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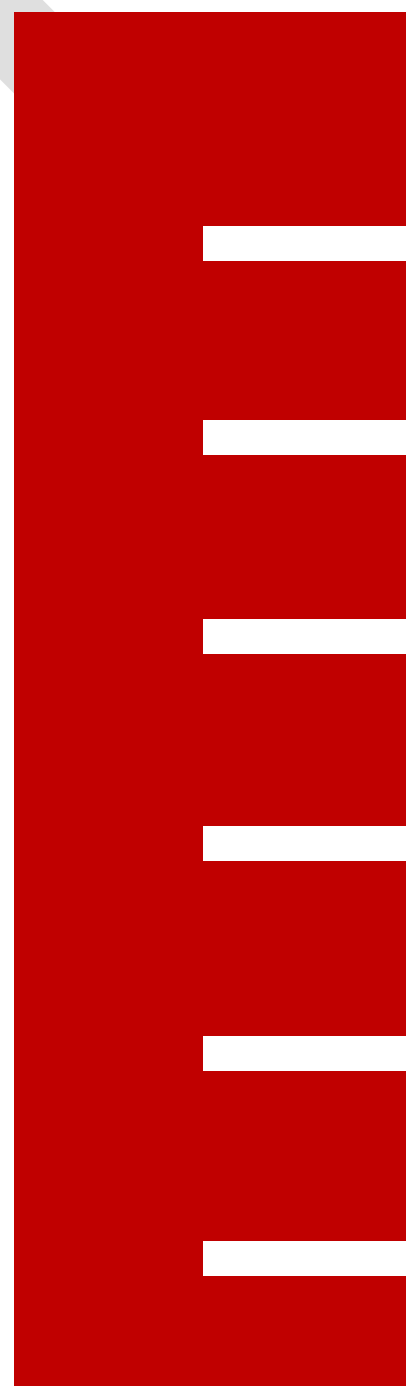




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1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The South Australian Women's Football League (SAWFL), hereafter in these By-Laws referred to as "The League" is an affiliated body of the South Australian Amateur Football League (SAAFL) and as such is bound by the Laws of Australia Football, published annually by the Australian Football League (AFL).

2. ALTERATIONS TO THE BY-LAWS

- 2.1. These By-Laws can be altered, rescinded or added to at any time by the SAWFL Board or at an Annual General Meeting.

3. ADMISSION & MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1. A Member Club seeking renewal of its membership with The League for the next playing season shall make its application on part 1 the affiliation form prescribed by The League and this shall be received by The League not later than the 31st day of November of the year preceding that to which renewal is sought.
- 3.2. A club seeking admission to The League shall make its application on part 1 of the affiliation form prescribed by The League and this shall be received by The League not later than 31st day of November of the year preceding that to which admission is sought.
- 3.3. All clubs seeking renewal/admission to The League must also:
 - a) Indicate on the affiliation form the teams that it desires to field in The League.
 - b) Nominate the division/s in which each team desires to compete.
 - c) Attach to the affiliation form the design or photos of its proposed uniform for each team, including guernsey, shorts and socks.
 - d) Disclose on the affiliation form the name of a Delegate and Proxy Delegate who will be responsible for attending and when required, voting on behalf of the Member Club's, at meetings held by The League, including but not limited to Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, Club Forums and Delegates Meetings.
 - e) Disclose any other information that from time to time The League directs to form part of the affiliation process.
 - f) Pay an affiliation fee as determined by The League.
- 3.4. The League shall approve the applicant club's uniform including, if applicable, its away match uniform.
- 3.5. All clubs seeking renewal/admission to The League has until 31st day of January in the year to which the renewal/admission is sought, to withdraw a team or teams.
- 3.6. In the event that a club withdraws a team or teams after the 31st day of January, it shall pay a fee to The League as determined by The League.



- 3.7. In the event that a club withdraws a team or teams during the season, it shall pay part of or total of the annual affiliation fee as The League may see fit.
- 3.8. For the purpose of considering any club's application for renewal/admission to The League, The League retains the right to examine and inspect the club's records, oval/s, change rooms, clubroom and facilities, and make any recommendations as it sees fit concerning such club's oval/s, change rooms, club room and facilities.
- 3.9. Where the applicant club has more than one team desiring to compete in The League, The League may reject such application in respect of one or more of the applicant club's teams.
- 3.10. The decision of The League shall be final in respect of whether the club's application for renewal/admission is accepted or rejected.

4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. Any member of The League may submit to the SAWFL Board in writing, before 31st July, a proposal for Life Membership to a member who has given long and continued service to The League.
- 4.2. The SAWFL Board will review such nominations and those accepted will be brought before and presented at the SAWFL Presentation Night.
- 4.3. Life Members of The League, duly appointed in accordance with the By-Laws cannot be required to pay fees or subscriptions (other than fees that are required to be paid by a Participant in her capacity as a player).
- 4.4. A Life Member shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting, and shall be entitled to be heard, vote and receive notices.
- 4.5. Any player who has played more than 200 games for The League is to be considered for Life Membership.
- 4.6. Any non-playing member of The League may also be considered for Life Membership, after having served 10 consecutive years of continued and diligent service to The League.
- 4.7. Clubs cannot propose more than two (2) people for consideration for Life Membership in any year. This does not include those persons addressed in Section 4.5. clause
- 4.8. A Life Membership nomination form can be downloaded from www.sawfl.org.au

5. UNIFORMS

- 5.1. Upon The League approving a clubs application for renewal/admission to The League, the colour and design of the uniform disclosed on the affiliation form shall be deemed to be the registered uniform of that Member Club.



- 5.2. Any changes of a Member Club's uniform, or any additional new uniform/s, must be submitted to The League prior to the 28th day of February in that particular season and shall be approved by The League.
- 5.3. Any special round uniform must be submitted to The League at least 14 days prior to the match special round match being played and shall be approved by The League.
- 5.4. Unless The League determines otherwise, each and every player participating in a match of The League shall wear the registered uniform of their Member Club.
- 5.5. Players representing Member Clubs during matches of The League shall wear approved SAWFL licensed apparel.
- 5.6. The playing number shall be securely fixed to the back of all players' guernseys for all matches of The League.
- 5.7. All Member Club playing apparel shall be purchased through the approved SAWFL licensed apparel partners.
- 5.8. All Member Club playing apparel (guernseys, shorts, socks) shall be designed as per the specifications below.
 - a) The League and/or Competition sponsor logo/s in full colour shall be positioned on the guernsey, shorts and socks in accordance with the SAWFL Playing Apparel Design Requirements document available from The League or at www.sawfl.org.au
 - b) Guernseys: The SAWFL logo in full colour shall be positioned on the front right side of the guernsey.
 - c) Shorts: the SAWFL Logo in full colour shall be placed on the side panel.
 - d) Socks: The SAWFL logo shall be half way up the sock from the start of the ankle including the turn down or foot. The SAWFL Logo shall be placed on both sides of the sock and not on the front or back of the sock.
 - e) All playing apparel shall be badged with the South Australian Community Football League (SACFL) logo.
- 5.9. The League may impose a fine upon a Member Club for each player infringing any provisions of Sections 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7 and 5.8.

6. UNIFORM CLASHES

- 6.1. A Member Club shall have a uniform design approved by The League to differentiate it from that of another Member Club's uniform.
- 6.2. In the event of The League determining that uniforms of any two Member Clubs playing each other in any official match of The League clash, the provisions of Section 6.3 shall apply.
- 6.3. Where the colours of the shorts of two opposing teams clash, the away team shall change shorts to remove any clash, The Member Club designated as playing away from its home ground shall change its guernseys and/or shorts for that match so as to remove the clash, except for major round matches where the lowest ranked team for the match shall change.
- 6.4. The League may impose a fine upon a Member Club for each player infringing Section 6.3.



- 6.5. Should a dispute arise as to any determination made pursuant to Section 6.2 and/or 6.3 hereof a decision shall be obtained from The League.
- 6.6. Should any Member Club have a guernsey clash, such Member Club may hire a set of guernseys from The League:
 - a) A fee shall be invoiced to the Member Club for the loan of these guernseys.
 - b) A further fee shall be invoiced for any damaged or non-return of any guernseys.
 - c) All guernseys shall be returned to the League by no later than the Tuesday afternoon following the match in which they were used, in a clean and dry condition.

7. PROVISION OF FOOTBALLS

- 7.1. Member Clubs shall be responsible for purchasing the official match balls of The League as prescribed by The League for that particular season.
- 7.2. The required ball size for each competition is prescribed in Section 11.
- 7.3. It is the responsibility of the home team to provide the ball for the match, which is to be approved by the Umpires.
- 7.4. In the event that a match is played away from both Member Clubs' respective home grounds, each Member Club shall supply one match ball, which shall be approved by the Umpires.
- 7.5. Unless the captains agree to a change, the same ball shall be used throughout the match.
- 7.6. The League will provide balls for the Finals series in each competition.

8. ACCREDITATION OF OFFICIALS

- 8.1. The appointed coach of each team of all Member Clubs shall have SANFL Level 1 Coaching Accreditation within 12 months of a SAWFL coaching appointment.
- 8.2. If an appointed coach continues to coach having not obtained the necessary accreditation as prescribed in Section 8.1, The League shall have the power to impose a penalty or fine upon the unaccredited coach and/or such coach's Member Club.
- 8.3. An appointed sports trainer of any team of any Member Club shall have a current Senior First Aid, CPR Certificate and Level 1 Sports Trainers Accreditation at the commencement of the current season.
- 8.4. If an appointed sports trainer has not obtained the necessary accreditation as prescribed in Section 8.3, The League shall have the power to impose a penalty or fine upon the unaccredited sports trainer and/or such sport trainer's Member Club.
- 8.5. A Member Club umpire shall obtain a Level 1 Accreditation once such umpire has umpired five or more SAWFL games.



- 8.6. All persons who are, or will be, appointed to an official role within a Member Club including:
- Committee Members,
 - All Coaches,
 - Team Managers,
 - Sports Trainers, and
 - Any other Match Day Official
- must, upon their appointment to such role, successfully complete and obtain an accreditation certificate through the online Play By The Rules 'Child Protection' & 'Harassment and Discrimination' training (link to training website: <http://www.playbytherules.net.au/component/content/article/45-online-learning/1303>)
- 8.7. If a person appointed to an official role has not obtained necessary accreditation as prescribed in Section 8.6, The League shall have the power to impose a penalty or fine upon the unaccredited person and/or such person's Member Club.
- 8.8. A Member Club shall provide proof of accreditation for its coaches, sports trainers and persons appointed to official roles at the request of The League within 48 hours of such request.
- 8.9. In accordance with Section 32 all Member Clubs are required to conduct an assessment of the criminal history of every person who is, or will be, engaged to work with children in the club and its affiliated associations. As part of this process, persons within a Members Club may be required to obtain a National Police Certificate before being appointed to a role. Refer to Section 32 for requirements.

9. REGISTRATIONS & TRANSFERS

- 9.1. It is compulsory for all players and officials, including Team Managers, Coaches, Sports Trainers and Runners, and where possible the Water Carriers, Volunteers and Umpires, to be registered with The League on the League's online data management system, FootyWeb, in order to participate in any match organised by The League.
- 9.2. It is compulsory for all players and officials, including Team Managers, Coaches, Sports Trainers and Runners, and where possible the Water Carriers, Volunteers and Umpires, to be registered with The League on the League's online data management system, FootyWeb, prior to playing/participating in their first club game in each season.
- 9.3. An annual player or member registration fee may be required by The League and will be determined by The Board.
- 9.4. A player desiring to register as a player of The League and whom has played an official match in any other Australian Football league, association or Member Club shall request and obtain a transfer from the league, association or Member Club where such player was last registered.
- 9.5. A Member Club of The League is not permitted to accept the transfer of more than five players from other Member Clubs of The League during the period of 1st October to 30th September in any year.



- 9.6. A Member Club of The League is not permitted to accept the transfer of more than two players from any one Member Club of The League during the period of 1st October to 30th September in any year.
- 9.7. Exemptions to Sections 9.5 and 9.6 may apply in special circumstances or in the case of hardship, which shall be directed to The League in writing. Such application for exemption will be either accepted or denied by The League at its discretion.
- 9.8. Any player registration and transfer form shall be lodged into FootyWeb and cleared by the other league, association or Member Club, prior to a player playing a match in The League.
- 9.9. All transfer applications shall be lodged into FootyWeb during the period from the 1st day of February to the 30th day of June in the year in which the transfer application is sought.
- 9.10. A player who is required to obtain a transfer shall complete and sign in their own handwriting a Player Registration and Transfer form (Annex G), and if such player is under 18 years of age, the form shall also be signed by a parent or guardian of the player.
- 9.11. A transfer shall be accepted or declined through FootyWeb within six clear business days, inclusive of the days from when the transfer was requested.
- 9.12. The only reason a clearance may be declined is if the player is unfinancial to its previous Member Club or the Member Club in which the player is transferring to has reached or exceed its limit of player transfers.
- 9.13. Should the releasing Member Club not respond to the transfer request within the time specified in Section 9.11, the player shall be deemed to have been transferred in accordance with Section 9.
- 9.14. Where it is not possible for a player to obtain a transfer under Section 9 because the club, league, association or previous SAWFL Member Club with which the player was last registered has ceased to exist, The League may authorise the transfer of that player.
- 9.15. A player or official, including team managers, coaches, sports trainers, runners, water carriers and volunteers, who is under suspension or disqualification imposed by any other league or association shall be eligible for registration as a player or official of The League but shall be ineligible to play in The League until such disqualification or suspension has:
 - a) Expired within the league or association from which the player seeks the transfer.
 - b) Been suspended.
 - c) Been annulled by such other league or association.
- 9.16. It shall be each Member Clubs' obligation to ensure that:
 - a) The Parent/Guardian's permission has been received for all players aged under 18 years of age via the FootyWeb online registration system.
 - b) All players are registered and transferred in accordance Section 9.
 - c) Proof of registrations, transfers and/or Parent/Guardian consent is provided at the request of The League within 48 hours of such request.
 - d) All players and officials including Team Managers, Coaches, Sports Trainers, Runners, Water Carriers, Volunteers and Umpires adhere to the Code of Conduct (Annex B) standards required by The League.
- 9.17. The League may impose a fine and/or penalty including but not limited to the loss of any premiership points and/or any scores kicked if any Member Club and/or player:



- a) Lists incorrect information on a player's Player Registration and Transfer form or provides incorrect information into FootyWeb.
- b) Does not register or transfer/clear a player in accordance with Section 9.
- c) Plays a player in a match whom has not been registered or transferred/cleared in accordance with Section 9.
- d) Plays a player in a match whom has been suspended, does not meet the age requirements for the competition as prescribed in Section 11, or is not eligible to play in the match (e.g. in the major round).

9.18. The League shall be entitled to withdraw or rescind a player registration or transfer.

10. FEES & FINES

- 10.1. Member Club annual fees for all competitions do not include umpires' fees for any matches played in The League.
- 10.2. Each Member Club shall pay their annual affiliation fees in four instalments which are due and payable by 30th April, 31st May, 30th June and 31st July each year.
- 10.3. A Member Club may apply in writing for alternative payment methods which shall be considering by The League provided the application is made no later than seven days prior to the due date of the payment.
- 10.4. Umpires fees are to be paid by the home Member Clubs in cash at the conclusion of each match in accordance with the Umpires Fees for the particular season (list of fees available from www.sawfl.org.au) and clubs are encouraged to utilise the Umpires Payment Form as part of the payment process (Annex H).
- 10.5. In all finals matches, the cost of the Umpires will be shared by both teams.
- 10.6. Any additional Member Club related charges as determined by The League shall be added each season when applicable.
- 10.7. The League may impose a fine on a Member Club, player or official for breaching of failing to comply with The League's Constitution, By-Laws or policies and/or in accordance with the Fines List (Annex A).
- 10.8. The League, The Board, the Tribunal or an official League Investigation Committee may also impose a fine not listed on the Fines List to a Member Club, official, coach or player for breaching or failing to comply with The League's Constitution, By-Laws and/or policies.
- 10.9. A financial penalty may be imposed by The League on any outstanding fee or fine as determined by The League
- 10.10. Any Member Club failing to pay any fee, fine or other payment for which the Member Club is liable by the due date as determined by The League may be deemed unfinancial and all teams of the Member Club may be suspended by The League until such monies are paid.
- 10.11. Any unfinancial Member Club which is deemed unfinancial may not be permitted to participate in any further matches of the League, including major round matches. The team which the defaulting Member Club is due to play shall be awarded the match.



10.12. Any unfinancial Member Club's application for renewal of membership to The League for the following season shall not be accepted until any outstanding amount/s is paid.

10.13. Member Clubs may appeal a fine issues by The League subject to:

- a) Any appeal against a fine shall be lodged in writing to The League within seven days of the date of issue of such fine.
- b) The appeal against a fine shall be signed by the President or Chairman of the Member Club forwarding the appeal.

11. MATCH RULES

11.1. Subject to the modifications and additions to the By-Laws specifically provided herein, all matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football as adopted from time to time by the Australian Football League.

11.2. The content of The League's By-Laws takes precedence over the Laws of Australian Football in any match of The League.

11.3. All matches including major rounds shall commence at the time and venue stipulated by The League.

11.4. If a Member Club wishes to propose a change to a match date, time or location, this shall be carried out in accordance with Section 15.

11.5. Member Clubs may request an entrance fee donation but may not enforce such fee upon any person attending any match of The League.

11.6. Member Clubs may impose a fee for car park entry into Member Club grounds.

11.7. Alcohol or any drinks in glass are not permitted to be taken onto the playing field at any time during any match of The League.

11.8. Oval lighting for a night match shall be in accordance with the Australian Standard for Sports Lighting and a copy of the appropriate current accordance approval shall be submitted to The League prior to any official match being played as a night match.

11.9. Filming any part of the playing field and/or play during a match of The League is permitted.

11.10. Variation of Team Numbers

- a) For designated competitions and for development purposes The League may reduce the number of players on the field.
- b) On agreement of both coaches, and in the spirit of the AFL, games may be played with even numbers on the field and interchange numbers to suit.
- c) Refer to Section 11 for further rules relating to team numbers.

11.11. Jumper Number Change



- a) Should circumstances require a player's number to be changed, the team runner should advise the field Umpire during the next interval, or at the first available opportunity if the change occurs during the final quarter.

11.12. Team Manager

- a) Team Managers are not permitted to enter the field of play or engage in conversation in regard to decisions made by the Umpires.

11.13. Captain

- a) The team captain is the only player or official allowed to communicate messages to the Umpires during the quarter, half-time or three quarter time breaks.

11.14. Time Keepers

- a) Each team shall appoint a timekeeper whose duties shall be as follows.
 - a. To keep the time of each quarter on time cards, complete the time cards and forward them to the Secretary of The League or another nominated body.
 - b. To sound a siren at the start and finish of each quarter, and to keep sounding it until the field Umpire notifies them that he/she has heard it.
 - c. To add time on to the playing time of the quarter whenever directed to do so by the field Umpire, for injuries.
 - d. In the case of the field Umpire failing to signal the completion of the time added period, or that the time-keepers fail to hear the whistle to signify the end of this period, they shall stop adding "Time On" when they see that the ball is again in play.
 - e. The field Umpire shall instruct the timekeepers to add "Time On" when play is unduly delayed through serious injury or player send off.

11.15. Sports Trainer

- a) The official Sports Trainer of a team shall wear the official attire prescribed by The League in accordance with Annex I and be easily identifiable by the Umpire and his/her name shall appear on the team sheet of his/her team.
- b) Team Trainers do not need to pass through the interchange area to enter or leave the playing field.

11.16. Team Runners

- a) The official runner of a team must wear the uniform determined by The League in accordance with Annex I and be easily identifiable by the Umpire and his/her name shall appear on the team sheet of his/her team.
- b) On-field communication between Runners and Coaches is not to be made by any electronic means.
- c) Team Runners are to deliver their messages to a maximum of two (2) players and then immediately leave the playing arena. They are not permitted to shout words of encouragement to their players or derogatory remarks to opposition players.
- d) Team Runners do not need to pass through the interchange area to enter or leave the playing field.

11.17. Water Carriers

- a) The official Water Carriers of a team shall wear the official attire prescribed by The League in accordance with Annex I and be easily identifiable by the Umpire and his/her name shall appear on the team sheet of his/her team.

- b) Water Carriers do not need to pass through the interchange area to enter or leave the playing field.

11.18. Interchange Steward and Interchange Rules

- a. An Interchange Steward shall wear the official attire as prescribed in Annex I.
- b. The home team shall appoint an Interchange Steward.
- c. A fifteen (15) metre section of the boundary line of the playing field must be marked clearly by the home Member Club as the interchange area and where possible be centralised between the two (2) coach's boxes on the boundary line of the playing field.
- d. The Interchange Steward must record on the interchange card:
 - i. all Category A and/or Category B report(s).
 - ii. an interchange breach (if applicable).
 - iii. a player sent from the playing field under the blood rule or
 - iv. a player removed from the playing field on a stretcher.
- e. A player may leave the playing field while play is in progress and be replaced (interchanged), unless sent off under a 'Category A' offence or for a second 'Category B' offence in the match being played through the interchange area unless:
 - i. The player exits across the boundary line at any area of the playing field on a stretcher.
 - ii. The player exits across the boundary line at any area of the playing field other than the interchange area accompanied by a Member Club official who is officiating the match being played. These officials are either a Match Day Official/Steward or a runner or a member of the training staff, one of whom must signal to the Interchange Steward when the player has exited the playing field by raising their arm while standing alongside the exiting player.
- f. The Interchange Steward must advise an official of the Member Club of one (1) minute prior to when their player is to return to the field if the player is returning from an umpire send-off report or from the compulsory stretcher rule.
- g. The interchange area is the only area a player may enter the playing field when play is in progress.
- h. Where a player does not enter the playing field through the interchange area the Interchange Steward and/or field umpire shall report the circumstances, including the score at the time, to The League. The League may impose a fine and/or penalty as it deems appropriate.

11.19. Match Day Steward/Ground Marshall

- a) The Match Day Steward of a team shall wear the official attire prescribed by The League in accordance with Annex I.
- b) Each Club shall appoint a Match Day Steward/Ground Marshall who is responsible for the following:
 - a) Attend the Umpire(s) Room twenty (20) minutes prior to the commencement of the match and introduce themselves to the officiating umpires.
 - b) Escort the umpire(s) onto the field for the commencement of the match and on and off the field at the half time break and at the completion of the match.
 - c) Ensure the Captains of the team in the match being played, are the only persons who approach an umpire(s) at quarter, half or three quarter time breaks in regard to any issue their Member Club would like addressed.
 - d) Approach person(s) that are using abusive language and advise them that no swearing or abusive language is permitted.
 - e) Advise a Member Club Official of the potential for the Member Club to be fined.
 - f) Advise the person(s) that the Member Club is reported for bad language, abusive, aggressive or threatening behaviour towards another person(s).
 - g) Use an umpire report form to record such report(s).

- h) Ensure that spectators are kept behind the spectator defined line.
 - i) Ensure that Member Club coaches and officials are kept within their defined area.
 - j) Ensure alcohol is not consumed in the defined non-alcohol consumption areas.
 - k) Ensure no alcoholic or any drinks in glass are taken onto the playing field at any time.
 - l) Ensure no Member Club officials, players or supporters enter the umpire(s) rooms without the umpire's permission.
 - m) Ensure payment is made to each League appointed umpire(s) an amount prescribed by The League in cash and in a separate envelope within 15 minutes of the completion of the match in a respectful and professional manner and ensure that the Umpire(s) Proof of Payment form is signed by each umpire.
- c) The League may impose a fine to a Member Club found guilty of breaching its responsibilities in relation to any of the above.

11.20. Scoreboard Attendant

- a) The home team shall supply a scoreboard attendant.

11.21. Home Team Responsibilities

- a) In addition to supplying the officials as prescribed in Section 11, the home team is responsible for supplying for each match:
 - a. Goal posts and pads
 - b. Goals flags
 - c. Line marking
 - d. Stretcher
 - e. Siren/horn/bell
 - f. Accessible coach's boxes
 - g. Umpires payments
 - h. Match day paperwork including:
 - i. At least three copies of the home team's team sheet (one copy for home team, one copy for opposition team, one copy for umpires)
 - ii. Central umpires report forms (where possible)
 - iii. Umpires report cards (where possible)
 - iv. At least five scorecards
 - v. Umpires voting slips
 - vi. SAAFL branded envelopes
 - i. Member Clubs can source copies of the above (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) from the SAAFL office.
 - j. Refer to the SAWFL Game Day Checklist for more detailed information and recommendations – http://www.sportingpulse.com/get_file.cgi?id=3407213

11.22. 25-Metre and 50-Metre Penalties

- 1.1.1. Where a Field umpire has awarded a Free Kick or a mark to a Player, the Field Umpire shall also award a 25-metre Penalty in favour of that Player if the Field Umpire is of the opinion that any Player or Official from the opposing side:
- a) has encroached the mark;
 - b) engages in Time Wasting;
 - c) uses abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards the Umpire;
 - d) behaves in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards an umpire or disputes the decision of an Umpire;

- e) enters the Protected Area, except when the Player is accompanying or following within 5 metres of their opponent;
- f) has not returned the football directly and on the full to the Player awarded the Free Kick or Mark;
- g) engages in any other conduct for which a Free Kick would ordinarily be awarded;
- h) when not in the immediate contest, holds a Player after that Player has Marked the football or who has been awarded a Free Kick; or
- i) Player in the contest who unreasonable holds a Player after that Player has Marked the football or who has been awarded a Free Kick.

1.1.2.A 50-metre penalty shall be enforced by a field umpire as a result of a player count as per Section 17.2 and 17.3.

1.1.3. When the Field Umpire imposes a 25-metre or 50-metre Penalty, the following procedure shall apply:

- a) the Field Umpire shall signal to the Timekeeper to stop the clock used for the timing of the Match for such time as it takes to impose the 25-metre or 50-metre Penalty;
- b) the Field Umpire shall advance the mark by 25-metres/50-metres in a direct line with the centre of the Goal Line; and
- c) if the Player who is obtaining the benefit of the 25-metre/50-metre Penalty is less than 25-metres/50-metres from the Goal Line, the mark shall become the centre of the Goal Line.

11.23. Age Policy

- a) The age requirements for each competition are stated within the Sub-Rules for each competition under Section 11.
- b) A Member Club shall provide proof of age and/or identity at the request of The League within 48 hours of such request. Approved methods of proof of age and/or identity are a photographic form of identity displaying a date of birth, e.g. Driver's Licence, Passport or Student Card, or a birth certificate.
- c) A Member Club that wishes to apply for one of its player to be dispensated up or down to an age group that better suits the player's size and/or experience must adhere to the Dispensation Policy set out in Annex F.

11.24. Open Women's Competition Sub-Rules

- a) For a player to be eligible to play in the Open Women's Competition she must be 16 years of age or older as at 1st January in the year of the competition.
- b) A match will be played on a full sized field.
- c) A size 4.5 match ball must be used in an Open Women's Competition match and such ball must adhere to the requirements prescribed in Section 7.
- d) A team may field a maximum of 18 players in a match with four players on the bench.
- e) A minimum of 14 players per team must take to the field to constitute a match.
- f) If a team takes to the field with 14 to 15 players then the opposing side is to take to the field with a maximum of 16 players.
- g) If a team takes to the field with 16 players then the opposing side can take to the field with a maximum of 18 players.
- h) The interchange shall vary between 4 and 8 players depending on the number of players on field but a team cannot at any time exceed 22 players.
- i) A match will be considered a forfeit if a team cannot field a minimum of 14 players at the scheduled time of commencement of the game.
- j) Matches shall be 4 x 20 minutes quarters. The League may, in extenuating circumstances reduce such time.



- k) Breaks shall not exceed five minutes at quarter time, 10 minutes at half time and five minutes at three quarter time.
- l) In the event of a finals game being drawn at the end of play, the teams will play a further 5 minutes each way. At the end of these 10 minutes if the game is still drawn the team to score a goal first will win.

11.25. Under 18 Girls Competition

- a) Subject to the modifications and additions to the Sub-Rules specifically provided herein, all Under 18 Girls Competition matches shall be subject to the SAWFL By-Laws and the AFL Youth Match Program.
- b) For a player to be eligible to play in this competition she must be:
 - i. At least 15 years old as at 1st January in the year of the competition. Exemptions may apply for underage players, please refer to the SAWFL By-Laws – Annex F Dispensation Policy.
 - ii. Under the age of 18 years as at 1st January in the year of the competition.
- c) Overage players are not permitted in this competition.
- d) Provided they meet the age requirements, a player is allowed to play in both the Under 18 Girls Competition and Open Women's Competition in the same round.
- e) The competition will be played on a reduced sized playing field which will be approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a full sized oval. If the number of players to take the field is fifteen (15) or above the field will be extended to a full oval.
- f) A size 4.5 match ball must be used in an Under 18 Girls Competition match and such ball must adhere to the requirements prescribed in Section 7.
- g) The game time will be 4 x 15 minute quarters with no time on. Breaks shall be three (3) minutes at quarter time, nine (9) minutes at half time and six (6) minutes at three quarter time.
- h) A minimum of nine (9) players per team must take to the field to constitute a match.
- i) At any time the interchange may have six (6) players.
- j) Each team must play with an equal number of players (9-18 on the field) throughout the competition this includes minor rounds and Finals matches.
- k) If a player leaves the field due to injury and there is no replacement available, at the quarter, half time or three quarter break, the opposing team is required to remove one of their players from the playing field to ensure the number of players on each team remains the same.
- l) This clause shall not apply when a player is sent from the field by an officiating field umpire.
- m) A match will be considered a forfeit if one of the Under 18 Teams cannot field a minimum of nine (9) players at the scheduled time of commencement of the game.
- n) Kicking off the ground is allowed.
- o) Any penalty will be a 25-metre penalty even on a full oval.

11.26. Under 15 Girls Competition

- a) Subject to the modifications and additions to the Sub-Rules specifically provided herein, all Under 15 Girls Competition matches shall be subject to the SAWFL By-Laws and the AFL Youth Match Program.
- b) For a player to be eligible to play in this competition she must be:
 - i. At least 12 years old as at 1st January in the year of the competition. Exemptions may apply for underage players, please refer to the SAWFL By-Laws – Annex F Dispensation Policy.
 - ii. Under the age of 15 years as at 1st January in the year of the competition. Exemptions may apply for overage players, please refer to the SAWFL By-Laws – Annex F Dispensation Policy.
- c) The competition will be played as a 9-a-side game and be played on a reduced sized playing field which will be approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a full sized oval.
- d) A size 4 match ball must be used in an Under 15 Girls Competition match and such ball must adhere to the requirements prescribed in Section 7.



- e) The game time will be 4 x 15 minute quarters with no time on. Breaks shall be three (3) minutes at quarter time, nine (9) minutes at half time and six (6) minutes at three quarter time.
- f) Nine (9) players per team must take to the field to constitute a match during the minor rounds and in a Finals match or Knockout Competition/Carnival.
- g) Each team must play with an equal number of players during the minor rounds.
- h) In the event that a team and its opposition both wish to play a game greater than 9-a-side, they must agree upon the number of players per side (no more than 15-a-side) and contact The League 24 hours before the game to seek approval. Please note: the size of the field may be increased to ensure it is appropriate for the number of players per side.
- i) There is no maximum to the number of players on the interchange.
- j) The "no tackling/bumping" rule will be applied to a player who holds a dispensation for playing up. I.e. there are to be no tackles or bumps received or given by this player, and instead a three-second touch rule must be used.
- k) A player who has been dispensated up must identify themselves as per the requirements listed in the SAWFL By-Laws - Annex F Dispensation Policy.
- l) A match will be considered a forfeit if one of the teams cannot field a minimum of nine (9) players at the scheduled time of commencement of the game.
- m) If a player leaves the field due to injury and there is no replacement available, at the quarter, half time or three quarter break, the opposing team is required to remove one of their players from the playing field to ensure the number of players on each team remains the same.
- n) The above clause shall not apply when a player is sent from the field by an officiating field umpire.
- o) Kicking off the ground is not allowed.
- p) While a player in possession of the ball is moving, the player must bounce the ball within 15 metres, irrespective of whether that player is running in a straight line or otherwise. No more than two bounces of the ball are permitted.
- q) Any penalty for will be a 15-metre penalty in a game with less than 12-a-side or a 25-metre penalty in a game with 12-a-side or more.

11.27. The League may implement any special match day rules as it sees fit.

12. HOME CLUB MATCH DAY FORMS

- 12.1. The home Member Club shall provide the following to The League on the Monday after the completion of a match played:
 - a. The Team sheet from both competing teams
 - b. The Umpires' Best & Fairest Voting slip in a sealed envelope
 - c. One official scorecard
 - d. Interchange cards if a player leaves the playing field for a Category A offence, a Category B offence, on a stretcher or because of the Blood Rule
 - e. Any Category A Report
 - f. The Central Umpires' Report Form
- 12.2. Each Member Club in every competition is required to retain a copy of the above listed (a) and (c) until the 1st of November of each playing season.
- 12.3. Fines may apply for not supplying the required match day forms as listed above to The League.

13. MATCH RESULTS

- 13.1. When a match is played, the home Member Club shall enter into FootyWeb before 5:00pm on the Sunday:
 - a. The scores at the end of each quarter
 - b. All goal kickers, and
 - c. The five best players for each competing team for publication in The Advertiser.
- 13.2. Prior to a match being played, the home Member Club shall submit an Australian National Risk Protection Scheme Match Day Checklist Form via the JLT Sport AFL Match Day Checklist App (information available [here](#)) if it is the first Australian Rules football match at that particular venue on that particular day.
- 13.3. The League may impose a fine to any Member Club for failure to supply the match results as directed by The League.

14. FORFEITS

- 14.1. The Member Club that is declaring a forfeit must:
 - a. Advise the opposition team of the forfeit and reason for the forfeit at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time of the match. It is advised that you declare the number of players still available in case a scratch match could be arranged between the two clubs. Please contact The League if you require contact details for the opposition team.
 - b. Advise the Umpires Coordinator. Please contact The League if you require contact details for the Umpires Coordinator.
 - c. Advise The League so that the fixture/results can be updated.
- 14.2. Member Clubs that do not adhere to the above will be fined as per the SAWFL By-Laws Annex A, plus the payment of the Umpires Fees.
- 14.3. The Member Club that has forfeited will receive a ten (10) goal loss and the opposing Member Club will receive a ten (10) goal win.
- 14.4. In the event of a declared forfeit no player statistics / games played / goals scored / premiership points / Umpires best and fairest votes are recorded.
- 14.5. In the event of a declared forfeit by arrangement with Coaches and Team Managers, a team may supply players to the opposition team to facilitate a friendly/ scratch match for the purpose of playing in the spirit of the game.
- 14.6. The League may in its absolute discretion impose a fine, suspend or withdraw from the competition, a team or the Member Club which forfeits three matches or more in a particular competition during any one season and deem such Member Club to be ineligible for any refund of any fees, either paid or due to be paid to The League.

15. MOVING A GAME

- 15.1. Teams that wish to make a change to the date, time and/or location of a home or away game must:
- a) Contact the opposition team and agree upon a new date/time/location for this game. Please contact The League if you require contact details for the opposition team.
 - b) Contact the Umpires Coordinator to ensure that Umpires are available for this new game date/time/location. Please contact The League if you require contact details for the Umpires Coordinator.
 - c) Advise The League of this new game date/time/location once it has been approved by the opposition team and Umpires Coordinator.

16. USE OF STRETCHER

- 16.1. Where a stretcher is required the following procedure shall apply:-
- a) Upon being advised or noticing that a player requires a stretcher, the field umpire(s) shall stop play at the earliest opportunity and unless medical staff consider it unsafe to do so, the player shall be removed from the playing field on the stretcher by the shortest and most direct route.
 - b) A team may replace the injured player with a player listed on its Team Sheet who shall enter the playing surface via the interchange area.
 - c) The replacement player may enter the playing field as soon as the injured player is placed on the stretcher.
 - d) The field umpire(s) shall recommence play only after the player on the stretcher has left the playing field.
 - e) A player whom has been removed from the playing field on a stretcher shall not resume playing for a period of 20 minutes actual playing time (excluding time-on and intervals between quarters) from the time the player left the playing field.
 - f) After such 20-minute period, the player may be interchanged in accordance with the interchange rules as described in Section 11.17, provided the player is able, having due regard to their health and safety, to resume playing in the match.
 - g) Time-on may be initiated in matches where Time-on is not played if this is the desire of either of the officiating Member Club Timekeepers.
 - h) When a stretcher is brought on to the field but is not used by the player Section 16 (e) and (f) do not apply.

17. COUNTING OF PLAYERS

- 17.1. If a team has been counted and found to have more than eighteen players on the field, the score obtained by that team in that particular quarter of the game is cancelled.
- 17.2. Where a team has more than permitted numbers, then the field Umpire is to award a free kick to the Captain of the opposing team. This is to be taken in the Centre, or where play was stopped, whichever is the greater penalty; plus a further 50-metre penalty.
- 17.3. Where a count reveals that the opposing team has the permitted numbers then the field Umpire is to award a free kick to the Captain of opposing team. This is to be taken in the Centre or where the play was stopped, whichever is greater penalty; plus a further 50-metre penalty.
- 17.4. If the Umpire deems that the count is just a time wasting ploy then the offending player may be reported.

18. BLOOD RULE

- 18.1. When a field umpire(s) becomes aware of a player with active bleeding on the person or uniform, the umpire shall stop play and simultaneously raise their arms crossed above their head directed at the Interchange Steward and send such player from the playing field.
- 18.2. Active bleeding means the existence of an injury or wound, which continues to bleed.
- 18.3. Active bleeding shall not include minor bleeding from a graze or scratch, which has stopped and may be readily removed from a player or any part of their uniform.
- 18.4. The player with active bleeding shall immediately leave the playing field at the nearest boundary line and the interchange shall be recorded by the Interchange Steward.
- 18.5. A player sent from the playing field under the blood rule may be replaced immediately.
- 18.6. The replacement player shall enter the playing field as soon as possible after the field umpire(s) has raised their arms crossed above their head signifying a player is leaving the playing field under the blood rule.
- 18.7. The replacement player shall immediately proceed to the same location of the player they are replacing. The replacement player upon entering the playing field may only proceed to a different location if approved by the opposing team's captain.
- 18.8. The field umpire(s) shall not restart play until the replacement player is in position.
- 18.9. If the player with active bleeding is about to have a kick as a result of a mark or free just prior to being sent from the playing field, the nearest player to the player (with active bleeding) at the time of the player's departure is to take the kick, not the replacement player.
- 18.10. When a field umpire is of the opinion that a player is not actively bleeding, but the player has blood on any part of their body or uniform, shall at the first available opportunity, signal and direct the player to obtain treatment. After the signal is given, play shall continue.
- 18.11. The player may remain on the playing field but shall at the earliest opportunity, in the case of blood being on any part of their uniform, have the piece of uniform removed and the cause of any bleeding (if any) treated and covered so that all blood is contained.
- 18.12. If after receiving treatment, the field umpire is of the opinion that blood is still appearing on any part of the player's body or uniform, the player is deemed to be actively bleeding and Section 18.1 shall apply.
- 18.13. A player's refusal to promptly obey the direction of a field umpire(s) given under Section 18.1 is a reportable offence.



- 18.14. A player awarded a mark or free kick after the field umpire has signalled that the quarter of football has come to an end may kick the football even though such player may be actively bleeding.
- 18.15. The player shall not re-enter the playing field or take any further part in the match unless:
- a) The cause of such bleeding has stopped;
 - b) The injury is securely bound to ensure that all blood is contained;
 - c) Any blood-stained article of uniform has been removed and replaced;
 - d) Any blood on any part of the player's body has been thoroughly cleansed and removed.
 - e) The player is interchanged during the quarter, half or three quarter time breaks
 - f) The player re-enters the playing field through the interchange area.

19. PROHIBITION OF ITEMS

- 19.1. No player shall be permitted to play in a match with apparel or protective equipment which may cause injury to themselves or their opponents.
- 19.2. This includes the following:
- a) Protruding nails or plates on boots.
 - b) Any form of jewellery, including earrings, tongue rings or any body piercing.
 - c) Surgical appliances or guards.
 - d) Long fingernails.

20. BEST AND FAIREST

- 20.1. A medal shall be awarded to the Best & Fairest player in every competition except the Under 15 Girls competition.
- 20.2. Medal winners are determined by the field umpire/s voting.
- 20.3. In the event of a tie by the highest vote winning players in any competition, all tied players shall receive the same medal awarded in that competition.
- 20.4. Any player guilty of a Category A offence shall be ineligible to win any best and fairest awards determined by The League in the season in which such player has been found guilty.

21. METHOD OF DETERMINING PREMIERSHIP TABLES

- 21.1. Subject to the discretion of The League to make such recommendations as it deems fit, the method of determining the premiership table in each competition shall be as follows:
- a) Premiership points shall be counted, two points for a win, one point for a draw and two points for an opposition forfeit.
 - b) A percentage of the points scored for and against each team shall be determined.
 - c) If at the conclusion of the minor round of matches there are two or more teams that have obtained the same number of premiership points, their position on the premiership table shall be determined by the percentage determined in accordance with Section 21.1 (b).



- d) In the case of an exact tie for a position then the points for and against in matches played between such tied teams during that season shall determine the final positions of the teams.

22. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MAJOR ROUND

- 22.1. A player must have played at least three matches for premiership points in a competition during the season to be eligible to take part in that competition's major round.
- 22.2. If there is more than one division in any competition and a Member Club has a team in each division the following shall apply:
 - a) If a player has played 50% or greater of the season in the higher division, they are ineligible to play in the major round of the lower division.

23. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 23.1. Subject to Sections 23.3 and 23.4 herein the Member Club occupying the lowest position on the premiership table in a competition with more than one division (except the lowest division of that competition) at the end of the minor round of matches in each Division, shall be relegated to the Division below their current Division in the following season.
- 23.2. Subject to Sections 23.3 and 23.4 herein the Member Club who wins the Grand Final in each Division (except the highest division of that competition) shall be promoted to the Division above their current Division in the following season.
- 23.3. No two teams from any one Member Club shall in any one year be in the same Division.
- 23.4. The Member Club who wins the Grand Final in each Division (except the highest division of that competition) may choose not to be promoted in the following season provided that such an option has not been exercised by that Member Club in the previous season and that the Member Club occupying the lowest position on the premiership table at the end of the minor round of matches in the Division above the Member Club that is to be promoted chooses to remain in the same Division for the following season provided such Member Club has not exercised this option in the previous season.
- 23.5. The League may in its absolute and unfettered discretion decide to assign a Member Club to a specific Division and this decision shall be final.

24. STATE/LEAGUE REPRESENTATION

- 24.1. The League, will at the discretion of the Board, select representative sides.
- 24.2. These representative sides will exist under the body of the South Australian Women's Football League.
- 24.3. In accordance with AFL Policies, the State Coach is to have a minimum of Level 2 Accreditation.
- 24.4. Selection Procedures:



- a. Representative Coach, Managers and Support Staff: The Board will advertise, interview and select a suitable person for these positions.
- b. Representative Players: To select representative players, a panel of selectors will be nominated consisting of Representative Coach, Academy Coach, a member of the Board and any other person as nominated by the Board.

24.5. Representative Teams will travel together as a group and not as individuals, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

24.6. The League will conduct annual fundraising events to support Representative Teams.

25. CODE OF CONDUCT

25.1. All Members of The League shall adopt Member specific codes as per Annex B and The League fully supports the codes of conduct as introduced by the AFL, the SANFL and the SAAFL.

25.2. The League's Code of Conduct (Annex B to the SAWFL By-Laws) details the SAWFL's expected standards of behaviour from Member Clubs, officials, players and supporters.

25.3. Member Clubs shall be held responsible for the conduct and the behaviour of any official Interchange Steward, Time Keeper, Club member, player, supporter or any other person associated with their Member Club at matches in which their teams are participating.

25.4. Member Clubs shall be liable to any penalty and/or fine imposed by The League for any breach of the SAWFL Code of Conduct for any misconduct or misbehaviour by their Associated Person(s) at, during or after any match of The League.

26. INSURANCE

26.1. Prior to commencement of any competition, all Clubs must be insured to a level as determined by The League.

26.2. Any Club failing to be adequately insured will forfeit the right to compete.

27. COMPLAINTS & DISPUTES

27.1. A Member Club that wishes to submit a complaint to The League must do so in writing within seven days of the relevant incident using the official Complaint Form available at www.sawfl.org.au.

27.2. In a dispute between any Member Club, registered player or official and another Member Club, registered player or official or between any Member Club, registered player or official and The League, the parties may nominate a preferred mediator or The League may in its absolute and unfettered discretion request mediation through the affiliated State Men's Association/League.

28. UMPIRES

28.1. Appointment of Umpires

- a. The League shall appoint for each match a field Umpire, two boundary Umpires and two goal Umpires. The field Umpire shall have full control of play and shall award penalties in accordance with the Laws.
- b. The League may appoint additional Umpires to officiate throughout the period of the match. All field Umpires appointed shall have the powers conferred under these Laws.
- c. The League may appoint an Umpires Coach / Coordinator and delegate the responsibility to appoint Umpires. The Umpire Coach / Coordinator will report directly to the SAWFL Board.
- d. The League will provide field, goal and boundary Umpires for the grand finals.

28.2. Replacement of Umpires

- a) Where any Umpire, before or during the progress of the game, becomes incapable through sickness, injury or accident in performing his/her duties, a substitute shall be chosen according to arrangements made by The League or the Umpires Coordinator.
- b) Where Boundary Umpires are not in attendance, the designated home team is to provide suitable replacements.
- c) Where Goal Umpires are not in attendance, each team is to appoint a Goal Umpire.

28.3. Umpires Rooms

- a) No person, other than the Umpires officiating in the match and their trainers, shall enter the Umpires' dressing room while the Umpires are there. Each Umpire is individually responsible for seeing that this Law is observed and must report to The League any person who breaches this Law.
- b) The provisions of this Law does not apply to members of an Umpires' Appointments Board or to other persons authorised by The League to select and appoint Umpires to matches; or such other persons to whom The League shall determine this law shall not apply.

28.4. Central Umpires Report Form

- a) It is the responsibility of the Central Umpire/s to complete the Central Umpires Report Form for each match and supply a copy of this form to the home Member Club at the conclusion of the match.

29. REPORTING PROCEDURES

- 29.1. Umpires shall be provided by The League with report sheets on which they shall enter particulars of any charge or charges they make against players or officials. This shall be completed at or before the termination of a match.
- 29.2. The report shall be completed in duplicate, or in triplicate, if a player of each side is reported in relation to the same charge and each copy shall be signed by the Umpire or Umpires making the charge.
- 29.3. The field Umpire shall take charge of a copy of all report sheets submitted to him at the termination of a match by boundary and/or goal Umpires.
- 29.4. As soon as practical after the termination of a match in which a report has been made, the field Umpire shall hand a copy of every report sheet to the appropriate official of the team of which the reported player is a

member. For this purpose each Club shall be responsible for the attendance of an official at the Umpires' room at the end of each match. In the event of no such official attending, the field Umpire shall be deemed to have complied with the duty imposed on him/her by this law.

- 29.5. Umpires shall lodge, or cause to be lodged, the remaining copy of any report sheet they may have completed with The League office before close of business on the Tuesday after the day of the match, or within such other time as may be required by The League.
- 29.6. Umpires must endeavour to note all particulars in connection with any report they make in order that a clear account may be given when such a report is being considered by the appropriate authority.
- 29.7. The procedures for reporting players and officials may be varied by The League to suit local requirements.

30. ORDER OFF

- 30.1. The guidelines and procedures for the order-off rule are listed in Annex C.
- 30.2. A player reported by a Field Umpire for a first offence may be replaced.
- 30.3. A player reported by a Field Umpire for a second offence shall be ordered from the field for the remainder of the match and may not be replaced.
- 30.4. In the event of a player failing or refusing to leave the ground when ordered off, they shall be reported for misconduct and their team shall forfeit the match.

31. DISCRIMINATION AND RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION

- 31.1. A person shall not act towards or speak to any other person in a manner, or engage in any other conduct which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person on any basis, including but not limited to, a person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, special ability/disability (including without limitation, disease or illness) or sexual orientation, preference or identity.
- 31.2. In the event that any person hears what they interpret to be a racist remark and such person wishes to lodge a complaint, they shall write to The League, using the official Complaint Form (available at www.sawfl.org.au), advising of what was said, by whom and at whom it was directed.
- 31.3. A person who exhibits racist behaviour shall be liable to any penalty that The League may impose pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of The League including a fine and/or loss of all or some premiership points accrued in the particular Division that the team participates in or in all Divisions in which such Member Club participates.
- 31.4. The AFL Anti-Discrimination Policy shall apply to all persons to whom these Laws apply.

32. CRIMINAL HISTORY ASSESSMENT

- 32.1. All Clubs must adhere to the standards issued by the Department for Families and Communities when conducting criminal history assessments. Some key information extracted from these standards has been included below relating to conducting criminal history assessments or obtaining a National Police Certificate:
 - a) Screening Requirements



- i. A criminal history assessment is a decision about whether a person is suitable to work with children based on the person's criminal history (if any) and the assessed risk to children who access services from the organisation.
 - ii. Your Club may conduct a criminal history assessment themselves or apply to a third party (such as the State Body or Screening Unit) for an assessment and letter of clearance.
 - iii. Your Club must undertake to follow the standards issued by the Department for Families and Communities when conducting criminal history assessments. These Standards are outlined below.
- b) Identifying Affected Positions
- i. Clubs will conduct an assessment of the criminal history of every person who is, or will be, engaged to work with children in this organisation, and its affiliated associations.
 - ii. As a first step, the Club should identify all individuals and positions within the organisation that involve working with children.
 - These positions include all Committee Members, all Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, Trainers, and any other Match Day Official who fits one or more of the criteria as outlined.
- c) Procedures
- i. Clubs must adhere the following policy and supporting procedures for obtaining criminal history reports.
- d) Obtaining a National Police Certificate (NPC)
- i. Volunteers to obtain application form from the SA Police website at <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/apply-for-a-police-record-check>
 - ii. The application must be completed online and then printed. This form cannot be saved.
 - iii. Volunteers to go to a local police station or Justice of the Peace (JOP) with their NPC application form, photocopy of documents adding up to 100 points and the original documents to have their identity verified.
 - iv. Once identity has been verified by the police or JOP, the volunteer is to lodge the NPC application and their verified photocopied 100 point documentation with the South Australian Women's Football League's Authorised Officer through their member club's Delegate/Secretary who will include the VOAN details on the application.
 - v. The South Australian Women's Football League's Authorised Officer sends the application to The Records Release Unit, SA Police.
 - vi. The NPC will be returned to the volunteer. Due to privacy laws the NPC can only be returned to the applicant, and no third parties.
 - vii. Volunteer to produce their NPC to their member club's Child Safety Officer, who will conduct the criminal history assessment, return the NPC to the volunteer and forward the NPC number and expiry date to the South Australian Women's Football League's Authorised Officer (johnk@sa afl.asn.au), who may keep a record of the volunteer's details.

32.2. Member Clubs can view further information in the SAWFL Member Protection Policy available at www.sawfl.org.au or via its own Member Protection Policy or by viewing the standards issued for Child Safe Environments by the Department for Education and Child Development at <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/docs/documents/1/CSEStdsInfoCrimHist.pdf>

33. ANTI-DOPING POLICY

33.1. The AFL Anti-Doping Policy shall apply to all persons to whom these By-Laws apply.



34. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

- 34.1. The AFL's 'Management of Concussion in Australian Football' document shall apply and be binding on The League.

35. INFECTIOUS DISEASES POLICY

- 35.1. All Bodies affiliated to the South Australian Women's Football League will play under the guidelines as set out in Annex D.

36. EXTREME WEATHER PROCEDURE (HEAT/LIGHTNING/HAIL)

- 36.1. The AFL Guidelines for the prevention of heat injury in extreme conditions shall apply and be binding on The League.

37. THE TRIBUNAL

- 37.1. The League has adopted the rules and regulations of the SAAFL in relation to Tribunals. You can view the SAAFL Rules & Regulations at <http://www.saafl.asn.au/football/rules> - in the 2014 version, refer to "The Tribunal" on page 32 and the "Tribunal Appeal Board" on page 34.



ANNEX A
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FINES LIST

DESCRIPTION	\$ Amount
Non-compliance with the provision of match balls	50.00
For not supplying goal or behind posts padded at home matches	50.00
For not having the playing field clearly and/or correctly line marked at home matches	50.00
For not supplying a suitable siren or horn at home matches	50.00
For not supplying an accessible stretcher at home matches	50.00
For not supplying a Timekeeper at a home match	50.00
For not supplying a boundary or goal umpire (where applicable) at a home match	50.00
For not supplying a Match Day Official at all home matches	50.00
For not supplying and Interchange Steward at home matches	50.00
For an on field drinks carrier or on field training staff members being incorrectly attired	30.00
Non-compliance of specified uniform (team)	20.00
Players out of uniform (player) This will include t-shirts worn under Guernseys	50.00
Failure to hand in team sheets or handing the wrong team sheet, incomplete or illegible to opposition Club/Umpires/SAWFL	50.00
Non-compliance of starting at appointed time	50.00
Forfeit	110.00
Any breach of Infectious Diseases policy	50.00
Playing an unregistered player or uncleared player	100.00
Boundary Umpires (supplied by Clubs) out of uniform	25.00
Goal Umpires (supplied by Clubs) out of uniform	25.00
Playing an underage player	100.00
For a Club not entering team sheet(s) in Sporting Pulse prior to the start of the match to be played	100.00
For the Home Team not entering scores, goal kickers or best players for both teams into Sporting Pulse by 5:00pm Sundays	100.00
For a Club not correcting team sheets and/or best players and/or goal kickers in Sporting Pulse by 5.00pm Sundays	100.00
A reported player not attending a Tribunal	100.00
For a Club Delegate failing to attend a Tribunal with a reported player(s)	100.00
To reimburse each umpire required to attend a Tribunal. Only applicable when player found guilty	30.00
To reimburse each umpire to attend a Tribunal Appeal	30.00

The SAWFL Board or approved Tribunal may also impose a fine not listed on the Fines List to a Member Club or one of its members including official, coach or player for breaching or failing to comply with The League's Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution.



ANNEX B
to SAWFL By-Laws

CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of The League shall adopt the SAWFL Code of Conduct. The League encourages members to be vigilant in enforcing such codes whether via support for those who constantly abide by the codes and/or harsh penalties for those who fail to act in accordance with the codes.

The League also fully supports the Codes of Conduct as introduced by the AFL, the SANFL and the SAAFL.

Conduct that is prejudicial to the interests of The League, and conduct unbecoming a member, registered player or official is not to be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action by The Board.

ADMINISTRATORS/MEMBER CLUB OFFICIALS

- Make sure coaches and officials are trained and acknowledged for their efforts.
- Set the example by ensuring all The League's Rules, Regulations and procedures are in place.
- Administer discipline in a just, fair and supportive manner.
- Be responsible for the conduct of your players, spectators and officials.
- Respect the rights and dignity of every person.
- Be aware of your legal responsibilities.

COACHES

- Treat all players with respect at all times.
- Refrain from any form of personal harassment or abuse.
- Do not ridicule players and provide feedback in a positive manner.
- Respect gender, ability, culture, background and religion.
- Abide by umpire's decisions.
- Control your temper and don't use abusive language.
- Promote a climate of mutual support among your players and encourage them to respect one another.

PLAYERS

- Respect the rights and dignity of fellow players, coaches, umpires, officials and spectators.
- Abide by the rules and respect the decision of umpires.
- Conduct yourself in a responsible manner relating to language, temper and attitude.
- Refrain from any conduct which could be construed as harassment and bullying.
- Respect gender, ability, culture, background and religion.
- Control your temper and don't use abusive language.

UMPIRES

- Treat all participants with respect at all times.
- Umpires shall be impartial and maintain integrity in their relationship with other umpires, players and spectators.
- Compliment and encourage all players and refrain from any personal abuse or harassment towards players.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect.
- Be consistent, objective and respectful when making your decisions.
- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.

SPECTATORS

- Encourage players to play according to the rules and official decisions
- Do not ridicule umpires, players or other spectators.
- Respect and abide by decisions of umpires and officials.
- Respect rights and dignity of others.
- Do not use abusive language and refrain from any conduct that could be construed as harassment or bullying.
- Do not take any alcohol, bottles or glass onto the oval.



ANNEX C
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GUIDELINES FOR THE ORDER-OFF RULE AND REPORTABLE OFFENCES

CATEGORY "A" – *Player sent off immediately and player reported*

- Serious striking
- Kicking
- Charging
- Assault on Umpire

CATEGORY "B" - *Player sent off for 15 minutes playing time for the first offence. The player is sent off for the rest of the game for the second offence. Report for either offence is at Umpire's discretion.*

- Minor Striking
- Willfully wasting time
- Unduly interfering with a player who is kicking for goal.
- Disputing the Umpire's decision
- Shaking a goal post
- Throwing or pushing an opponent unnecessarily
- Misconduct
- Refusing to remove unacceptable equipment when asked by the Umpire to do so
- Unduly rough play

CATEGORY "C" - *Player is sent off for 5 to 15 minutes playing time for the first offence*

- Obscene or abusive language

Clarification of Category C

- The time is set according to what the Umpire feels is appropriate.
- The player is sent off for the rest of the game for the second offence.
- In both circumstances, a report can be made at the Umpire's discretion.
- It is expected that a report will be made after the second offence.
- Warnings can be given at the Umpire's discretion but are not compulsory

Definition

Abusive and/or obscene language consists of swearing at an opposition player, game officials or spectators. Swearing after one's own mistake is not considered as serious an offence although is punishable if within earshot of spectators.



ENFORCEMENT OF ORDER OFF RULE

The Umpire will signal “time on” and the clock will stop (as for an injury).

The Umpire must tell the player immediately and accompany her to the bench where the coach needs to be told of the exact penalty. A Field Umpire shall signal that a player has been ordered off, by pointing to the interchange area with an outstretched arm; the player shall leave the ground immediately and proceed directly to the interchange steward, or timekeepers.

The Umpire will fill out an order-off form after the game to give details of the incident. If the same player is involved in incidents similarly, The League Registrar can take further action.

The player must immediately come off the ground when notified or the game shall be forfeited by the team of the offending player.

REPORTING PROCESS

The Umpire must notify the player concerned (or the captain of that team) as soon as reasonably possible after the incident.

The Umpire should not enter conversations about the incident with any delegates, Club officials or players.

The Umpire must fill out a report sheet following the game. The copies go to (1) the Registrar, (2) the team of the offending player and (3) the Umpire concerned.



ANNEX D
to SAWFL By-Laws

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MEDICINE FEDERATION LTD
PRIVACY STATEMENT ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES
(With particular references to HIV (AIDS) and HEPATITIS B)

General

A number of blood-borne diseases can be transmitted during body contact and collision sports. The more serious include HEPATITIS B and HIV (AIDS) infections. These diseases may be spread by contact between broken skin, mucous membrane and infected:

- Blood
- Saliva (not for HIV)
- Semen and vaginal fluids

There is no evidence that sweat/urine, and tears will transmit hepatitis B or HIV.

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS WILL REDUCE THE RISK OF TRANSMITTING INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

GENERAL

All open cuts and abrasions must be reported and treated immediately.

It is strongly recommended that all the following should be vaccinated against HEPATITIS B:

- participants, involved in contact collision sport and playing under adult rules,
- personnel working in contact/collision sport team areas, and
- those who officiate in body contact and collision sports.

PLAYERS

It is the responsibility of all participants to maintain strict personal hygiene as this is the best method of controlling the spread of these diseases.

All participants with prior evidence of these diseases are strongly advised to obtain confidential advice and clearance from a doctor prior to participation.

All contaminated clothing and equipment must be replaced prior to the player being allowed to resume play.

If bleeding should reoccur, the above procedures must be repeated.

If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player must not continue in the game.



REFEREES AND GAME OFFICIALS

Referees and Game Officials must report all open cuts and abrasions to medical staff at the first available opportunity.

TEAM AREAS

It is the Club's responsibility to ensure that the dressing rooms are clean and tidy. Particular attention should be paid to hand basins, toilets and showers.

Adequate soap, paper hand towels, brooms, rubbish disposal bins and disinfectants must be available at all times.

Communal bathing areas (e.g. spas) should be strongly discouraged.

The practices of spitting and urinating in team areas must not be permitted.

All clothing, equipment and surfaces contaminated by blood must be treated as potentially infectious and treated accordingly.

Sharing of towels, shaving razors, face washers and drink containers must not occur.

In all training areas, open cuts and abrasions must be reported to the coach immediately.

Although Hepatitis B vaccination is usually effective in raising immunity to Hepatitis B, it provides no protection against other blood-borne diseases such as HIV. Vaccination must not result in relaxation of hygiene standards.

ANNEX E to SAWFL By-Laws

CYBERSAFETY POLICY

Creating a Cybersmart Environment

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

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

In the club environment you may choose to promote **Cybersafety** by recommending to your members to:

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

Rationale

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

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



Policy

The SAWFL and SACFL and its Member Clubs encourage effective and safe Cybersafety practices which aim to maximize the benefits of the Internet and ICT and allow for the effective operation of the SAWFL and SACFL and Member Clubs, whilst minimizing and managing any risks.

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

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

Images of Children

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cyberbullying

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

Cyberbullying includes, but is not limited to, the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, racially vilifying or threatening another person by sending or posting inappropriate and hurtful email messages, instant messages, text messages, phone messages, digital pictures or images, of Web site postings (including social network sites eg



facebook or blogs) and the sending, receiving and/or possession of naked or sexually explicit images of a person. Club members must also be aware that postings from their individual accounts, whether done by themselves or another person will remain the responsibility of the account owner.

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

Procedure

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

All reports of Cyberbullying and other technology misuses will be investigated fully and may result in a notification to Police where the SAWFL, SACFL or club is legally obliged to do so.

If the SAWFL, SACFL's Executive receives a complaint about an online issue, the allegations will be forwarded to the relevant League Investigations Officer.

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

Penalties

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

Any player presented before a tribunal for the first or subsequent time on a Cyberbullying offence must be aware that the penalties available to the tribunal members will cover the complete range including expulsion. In the case of a non playing club member being proved to have engaged in harassment or bullying, the club employing, engaging or otherwise associated with the person at the time of the conduct shall be deemed to be vicariously liable for the conduct of the person and shall pay to The League a penalty to be determined by The League.

ANNEX F
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DISPENSATION POLICY

The underpinning philosophy of this process is to allow players who are not comfortable or able to compete in their chronological age group, the opportunity to be dispensed up or down to an age group that better suits their size and/or experience.

Dispensated Up

To be eligible to be dispensed up, the Player must only be one year outside the age range. This can be reviewed in exceptional circumstances.

Ref.	Policy	Responsible
1.1	Provided the player is within one year of the desired age level the player can apply for dispensation up.	Player
1.2	The "SAWFL Dispensation Form – Playing Up" must be completed by the player and parent/guardian.	Player
1.3	The club is to arrange for the individual to be assessed by a representative of The League. Contact caitlin@saafl.asn.au	Club/League
1.4	The results of the assessment are to be recorded on the form, and provided that the assessing representative has answered yes to all four criteria the form can be submitted to The League for sign off. Should the representative answer no to one or more criteria then a full explanation is to be given under further comments with the final decision being made by The League after considering all circumstances.	Club/League
1.5	Should a player be dispensed up permanently they are not to play back down without sign off from The League.	Coach/ Team Manager
1.6	Teams are only able to field a maximum of two dispensed up players on the field at any one time.	Coach/ Team Manager

Identification

All dispensed players are to be identified each game by:

- Recording an asterisk next to their name on the team sheet prior to exchanging it with the Opposition's Team Manager.
- Introducing the player to the Field Umpire before the start of the game.
- Players who have been dispensed up an age grade are required to wear a fluoro bib for the duration of the game. This identifies them as coming under the "no-tackling/bumping" rule, i.e. there are to be no tackles or bumps received or given by this player, and instead a three-second touch rule must be used.

Disputes

Step	Description of action	Responsible
3.1	The League encourages open communication between clubs (i.e. Coaches and Team Managers) and if anyone should have concerns regarding dispensed players they should be raised at the club level in the first instance.	Coach/Team Manager
3.2	Issues that are raised during the match should be recorded on the team sheet next to the individual. Team sheet is then to be submitted to the SAAFL along with a supporting email to caitlin@saafl.asn.au	Coach/ Team Manager
3.3	The League will discuss concerns raised with the relevant club/s. Should the club request a review of a dispensed player, The League may reassess the player/s that are in question.	The League



**ANNEX G
to SAWFL By-Laws**

**SA Community Football League Inc.
Player Registration & Transfer Form**

SECTION 1 – PLAYER REGISTRATION

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

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

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

SECTION 1a – PLAYING HISTORY DECLARATION

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

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

Season	League/Assoc	Club	Grade/Division	Games Played

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

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

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

If yes, please complete previous club: _____

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

Signature of player: Date:

Signature (Club Official): Name:

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

Signature: Parent/Guardian Date:

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

SECTION 1b – PLAYER POINT RATING

Club Points allocation	0	1	2	3	4	5
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SECTION 2 – OFFICE USE ONLY

League Points allocation	0	1	2	3	4	5
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SAWFL Umpires/ Officials Payment Form

DATE: _____

Round: _____ V _____

Official	Printed Name	Signature
Field Umpire		
Field Umpire		
Boundary Umpire		
Boundary Umpire		
Goal Umpire		
Goal Umpire		

Please cross out if all Umpire's not utilised / paid

Clubs to retain for their records

ANNEX I
to SAWFL By-Laws**MATCH ATTIRE OF OFFICIALS**

In all matches Member Clubs shall ensure their officials wear the appropriate match attire as below:

MEMBER CLUB FIELD UMPIRES

- White long or short sleeve collared shirt
- White or plain dark shorts
- White or orange socks
- Boots, sandshoes or runners
- Whistle

MEMBER CLUB GOAL UMPIRES

- White long or short sleeve collared shirt white coat (where possible)
- Plain dark long pants (where possible)
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

MEMBER CLUB BOUNDARY UMPIRES

- White shirt or plain white polo shirt (where possible)
- Plain dark shorts (where possible)
- Orange socks or plain dark socks (where possible)
- Boots, sandshoes or runners
- Whistle

MATCH DAY OFFICIAL

- Official orange "MATCH DAY OFFICIAL" vest (available from the SAAFL office)

NO

- JEANS OR DENIM
- CARGO SHORTS
- BOARD SHORTS

Are allowed to be worn by any person entering the playing field whilst a match is being played.

Fines shall be imposed for failing to comply with any of the above match attire rules.

TRAINERS

- Plain dark shorts or plain black or plain white long pants
- Either plain white polo shirt with the word "Trainer" on back or official orange SAAFL "TRAINER" vest (available from the SAAFL office)
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

RUNNERS

- Plain dark shorts or plain dark long pants
- Yellow top with the word "Runner" on the back.
- Boots, sandshoes or runners

WATER CARRIERS

- Plain light blue polo top or t-shirt
- Plain dark shorts or plain dark long pants
- Boots, sandshoes or runners