AFL Gippsland

2. Allowable Player Payment Rule

BY LAWS
1. AFL Gippsland Allowable Player Payments Rule

AFL Gippsland (AFLG) have adopted the AFL Victoria Allowable Player Payment Rule. AFLG affiliated leagues and clubs must comply with the provisions of the Rule.

2.1 Jurisdiction of AFL Gippsland Commission – Allowable Player Payment variation under APP Rule 3(a)

2.1.1 Within 60 days of being made notified by the AFLG Commission of the Allowable Player Payments for any Football Year a Club may make application in writing to the AFLG Region General Manager for an increase in the Allowable Player Payment to apply to that Club.

2.1.2 The application must set out the Club’s reasons for seeking an increase in the Allowable Player Payment to apply to that Club and particularly should address the factors set out in Clause 3(a)(iv) of the Allowable Player Payment Rules and be accompanied by supporting evidence.

2.1.3 AFLG Commission will consider the application within 28 days of receipt by the AFLG Region General Manager.

2.1.4 Decisions of the AFLG Commission will be by majority vote.

2.1.5 AFLG will provide a written response to the Club notifying the decision of the AFLG and will give reasons for the decision.

2.1.6 The decision of the AFLG Commission is final.

2.1.7 Where an application for an increase in the Allowable Player Payment for the Club is granted, AFLG will make this decision public.

2.2 Jurisdiction of AFL Gippsland Commission – Travel & Accommodation Consideration variation under APP Rule 8(d)

2.2.1 A Club may at any time make application for a ruling as to whether any payments, considerations, advantages or other benefits constitute Player Payments and as to their value for the purpose of the Allowable Player Payment Rules.

2.2.2 The application must set out the Club’s reasons for seeking the ruling and be accompanied by all supporting evidence which the Club wants considered.

2.2.3 AFLG Commission will consider the application within 28 days of receipt by the AFLG Region General Manager.

2.2.4 The ruling will be made public.

2.3 Jurisdiction of AFL Gippsland Commission

2.3.1 Clubs may make application in writing to the AFLG Region General Manager for consideration of any other matters relevant to the Allowable Player Payments Rules at any time

2.3.2 The application must set out the Club’s reasons for seeking consideration and be accompanied by all supporting evidence which the Club wants considered.

2.3.3 AFLG Commission will consider the application within 28 days of receipt by the AFLG Region General Manager.

2.3.4 Where a variation is permitted, AFLG shall publish the variations.

2.4 AFLG Allowable Player Payments Rule Investigations

The AFLG may initiate investigations into possible breaches of the Allowable Player Payment Rules.

2.4.1 AFLG Region General Manager may initiate Allowable Player Payment Investigations following:

2.4.1.1 Voluntary disclosure by a Club or Player
2.4.1.2 Assessment of a Club’s Allowable Player Payment Budget declaration;
2.4.1.3 Assessment of a Player or Players’ Contracts;
2.4.1.4 Assessment of a Club’s Allowable Player Payment Budget declaration and Player Contracts;
2.4.1.5 Assessment of the evidence provided of an alleged Allowable Player Payment breach by an affiliated club or league initiated under 2.5, AFLG Alleged Allowable Player Payment Breach Investigation Request

2.4.2 The AFLG Commission may randomly select Clubs for investigation without any allegation of possible breaches of the Allowable Player Payment Rules for the purpose of checking for compliance with the Allowable Player Payment Rules.

2.5 AFLG Alleged Allowable Player Payment Breach Investigation Request
2.5.1 An AFLG member Club or League may lodge a notice in writing with AFLG Region General Manager outlining the particulars of an alleged breach in the Allowable Player Payment Rule by an AFLG Club or Player
2.5.2 The affiliated club or league lodging the notice must provide supporting evidence of the alleged breach.
2.5.3 A sum of $2,500 must accompany the notice which shall be fully refundable by the AFLG Commission should the allegation not be deemed frivolous or vexatious. If the allegation is deemed frivolous or vexatious, the AFLG Commission may refund all or part of the sum in their absolute discretion
2.5.4 AFLG Region General Manager shall refer the allegation and its evidence to the AFLG Commission within 7 days of receipt
2.5.5 The AFLG Commission shall determine if the allegation is to be referred to an Investigation. The decision of the AFLG Commission will be final and binding.
2.5.6 Where an Investigation has occurred and charges are laid against a Club and or player(s) and the charge is found proven at a Hearing of the Disciplinary Committee, the Disciplinary Committee may order that the offending Club or player pay all or part of the costs of the investigation.