players affected by a decision from the Match Committees have the right to appeal to the League's Appeals Committee.

6. FORMS

- 6.1 All necessary forms are listed in Appendix 8. These forms, including any minor amendments or legible reproductions, are accepted by the League provided they adhere to the Competition Rules & Regulations. Any changes must be endorsed by the original signatory and relevant Clubs. If a reproduced form with a signature is used, the original must be available to the League upon request.

7. UNSCHEDULED AND PRE-SEASON GAMES

- 7.1 Clubs must obtain Executive consent before playing games outside of the set Competition Rules & Regulations. Clubs granted consent are responsible for their players and officials' conduct.
- 7.2 The League can organise games, including trophy competitions, between Premier Clubs to determine broader championships. This includes State Premierships against other competitions.

8. SCHEDULE OF GAMES

- 8.1 The League will manage a game roster to determine final series participants.
- 8.2 The football season shall commence and end on such respective dates in each year as decided and adopted by the Board. Roster games begin by the third weekend in April, ending by the last August weekend, ensuring even matches for all Clubs and fair home game distribution.
- 8.3 The roster will be adopted by the Board at any General Meeting for the Senior and Under-age competitions.
- 8.4 Senior Men's game schedules apply to Development, Colts, and Senior Women with the Senior Match Committee having discretion for alterations.
- 8.5 Under-age competitions game schedules apply to Under 16 boys, Under 14 boys, Under 12's, Under 17 girls and Under 14 girls with the Junior Match Committee having discretion for alterations.
- 8.6 Any team unable to fulfil its playing obligations at such venue on such date shall be deemed to have forfeited that game.
 - 8.6.1 The Development and Colts competitions shall be 16 a side with up to five (5) interchange players in the first instance. If both teams have 20 available players they may play 18 a side.
 - 8.6.2 The Senior Women competition shall be 16 a side with up to five (5) interchange players.
 - 8.6.3 The Under-age competition shall be 16 a side with up to eight (8) interchange players in the first instance. If both teams have 20 available players they may play 18 a side.
 - 8.6.4 The Senior Men competition shall be 18 a side with three (3) interchange players.
 - 8.6.5 In all competitions specified in Competition Rule & Regulation 8.6.1, 8.6.2, 8.6.3 and 8.6.4, both teams must commence the game with an equal number of players on the field.

9. POINTS TABLE

- 9.1 Teams earn four points for a win, two for a draw, and none for a bye.
- 9.2 Ties in total points are resolved by comparing the percentages of points scored for and against teams, with higher percentages ranking higher. If percentages are also identical, the Board determines their positions.

10. FORFEITS

- 10.1 Should any Club fail to fulfil its engagements to play in any premiership game, the League may disqualify from further premiership games or otherwise deal with such Club as it thinks fit.
- 10.2 For the purpose of deciding any percentage the club that fulfils or is willing to fulfil its engagement shall receive (for) the average points scored against the forfeiting team to date and (against) the average points scored to date by the forfeiting team. The forfeiting club shall receive (for) the average points scored by it to date and (against) the average points scored to date by the non-forfeiting club.
- 10.3 If any Club is awarded a roster or other game for the premiership on the grounds that another Club has in such game played an unregistered or otherwise unqualified player, then the latter Club shall lose such game, and may be fined (see Appendix 1) and otherwise dealt with as the Match Committee deems fit. The team which is awarded the game shall receive (for) the average points scored against the losing team to date and (against) the average points scored to date by the losing team. The losing team shall receive (for) the average points scored by it to date and (against) the average points scored to date by the winning team.
- 10.4 Teams short of players, as defined in the Laws of Australian Football, must forfeit and shall be fined per Appendix 1. The Match Committee determines additional consequences.

- 10.5 Teams who win by a forfeit can submit a team list counting towards finals qualifications. Votes for best and fairest awards or goal statistics won't be considered for forfeited games.
- 10.6 Teams cannot forfeit if they have at least 14 eligible players present.

11. FINALS

- 11.1 After roster games, the League will host finals to decide each premiership.
- 11.2 The Board determines the number of teams in each finals series.
- 11.3 During the Finals Series, except for the Grand Final, the visiting team is the one finishing lower on the ladder after the home and away roster.
- 11.4 For the Grand Final the visiting team is the one that reaches the Grand Final via the Preliminary Final.
- 11.5 The Executive shall allocate games and venues for all finals games.
- 11.6 Prize money is distributed to the premiership teams as per Appendix 1.

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- 12.1 Only players qualified with a League Club are eligible for League representative teams. Those playing over 4 games at State League level (VFL, WAFL, SANFL, TSL) in the current season are not eligible.
- 12.2 The uniforms to be worn by all players in a representative team shall be prescribed from time to time by the Board.
- 12.3 Players receive uniforms for games, which must be returned to the General Manager within three days if requested.
- 12.4 Players not returning or not wearing the prescribed uniform in such games may be fined (see Appendix 1).
- 12.5 A Selection Committee will be appointed by April, with all qualified players from the League being considered.
- 12.6 Players chosen for representative games but not playing may face disqualification from premiership games or any other penalty as determined by the Executive.
- 12.7 Players selected in training squads that fail to attend training without a valid reason that is acceptable to the Selection Committee may be fined (see Appendix 1) and/or suspended as the Executive determine.
- 12.8 Players withdrawing from squads due to business or medical reasons can't play for their Club without Selection Committee approval.
- 12.9 Valid explanations for inability to play include a written explanation submitted two days before a game or a doctor's note submitted within two days after the game. Either of these shall be submitted to the General Manager.
- 12.10 The League may run roster games alongside representative fixtures. Players selected for a representative team shall not play in roster games on the same day.
- 12.11 Clubs or players can appeal decisions made by the Executive or Match Committee to the League's Appeals Committee.

13. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY IN ROSTER GAMES

- 13.1 The Board may, by three-quarters majority of those present and eligible to vote, exclude from any Under-age competition conducted by the League any player whom the Board may consider to be clearly of too high a standard to play Under-age football. No player having played seven or more Senior games in the same season shall be eligible to play in any junior competition without the approval of the Match Committee. Such approval may be reviewed at any time. For the avoidance of doubt this refers to Under 16 and Under 17 girls competition players that play senior football.
- 13.2 No underage player shall play two games in underage or Colts competitions on the same weekend unless prior approval is sought and approval given by the Junior Match Committee.
- 13.3 Any player 'red carded' by an umpire and sent from the ground for the remainder of the game shall not be allowed to play or hold any official capacity until the matter is dealt with by the Tribunal and any subsequent appeal.
- 13.4 Colts sides are allowed to select four (4) over-age players who turn 19 years of age in the calendar year of the playing season.
 - 13.4.1 Players who have played in a Senior Men's game within the NWFL, its affiliates, or an equivalent league in any previous season can't be chosen as an over-age player. Clubs can request the Match Committee to consider exceptions, showing valid reasons.
 - 13.4.2 Over-age players who play three senior games in their active over-age year become ineligible for over-age status and can't play in Colts again.

14. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY IN FINALS

- 14.1 The following point is finals eligibility for all NWFL grades which is as follows:
- 14.2 **Senior Men:** To play Senior Men finals players are not required to play any number of games but must be registered with their League Club.
 - 14.2.1 Any player who is registered with the Tasmania Devils Under 18 side and has played three games for the Devils is required to play at least three Senior Men games in the NWFL to qualify for Senior Men finals.
 - 14.2.2 Any player who has played at any State League club (VFL, WAFL, SANFL, TSL), plays Senior Football, and is permitted or registered to an NWFL League Club in the same year is required to play at least three Senior Men games in the NWFL to qualify for finals.
 - 14.2.3 By 5pm Monday, post last roster game annually, clubs must nominate 16 senior players ineligible for League Development finals. These players should be the best 16 players at the club on ability and must be available for selection at the time of the top 16 being sent. The Executive can alter nominations following consultation with the specific club.
 - 14.2.4 If a League Clubs two teams play the same day/weekend during the finals, one of which is the Senior Men team, all registered players can be selected, subject to qualifications regarding age.
- 14.3 **Development:** Players need to have played three League Development roster games to play its finals, unless Competition Rule & Regulation 14.2.4 applies.
 - 14.3.1 Playing both Development and Senior roster games the same day/weekend means the Development game doesn't count for Development finals eligibility.
- 14.4 **Senior Women:** Players need to have played four Senior Women roster games to play its finals.
 - 14.4.1 If a player has qualified through the Under 17 girls competition by playing the required games in the Under 17 girls competition to qualify for finals they are also permitted to play Senior Women finals.
- 14.5 **Colts:** Players need four Colts games to play its finals, unless Competition Rule & Regulation 14.2.4 applies.
 - 14.5.1 Playing a Colts and Development game the same day means the Colts game counts towards qualification and the Development game does not count toward qualification.
 - 14.5.2 If a player has qualified through the Under 16 boys competition by playing the required games in the Under 16 boys competition to qualify for finals they are also permitted to play Colts finals.
- 14.6 **Under-age:** Players need four Under-age games to play its finals in each respective age group.
 - 14.6.1 If a player is permitted to play two Under-age (including Colts) roster games in the same day/weekend after receiving permission per rule 16.2 players will not have the game at the lower age count towards qualification.
- 14.7 In qualifying a player to play finals football such player shall not be deemed to have played a game with their club unless they are named on the official team sheet and are dressed in club playing uniform on the ground and is available to take part in the game if called upon to do so. Any breach of these rule may be dealt with per rule 5 of this Competition Rules & Regulations.

15. TIES IN FINALS

- 15.1 In case of a tie during any final, extra time will be played.
- 15.2 The procedure in such circumstances shall be a three-minute break at the conclusion of the game followed by two five-minute halves plus time on with a three-minute break splitting them. If at the end of the extra time, there is still a level score then this procedure will be repeated until a result is obtained. Coaches may address their team at the breaks.
- 15.3 The procedures for all Under-age competitions shall be the same as Competition Rule & Regulation 15.2 excluding time on for all grades.

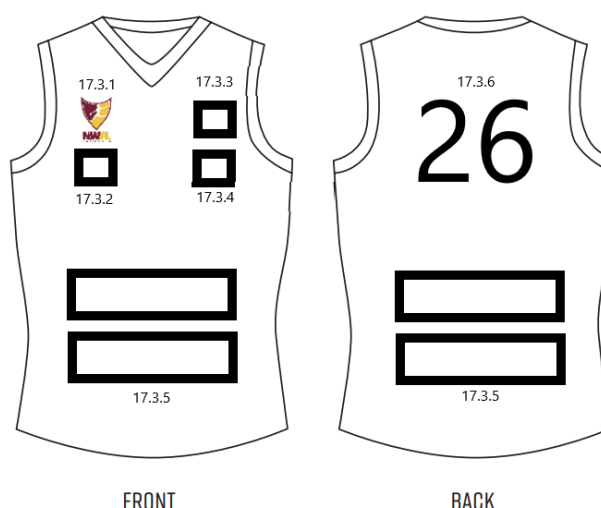
16. CLUBS INFORMATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- 16.1 Clubs must submit teams for Senior Men (21 players), Senior Women, Development and Colts to media by 9pm on Thursday (for Saturday games) or 6pm on Friday (for Sunday games). The Senior Men sides must be named in position for all roster games and finals. The Senior Women, Development and Colts sides should be named in position for all finals.
- 16.2 Such teams may include up to four emergency players.
- 16.3 Clubs not complying with Competition Rules & Regulation 16.1 will be fined (see Appendix 1) with increasing fines for repeated breaches within the season.
- 16.4 Any Club playing, in its Senior team, a player not named in the team of 25 in accordance with Competition Rules & Regulation 16.1 and 16.2 may be fined such amount as the Match Committee may decide (see Appendix 1).
- 16.5 A Club which has a player participating in a game who is not listed on the team sheet shall be fined (refer Appendix 1) and may be further dealt with as the Match Committee sees fit.
- 16.6 Each Club shall supply Club Notes for the League's football program on a weekly basis or when required by the League. Clubs failing to do so shall be fined (see Appendix 1).

- 16.7 Each Club shall provide the League with an accurate list of Senior players' jumper numbers for inclusion in the League's football program. Clubs failing to do so shall incur a fine (see Appendix 1) for each instance of a player taking the field in a number not consistent with such a list.
- 16.8 Each Club shall provide the League with the names, addresses, email and telephone contact details of coaches and executive members by March 1 each year as requested by the Executive.

17. EMBLEMS AND UNIFORMS

- 17.1 A Club has sole use of its registered Club emblem and playing uniform until such time as a new emblem or uniform is registered with the League or the Club ceases to be a member of the League. No Club shall change its registered playing uniform without the consent of the Match Committee.
- 17.2 Priority of registration under these Competition Rules & Regulations shall determine the sole right of a Club to use such emblem or playing uniform. If the League plays in more than one division then the senior division shall have priority.
- 17.3 Uniform guidelines are as follows:
- 17.3.1 NWFL logo: upper right front side (90mm height) x (80mm width)
- 17.3.2 NWFL major sponsor logo (if applicable): right front side (under NWFL logo) (90mm height) x (80mm width)
- 17.3.3 NWFL grade sponsors: upper left front side (80mm height) x (60mm width)
- 17.3.4 Club sponsors: left front side (under NWFL grade sponsor) (75mm height) x (50mm width)
- 17.3.5 Club sponsors: front and back of jumper (270mm width) x (100mm height) x 2
- 17.3.6 Number sizes: (250mm height and 250mm width)



- 17.4 For reference: see diagram:
- 17.5 Failure to wear correct uniform shall result in a fine (see Appendix 1).

18. PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 No player shall be permitted to take the field in any protective equipment including head guards, braces, supports, guards and other items without those items having been individually approved by the Match Committee. The General Manager shall maintain a record of approvals with a copy made available to the relevant umpiring authority.
- 18.2 A player given approval to wear such individual equipment shall not be subject to the Laws of Australian Football with regard to the wearing of such equipment.

19. GROUNDS

- 19.1 Each Club shall be entitled to play its home games at its registered home ground unless the Club agrees to play at an alternate venue.
- 19.2 Home Clubs must ensure ground availability, proper markings, a functional siren, functional scoreboard and other necessary game equipment. Failure to comply may lead to penalties or action that is dealt with as the Executive sees fit.
- 19.3 If a Club's home ground becomes unavailable for any reason, the Match Committee has the power to direct where and when the game will be played. This includes change of venue or change of date.
- 19.4 In case of wet weather on the day of the scheduled game or for any other reason, the Match Manager for the Senior game shall have the right to transfer the Colts game to another ground, with the approval of the Match Committee.

20. AUTHORISED FOOTBALLS

- 20.1 Only League-approved footballs, in new or well-maintained condition, are permitted for roster and finals games.
- 20.2 The sizing for the footballs in NWFL competitions is as follows (unless decided otherwise by the Executive):
 - Senior Men** - Size 5
 - Development** - Size 5
 - Colts** - Size 5
 - Under 16 boys** - Size 5
 - Senior Women** - Size 4
 - Under 17 girls** - Size 4
 - Under 14 boys** - Size 4
 - Under 14 girls** - Size 3
 - Under 12** - Size 3

21. MATCH MANAGER

- 21.1 It shall be the responsibility of each Club to appoint a Match Manager for roster games played at its home ground or at other venues at which they are deemed by the League to be the home club (i.e. finals).
- 21.2 Each home club is to make available to visiting teams a computer for the correction or updating of team lists on PlayHQ or its successor.
- 21.3 It shall be the responsibility of the League to appoint a Match Manager for any finals game, representative game or game other than a roster game played under the League's jurisdiction. It shall be the responsibility of the Match Manager to appoint all other persons not otherwise herein mentioned necessary for the efficient running of a game including ball boys and scoreboard attendants.
- 21.4 The Match Manager shall be responsible for the collection of team lists from Team Managers and their distribution to the umpires and interchange steward and collection at the conclusion of the game.
- 21.5 The Match Manager shall be responsible for the supply of suitable approved footballs for use in the game to the umpires prior to the start of each game.
- 21.6 The Match Manager shall within twenty (20) minutes of the conclusion of a game or at such other time as the umpires may so request attend the umpires' change rooms. If any report has arisen from that game it shall be the Match Manager's duty to inform the relevant players or Team Managers of such report and to hand over all relevant paperwork. Failure to attend shall not in any way invalidate a duly completed report by an umpire.
- 21.6.1 The Match Manager shall either hand deliver, transmit electronically or email the Report details to: League office and both Clubs – only one if the other Club is not involved in any way.
- 21.7 The Match Manager shall be responsible for ensuring information is transmitted electronically including team lists, match statistics and other matters as required by the PlayHQ program or its successor within one hour of the conclusion of the senior game
- 21.7.1 The Match Manager shall ensure that all team lists entered into PlayHQ are identical with the umpire signed team lists collected and returned in the Match envelope.
- 21.8 The Match Manager shall be responsible for the distribution to the relevant parties, the collection of, and return to the League of all documents, forms, voting slips etc. constituting the Match Envelope (see Competition Rules & Regulations 33) and any other such documents that the League may from time to time determine.
- 21.9 The Match Manager shall transmit the Official Match Day Summary - Reported Players Information Sheet, including occasions when "All Clear" is written across it, to the league within one hour of the final game of the day concluding.
- 21.10 Any Club whose Match Manager fails to fulfil their duties herein contained may be liable for any penalty (refer Appendix 1) imposed by the Executive with respect to such failure.

22. TEAM MANAGER

- 22.1 Each Club shall appoint for each game in which that Club appears a Team Manager.
- 22.2 The Team Manager is responsible for providing an accurate team sheet to the Match Manager 20 minutes before the game starts.
- 22.3 Within 15 minutes post-game, the Team Manager must submit details of goal kickers and best players to the Match Manager.
- 22.4 Any Club whose Team Manager fails to fulfil their duties herein contained may be fined (see Appendix 1) and otherwise dealt with as the Match Committee deems fit.

23. ON-GROUND CLUB OFFICIALS

- 23.1 No unauthorised person shall be permitted to enter the playing surface during a game, other than at the ¼, ½ or ¾ time breaks.
- 23.2 Authorised persons are as follows (all must be marked on the team sheet):

- 23.2.1 The registered and accredited head coach of a team as well as up to (not exceeding) three assistant coaches who at all times must stand a minimum of two metres away from the boundary line.
- 23.2.2 Players listed on the team sheet for that game.
- 23.2.3 Up to (not exceeding) two runners who comply with Competition Rule & Regulation 25.
- 23.2.4 Team manager as per Competition Rule & Regulation 22.
- 23.2.5 Up to (not exceeding) four water carriers who comply with Competition Rule and Regulation 24.
- 23.2.6 Club trainers and support staff who comply with Competition Rule and Regulation 24.
- 23.2.7 Interchange steward who complies with Competition Rule and Regulation 26.
- 23.2.8 Duly registered medical practitioners, members of St John Ambulance or other approved first aid attendants when and for so long as is necessary to attend an injured player.
- 23.2.9 The President and/or Junior Coordinator of each competing Club and/or a member of the executive (in company) where they, in case of emergency, mutually agree it is necessary to confer with the umpires.
- 23.3 Umpires shall report any infringement of this Competition Rule & Regulation.
- 23.4 All head coaches must be accredited. If a head coach takes to the field and is not accredited that club/individual will be fined (Appendix 1).

24. MEDICAL AND SUPPORT STAFF

- 24.1 All runners and support staff must be a minimum of 15 years of age and may be registered players provided they are not participating in the game for which they are acting as a runner or support staff. Water carriers for under-age games can be younger than the age of 15 but the club is to ensure they understand their role and responsibilities.
- 24.2 Support staff may enter the playing arena during the course of a game to attend to an injured player or to supply fluids to players. Support staff shall not be permitted to deliver messages to players.
- 24.3 No Club shall allow a person to act as support staff and enter the playing arena unless they have been registered on the Team Sheet.
- 24.4 Support staff from each competing Club and any approved independent first aid attendants may be permitted to occupy seats between the inside arena fence and the boundary line during the course of a game for which they have been listed.
- 24.5 Support staff must wear easily distinguishable uniforms, with a number and clear club identification, as specified by the Board.
- 24.6 A Club's medical practitioner is permitted to wear civilian attire but must at all times whilst within the playing arena be identifiable by an armband indicating their position and Club.
- 24.7 Medical and support staff shall not stay on the ground longer than is reasonably necessary to fulfil their duties.

25. RUNNERS

- 25.1 Each Club may use a maximum of two (2) runners during roster and final games to carry messages to and from players and officials subject to the following conditions:
 - 25.1.1 Only one (1) runner on the ground at a time. Where two (2) runners are used, they must comply with Competition Rule & Regulation 25 and must change through the Interchange area.
 - 25.1.2 They must wear Board approved apparel. Any club who has a runner not in this apparel may be fined (Appendix 1).
 - 25.1.3 They must be named on the official team list of their Club.
 - 25.1.4 They shall be subject to the Laws of Australian Football and the League's Constitution and Competition Rules & Regulations.
 - 25.1.5 They are only authorised to speak to players of their own team and no one else on the playing arena.
 - 25.1.6 They may contact no more than four (4) players on the ground at any one time and shall not stay on the ground longer than is reasonably necessary to deliver such messages.
 - 25.1.7 They shall not hinder or delay the game in any manner.
- 25.2 Runners are not permitted to use mobile phones, walkie-talkies or other similar forms of electronic communication within the boundary line during a game, with the exception of the intervals between quarters.
- 25.3 Umpires shall report breaches of this Competition Rule & Regulation.

26. INTERCHANGE STEWARDS

- 26.1 Each Club must appoint an interchange steward for home games or when designated as the home team by the League.
- 26.2 The powers and duties of the interchange steward shall be as specified in the Laws of Australian Football unless the Board determines otherwise.

27. TIMEKEEPERS

- 27.1 Home clubs are responsible for appointing a competent timekeeper for all games. Away clubs may supply a timekeeper if they wish.

- 27.2 The League will determine the appointments of timekeepers for finals.
- 27.3 The powers and duties of the timekeeper shall be as specified in the Laws of Australian Football unless the Board determines otherwise.

28. STARTING TIMES FOR GAMES

- 28.1 Games shall commence at such times as the Match Committee may from time to time determine.
- 28.2 Clubs late to start or exceeding intervals may face fines as outlined in Appendix 1, with additional fines for every minute of continued delay.
 - 28.2.1 They shall be fined (see Appendix 1) if more than three minutes late entering the field than the time that the timekeepers agree is practical (as reported on the official time sheet).
 - 28.2.2 They shall be fined an additional sum (see Appendix 1) for each one-minute that they thereafter continue to be late.
- 28.3 A team's entry onto the ground shall demonstrate its readiness to commence.
- 28.4 All finals game start times shall be as directed by the Executive.

29. PLAYING TIMES

- 29.1 Games are played in length as directed by the Board each year.
- 29.2 Delays from transport, extreme weather, or late curtain-raisers or any other delay can lead to reduced quarter lengths, with a maximum reduction of ten minutes per quarter. This reduction can either be two quarters or the entire game. If only two are shortened then they shall be the first and second or the third and fourth. This can be completed by members of the Board present, the General Manager and/or the Match Manager.

30. ORDER OFF

- 30.1 All rules related to the ordering off of players are listed in (Appendix 2B). Breaches of this Competition Rule & Regulation shall be reported by Field Umpires.

31. START OF GAME PROCEDURE

- 31.1 All games shall be started in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football unless otherwise stated by the Board.
- 31.2 In the event of teams being in position and ready to play ahead of the schedule start time the field umpire shall hold the ball aloft and the timekeepers shall sound the official start time siren.
- 31.3 Captains are to be available for the toss of coin between the two-minute siren and the one-minute siren prior to the start of the game.
- 31.4 Where possible a field umpire shall commence play in each quarter by holding the ball above his or her head, blowing a whistle and bouncing or throwing up the ball in the centre circle.
- 31.5 At all times other than to commence play in each quarter the field umpire may throw the ball up if ground or other conditions make this option preferable to bouncing the ball, provided players are advised accordingly.

32. CANCELLED GAMES

- 32.1 If for any reason a game once started cannot be completed in accordance with these Competition Rules & Regulations it shall be the duty of the Executive to decide the result of such game for the awarding of premiership points and the status of the games score at such point as the game stopped for the purposes of calculating percentages.
- 32.2 The Executive shall have the power and may order such a game replayed at its appointed venue and on such date as it decides.
- 32.3 Notwithstanding the above any game unable to be completed due to the act, omission, negligence or failure to fulfil the duties of a Club as set out in these Competition Rules & Regulations by a Club or its officials shall be deemed a forfeit by such Club.

33. MATCH ENVELOPE

- 33.1 It is the responsibility of the Match Manager to ensure the Match Envelope arrives at the League office by the last mail on the Tuesday after the game.
- 33.2 The following paperwork (see Appendix 8 for details) must be in the Match Envelope and be sorted into groups.

Group 1:

Official Match Report – include official attendance figures, gate takings and program sales.

Match Day Summary – Reported Player Information complete even if “All Clear” and transmit to the NWFL as directed prior to being placed in the Match envelope.

Best and Fairest Votes – include the four (4) envelopes – one for each game.

Full home game levy can also be sent via direct deposit to the leagues bank account by the end of business Monday following the game.

Groups 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6:

Goal Umpire's Score Cards – check that the scores indicated on the cards are identical with those shown on the Match Report sheet.

Team Sheets – A copy of each team sheet signed by the respective Team Managers as submitted to and signed by the umpires must be placed in the Match envelope.

Time Sheet – ensure these have been completed accurately and provide comments as to why a team was late arriving or a game was late starting.

Interchange Sheet – must be completed correctly with indications that the Laws of Australian Football have been complied with.

33.3 Failure to comply with this Competition Rule & Regulation may result in the Executive invoking a fine (see Appendix 1) against the Club.

34. SALARY CAP

34.1 **Season:** For the purpose of the Salary Cap the Football Season commences on 1st November and ends on 31st October. Any player legitimately owed cash or kind by his Club after the 31st October may appeal to the League Executive to be declared a “free agent” and for the League to impose an equivalent fine on the Club for the reimbursement of the player. All outstanding player payments – whilst incurred in the NWFL - must be paid out or “written off” by 31st October in the season the money was owed or the Club’s maximum salary cap for the ensuing season will be reduced by the amount as owing as at 31st October.

34.1.1 **Player Declaration Form:** All players are to sign and have submitted to the League a Player Declaration Form (Appendix 7 Form 3) within 21 days of signing. This must be submitted prior to playing. These forms are to clearly state payment terms and note any upfront payments, relocation expenses or rent/board assistance that may have been made or will be made during the season.

34.2 **Senior Coach Exemptions:** Clubs may apply to the Executive for its Senior coach to be exempted from having everything, except for a coaching and playing allowance, included in the Salary Cap on the basis of their contribution to the game and the League.

34.3 **Salary Cap Payment** shall mean and include (but not limited to):

34.3.1 **Gross Payment** – The player payments shall be calculated as a gross amount prior to payment by a Club of group tax.

34.3.2 **Fringe Benefits Tax** – All fringe benefits tax payable in respect of football payments shall be deemed to be football payments to the players of the Club or to a Coach of the Club.

34.3.3 **Loans** – The full amount of loans made directly or indirectly by or on behalf of any Club or an 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 of the loan. An amount equivalent to any repayments of the loan shall be added to the total player payments of the Club or total Coaches’ payment of the Club in the subsequent year or years in which repayments are made.

34.3.4 **Superannuation** – All statutory contributions to superannuation shall be deemed not to be football payments. Any payment above the Superannuation Guarantee shall be deemed to be football payments.

34.3.5 **Testimonials or Retirement or Benefit Payments** – All testimonials or other retirement or benefit payments made directly or indirectly by or on behalf of any Club to any player or to any associate of a player or to any Coach or to any associate of the Coach shall be deemed to be football payments to a player of the Club or Coaches’ payment to a Coach of the Club in the year they are paid.

34.3.6 **Relocation Expenses** – All amounts paid by way of relocation expenses or living away from home allowance shall be deemed to be football payments to the player or football payments to the Coach. Rent and Board assistance must also be included in the Salary Cap.

34.3.7 **Lump Sum Payments on Termination** – All lump sum payments to a player on termination of a Player Declaration Form or payments to a Coach on termination of a Player Declaration Form shall be deemed to be football payments to the player or to the Coach in the year in such amounts are paid.

34.3.7.1 **Companies, Trusts and Accounts:** All payments made to companies, trusts and any account held by a player/coach or associate of a player/coach.

34.3.8 **Travel** – Any payment made in relation to a player travelling to attend training, or a match is deemed to be a football payment unless the payment is made in accordance with the following rules:

34.3.8.1 That a player’s bona-fide place of residence is 50km or further from the home ground of the Club with which he or she plays. No travel payments can be made to a player where the player represents the club in:

- A home match; or
- An away match at a ground that is less than 50 kilometres from the club’s home ground.

- 34.3.8.2 With written support from the relevant league/association clubs can apply to the PPB (Competition Rule & Regulation 34.10) for Total Player/Coach Payment exemptions relating to expenses due to significant travel for away games (more than 50 kilometres from the club's home ground) involving all Player/Coaches. Supporting evidence is required as part of any application.
- 34.3.8.3 Players and coaches recruited to clubs from alternative and/or out-of-region competitions cannot be included in an application for travel exemptions.
- 34.3.8.4 Any approved travel payment made to a Player/Coach must be declared in the Club's Total Player Payments Reporting, with accompanying supporting evidence as required and requested.
- 34.3.9 **Veterans** – A club may list up to four players per year as being in the 'veteran' category. 50% of payments to each veteran shall be considered part of the Salary Cap. To be eligible for the veteran category a player must have turned 25 years of age on 1st January that year and have played not less than 150 senior games with that club at the conclusion of the preceding season.
- 34.3.10 **Under age state team funding** – Where a club provides legitimate funding for a player or players who are part of a Tasmanian under age team the amount paid shall not be included in the salary cap
- 34.3.11 **Guest Promotional Players** – Notwithstanding other provisions within these Rules and Regulations, the following shall apply where payment is made for the services of "Guest Promotional Players"
- 34.3.11.1 Payment made to any such player who plays not more than one game in the current year shall not be considered part of that club's match payments and need not be declared as part of the Salary Cap.
- 34.3.11.2 Payment made to any such player who plays more than one game in the current year must be considered part of the club's match payments and must be declared. Payment for the first game need not be declared, but those for all subsequent games shall be included and must be declared.
- 34.3.11.3 A "Guest Promotional Player" who by qualifying under these rules to play finals football, and who in fact plays one or more finals games shall have payment for any such games included in the Salary Cap and must be declared.
- 34.4 **Contract Players** are to have the amounts they are to receive registered with the League Executive. Payments in cash or kind are to be registered and included in the Salary Cap. Contract players cannot receive any other incentive be it cash or kind from any other source than from the Club. **Coaches** are to be contracted and must fall under the definition of Coaches as stated clause 34.8.4. Total payment for all Coaches must not exceed the limits as stated in (Appendix 1).
- 34.4.1 **Player-coach payment apportionment** – playing coaches shall have their contract and payment apportioned in the following way:
Senior – 80% coaching, 20% playing
Development, Colts, Junior Development Officers – 40% coaching, 60% playing.
- 34.5 **Match Payment Players** are to receive payment in line with the Club's published game payment description in Competition Rule & Regulation 34.3. They may also receive incentives through a player incentive scheme provided that no incentive exceeds (see Appendix 1) in value. Players are only to receive a maximum amount per game and clubs are only to pay a maximum amount per game (see Appendix 1).
- 34.6 **Contract players** may be included in after match incentive payments as long as total individual player payment is not exceeded (Appendix 1).
- 34.7 **Player Salary Cap** covers all games, both roster and finals played in each season. Clubs are to assume that they may play four (4) finals each season when budgeting. **Coach Payment Cap** covers the entire football season.
- 34.7.1 The maximum amount payable under the Salary Cap as shown at Appendix 1 will be reviewed each year by the Player Payment Board and Leagues advised by the 31st of July.
- 34.8 **Definitions**
- 34.8.1 **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 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 as players of Australian Rules Football.
- 34.8.2 **Football Payments** shall include total player payments and total Coaches payments and shall mean (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.
- 34.8.3 **Total Coaches' 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 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: All coaches (as defined at 37.8.4) other than the senior coach shall receive not more than the total amount shown at Appendix 1.
- 34.8.4 **Coach of Australian Rules Football** shall mean and include the following:
- Senior coaches

- Playing or non-playing
 - Playing or non-playing assistant coaches (max (2) two)
 - Any player signing a player declaration form who undertakes a coaching role within the club eg. Development, Colts, Women's, Fitness, Junior Development
- 34.8.5 **Associate of a Club** shall mean and include (but not 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 a person, business or corporate entity acts in such a way as to associate his, her or themselves or it with a Club or Clubs.
- 34.8.6 **Associate of a Player** shall mean and include (but not limited to) an associate of a Club for which the player plays Australian Rules Football, the player's parents, wife, de-facto spouse, partner, companion, friend, acquaintance or business associate.
- 34.8.7 **Associate of a Coach** shall mean and include (but not limited to) an associate of a player, the coach's parents, wife, de-facto spouse, partner, companion, friend, acquaintance or business associate.
- 34.8.8 **Additional Services** shall mean and include (but not limited to) the provision of services of whatever nature by a player or Coach to a Club or an associate of a Club in addition to their respective services as an Australian Rules Football player and coach of Australian Rules Football for which the player and the Coach receive remuneration from a Club or an associate of a Club.
- 34.9 **Under-age Grade Competitions:** No Club shall pay in cash or kind more than (see Appendix 1) per game to Under-age/Colts Grade Teams.
- 34.10 **Player Payment Board (PPB):** A board to determine player payment amounts per competition and to consider and approve special exemptions to the Total Player Payment cap e.g., travel. In addition, the Player Payment Board oversees approval of Marquee and Guest Promotional Player applications. The Player Payment Board is comprised of a delegate or member from each football region (North-West, North, South), a representative of AFL Tasmania and an independent chair. The members of the PPB will be appointed through a nominations process with AFL Tasmania, and each region will be required to nominate a member. The membership of the PPB will be reviewed on an annual basis.
- 34.11 **Compliance with Salary Cap:** Compliance with the Salary Cap will be in accordance with Appendix 12 of the NWFL Rules and Regulations.

35. PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM

- 35.1 The Mens Player Points System is to be as per Appendix 9.
- 35.2 The Womens Player Points System is to be as per Appendix 14.
- 35.3 Player Points system is to be reviewed annually by the Executive and Match Committee.
- 35.4 Any **Club** found guilty of breaching the Player Points System shall be penalised (see Appendix 1).

36. PLAYER DECLARATION FORM

- 36.1 All contracted players shall complete a "Player Declaration Form" (Appendix 7 Form 3) and lodge it with the League as per the Club Sustainability Model in Appendix 12 of the NWFL Rules and Regulations. Where a player signing a Player Declaration Form is under the age of 18 their parent or legal guardian shall also sign that Player Declaration Form.
- 36.2 Any Club intending to contract the playing services of a player shall not include any contract terms or conditions that in any manner breach these Competition Rules & Regulations. For the purposes of these Competition Rules & Regulations any Club paying a third party for the purpose of obtaining the playing services of another player shall be deemed to be paying that player and therefore such payments will constitute part of the Salary Cap and will be treated as a breach.
- 36.3 Each Club shall lodge a true and accurate copy of each Player Declaration Form for the players of that Club and the Coaches of the Club and any amendment thereto within twenty-one (21 days) of such Player Declaration Form or amendment being entered into or prior to playing their first official League game, whichever is the earlier. In the event of this not being complied with the signature becomes void and the player not bound by the terms of the Player Declaration Form.
- 36.4 Player Declaration Forms are valid for the season for which they were signed.
- 36.5 Player Declaration Forms can be signed and lodged with the League at any time during a calendar year.

37. APPROACHING BOUND PLAYERS

- 37.1 Whenever a player bound to a League Club is to be negotiated with by officials of any other League Club with a view to securing their services, then the club intending to **sign** such player shall notify the players club and the league in writing of such intention a clear **14** days prior to signing, allowing the players club sufficient time to respond.
- 37.2 Players may only be approached by other League Clubs during the period from the end of the player's Club's previous season (the Club's last game for the season including finals) to 30 June during the current season.
- 37.3 No player is to be approached by any other League Club during the period from 1 July to the end of the player's Club's current season (the Club's last game for the season including finals).

- 37.4 Players who have signed a Player Declaration Form (Appendix 7 Form 3), and had it lodged with the League, for the current season are not to be approached by other Clubs until the conclusion of the player's Club's current season (the Club's last game for the season including finals).
- 37.5 Any Club breaking this Competition Rule & Regulation shall be fined (see Appendix 1) for the first offence, and the fine shall be doubled for each and every subsequent offence in the same year occurring after each alleged breach has been drawn to the attention of the offending club.
- 37.6 Clubs shall be held responsible for any contraventions of this Competition Rule & Regulation by officials and any official guilty of such offence may be disqualified from holding office in any Club for a period of twelve months from the date of the offence being proved.
- 37.7 The Executive shall deal with all matters arising from breaches or alleged breaches of this Competition Rule & Regulation. The decision of the Executive in this instance shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be called into question, appealed against or reviewed (whether by prerogative rite or otherwise) in any court or tribunal.
- 37.8 A Club or player affected by a decision of the Executive under this Competition Rules & Regulations shall have the right of appeal to the League's Appeals Committee.
- 37.9 Players under 17 years old cannot be approached by a different League Club from the one they are bound to. Clubs found actively pursuing underage players may face penalties (see Appendix 1).
- 37.10 Players returning to the NWFL for a club different than their original, after playing in another competition, must send an "intent to sign" notice to their initial NWFL club if affiliated within the last five seasons.
- 37.11 If by mutual consent the two NWFL clubs may waive the notice as stipulated in Competition Rule & Regulation 37.1 to allow the player to sign prior to the time period. This must be given in writing and notice must also be given to the General Manager.

38. PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

- 38.1 The General Manager or Registrar of the League, on behalf of the Match Committee, shall have the authority of the League in relation to the granting of registration and Clearances to players.
- 38.2 Players registered in the League but playing in another competition without clearance may face disqualification for up to 24 months.
- 38.3 Players facing potential de-registration or disqualification will be notified 48 hours prior to a hearing, where they can present their case with representation by the Club President, Secretary or official advocate. This is in line with Competition Rule and Regulation 5.2.
- 38.4 Registrations for upcoming season can only be submitted from November 1 until the end of the roster season, through PlayHQ.
- 38.5 For the purpose of determining a player's eligibility to play in any League roster based on a player's age, such age shall be as at the First day of January for that current season.
- 38.6 Any player under the age of 18 requires satisfactory proof of age upon request by the League or face ineligibility.
- 38.7 Any player under the age of 18 years at the date of his registration shall be required to have had parental consent for such registration granted and such consent shall be by means of the relevant section on PlayHQ.
- 38.8 No person shall be eligible to be registered with the League as a player unless they have properly completed a "Player Registration Form" on PlayHQ and accepted by the League.
- 38.9 All players are required to register each season on PlayHQ. This is a requirement to allow for updating any personal information.
- 38.10 Any player registered or applying for registration with more than one Club in the same season or obtaining a registration or Clearance by any improper means shall be dealt with as the Match Committee may see fit.
- 38.11 Players may be registered in two or more leagues and can play in other leagues under the permit system in PlayHQ or its successor, only if agreed to by the player, his club and the other club and is allowable within both or all leagues' rules.
- 38.12 All players participating in the league from 2014 onward are to sign a code of conduct (Appendix 7 Forms 1 or 2) signed codes of conduct are to be forwarded to the NWFL registrar with registration forms. Players registered prior to 2014 must sign and forwarded codes of conduct to the League registrar prior to being eligible to play in any grade. Form 2 is for Players above the age of 18 and Form 1 is for players under the age of 18 and must be co-signed by a parent or guardian.
Any player who has received suspensions totalling 16 weeks or more during their career shall have their registration cancelled and all affiliated competitions shall be notified of such de-registration. This is in line with the AFL National Community Deregistration Policy.

39. CLUB DISTRICTS

- 39.1 The Place of residence shall not affect the eligibility of any person to be a registered player with the League provided that player, unless a 'fly in' player, is a resident of the State of Tasmania.

40. UNREGISTERED PLAYERS

- 40.1 Only properly registered members in PlayHQ, who are not disqualified or owe fines to any affiliated authorities, can play for a League Club. Registration is validated when player details are added to PlayHQ, without a "duplicate" status indicating a possible need for clearance.
- 40.2 If the Match Committee decides a player is qualified but at a later date it is found that the circumstances have altered, or that incorrect statements were made in support of the case submitted, such decision may be reviewed by the Match Committee, and if the Match Committee is satisfied that any such incorrect statements were wilful then it shall declare the player unregistered and may deprive any such Club of any premierships points or game won with the assistance of such player and award such points or game to the opponents.
- 40.3 Any Club playing a player who is found to be unqualified under these Competition Rules & Regulations to play with the Club concerned shall be penalised (see Appendix 1) and deprived of any premierships points or game won with the assistance of such player while unqualified and such points or game shall be awarded to their opponents. If the offending Club loses the game then the Match Committee may deduct premierships points from the Club as the Match Committee deem appropriate.

41. "FLY IN" AND "GUEST PROMOTIONAL" PLAYERS

- 41.1 Clubs may register up to three 'fly in' players, residing outside Tasmania, who must play at least six Senior or representative games to be eligible for finals in that season.
- 41.2 Injured 'fly in' players can qualify for finals if medical certificates, submitted within seven days of injury, validate their unfitness for a total of nine games including played games.
- 41.3 Clubs may use up to two 'Guest Promotional Players' per season for game promotion or revenue raising, notifying the league 14 days in advance.
- 41.4 The Match Committee will decide if the player qualifies for this status.
- 41.5 The maximum number of individual players who may be considered a 'Guest Promotional Player' shall be two per club per season.

42. APPLICATION FOR CLEARANCE WITHIN THE LEAGUE

- 42.1 Clearance applications for NWFL clubs are accepted from November 1-30 and February 1 to June 30 via the PlayHQ system. All approval will be done online and no paper clearances are permitted.
- 42.2 Players bound by a "Player Declaration Form" or registered with an NWFL club need a proper clearance to play for another NWFL club, unless they haven't played with the original NWFL club for five full seasons. For reference see Competition Rule & Regulation 37.10.
- 42.3 The transferor club must respond to clearance applications within six days via PlayHQ, or the league will grant the clearance.
- 42.4 Any player having been granted a Clearance from their Club shall be deemed to be still a player of that Club until he has duly completed and lodged a clearance through the PlayHQ system.
- 42.5 Once a player has played their first game (practice or roster) for the season with a Club and subsequently wants a Clearance from that Club during that same season, then a 14 day "cooling off" period may be invoked by the Match Committee before a Clearance can be lodged with the League. The "cooling off" period may be waived / reduced by mutual consent between the Club and the player.
- 42.6 Eligible players wishing to transfer for one week only between another club and another competition shall complete a local interchange (Type 2) through PlayHQ or its successor. Approval must be completed on PlayHQ by both clubs and the League. Such permits shall not be allowed to a country association after the conclusion of the current NWFL roster season and shall not be allowed to a country association club which is participating in its associations' current finals series. Local Interchange permits from Tasmanian State League clubs will include dates covering the entire NWFL season with players eligible for finals subject to finals qualification requirements.
- 42.7 Verbal notification of Clearances shall not be accepted by the League.
- 42.8 The General Manager shall ensure that all Clearances, inwards and outwards, are accompanied with the player's Tribunal record and any other relevant information that may be of assistance to the League or Association.

43. REVIEW OF CLEARANCES

- 43.1 Any player obtaining a Clearance through the provision of false or misleading information or who breaches in any way the Competition Rules & Regulations regulating Clearances shall be dealt with as the Match Committee may think fit.
- 43.2 The Match Committee shall have the power to review Clearances to play at any time.
- 43.3 The Match Committee can approve a clearance for a player if the departing club fails to provide justified evidence (e.g., written documentation agreed upon by both parties) within four days of a transfer refusal.

44. REFUSAL OF A CLEARANCE

- 44.1 A player can only be refused a Clearance on the following grounds:
 - 44.1.1 The player has an existing Player Declaration Form with the transferor Club.
 - 44.1.2 The player owes property to the transferor Club.
 - 44.1.3 The player is financially encumbered to the transferor Club.
 - 44.1.4 Junior player movement is not in align with change of residential address.
 - 44.1.4.1 For further clarification, change of residential address refers to under-age and colts players who fit both of the following parameters:
 - Change of primary residential address is to a residence 10km or further away from the previous residence.
 - The new residence is in a different postcode to that of the old residence.
 - 44.1.4.2 If a junior player is requesting a clearance under this clause, they may be required to present a signed Statutory Declaration to the Junior Match Committee stipulating they have moved to the new address.
 - 44.1.4.3 In spite of Competition Rule & Regulation 44.1.4 and 44.1.4.1, if an under-age player does not fit these parameters, if both Source and Destination Club mutually agree for the player to obtain a clearance the Junior Match Committee may allow a clearance.
- 44.2 Players, who can demonstrate to the Match Committee that they are owed money by the Club from which they are seeking a Clearance, may be granted a Clearance by the Match Committee upon receipt of the application.
- 44.3 A player or Club on behalf of a player may request the Match Committee review a case within seven days of:
 - 44.3.1 Notice being given by the player or the Club that the Clearance has been refused.
 - 44.3.2 Notice being received by the player or the Club that the time limits prescribed have not been adhered to.
- 44.4 The seven (7) days for lodging the request for review may be extended by the Match Committee upon written application by the player, or Club on behalf of a player, stating grounds on which the application is made including the reason for failing to lodge the request for review within the prescribed time.
 - 44.4.1 In conducting a review under Competition Rule and Regulation 44 the Match Committee shall follow the format set down in Appendix 4A unless by the mutual agreement of all parties present at the review there is consent for a variation.
- 44.5 The Match Committee in making its determination in respect to a request for review shall consider and take into account all circumstances and matters relevant to the case including but not limited to the following:
 - 44.5.1 Whether a Player Declaration Form exists between the player and the Club.
 - 44.5.2 Whether the player owes the club money or property.
- 44.6 If the Club called upon fails to show to the satisfaction of the Match Committee good cause why such a Clearance was refused or neglects or declines to appear at the appointed hour the Match Committee shall grant a Clearance.

45. AFFILIATION OF ASSOCIATIONS

- 45.1 Football associations can apply for affiliation with the League, provided they meet set criteria and submit a written application. The Board has the authority to grant this affiliation.
- 45.2 Applications for affiliation must fulfill the following conditions:
 - 45.2.1 The association must be properly formed and consist of at least two active registered Clubs.
 - 45.2.2 A copy of the Association's Constitution, Rules, and Regulations must be submitted with the first application.
 - 45.2.3 A list of the registered Clubs in the association must be provided.
 - 45.2.4 A registration fee, as detailed in Appendix 1, may be paid.
 - 45.2.5 The application must be made before March 1st each year, though late applications may be considered with an additional penalty fee.
- 45.3 Affiliates must promptly update the General Manager on any changes to their Constitution, Rules, Regulations, or list of registered Clubs.
- 45.4 Failure to comply with Competition Rule & Regulation 45.3 may result in fines and potential cancellation of affiliation, as determined by the Board.
- 45.5 Affiliation may be cancelled if an association falls below two active registered Clubs or for other reasons deemed necessary by the Board.
- 45.6 If an affiliate's internal regulations are lacking or defective, the League's Constitution, Rules, and Regulations will apply where relevant.
- 45.7 Affiliates have access to the League Executive for resolving disputes, disagreements, protests, complaints, or appeals.
- 45.8 In spite of Competition Rule & Regulation 45, if associations are affiliated through AFL Tasmania and within the geographic location of the NWFL they may also be regarded as affiliates.

46. AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION APPEALS

- 46.1 Any Club or person directly affected by any finding or decision of an affiliate of the League may appeal to the League's Executive against any such finding or decision provided they have satisfied the requirements of the affiliates Constitution and Competition Rules and Regulations
- 46.2 Every such appeal shall be in writing stating the grounds of appeal, despatched within seven (7) days of the decision of the affiliated Association appealed from and accompanied by an appeal fee (see Appendix 1). Such appeal and fee shall then be forwarded by the affiliated Association to the League within 48 hours of its receipt by them.
- 46.3 The decision of the League's Executive shall be given in writing and shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be called into question, appealed against or reviewed (whether by prerogative rite or otherwise) in any court or tribunal.

47. PAYMENT AND PROVISION OF UMPIRES

- 47.1 The League may enter into contractual arrangements with one or more Umpire Associations with the purpose of securing the services of such umpires as may be needed for the League's rosters.
- 47.2 Umpires appointed to League games shall be paid such fees and in such manner and at such times as are from time to time agreed upon between the League and the provider bodies.

48. DISCIPLINARY REQUIREMENTS OF UMPIRES

- 48.1 Contracts for umpiring services must ensure:
- 48.1.1 Umpires attend hearings if they charge a player or official.
- 48.1.2 Umpires attend hearings if charges or complaints are brought against them by the League or its members.
- 48.1.3 The contracted body disciplines any umpire failing to meet appointment standards, acting in a way that discredits the game, or not attending required hearings without permission from the NWFL.
- 48.1.4 The League's Executive shall consider and determine any complaint as stipulated in Competition Rule & Regulation 48.1.1 and 48.1.2 and take such action as it shall see fit. The decision of the Executive shall be given in writing and shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be called into question, appealed against or reviewed (whether by prerogative rite or otherwise) in any court or tribunal.

49. UMPIRES' CHANGE ROOMS

- 49.1 The following officials are permitted in the Umpires' Change Rooms on any game day:
- Officiating umpires on the day
 - Any umpire coaches/observers
 - Umpire association executive members
 - League Board Directors
 - If an Under-age game, the club junior co-ordinator
 - Match Manager

50. PRIVACY OF UMPIRES

- 50.1 No coach, official or player other than the team captain or in his or her absence the playing coach, is permitted to speak to umpires during the progress of the game, including intervals.
- 50.2 No coach, official or player, other than the team captain or, in his or her absence, the playing coach, is permitted to enter into the centre square during the game intervals.
- 50.3 The Club President, Junior Coordinator (if an under-age game) or League Executive member is permitted to speak to umpires during the game intervals and after the game on matters relating to the game.
- 50.4 Umpires shall report any infringement of this Competition Rule & Regulation.

51. BAN ON UMPIRES PLAYING FOOTBALL

- 51.1 No field, boundary or goal umpire shall be allowed to register to play with a league club or the club of an affiliated body during the course of the current season in which they have been registered as an umpire unless their services have been dispensed with or his registration accepted by the relevant umpiring body.

52. SHORTAGE OF UMPIRES

- 52.1 If there is a shortage of umpires then the Match Committee shall make appropriate arrangements to ensure that umpires are available.
- 52.2 If there is a shortage of umpires on game day then the Match Manager, in consultation with other participating umpires and both participating coaches, shall fill the positions with suitable persons.
- 52.3 Registered players may umpire NWFL games as required if a shortage of umpires requires clubs to provide umpires.

- 52.4 All normal umpiring rules and procedures shall apply.
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53. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 53.1 No umpire, contracted body, or its members and officials, player, coach, club, official, committee member or official of the League or any Club including Clubs of affiliated bodies shall make publicly or to the media or wilfully permit the same to be published any complaint or comments that could be construed as being negative or otherwise critical of the League and bringing it into dispute. This includes any comments made on any Social Media platforms.
- 53.1.1 No individual or club listed at 53.1 shall take any action or behave in a manner which is unbecoming or likely to prejudice the interests or reputation of the NWFL or bring it or the game of football into disrepute.
- 53.2 A complaint made by an official under 53.1 and 53.1.1 shall be submitted in writing within seven days of the occurrence.
- 53.3 The League's Executive shall consider and determine the complaint or comment and take such action as it shall deem fit and in accordance with (Appendix 1).
- 53.4 Comments about any disciplinary hearing shall only be made with the written authority of the body conducting that hearing.
- 53.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Competition Rules & Regulations, any party affected by a decision under Competition Rules & Regulations 53.3 shall have the right of appeal to the League's Appeals Committee.

54. INVESTIGATIONS

- 54.1 The Executive shall direct the General Manager or their appointee to investigate any incident that the Executive deems to be against the spirit of the game or may contravene the League's Constitution or Competition Rules and Regulations or the Laws of Australian Football.
- 54.2 The investigation must be reported back to the Executive within seven days, extendable up to an additional 30 days by the Executive.
- 54.3 Decisions on investigations can be made without a formal meeting, provided there is communication among the members of the Executive.
- 54.4 The Executive shall take such action as it deems fit including whether to refer the matter to the Tribunal, Board, relevant Match Committee or let the matter lapse.
- 54.5 Players, coaches, officials, committee members shall co-operate fully with any investigation under this Competition Rule and Regulation. Any one failing to comply shall be dealt with as the Executive sees fit.
- 54.6 Charged parties or their representatives have the right to respond and present evidence before any decision or penalty is imposed.
- 54.7 If a charge is laid, notifications of charges and hearing details must be provided to the affiliated club or body at least 48 hours in advance.
- 54.8 The Executive may permit and allow a charged player the opportunity to accept an Early Guilty Plea if it relates to a reportable offence as per the Laws of Australian Football.
- 54.9 The Executive may impose a fee on any individual, club or body which instigates on investigation under this Competition Rule and Regulation. (Refer Appendix 1)
- 54.10 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Competition Rules & Regulations any party affected by a decision under Competition Rule & Regulation 54.4 shall have the right of appeal to the League's Appeals Committee.

55. CHARGES BY CLUBS

- 55.1 Clubs shall have the right to raise protests, complaints, disputes or charges against players, officials or Clubs of the League and such matters shall be dealt with as per Competition Rule & Regulation 54.

56. VIDEO REPORT

- 56.1 The home club's Match Manager must download game videos onto NWFL-provided drives or online, completing uploads by 5pm the next day or delivering to NWFL HQ by Monday noon. E.g. if game day was on Saturday, the video footage must be uploaded by 5pm Sunday. If not uploaded to the online drive it must be delivered to NWFL HQ by midday on Monday.
- 56.2 Failure by the home club to provide footage on time may result in fines or actions from the League's Executive (Appendix 1).
- 56.3 If a club or club official wishes to submit an incident to the League for review of game footage, they must submit a Video Report Request Form (Appendix 10).
- 56.3.1 Permitted officials who may submit Video Report Request Forms are as follows:
- Umpire
- Umpire observer

- President
 - Secretary
 - Junior Co-ordinator (if junior game)
 - Football Director
 - League Board members
 - Competition Manager
 - Match Review Officer
- 56.4 Any incident brought to the attention of the Match Review Officer or their appointee by any individual listed in Competition Rule & Regulation 56.3.1 will be reviewed at the earliest instance. All video referrals must be submitted by midday (12pm) on the Monday following the game. For any games that occur out of normal rostering submissions are required by midday (12pm) one (1) day after the game.
- 56.5 In the event that any incident is brought to the attention of the League by a club, umpire or any league official the footage will be reviewed and may be referred to the Match Review Officer(s) or their appointee. This referral shall be dealt with as per Competition Rule & Regulation 54. Clubs need to bring any incident to the attention of the League that they wish to be reviewed by midday (12pm) on the Monday following the game.
- 56.6 A recommendation will then be given to the General Manager or his nominee to which a player may have breached the laws of Australian Football or the rules and regulations of the NWFL and whether a set penalty may be offered, the incident should be referred to tribunal, the relevant Match Committee, the Executive or the matter lapses.
- 56.7 Clubs may be notified of outcomes, including tribunal hearings, charges laid and/or club sanctions.
- 56.8 If a charge is laid footage of the incident will be given to the club to review if available
- 56.9 If a charge is not laid and no further action is taken, clubs are able to utilise the Complaints process (Competition Rule & Regulation 70) as long as Appendix 11 is submitted within the time frame stipulated within that clause.
- 56.10 Where a player is charged with a reportable offence through video evidence and is offered an Early Guilty Plea, that player has until midday (12pm) on Tuesday to accept an Early Guilty Plea.. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that this is given in writing to the General Manager or their nominee and signed by the club President or Secretary and the reported player. Failure to notify the NWFL by this time and the Early Guilty Plea shall apply.

57. INTERNAL CLUB DISCIPLINE

- 57.1 Clubs must inform the League's General Manager of any player expulsions or suspensions, including offence details, within seven days.
- 57.2 The General Manager will notify relevant football clubs and bodies of the expulsion or suspension.
- 57.3 The player shall have the right of appeal to the League's Executive. The decision of the League's Executive shall be given in writing and shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be called into question, appealed against or reviewed (whether by prerogative rite or otherwise) in any court or tribunal.
- 57.4 Clubs may not allow the player to play until the appeal is resolved or the expulsion/suspension is revoked and officially communicated to the League.

58. ATTENDANCE AT HEARINGS

- 58.1 Any player, official or Club who shall neglect or refuses to attend a hearing conducted by the Board, Executive, Tribunal, Appeals Committee, Match Committee, Complaints Committee or such other sub-committee as under these Competition Rules & Regulations may be constituted to hear a matter after being duly summoned to do so, or refusing to answer or answering falsely any questions, shall be dealt with in such manner as the summoning body deems appropriate.
- 58.2 No player, official or Club shall be penalised under these Competition Rules & Regulations (except for those required for Tribunals) unless they shall have had a minimum of forty eight (48) hours notice of such hearing given by the General Manager.

59. WITNESSES

- 59.1 On the hearing of any appeal, protest, complaint, dispute or charge brought against players, officials or Clubs witnesses shall be restricted to officials, players participating in the game and reporting official.
- 59.2 Only one witness per party shall be allowed to give evidence if the party requires. Other witnesses may be allowed at the discretion of the body hearing the appeal, protest, complaint, dispute or charge. It is at the League's discretion to permit any other witnesses.
- 59.3 Evidence shall be restricted to officials, players participating in the game, anyone listed on the official team sheet and official reports..
- 59.4 The Tribunal Chairman, General Manager or their appointee may allow witnesses to give evidence by telephone or video conference.
- 59.5 No official or player shall approach or contact by any means an official or player from another club who is expected to be called to give evidence before any hearing into any matter with a view to discussing

or otherwise attempting to influence the evidence which may be given by any such witness. Breaches of these Competition Rules and Regulations shall be reported to the General Manager and dealt with by the Tribunal.

60. ADVOCATES

- 60.1 All Club advocates and their proxies must be accredited Committee members of the Club or its Director and be nominated by the Club by the 1 March of each season. All variations to this Competition Rule & Regulation shall be approved by the Executive.
- 60.2 The advocate of the Club of which the player or official concerned on any charge is a member shall be allowed to represent the charged person before the Executive, Appeals Committee, Tribunal or Complaints Committee and assist the person charged at the hearing by asking relevant questions of the various witnesses and shall have the right of summing up the evidence in favour of the person charged. The reporting umpire or umpires shall be entitled to be supported by an umpires advocate. The advocate shall have the right to ask relevant questions of the various witnesses and shall have the right to sum up the evidence.

61. TRIBUNAL

- 61.1 An independent Tribunal consisting of independent persons not connected with the League, or any of its Clubs, shall be appointed annually by the Board. The Tribunal when conducting a hearing shall consist of no more than three (3) and no less than two (2) members.
- 61.2 All reasonable expenses of the Tribunal shall be payable out of League funds.

62. TRIBUNAL POWER AND FUNCTIONS

- 62.1 The duties of the Tribunal shall be to deal with charges referred to it under this Constitution and Competition Rules & Regulations or the Laws of Australian Football against players or officials. Such charges shall only relate to breaches of the Competition Rules & Regulations occurring on the same day as the day on which that player or official's team has played and are subject to these Competition Rules & Regulations.
- 62.2 The Tribunal may in dealing with any matters delegated to it, impose such disqualification and fines as it may deem expedient.
- 62.2.1 A player found guilty of threatening behaviour towards an umpire shall be dealt with per clause 3.3 of the player/coach/officials Code of Conduct (Appendix 7 Form 3)
- 62.3 If at any stage of the hearing of any matter, the Tribunal orders an adjournment it may also order any player whose qualification to play is in issue, or any player upon whom disqualifications may in such matter be imposed, to abstain from playing in any League Club team or any League representative team or any team of an affiliated Association or of a Club thereof, until the Tribunal finally disposes of such matters and while such order is in force such player shall not be qualified to play in any such team.
- 62.4 The Tribunal may summarily deal with any official or player who in its opinion is guilty at a meeting of the Tribunal, or as the result of such meeting of wilfully misleading the Tribunal, improper or unseemly language or conduct, or failing to conform to the lawful directions of the Chairman of such meeting notwithstanding anything otherwise contained in these Competition Rules and Regulations.
- 62.5 Any player named on the umpires' report shall be required to attend the Tribunal unless specified in Competition Rule & Regulation 59.4.
A player who has been offended against does not have to be represented by an Advocate unless his or her club has been notified by midday on the Monday following the match that an Advocate is required to attend.

63. REPORTS & EARLY GUILTY PLEA

- 63.1 If an umpire lays a report during a match they must use their best endeavours to inform the person that they have been reported either:
- immediately following the relevant incident.
 - before the commencement of the quarter following the relevant incident.
 - if the relevant incident occurs in the final quarter, as soon as reasonably practicable after the completion of the Match.
- 63.2 A report may be laid as per the Video Report procedure in Competition Rule & Regulation 56.
- 63.3 Where a player has been charged with a reportable offence by an umpire, by the League or by the Match Review Officer they may be permitted to accept an Early Guilty Plea.
- 63.4 The full information and table can be found in Appendix 1 of the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook.

64. TRIBUNAL REPORTING PROCEDURE

- 64.1 The League's General Manager or his/her appointee shall notify the Tribunal members and the umpire's Advocate (as per the roster) of requirements no later than the Tuesday afternoon after the game in which the alleged incident took place.
- 64.2 See Appendix 5 for the Tribunal Procedure.
- 64.3 The Tribunal shall meet at Ulverstone as required on Wednesday evening or on Thursday evening where the Wednesday is a public holiday, or where exceptional circumstances as determined by the Match Committee arise, it shall request the Tribunal to convene at such other place or time as it may see fit.
- 64.4 The Tribunal may direct that reasonable travelling expenses or part thereof of any player or official attending before it be defrayed out of League funds or may direct that such costs or part thereof be met by any other party which is required to appear before it.
- 64.5 Any player or umpire or official of the League or of a League Club who shall neglect or refuse to attend before the Tribunal to which he or she may have been summoned or refusing to answer or answering falsely any questions may be fined or otherwise dealt with as the Tribunal may think fit.
- 64.6 Video evidence may be used in the tribunal as long as notification is given to all parties as well as the tribunal convenor by midday (12pm) on the day of the hearing that video evidence will be used. This notification will be given with the footage. Footage will also be circulated to the witness (if applicable). This is in accordance with rule 56 of the NWFL rules and regulations.

65. TRIBUNAL APPEALS

- 65.1 Any decision of the Tribunal that results in the suspension or disqualification of a player or the imposing of a penalty upon a Club may be subject to any appeal by the affected party.
- 65.2 Appeals shall be heard by the League's Appeals Committee and can be lodged on the following basis:
 - 65.2.1 New evidence not available at the original hearing.
 - 65.2.2 The penalty imposed is unfair or inconsistent with other penalties.
 - 65.2.3 A technicality involving procedure, the Competition Rules & Regulations and/or the Constitution of the League or a combination of these.
- 65.3 The Appeals Committee shall hear the appeal with the presiding Tribunal Chairman present and other parties as the Appeals Committee deem appropriate.
- 65.4 The Appeals Committee shall have the right to order the matter reheard dismissed, upheld or any penalty varied. Subject to Competition Rules & Regulations 65.3, the decision of the Appeals Committee shall be given in writing and shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be called into question, appealed against or reviewed (whether by prerogative rite or otherwise) in any court or tribunal.
- 65.5 If the case is to be reheard, then the Tribunal shall consist solely of members not involved in the original hearing. The decision of the second Tribunal shall be given in writing and shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be called into question, appealed against or reviewed (whether by prerogative rite or otherwise) in any court or tribunal.

66. EFFECT OF PENALTY

- 66.1 No official or player suspended, disqualified, fined or appealing against such penalty by the League shall act or play in any game under the auspices of the League until such fine has been paid, remitted or cancelled or until such penalty has been served or cancelled or the appeal has been heard and upheld or dismissed.
- 66.2 Roster games and finals shall be counted towards suspensions and disqualifications unless otherwise stated by the body imposing the suspension and disqualification.
- 66.3 Suspensions shall be for matches that the players club participates in at the level that the reported player was playing at the time of the report unless specifically stated by the tribunal at the time of suspension.
- 66.4 Suspensions handed down by the NWFL tribunal will be served within the NWFL and not in other competitions.

67. PUBLIC COMMENTS HEARINGS

- 67.1 No player, coach, Club, committee member, official of any Club or umpire, including Clubs of affiliated bodies shall make any comment about any disciplinary hearing to the media or wilfully permit the same to be published without the written authority of the body conducting that hearing having been obtained.

68. RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION

- 68.1 Those entitled under the Constitution, Competition Rules & Regulations or the Laws of Australian Football may charge a player or official with making a racist or religious comment.
- 68.2 Such a charge shall be made within seven (7) days of the incident and shall be heard by the Tribunal.

69. DOPING POLICY

- 69.1 The AFL Anti-Doping Policy shall apply to the League.

70. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- 70.1 Complaints (including protests and disputes) shall be lodged with both the League and body or Club of which the player or official is a member against whom the complaint is made by 5pm, three (3) days following the conclusion of the day that the alleged case/incident occurred on.
- 70.2 Complaints must be submitted in writing, ensuring they're "true copies" and detailing the complaint grounds, event particulars, involved parties, witnesses, and any supporting evidence. Refer to Appendix 11 for the form.
- 70.3 Clubs must attach the required fee (see Appendix 1) and a completed 'Complaint/Investigation Form' (see Appendix 11) when lodging a complaint. The fee may be fully or partially refunded based on the adjudicating body's decision.
- 70.4 The General Manager is required to engage with the Complaints Committee within seven days of receiving a complaint. The Complaints Committee can decide on the complaint's direction without needing to convene in person.
- 70.5 In special cases the Executive may extend such periods of seven (7) days as may be deemed appropriate.
- 70.6 A Club shall be represented by any of its President, Secretary, League Director or Advocate.
- 70.7 Refer to Appendix 3 for the Complaints procedure.
- 70.8 The committee shall take such action as it deems fit including whether to refer the matter to the Tribunal or Executive or let the matter lapse.
- 70.9 Parties affected by a decision under this regulation have the right to appeal to the League's Appeals Committee.
- 70.10 If the body hearing the complaint meets specifically to determine the matter, they may order the party so applying to pay to the League one half of the costs incurred by the League in connection with such special meeting, which shall thereupon be paid forthwith and this notwithstanding that other business may be also done at such meeting.
- 70.11 The complaints committee shall consist of the League Executive.

71. APPEALS PROCEDURE

- 71.1 Appeals shall be lodged with both the League and body or Club of which the player or official is a member against whom the appeal is made by 5pm, one (1) days following the conclusion of the day of the tribunal hearing. E.g. If tribunal is on a Wednesday evening an appeal must be lodged by 5pm Thursday following the tribunal hearing.
- 71.2 Appeals must be submitted in writing, ensuring they are "true copies" and detailing the appeal grounds, event particulars, involved parties, witnesses, and any supporting evidence. This must be completed on club letterhead and clearly stipulate the grounds of Appeal as shown in Competition Rule & Regulation 65.2.
- 71.3 The appeal shall be lodged with a fee (see Appendix 1). The fee may be totally or partially refunded as the body hearing the appeal deems appropriate.
- 71.4 The General Manager must convene the appropriate body within seven (7) days of receiving a document, aiming to resolve suspension-related matters before the next game, if possible.
- 71.5 For special cases, the Executive has the discretion to extend the seven-day period.
- 71.6 A Club or individual may be represented by any one of its President, Secretary, League Director or official club advocate.
- 71.7 Refer to Appendix 4 for the Appeals procedure.
- 71.8 In dealing with an appeal, the body hearing the appeal may either confirm, amend or revoke the decision appealed against and may also cancel, alter increase or decrease any fine (see Appendix 1), disqualification or other penalty imposed and if considered advisable may order a rehearing of the case, or itself conduct a rehearing.
- 71.9 If the body hearing the appeal meets specially to determine the matter, they may order the party so applying to pay to the League one half of the costs incurred by the League in connection with such special meeting, which shall thereupon be paid forthwith and this notwithstanding that other business may be done at such meeting.
- 71.10 The decision of the body hearing the appeal shall be given in writing and shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be called into question, appealed against or reviewed (whether by prerogative rite or otherwise) in any court or tribunal.

72. BEST AND FAIREST AWARDS

- 72.1 An award shall be made each season to the Best and Fairest Player in each of the League's Senior Men, Senior Women, Development, Colts and Under-age rosters to be determined as follows:
 - 72.1.1 The field umpires of each roster game shall deliver to the Match Manager immediately after each game their view of the three (3) fairest and best players in the game umpired by him to be numbered 1,2, and 3 marked Best and Fairest and numbered in the order of performance in a sealed envelope
No.1 shall receive (3) votes
No.2 (2) votes, and

- No.3 (1) vote
- 72.2 Voting for these awards shall be suspended for any round of roster games when players of the League are engaged in League representative games.
- 72.3 At the end of the final round of each season's roster games the votes awarded in each Senior Men, Senior Women, Development, Colts and Under-age competitions shall be counted and the player receiving the highest total of votes shall receive the award.
- 72.4 In the event of more than one player receiving the highest total of votes those players shall be declared joint winners and receive identical awards. A count-back shall not be used to determine a winner.
- 72.5 Any player who has been found guilty of an on-field offence that sees them be suspended for a minimum of a week during the period of competition for these trophies shall be ineligible to receive the award. For clarification, players who receive reprimands for on-field offences are still eligible to win best and fairest awards.
- 72.6 The Best and Fairest Awards shall (unless otherwise determined by the Board) be as follows:

Senior Mens

Season	-	Darrel Baldock Medal
Grand Final	-	Wayne Wing Medal
Representative Game	-	Paddy Martin Medal

Development

Season	-	Rox Snare Medal
Grand Final	-	Alan Broomhall Medal

Colts

Season	-	Bill Fielding Medal
Grand Final	-	Neil Rawson Medal
Representative Game	-	Ian Wotherspoon Medal

Senior Womens

Season	-	
Grand Final	-	
Representative Game	-	

Under 16 Boys

Season	-	
Grand Final	-	Rex Frankcombe Medal
Representative Game	-	

Under 14 Boys

Season	-	
Grand Final	-	Warren Parker Medal
Representative Game	-	

Under 12

Season	-	
Grand Final	-	Barry Walker Medal
Representative Game	-	

Under 17 Girls

Season	-	
Grand Final	-	
Representative Game	-	

Under 14 Girls

Season	-	
Grand Final	-	
Representative Game	-	

A review of all award names is to be undertaken by the board at a minimum of every 10 years commencing 2016.

73. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

- 73.1 Shall be named after the sponsor and awarded to the Club with the best overall result in the Senior Men, Senior Women, Development, Colts and Under-age roster season. Points are awarded per win. Seniors - 2 points Development - 2 points Colts – 2 points Under-age - 2 points Women – 2 points

74. LEADING GOALKICKERS

Senior Mens

(Sponsors) Trophy

Development

(Sponsors) Trophy

Colts

(Sponsors) Trophy

Senior Womens

(Sponsors) Trophy

Under 16 Boys

(Sponsors) Trophy

Under 14 Boys

(Sponsors) Trophy

Under 12

(Sponsors) Trophy

Under 17 Girls

(Sponsors) Trophy

Under 14 Girls

(Sponsors) Trophy

75. BEST FIRST YEAR PLAYER

- 75.1 Shall be nominated in writing by a club and selected by the Executive. To be eligible a player must not have played more than five (5) League Senior games or at a level equivalent to or higher than that prior to the current season.
- 75.2 There shall be no more than two (2) recipients per year.

76. MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

- 76.1 Shall be nominated in writing by a club and selected by the Executive. The award shall be open to all League players.
- 76.2 There shall be no more than two (2) recipients per year.

77. PATRON'S AWARD

- 77.1 Shall be nominated in writing by a club or the executive and be selected by the Executive. It shall be awarded to people who have given outstanding service to Australian football generally, the League specifically or to a League Club.
- 77.2 There shall be no more than two (2) awards per year.
- 77.3 All previous nominees are available for re-consideration in any future year, without being re-nominated.

78. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

- 78.1 Shall be nominated in writing by a club or the executive and be selected by the Executive. It shall be awarded to people who have contributed to Australian football or the League or their Club over a long period.
- 78.2 There shall be no more than five (5) recipients per year.
- 78.3 All previous nominees are available for re-consideration in any future year, without being re-nominated.

79. NWFL AMBASSADOR RULES

- 79.1 The Executive shall appoint a committee to oversee the "Ambassador" Quest. Such committee shall not exceed five (5) people and should include the reigning ambassador.
- 79.2 The committee shall appoint a judging panel. Judging shall include a club assessment, interview (both formal and informal) and other requirements as determined by the committee.
- 79.3 The person adjudged the most suitable to represent the league shall be awarded the title "NWFL Ambassador".
- 79.4 The committee may also make an award to the person deemed runner-up in the quest.
- 79.5 Entrants in the award shall:
- 79.5.1 Be between the age of seventeen (17) and twenty eight (28) as at the date of the first roster match of the season or as determined by the board
- 79.5.2 Not be limited by gender or marital status.
- 79.5.3 Only be eligible for two (2) consecutive years.
- 79.5.4 Nominate a co-ordinator, with contact details provided to the committee.
- 79.5.5 Be appointed by their club with details supplied to the committee by June 30
- 79.6 Each clubs' "Ambassador" committee shall pay a levy (see Appendix 1) to the league by June 30 to help cover costs of publicising, promoting, crowning the ambassadors.
- 79.7 Clubs shall be responsible for ensuring that those involved with their Ambassador Quest committees are aware of and adhere to the above Rule and Regulation Failure to do so may render a club ambassador ineligible for consideration as a winner.

80. HALL OF FAME

- 80.1 The Executive shall determine the list of nominees and select the inductees for that year.
- 80.2 Nominations shall be made in July each year.
- 80.3 Nominations from clubs shall be in writing.
- 80.4 All previous nominees are available for re-consideration in any future year, without being re-nominated.
- 80.5 There shall be no more than three (3) inductees in any given year.
- 80.6 A person elected to the Hall of Fame shall each season receive a pass entitling them to free admission to all matches played under the auspices of the NWFL in that season.

Category One: Any player who has competed in 300 senior roster, finals and/or combined matches with a minimum of 200 at NWFL level.

Explanation: This represents a minimum of 10 years' service to the NWFL.

Category Two: Any player who has represented the NWFL combined senior team in five separate years. NB: Pre-season exhibition matches against Essendon (1987 & 1988) and North Hobart (1990) are **NOT** included in players aggregate.

Explanation: This recognises top level players, who have still given a minimum five years' service to the NWFL.

Category Three: Any coach (playing and/or non-playing) who has competed in 200 senior roster, finals and/or combined matches.

Explanation: This also represents a minimum of 10 years' service. Matches coached in competitions outside the NWFL are not to be included.

Category Four: Any player who wins multiple NWFL senior fairest and best season awards.

Explanation: This rewards the recognised best player in the competition, who has backed up one successful season with another, therefore outlining their talent.

Category Five: Any player who has kicked 500 goals at senior NWFL level.

Explanation: Based on the premise that a "good average" player may kick 40 goals a season, this category rewards a player who take 10 seasons or more to reach that figure but may fall short on 300 games and therefore would miss Category One.

Category Six: Any umpire (field, boundary or goal) who has officiated in 300 senior roster, finals and/or combined matches, with a minimum of 200 at NWFL level.

Explanation: Similar to Category One, in that represents a minimum of 10 years' service to the NWFL.

Category Seven: Any individual club president or secretary who has given a minimum of 10 years service to his club since 1987.

Explanation: This category rewards longevity and loyalty.

Category Eight: Any NWFL appointed president, independent delegate, paid official, club delegate, tribunal panelist, permit appeals member, Umpires Appointment Panel member, historian, Ambassador Quest co-ordinator, Promotions committee, Registrar, marketing personnel, and/or administration assistants, who have served the NWFL for a minimum of 10 years since 1987.

Explanation: Similar to Category Eight, although this is outside of club level and instead recognises service to the League and not necessarily to an individual club. NB: Paid officials of the League should not be excluded from this category.

Category Nine: Any individual media representative (Press, Radio & Television), who has provided the NWFL with a minimum of 10 years publicity since 1987.

Explanation: This rewards individual media personnel, who have shown the NWFL loyalty over a substantial length of time.

Category Ten: Any sponsor (company or individual representative) who has provided the NWFL with a minimum of 10 years sponsorship since 1987.

Explanation: Similar to Category 10, in rewarding loyalty, however this centres mainly on companies.

Category Eleven: Miscellaneous recognition to be awarded as the NWFL Executive sees fit. This category could include doctors, runners, trainers etc.... to the NWFL combined team or nominations from individual clubs.

Explanation: This category should cover all those persons who may miss any of the above categories for a variety of reasons and have been placed in the "too hard basket."

81. MATTERS NOT COVERED BY COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

- 81.1 An infringement of or offence against the Constitution and Competition Rules & Regulations or the Laws of Australian Football shall, where no other penalty is provided, be punishable by such disqualification and or fine as the Executive or Board may see fit.

82. JUNIOR COMPETITION SPECIFIC RULES

- 82.1 The League will supply all clubs the Interchanger app that is to be used to record interchanges during all junior games to ensure that all junior players receive fair game time. This information will be monitored by the League and any blatant disregard for shared game time may result in the loss of four (4) premiership points. Any club found to be in breach of the above or not using the app will be fine (see Appendix 1).
- 82.2 Clubs may seek permission to have players that are just out of there age group play in the next applicable lower age group. Permission is to be sought from the Junior Match Committee. This is in line with the AFL National Age Dispensation Policy. This will only be granted at the discretion of the Junior Match Committee and must have reasoning as to why said player should be dispensed to play down an age group. This will only be granted where numbers are an issue, or the players have no other options within their club or at the discretion of the Junior Match Committee. The form to submit to the Junior Match Committee can be found in Appendix 15.
- 82.3 The Mercy Rule is to operate in the Under 12 and Under 14 girls competitions, when score difference reaches 60 points, scoring is to cease and that is the score that is to be published with goalkickers to reflect the score at that time. Goals after this time are to be kept as normal on the team sheet and will be recorded for competition goal kicking awards.
- 82.4 Player numbers on the ground in junior football are to be always equal with no exceptions. E.g. if Team A has only 14 players and Team B has 24 then players from team B MUST play with Team A and make Team A up to at least 18 players so they can play 16 with 2 interchange. If Players from Team B will not transfer across for the game, then both teams will play only 14 players and no interchange. We have used the number 14 as this is the least number that a game can commence if the numbers are 15, 16 or 17 the same will rule apply. Any team not abiding by this rule will be dealt with by the Junior Match Committee and may lose premiership points.
- 82.5 All coaches involved in all under-age and colts competitions (U12, U14 Boys, U16 Boys, U14 Girls, U17 Girls and Colts) fall under the demerit point system for coaches. Coaches who accrue 10 points over one season are in breach of the demerit points system and are required to meet with the relevant Match Committee to discuss the reason a coach has accumulated so many points. The full demerit point system can be found under Appendix 13. Potential sanctions may also be handed down, including suspension.