



**MID SOUTH-EASTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
INCORPORATED**

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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League	MID SOUTH-EASTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED – A5390
Clubs	Glencoe Football Club Incorporated – A4152, Hatherleigh Football Club Incorporated – A11988, Kalangadoo Football Club Incorporated – A4399, Kongorong Sportsmens Club Incorporated – A3084, Mt Burr United Football Club Incorporated – A4272, Nangwarry Football Club Incorporated – A5127, Port MacDonnell Football Club Incorporated – A4118, Robe Football Club Incorporated – A3779, Tantanoola Football Club Incorporated – A4915

1. MEANINGS

1.1 Definitions

In this constitution:

Board is the governing body of the League comprising the directors.

Chair is the person elected as Chair by the Board

Community is the combined local community area of the Clubs.

Deputy Chair is the person elected as Deputy Chair by the Board

Football is the game of Australian football played substantially in accordance with the laws of Australian Football published by the Australian Football League.

SANFL is South Australian National Football League Incorporated (A2870).

SANFL Rules are the regulations, rules and policies of SANFL.

1.2 Interpretation

In this constitution:

- (a) words have the meaning given to them in the table above;
- (b) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (c) reference to any gender includes the other genders;
- (d) **person** includes a firm, a corporation, a body corporate, an unincorporated association or an authority; and
- (e) a reference to any instrument includes a reference to that instrument as varied from time to time.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 Objects

The League's objects are to:

- (a) arrange, promote, conduct and manage football matches between the Clubs and other football leagues;
- (b) promote and foster community interest in, football; and
- (c) cooperate with other sporting associations in promoting sport and associated activities with the community.

2.2 Powers

The League has the powers of a natural person to fulfil its objects. These include the powers set out in the Associations Incorporation Act.

2.3 Discrimination

The League must not discriminate on the grounds of race, sex, social standing, occupation, political or religious beliefs.

3. GOVERNANCE

3.1 Members

The rules about members are set out in Schedule 1.

3.2 Board

The rules about the Board and directors are set out in Schedule 2.

3.3 Manage

The Board manages the affairs and controls the funds and property of the League.

3.4 By-Laws

- (a) The Board may make and vary by-laws relating to the advancement and management of the League.
- (b) The by-laws must be consistent with this constitution and the SANFL Rules, unless SANFL otherwise approves in writing.
- (c) By-Laws are only effective if approved by the Clubs in general meeting.

4. INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

- (a) The League indemnifies each director, employee, officer and auditor against any liability he or she may incur in connection with:
 - 1) the League, except where the liability arises because of his or her negligence, default, breach of duty or trust; and
 - 2) defending any proceedings relating to these matters, whether civil or criminal in which judgement is given in his or her favour or in which he or she is acquitted.
- (b) The League may insure the present and past directors and other officers of the League against any liability they incur in connection with their position to the extent the law allows.

5. OTHER MATTERS

5.1 SANFL

- (a) The League will affiliate with SANFL.
- (b) The League and the Clubs must comply with the SANFL Rules.

5.2 Seal

The League must have a common seal containing its full name. It may not be used without the authorisation of the Board. Two directors must witness the affixation of the seal by signing the document.

5.3 Minutes

The League must keep minutes of proceedings of the League, the Board and its committees at its offices. They must be confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the relevant body and signed by the chair of that meeting or its previous meeting.

5.4 Accounts

The League must keep proper accounting records of its financial position at its offices.

5.5 Auditor

The League must, if required by law, appoint an auditor to audit its books and records and report to the Clubs on the financial affairs of the League.

5.6 Alteration

This constitution may be only amended by a special resolution of the Clubs.

5.7 Non Profit

The assets and income of the League must be applied solely to further the objects. No part may be distributed directly or indirectly to the members except as good faith payment for services rendered or expenses incurred for the League or for purposes incidental to activities carried on by the League or consistently with its objects.

5.8 Winding Up

If the League is wound up, any amount remaining after the payment of the League's liabilities must be transferred to an organisation with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain to its individual members as determined by the Board.

5.9 No Assignment

A Club may not assign membership in the League, including by transfer or by giving security.

5.10 Contract

This constitution and the by-laws are a contract between the League and the Clubs.

5.11 Notices

(a) A notice must be in writing and may be given by delivering it personally, sending it by prepaid post, facsimile or electronic transmission to:

- (1) the League, at its registered office or other address it specifies in a notice to the Clubs from time to time;
- (2) a director, at the address given by him or her to the League from time to time; or
- (3) to a Club at its address in the members' register or its address last known to the League.

Notice is taken to be given, in the case of post, five days after posting, and in the other cases, at the time of sending.

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SCHEDULE 1

Members

1. *Members*

1.1 Existing members

The Clubs are the existing members of the League.

1.2 New members

The Clubs may by special resolution, admit another football club as a member on the terms they see fit. It then becomes a Club under this constitution.

1.3 Register

The Board must maintain a register of Clubs detailing for each:

- (a) its current address and other contact details;
- (b) its date of becoming and ceasing to be, a member.

2. *Membership ends*

2.1 Ceasing to be a member

A Club ceases to be a member if it:

- (a) resigns by notice in writing to the Board;
- (b) fails to pay its subscription when due and the Board does not allow further time to pay;
- (c) is dissolved or deregistered; or
- (d) is expelled by a special resolution of the other Clubs.

2.2 Expelling a member

(a) If the Board determines that a Club:

- (1) has failed to comply with this constitution;
- (2) is insolvent or any steps are taken to taken to wind it up, appoint a liquidator, administrator receiver or receiver and manager to any of its property; or
- (3) is guilty of conduct that the Board considers to be detrimental to the League,

it may propose a special resolution at a general meeting that the Club be expelled.

(b) The Board must:

- (1) give the Club at least 14 days' notice of the proposed expulsion resolution; and
- (2) at the time it considers the matter, allow the Club to be present and be heard. The Club may be legally represented.

3. *Subscriptions*

The Clubs must pay the subscriptions and at the times that the Board determines.

4. Meetings

4.1 Calling meetings

- (a) The Board:
 - (1) may call a general meeting whenever it thinks fit; and
 - (2) must call an annual general meeting at least once in each calendar year and within 5 months after the end of its financial year
- (b) The Board determines the time and place of the meeting.
- (c) The Board must give each Club at least:
 - (1) 21 days' notice of a general meeting, if a special resolution is to be proposed at the meeting; or
 - (2) 14 days' notice of a general meeting, in any other case.
- (d) The notice must state the time and place of the meeting, an agenda and the proposed resolutions.
- (e) At least one half of the Clubs may request the Board to call a general meeting. If the Board does not call a general meeting within 30 days of the Clubs' request, the Clubs may themselves and at their expense call a general meeting in as nearly as is practicable the same way as if it is called by the Board.
- (f) Failure to properly give notice of a general meeting does not invalidate the meeting or a resolution passed at the meeting.

4.2 Chair

The chair for general meetings is:

- (a) the Chair or, in his absence, the Deputy Chair.
- (b) if they are not present within 15 minutes after the appointed time for the start of the meeting or decline to act, the person elected by the Clubs who are present.

4.3 Directors

The directors may attend a general meeting.

4.4 Quorum

A quorum for a general meeting is not less than half of the Clubs.

4.5 Failure of quorum

- (a) If a quorum is not present at a general meeting within 15 minutes from the time appointed for its start:
 - (1) if the meeting was convened upon the requisition of Clubs, the meeting is dissolved;
 - (2) in any other case, the meeting is adjourned to the same day in the next calendar month at the same time and place or to the other day, time and place as the Board appoints by notice to the Clubs. The Board must give at least twenty one (21) clear days' notice of the adjourned general meeting;

- (b) If at an adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, the Clubs' representatives present are a quorum and may transact the business for which the meeting was called.

4.6 Representative

- (a) A Club must appoint a person as its representative to attend a general meeting.
- (b) Only the representative may vote for the Club.
- (c) The appointment must be in writing and given to the League before the meeting.
- (d) The appointment expires 6 months from its date of execution.

4.7 Observer

- (a) A Club may appoint 1 person who may attend a general meeting as an observer.
- (b) The appointment must be in writing and given to the League before the meeting. It is effective for only the relevant general meeting for which the appointment is made.
- (c) The observer may speak on motions but may not vote.

4.8 Business of the meeting

- (a) An annual general meeting may:
 - (1) receive and consider the financial reports, Board reports and auditor's report;
 - (2) elect directors;
 - (3) appoint members to the League Independent Tribunal;
 - (4) appoint and remove the auditor; and
 - (5) fix the remuneration of the directors and auditor.

- (b) A general meeting may:
 - (1) confirm the minutes of the previous general meeting;
 - (2) remove and replace directors;
 - (3) admit a new Club (*special resolution*);
 - (4) expel a Club (*special resolution*), following the Board's recommendation;
 - (5) approve amendments to, or implementation of, By-Laws proposed by the Board;
 - (6) amend this constitution (*special resolution*);
 - (7) transact the other business the Board considers appropriate; and
 - (8) wind-up the League (*special resolution*).

4.9 Procedure

- (a) The chair of the general meeting:
 - (1) determines the procedure in the meeting.
 - (2) must give a fair opportunity for representatives to speak for or against a motion.
 - (3) sets the time allowed for speakers and may end a speech if the speaker is repeating matters previously put or is putting matters irrelevant to the motion.
 - (4) may put a motion when he or she sees fit.
- (b) The Board may establish rules of procedure for general meetings on the terms it sees fit.

4.10 Resolutions

- (a) Each Club has one vote.
- (b) A resolution is decided on a show of hands unless a poll is demanded by the chair of the meeting or a Club.
- (c) A declaration by the chair of the meeting that a resolution is passed or lost is conclusive evidence of that fact.
- (d) If a poll is demanded, the chair of the meeting will conduct it in the manner and at the time he or she sees fit.
- (e) If there is a deadlock, the chair of the meeting has a casting vote.
- (f) Resolutions are passed by a majority of votes, except in the case of a special resolution which must be passed by a majority of not less than three quarters of the Clubs present and entitled to vote.

4.11 Use of technology

A general meeting may be held using any means of audio or audio-visual communication by which each person participating can hear and be heard by each other.

5. *Written Resolutions*

- (a) The League may pass a resolution without a meeting if all Clubs sign a document stating they are in favour of the resolution set out in the document.
- (b) Separate copies of a document may be used for signing by Clubs.
- (c) The resolution is passed when the last Club signs.

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SCHEDULE 2

Board and Directors

1. *Board*

- (a) The Board consists of:
 - (1) up to 2 special directors independent of the Clubs; and
 - (2) between 5 and 7 ordinary directors.
- (b) The Board may determine the number of directors from time to time.

2. *Directors*

2.1 **Special directors**

- (a) The Board may appoint up to 2 special directors independent of the Clubs with identified special skills, experience or knowledge to complement those of the other directors.
- (b) The term of appointment is no more than 2 years. A person may be re-appointed following the end of his or her term.

2.2 **Ordinary directors**

- (a) The League elects ordinary directors at an annual general meeting.
- (b) The Board may appoint a person to fill a casual vacancy.
- (c) If following the election of directors there are less than the required number of ordinary directors, the directors may appoint the number of persons as ordinary directors as are necessary to meet the requirement for the number of ordinary directors.

2.3 **Term**

- (a) If an ordinary director is appointed by the Board, the director's term:
 - (1) starts on appointment, unless otherwise specified; and
 - (2) ends at the end of the annual general meeting immediately after the appointment, unless ended sooner under this Constitution.
- (b) If a director is elected at a general meeting, the director's term:
 - (1) starts at the end of the general meeting; and
 - (2) ends at the conclusion of the annual general meeting at which the Director retires unless ended sooner under this Constitution.

3. *Election of Directors*

- (a) The Board must call for nominations for the election of directors at least 28 days before the annual general meeting by giving notice to the Clubs.
- (b) A Club may nominate a person for the election of directors by:
 - (1) giving the League notice of the nomination in the form the League requires any time before the election is held at the annual general meeting;

- (2) including in the notice the name of the proposed candidate; the candidate's written consent; the signature of the Club's authorised officer; the address, telephone number and other contact details for the proposed candidate; and the other information the form requires.
- (c) A retiring director need not be nominated. The retiring director may stand for election again by indicating his or her intention in writing to the Board before nominations close.
- (d) If the properly nominated candidates are no more than the positions to be filled, they are deemed duly elected at the next annual general meeting.
- (e) If the number of proposed candidates exceeds the number of positions to be filled, a vote must be taken at the annual general meeting.
- (f) Each position must be the subject of a separate vote unless the meeting resolves, with no vote cast against the resolution, that the appointments may be voted on together or if there is a vote by ballot, the ballot does not require a member voting for one candidate to vote for another candidate.

4. *Ceasing as Director*

4.1 Remove

- (a) The Board may remove a special director at any time before the end of his or her term.
- (b) The League may in general meeting remove any director from office and appoint another person as a replacement. The notice convening the meeting must specify the director to be removed, the reasons for the director's removal and the name of the proposed replacement, if any.

4.2 Retirement

- (a) At each annual general meeting:
 - (1) one half of the ordinary directors, or if there is not a multiple of two, then the number nearest one half must retire; and
 - (2) any other director not in this one half who has been a director for 2 or more years, must retire.
- (b) The directors to retire are those who have been Directors the longest since their last election. As between persons last elected as Directors on the same day, those to retire must be determined by lot, unless they agree otherwise. A retiring director is eligible for re-election.

4.3 Ceasing

A person also ceases to be a director if he or she:

- (a) resigns;
- (b) is disqualified to act under a relevant law;
- (c) is absent from 3 ordinary consecutive meetings of Board, without leave; or
- (d) becomes of unsound mind.

5. Chair

- (a) The directors may elect any one of their number to be chair and deputy chair respectively and may determine the period for which they hold office.
- (b) The Chair must be an ordinary director independent of the Clubs unless all the Clubs otherwise approve which approval may be revoked at any time by a majority of the Clubs.
- (c) The Chair and Deputy Chair continue in the position until the earlier of:
 - (1) his or her term of office expires;
 - (2) the Board removes him or her or appoints a new person to the position;
 - (3) he or she resigns; or
 - (4) he or she is disqualified to act under a relevant law.

6. Appointment of Officers

- (a) The Board may appoint the public officer of the association together with other officers and employees and delegate any of its powers to them.
- (b) If a relevant law requires an auditor to be appointed, the Board may appoint an auditor.

7. Board Meetings

7.1 Calling Meetings

- (a) The Chair or any 2 directors may convene meetings of the Board.
- (b) The person calling the meeting must specify in a notice to the other directors the time, place and agenda for the meeting.
- (c) At least two 2 days' notice must be given of all Board meetings, unless a majority of the directors waive this requirement.

7.2 Chair

- (a) The Chair and in his absence, the Deputy Chair, is chair of Board meetings.
- (b) If the Chair or the Deputy Chair is not present, the Board may elect one of the other directors to chair the meeting.

7.3 Quorum

The quorum for a Board meeting is not less than half of the directors.

7.4 Power

The Board may exercise all the powers of the League which are not required to be exercised in general meeting.

7.5 Decisions

- (a) The Board will decide all matters by a majority of votes.
- (b) If there is deadlock, the chair of the meeting has a casting vote.

7.6 Use of technology

The Board meeting may be held using any means of audio or audio-visual communication by which each director participating can hear and be heard by each other director.

8. *Written Resolutions*

- (a) The Board may pass a resolution without a meeting if all directors sign a document stating they are in favour of the resolution set out in the document.
- (b) Separate copies of a document may be used for signing by directors.
- (c) The resolution is passed when the last director signs.

9. *Delegation*

- (a) The Board may delegate its powers to sub-committees or employees of the League.
- (b) The Board may appoint those people it sees as appropriate as members of a sub-committee.
- (c) The proceedings of a sub-committee are governed by the provisions for meetings of the Board, as far as they apply.
- (d) The Board may by power of attorney appoint any person to be the attorney of the League for any purpose and with the powers, authorities, and discretions, (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Board under this constitution), for the period and subject to the conditions as they think fit.

10. *Defects*

A defect in the appointment of a director does not invalidate an act of the Board.

11. *Director's Remuneration*

- (a) The directors may be paid out of the funds of the League by way of remuneration for their services as directors the sum as is from time to time fixed by the League at an annual general meeting.
- (b) The remuneration must be divided among the Directors in the manner and proportions as the Board may determine and, in default of determination, equally.
- (c) The directors must be paid their reasonable travelling and other expenses incurred by them when engaged in the business of the League or in attending general meetings of the League, the Board or any committees.

12. *Director's Interests*

12.1 General

- (a) A director is not disqualified, by virtue of his or her position as director from:
 - (1) holding any office or place of profit (except that of auditor) under any entity in which the League is a shareholder or otherwise interested;
 - (2) voting in favour of any resolution appointing himself, herself or any of the other directors as officers of the entity;
 - (3) contracting with the League.
- (b) A director is not liable to account to the League for any profit arising from any office or place of profit or realised by any contract or arrangement by reason only of that director holding the position of a director.

12.2 Effect of Breach

If a director breaches a provision of this clause or acts when he or she has a conflict, the validity of any act, resolution, transaction or matter is not affected.

12.3 Execution of Documents

A director may despite the director's interest, participate in the execution of any instrument by or for the League.

MID SOUTH-EASTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

BY-LAWS

1. MATCHES

All matches shall be played under the Laws of Australian Football as administered and controlled by the Australian Football League (AFL).

2. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC REGULATIONS

In all matters not provided for in these by-laws the South Australian Community Football League Incorporated Regulations will apply.

3. PROGRAM

A program of matches shall be drawn up by the Secretary for approval at a subsequent meeting, and at such meeting the starting time for the season shall be determined. Each club shall be furnished with a copy of the proposed draw prior to the meeting.

4. COMPETITION

No club shall play any match other than a League competition game without first obtaining the approval of the Board.

5. PREMIERSHIP CONDITIONS

- 5.1 In all matches four (4) premiership points shall be allocated for a win and two (2) premiership points for a draw.
- 5.2 All ladders shall be calculated firstly on premiership points and then secondly on percentage.
- 5.3 If, at the conclusion of the first round any two or more clubs have obtained an equal number of points, the position of such clubs shall be determined by the percentage of points kicked for and against such clubs.
- 5.4 The winning margin in Junior and Senior Colt matches shall be a maximum of 60 points more than the losers score for the purpose of calculating Premiership Table percentage only.
 - 5.4.1 The total score of both teams at the end of the match shall be added together and then halved, and then 30 points added to the winning team and 30 points deducted from the losing team.
 - 5.4.2 All goal kickers shall be recorded for the purpose of determining leading goal kickers, regardless of any amendment to the margin.

6. TIME OF STARTING/FINISHING MATCHES

All teams in this League not on the ground at the fixed starting time for matches shall be fined. The timekeepers time to be accepted.

- 6.1 For the purpose of interpretation, this rule applies to Firsts, Seconds, Senior and Junior Colts.
- 6.2 Each timekeeper shall be responsible for recording the time of the teams and the umpires arrival on the oval.

6.3 PLAYING TIMES

6.3.1 Firsts

Commencing time for all Firsts matches shall be 2.10 pm. The playing time shall be four quarters of 25 minutes with time on allowed.

6.3.2 Seconds

Commencing time for all Seconds matches shall be 12.40 pm. The playing time shall be four quarters of 17½ minutes with time on allowed only in the Finals. The game shall be completed by 2.05pm.

6.3.3 Senior Colts

Commencing time for all Senior Colts matches shall be 11.10 a.m. The playing time shall be four quarters of 17 minutes with time on allowed only in the Finals. The game shall be completed by 12.35pm.

6.3.4 Junior Colts

Commencing time for all Junior Colts matches shall be 10.00 a.m. The playing time shall be four quarters of 12 minutes with time on allowed only in the finals. The game shall be completed by 11.05am.

Timekeepers shall particularly keep regulation time for all interval breaks and completion of match.

6.4 QUARTER TIME PERIODS

6.4.1 Firsts

6.4.1.1 The time allowed between the first and second quarters shall be sufficient to permit teams to change ends but shall not exceed 3 minutes.

6.4.1.2 At half time the players may leave the playing ground for not more than 15 minutes after the end of the second quarter. Timekeepers to notify the Field Umpires by sounding the siren.

6.4.1.3 Between the third and fourth quarter there shall be an interval of not more than 5 minutes.

6.4.2 Seconds and Senior Colts

6.4.2.1 The time allowed between the first and second quarters shall be sufficient to permit teams to change ends but shall not exceed 3 minutes.

6.4.2.2 At half time the players are not to leave the playing ground and the match must recommence not later than 10 minutes after the end of the second quarter. Timekeepers to notify the Field Umpires by sounding the siren.

6.4.2.3 Between the third and fourth quarters there shall be an interval of not more than 3 minutes.

6.4.3 Junior Colts

6.4.3.1 The time allowed between the first and second quarters shall be sufficient to permit teams to change ends but shall not exceed 3 minutes.

6.4.3.2 At half time the players may not leave the playing ground and the third quarter must not recommence later than 10 minutes after the end of the second quarter. Timekeepers to notify the Field Umpire by sounding the siren.

6.4.3.3 Between the third and fourth quarters there shall be an interval of not more than 3 minutes. Two Officials from each club of opposing teams, if they may so agree, can play for a lesser period should some local cause make a curtailment expedient.

6.5 STARTING TIMES FOR FINALS

6.5.1 First Semi, Second Semi, and Preliminary Finals

Junior Colts	9:30am
Senior Colts	10:45am
Reserves	12:15pm
A Grade	2:00pm

6.5.2 Grand Finals

Junior Colts	9:15am
Senior Colts	10:30am
Reserves	12:05pm
A Grade	2:00pm

7. FORFEITURE OF MATCHES

- 7.1 No club shall refuse to play under the Field Umpire appointed by the League and no club shall forfeit any match because of objection to the appointed Umpire. A club so refusing to play or forfeiting a match for such a reason shall be suspended or expelled from the League, or otherwise dealt with as the League may determine.
- 7.2 Any player or players who refuse to play, or who takes part in any forfeiture of a match on account of objection to the appointed Umpire, may be disqualified for such a period as the League shall think fit.
- 7.3 A club forfeiting a match for any reason shall notify the Secretary of the opposing club by at least 9:00 pm on the Thursday night prior to the listed match, of its reasons for forfeiting. The League may accept the explanation or deal with the club so forfeiting, or the players of such clubs as it may think fit. Any club failing to report its intention to forfeit within the prescribed time shall be fined. Any club forfeiting a match must pay the Umpires fee unless the Umpires Coach was notified by at least 9:00 pm on the Thursday night prior to the listed match.
- 7.4 A team receiving a forfeit, it will receive 4 points for a win and will be credited and debited with the average amount of points of the other winning teams in that grade on that day.
- 7.5 A team which has played an unqualified or ineligible player and wins or draws, shall lose the match and the opposing team to receive the 4 premiership points; and the total points for and against scored in that match shall be used in determining percentage.

A team which has played an unqualified or ineligible player and loses, shall be fined an amount as determined by the Board; and the total points for and against scored in that match shall be used in determining percentage.

8. MAJOR ROUND MATCHES

8.1 At the conclusion of the minor round the teams which occupy the first four positions on the Premiership table shall play off for the Premiership in a major round of matches in the following manner;

If two or more teams have obtained an equal number of points the position of such teams shall be determined by percentage of points kicked for and against such teams.

First Semi-Final Match No. 1 : Team 3 v Team 4

Second Semi-Final Match No. 2 : Team 1 v Team 2

Preliminary Final Match No. 3 : Winner match 1 v Loser match 2

Grand Final Match No. 4 : Winner match 2 v Winner match 3

8.2 That all clubs in the Mid south-eastern Football League Incorporated shall have one of each final - First, Second, Preliminary and Grand Final - played on their ground over a period of the number of clubs in the league and that each final be played in its own alphabetical order regardless of competing teams.

Any new club affiliating with the league shall participate in the Grand Final rotation commencing at the end of the current affiliated clubs.

8.3 Should a ground be deemed unsuitable for the playing of any final the League or the Board may transfer the playing of such final to the next rostered ground. Should a ground or grounds be by-passed due to this clause any club or clubs whose ground is so by-passed shall have claims to the first final thereafter.

9. DRAW IN GRAND FINAL

9.1 In the event of a draw in any final in any grade after full time the game shall be continued with five (5) minute halves until a result is achieved.

9.2 The time spent changing of ends shall be kept to a minimum by the umpires, thus coaches and captains are not allowed to address the players.

9.3 Time on is to be added to all grades.

10. REGISTRATION - CLUB COLOURS AND TEAMS

10.1 Each club shall register its colours and design with the League, priority of registration to determine the exclusive rights to wear such colours. Only registered colours may be worn by the respective players in League matches. In the event of an emergency, and the right colours not being available, the colours to be worn by any player shall be satisfactory to both captains.

10.2 Any change to club uniforms shall be notified to the League Secretary to be ratified by a meeting of Club delegates before the change to club uniform can be approved by the Board to be worn in the next season's competition. If approved, the new uniform shall become the official playing uniform of that club, and shall remain so until another amendment is sought from the League.

11. BREACHES OF CLUB COLOURS AND NOS.

- 11.1 The Field Umpire shall report any breach of Rule 9 to the League, and the offending club shall be fined for such breach. Any club allowing any of its players to take part in any game without having the proper numerals attached to the back of such jersey shall be fined for each case. Where a player wears the wrong coloured socks the same penalty shall apply.
- 11.2 In any official publication of the League where Firsts team numbers are listed, each club must be responsible for all players wearing the corresponding number. After the playing of the first four matches the League Secretary may impose a penalty for non-compliance in accordance with the fine schedule.

12. APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFERS

- 12.1 No player who is under financial indebtedness to this League or to his Club shall be granted a transfer from this League or from any club within this League.
- 12.2 A player refused a transfer solely on the grounds of being not financial with the club or League from which a transfer is sought shall be granted the transfer on payment of the outstanding liability.
- 12.3 No player seeking a transfer shall be eligible to play unless his granted transfer application, together with an application for registration is lodged with the League Secretary by 9.00am on the Friday prior to the match.
- 12.4 This rule is to be read in conjunction with the appropriate section(s) of the South Australian Community Football League Inc Regulations.
- 12.5 In the case of any player for a SANFL club in the 1st, 2nd, or SANFL age competition that player must continue to play with either a SANFL club or a Mid south-eastern League club but not both after the 31st July. In the case of players eligible to play Junior and Senior Colts they may play for a SANFL club after 31st July.

13. REFUSAL OF TRANSFER

- 13.1 For the purpose of these regulations, financial indebtedness is defined as an outstanding debt for club subscriptions from the last season in which the player played football for that club.
- 13.2 For the purpose of these regulations, contractual obligation is defined as a written agreement for services during a fixed term as a player between the player and an Affiliated League club.
- 13.3 This rule is to be read in conjunction with the appropriate section(s) of the SACFL.

14. PLAYING WITHOUT TRANSFER

- 14.1 The club with which the player played shall be liable to a fine imposed by the League and payable to the League.
- 14.2 This rule is to be read in conjunction with the appropriate section(s) of the SACFL.

15. TRANSFER NOT REQUIRED

- 15.1 A player under the age of fifteen (15) years on the first day of January of the current season will not be required to obtain a transfer from the Affiliated League Club with which he was last registered to be eligible for registration as a player with another Affiliated League Club. Players in this age group will not be allowed to transfer from one club to another after 30th June of the current season unless permission is granted by the Board. Penalties for players playing in two Leagues on one weekend without a finalised permit shall apply.
- 15.2 A player may only transfer under rule 15.1 once in any financial year. Any subsequent transfer in that year must be approved by:
- 15.2.1 The League Independent Tribunal if the player desires to transfer to another Club within the same Affiliated League, or
 - 15.2.2 The Zone Independent Tribunal if the player desires to transfer to a Club of a different Affiliated League within the same Zone; or
 - 15.2.3 The Investigation Committee if the player desires to transfer to a Club of an Affiliated League in another Zone.

16. PLAYING WITH TWO CLUBS

- 16.1 This rule is to be read in conjunction with the appropriate section(s) of the SACFL Regulations
- 16.2 Any player who is registered with more than one Affiliated League club at the same time shall be liable to a fine imposed by the Investigation Committee which will be payable to the Affiliated League with which the player was first registered.

17. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 17.1 Each club shall register its players with the League Secretary. All current players will be required to complete the Footyweb Online Player Registration.
- 17.2 Any new player to the League must complete the appropriate SACFL Registration and Transfer Form using their legal first name (no abbreviations), family name and date of birth as per their birth certificate or drivers licence. New registrations for players under the age of 21 as at 1st January of the current season will be required to supply the League with an appropriate proof of age document within 14 days of registration. Should such documentation not be provided the player will subsequently be de-registered.
- 17.3 Once a player has been correctly registered and played with a club in this League and his name entered in the register of this League, such registration shall hold good for the current season. It is the responsibility of the player to re-register each year thereafter using the Footyweb Online Player Registration process.
- 17.4 No player shall be registered in this League until he has obtained a player transfer from the club for which he last played. The SACFL Player Transfer form must be completed and forwarded to the League Secretary prior to League approval being given.
- 17.5 A person may, immediately before the start of a match, make application to the field umpire for registration. Such application shall be initialled by such field umpire and handed back to either the player or club official and shall be lodged with the Secretary of the League on or before the Wednesday following match day. The player must also complete the Footyweb Online Player Registration Process within this same timeframe.

- 17.6 No player shall be allowed to play until such registration is made.
- 17.7 Registration of new players can be completed throughout the entire minor round.
- 17.8 The League Secretary shall keep an official register of names of all players registered in the various clubs forming the League and other relevant records concerning such players.

18. TEMPORARY PERMIT

This rule is to be read in conjunction with the appropriate sections(s) of the SACFL.

19. INTERSTATE TRANSFER APPLICATIONS

This rule is to be read in conjunction with the appropriate section(s) of the SACFL.

20. TRANSFER FEES

This rule is to be read in conjunction with the appropriate section(s) of the SACFL.

21. REGULATIONS & PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS

This rule is to be read in conjunction with the appropriate section(s) of the SACFL.

22. TEAMS

22.1 FIRSTS

22.1.1 The Firsts team must consist of between 14 and 18 players, who may be on the playing surface at any one time, and no more than 2 interchange players. If a team so elects to; an under 17 registered player (as per rule 21.1.3 hereof) may be an extra interchange player.

22.1.2 In every match a duplicate list of up to 20 (or 21 as the case may be) qualified players shall be provided. The players' respective number shall be filled in and only the players mentioned in the list shall be eligible to play. If a team plays a player not so named on the team sheet, they may be deemed to have forfeited the match as per rule 6.5 Forfeiture of Matches.

One copy of each list shall be handed to the Field Umpire before the start of the match, to be kept by him when necessary for identification purposes when a charge is laid. At the conclusion of the match, the Umpire shall ensure this copy is placed in an envelope to be forwarded to the League Secretary via the host Club, to reach him/her not later than the following Wednesday. The duplicate copy shall be handed to the opposing team's Secretary or relevant team Manager no later than 5 minutes prior to the designated starting time. Clubs defaulting shall be fined.

22.1.3 The 21st player (if used) shall be an under 17 registered player, who is listed on the under 17's team sheet (for that day) as per 21.3.2.

Note: As per Rule 23.2 (Qualifications for Finals), during Finals the designated under 17 need not necessarily be listed on the under 17 team sheet.

Only one under 17 player shall be designated as the 21st player (if used) and he shall start the match on the interchange bench.

- 22.1.4 All players listed on the team sheet as per sub-rule 21.1.2 must go on the ground in uniform ready to play and must remain so ready until conclusion of the match, unless the player requires medical attention and shall for all purposes be deemed to have played in the match.
- 22.1.5 Any team receiving a forfeit may record the 20 (or 21) players picked for the match as having played, providing that one copy of the 20 (or 21) players selected is forwarded to the League Secretary by the required time.
- 22.1.6 For finals matches the firsts team must consist of between 14 and 18 players, who may be on the playing surface at any one time, and no more than 3 interchange players. If a team so elects to; an under 17 registered player (as per rule 21.1.3 hereof) may be an extra interchange player.

22.2 **SECONDS**

- 22.2.1 The Seconds team must consist of between 14 and 16 players, who may be on the playing surface at any one time. Teams must consist of no more than 20 players.
- 22.2.2 For finals matches the Seconds team must consist of between 14 and 16 players, who may be on the playing surface at any one time. Teams must consist of no more than 22 players providing **both** clubs notify the League Secretary of their agreement for any additional players in excess of standard 20 players before 5pm on the Friday before the game.
- 22.2.3 In every match a duplicate list of up to 20 qualified players or 22 players if finals rule 22.2.2 is agreed to shall be provided. The players' respective number shall be filled in and only the players mentioned in the list shall be eligible to play. If a team plays a player not so named on the team sheet, they may be deemed to have forfeited the match as per rule 6.5 Forfeiture of Matches.

One copy of each list shall be handed to the Field Umpire before the start of the match, to be kept by him when necessary for identification purposes when a charge is laid. At the conclusion of the match, the Umpire shall ensure this copy is placed in an envelope to be forwarded to the League Secretary via the host Club, to reach him/her not later than the following Wednesday. The duplicate copy shall be handed to the opposing team's Secretary or relevant team Manager no later than 5 minutes prior to the designated starting time. Clubs defaulting shall be fined.

- 22.2.4 All players listed on the team sheet as per sub-rule 22.2.2 must go on the ground in uniform ready to play and must remain so ready until conclusion of the match, unless the player requires medical attention and shall for all purposes be deemed to have played in the match.
- 22.2.5 Any team receiving a forfeit may record the 20 players picked for the match as having played, providing that one copy of the 20 players selected is forwarded to the League Secretary by the required time.

22.3 SENIOR COLTS

22.3.1 Senior Colts team must consist of between 14 and 18 players, who may be on the field at any one time. When playing 14 to 18 players, both teams must have the same number of players on the playing surface at all times, with unlimited interchange players. Where both teams nominate 19 or more, both teams must play 18 on the playing surface and unlimited interchange players. Both teams must have the same number of players on the playing surface at all times.

The only exception to having equal playing numbers is in the case of a player/s being red or yellow carded by the officiating umpire.

In the case where teams have insufficient players during the minor round to participate (14) and their opponent has a surplus, the team with the surplus MUST LEND players and the team with insufficient players MUST ACCEPT the players in order that the match may proceed. Junior Colt aged players must play with their registered club except in the circumstances where both sides do not have sufficient senior colt aged players. In this case each team must have the minimum number (14). The borrowed players shall be identified on the Team Sheet and any goals kicked or medal votes awarded shall be recorded to the player as a player for the club where he/she is registered. Such players shall be deemed to have been given a permit to play.

22.3.2 In every match a duplicate list of the players shall be provided. The players' respective number shall be filled in and only the players mentioned in the list shall be qualified to play. If a team plays a player not so named on the team sheet, they may be deemed to have forfeited the match as per rule 6.5 Forfeiture of Matches.

One copy of each list shall be handed to the Field Umpire before the start of the match, to be kept by him when necessary for identification purposes when a charge is laid. At the conclusion of the match, the Umpire shall ensure this copy is placed in an envelope to be forwarded to the League Secretary via the host Club, to reach him/her not later than the following Wednesday. The duplicate copy shall be handed to the opposing team's Secretary or relevant team Manager no later than 5 minutes prior to the designated starting time. Clubs defaulting shall be fined.

22.3.3 All players listed on the team sheet as per sub-rule 21.3.2 must go on the ground in uniform ready to play and must remain so ready until conclusion of the match, unless the player requires medical attention and shall for all purposes be deemed to have played in the match.

22.3.4 Any team receiving a forfeit may record the players picked for the match as having played, providing that one copy of the players selected is forwarded to the League Secretary by the required time.

22.4 JUNIOR COLTS

22.4.1 Junior colts must consist of between 14 and 18 players, who may be on the playing surface at any one time. When playing 14 to 18 players, both teams must have the same number of players on the playing surface at all times, with unlimited interchange players. Where both teams nominate 19 or more, both teams must then play 18 on the playing surface with unlimited interchange. Both teams must have the same number of players on the playing surface at all times.

The only exception to having equal numbers is in the case of a player/s being red or yellow carded by the officiating umpire.

In the case where teams have insufficient players to participate (14) and their opponent has a surplus, the team with the surplus MUST LEND players and the team with insufficient players MUST ACCEPT the players in order that the match may proceed. In this case each team must have the minimum number (14). The borrowed players shall be identified on the Team Sheet and any goals kicked or medal votes awarded shall be recorded to the player as a player for the club where he/she is registered. Such players shall be deemed to have been given a permit to play.

22.4.2 In every match a duplicate list of the players shall be provided. The players' respective number shall be filled in and only the players mentioned in the list shall be qualified to play. If a team plays a player not so named on the team sheet, they may be deemed to have forfeited the match as per rule 6.5 Forfeiture of Matches.

One copy of each list shall be handed to the Field Umpire before the start of the match, to be kept by him when necessary for identification purposes when a charge is laid. At the conclusion of the match, the Umpire shall ensure this copy is placed in an envelope to be forwarded to the League Secretary via the host Club, to reach him/her not later than the following Wednesday. The duplicate copy shall be handed to the opposing team's Secretary or relevant team Manager no later than 5 minutes prior to the designated starting time. Clubs defaulting shall be fined.

22.4.3 All players listed on the team sheet as per sub-rule 21.4.2 must go on the ground in uniform ready to play and must remain so ready until conclusion of the match, unless the player requires medical attention and shall for all purposes be deemed to have played in the match.

22.4.4 Any team receiving a forfeit may record all players picked for the match as having played, providing that one copy of all the players selected is forwarded to the League Secretary by the required time.

22.4.5 As the Junior Colts competition is a League official competition all Junior colts must be registered with the League Secretary.

22.4.6 A Junior Colt will not be registered until they have turned 10 years of age.

22.4.7 Junior Colts aged 10 years and under must wear an approved AFL head guard.

23. SEND OFF RULE

23.1 RED CARD

A player who commits the following AFL Laws of the Game offences shall be reported and ordered off the ground for the remainder of the game and is able to be replaced after 20 minutes of actual playing time, not inclusive of time on. The player red carded can take no further part in the game:

- (i) intentionally or carelessly kicking another person;
- (ii) intentionally or carelessly kneeling another person;
- (iii) intentionally or carelessly stomping on another person;
- (iv) intentionally or carelessly head butting an opponent or making contact to an opponent using the head;
- (v) intentionally or carelessly eye-gouging an opponent or making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the eye region of an opponent;
- (vi) intentionally making contact with or striking an Umpire;
- (vii) attempting to make contact with an Umpire;
- (viii) carelessly making contact with an Umpire;
- (ix) spitting at or on an Umpire;
- (x) engaging in any other act of misconduct if the Umpire is of the opinion that the act constituting misconduct is serious in nature.

23.2 YELLOW CARD

22.2.1 A player who commits the following AFL Laws of the Game offences shall be reported and ordered from the ground for 15 minutes of actual playing time, not inclusive of time on and cannot be replaced during that time.

- (i) intentionally or carelessly striking another person;
- (ii) attempting to strike another person;
- (iii) attempting to kick another person;
- (iv) intentionally or carelessly charging another person;
- (v) intentionally or carelessly bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that Player has their head down over the football;
- (vi) intentionally or carelessly making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the face of an opponent;
- (vii) intentionally or carelessly scratching another person;
- (viii) intentionally or carelessly tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg;
- (ix) spitting at or on another person;
- (x) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards or in relation to an Umpire;
- (xi) behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire;
- (xii) disputing a decision of an Umpire;
- (xiii) use of an obscene gesture;
- (xiv) engaging in any other act of misconduct if the Umpire is of the opinion that the act constituting misconduct is serious in nature.

22.2.2 A player who commits the following AFL Laws of the Game offences, shall be ordered from the ground for 15 minutes of actual playing time, not inclusive of time on and cannot be replaced during that time. Depending upon the severity of such offence, the player may be reported.

- (i) engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable;
- (ii) intentionally or carelessly making unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an injured player;
- (iii) attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg;
- (iv) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language;
- (v) engaging in time wasting;
- (vi) engaging in an act of staging;
- (vii) engaging in a melee, except where a player's sole intention is to remove a player from the same team from the incident;
- (viii) instigating a melee;
- (ix) wrestling another person;
- (x) pinching another person;
- (xi) interfering with a player kicking for goal;
- (xii) intentionally shaking a goal or behind post when another player is preparing to kick or is kicking for goal or after the player has kicked for goal and the football is in transit;
- (xiii) failing to leave the playing surface when directed to do so by an Umpire;
- (xiv) wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under AFL Law 9.

23.2.1 Any player ordered from the ground twice must be reported and sent from the ground for the remainder of the match.

23.2.2 Field umpires and emergency umpires only may order players from the ground.

23.2.3 A player ordered from the ground must leave through the interchange area.

23.2.4 If a player refuses to leave the field when ordered off, he shall be reported for misconduct and his team shall forfeit the match.

23.2.5 A player accumulating three cards irrespective of colour, in official MSEFL matches in the current football season, that player shall be automatically suspended for the following match in which the third offence was committed. Should the third offence be the subject of a set penalty or tribunal suspension, the period of suspension accepted or handed down will be increased by one (1) game. If a player receives further cards during the said season, they will automatically be suspended for a further match for this and each additional card. A player suspended under this clause shall be ineligible to win any best and fairest medal as per rule 49. A player suspended under this rule may lodge an appeal as per rule 27 Protests.

23.2.6 If a player, in receiving a red or yellow card is offered a set penalty and elects to go the Tribunal in lieu of accepting a set penalty, is subsequently found not guilty by the Tribunal, the card/s issued will not go against the players record in respect to rule 22.2.7.

23.2.7 If an umpire sends off any player during the game in either a Junior or Senior Colts match, he must signal the timekeepers who will record the offending players number and the time he was sent off. The player must stay off for 10 minutes of elapsed playing time and he cannot be replaced during that time. The Red and Yellow card system is to apply.

23.2.8 The umpires must record the offence for which the player received the yellow card for presentation to the Tribunal.

24. QUALIFICATIONS FOR FINALS

24.1 FIRSTS

24.1.1 Players must have played at least four games during the minor round matches on separate weekends with their Club in any grade to be eligible to play in the Firsts team in Finals matches.

24.1.2 If a team elects to have an under 17 registered player (as per rule 21.1.3 Teams) as an extra interchange player during finals, that player need not necessarily be listed on the Club's under 17 team sheet for that day, but must have played at least four minor round games with that Club's under 17 team.

24.2 SECONDS

24.2.1 Players (including Junior and Senior Colts) must play at least four games with the Seconds team during the minor round matches before being eligible to play in the Seconds team in Finals matches.

Provided that if he has played with the Firsts team during the minor round matches then he must play at least six games with the Seconds team during the minor round matches before being eligible to play in the Seconds team in Finals matches.

If a player (including Junior and Senior Colts) plays more than eight games in the Firsts team during the minor round matches he is not eligible to play in the Seconds team in Finals matches.

24.2.2 Provided that a player complies with rule 24.1.1 hereof; and in the event of a club fielding 2 senior teams on a finals weekend that the Club be able to select eligible players from its complete list regardless of rule 24.2.1 hereof.

24.2.3 If the Firsts team on one of these days is eliminated from the final series the players who played in the Seconds may still continue to play in the Seconds finals with disregard to rule 24.2.1 hereof.

24.2.4 If the Firsts team wins the Second Semi Final and the Seconds team loses the Second Semi final and a player who has played in the Seconds team as per rule 24.2.3 hereof , then that player must comply with the requirements of rule 24.2.1 hereof to be eligible for the Seconds Preliminary Final.

24.2.5 Regardless of any other clause hereof; (if suitably qualified as per rule 24.1 or 24.2.1 hereof) a player may only play in either the Firsts team or the Seconds team (not both) on a finals weekend.

24.2.6 If suitably eligible as per by-law 24.1 and 24.2.1 hereof; a player may alternately play for either his Club's Firsts or Seconds team on differing finals weekends.

24.3 SENIOR AND JUNIOR COLTS

24.3.1 Players must play at least four games with the Junior or Senior Colts during the minor round matches before being eligible to play in the Junior or Senior Colts teams in Finals matches.

Provided that if they have played 6 or more games with the Firsts or Seconds during the minor round matches then they must play at least six games with the Junior or Senior Colts during the minor round matches before being eligible to play in the Junior or Senior Colts teams in Finals matches.

24.3.2 If suitably qualified; a player may play in the either: the Firsts team or the Reserves team; and one Colts match on a Finals weekend.

24.3.3 A junior colt is deemed to be eligible to play in the Senior Colts team on a finals weekend provided that he is suitably qualified to play in the Junior Colts team on a finals weekend. If suitably qualified a junior colt may play both Junior and Senior colt matches on a finals weekend.

25. UMPIRES

25.1 The League will appoint an Umpires selection panel consisting of 3 persons, one of which will be the Umpires Director. The duties of those persons being to select the appointments for Field Umpires for MSEFL matches (including exchange umpires from other Leagues) in consultation with the Umpires Director, to monitor the performance of MSEFL Field Umpires, and to be responsible for the disciplining of the said Umpires for unsatisfactory performances. The panel would also oversee the promotion and relegation of Umpires through the various grades of the League.

25.2 Each club for each match during the minor rounds shall provide a boundary umpire/s and a Goal Umpire in proper uniform. In the firsts match the boundary umpire must wear the League nominated top, however in the seconds, senior colt and junior colt matches the boundary umpire must wear either the League nominated top or a white top or a fine may be imposed. In the event of a club failing to provide either boundary or goal umpire, the opposing captain may appoint a substitute. The defaulting club shall be fined to play the fee of such Umpire.

25.3 The League reserves the right to annul the appointment of any Umpire during the season.

25.4 The League shall have full powers to accept or reject the appointment of any Goal or Boundary Umpire by the clubs.

25.5 Goal Umpires must use white flags only for all matches.

25.6 Boundary and Goal Umpires for the major round will be appointed by the Umpire Selection Panel.

25.7 That where a boundary umpire is not able to throw in the ball for an effective ruck contest, the field umpire may elect to move to the boundary line and throw the ball in.

26. LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS

26.1 The Board shall appoint Commissioners who shall be persons who do not hold office as League Delegates or officials or as club officials of any league club.

26.2 They shall be appointed for a period of one year by the Board and shall be eligible for re-appointment. The Commissioners shall appoint the Chair. The remuneration for the Commissioners shall be determined annually by the League Board.

26.3 A sole Commissioner shall form a quorum.

- 26.4 For the purpose of rule 25.1 a Life Member of the League or of any League club shall be deemed not to be an official or to hold office.
- 26.5 The Board may, from time to time as may be required, appoint one or more proxy Commissioners to act as a League Commissioner. The proxy Commissioners shall be persons possessing the qualifications required by rule 26.1 of this sub-clause in respect of the League Commissioners.
- 26.6 The Board may from time to time in conjunction with the SANFL appoint a Commissioner from a qualified panel as advised to the Board at the start of the season. They will possess the qualifications required by rule 26.1.
- 26.7 League Commissioners shall enquire into, hear, and adjudicate upon and determine any charge made against any playing member on the field which is the subject of a report made pursuant to and for a breach of the laws of the game.
- 26.8 May summon any person to appear and give evidence at the hearing of such charge.
- 26.9 May at their absolute discretion admit or reject any evidence given or tendered at the hearing of such charge.
- 26.10 May adjourn the hearing of such charge from time to time as may be convenient.
- 26.11 May adopt and pursue any procedure which they may think convenient and proper in such hearing, adjudication and determination of such charge.
- 26.12 May, at their discretion punish by censure, fine, suspension (from playing or the exercise of official functions) or disqualification (from playing or the exercise of official functions) any witness, being a player or an official who in the opinion of the tribunal knowingly gives false evidence at the hearing of any charge, complaint, protest or other matter referred to it.
- 26.13 May, at their discretion censure, fine, suspend or disqualify any player member who is found guilty by them of any such charge. Such charge and penalty is to be as prescribed under the SANFL Tribunal System or tribunal system as adopted by the Board for the said season.
- 26.14 May dismiss any such charge as being trivial or as not having been proved or upon not finding the player member charged guilty of the offence charged against him.
- 26.15 No charge for breach of the laws of the game shall be enquired into, heard or adjudicated upon by the League Commissioners unless the following conditions are complied with;
- 26.15.1 Each umpire shall be provided with forms approved by the League. Each umpire who makes a charge shall fill in a multiple copied report sheet in respect of each club which has a player or players to be reported. Such forms shall set out the name or names of such player or players and particulars of each charge. The particulars of each charge in the report sheet can be by way of a grading system, law infringement and the Umpire is allowed to comment of the description of the reported action in both cases. Each umpire who makes a charge shall sign the report sheet.

The umpire or his advocate must present to the appointed Commissioners prior to the hearing the signed copy of the pertinent charge.

The Umpire's Director or his proxy concerned with a charge must notify the League Secretary of the charge by 9.00am of the day following the match.

Each club shall be responsible for the attendance of an official at the door of the Umpires room at the termination of the match, and where charges are made the umpire shall hand one copy of such charges to the Club Official. In the case of non-attendance of an official of the club, in default, any player concerned in a charge shall be deemed to have waived compliance with the provisions of this rule.

When a charge has been made, the league advocate of the club concerned shall produce to the League Commissioners at the hearing of such charge the duplicate copy handed to the club official in accordance with this rule.

- 26.15.2 On the handing by the umpire to the club official of the copy of the charges as required by by-law 26.14.1 the club concerned shall be deemed to have duly received notice of such charge, and thereupon such club official shall forthwith notify the player concerned of the making of such charges.
- 26.15.3 When an umpire intends to make a charge against a playing member or members, he shall, if such charge or charges relate to matters arising in the first three quarters of the game, notify the player or players concerned as soon as reasonably possible after the incident, and in any event no later than the start of the next quarter. Provided that if a player is issued with a red card or two yellow cards in a game, for the purposes of this rule, the player shall be deemed to have been duly notified as being reported.
- 26.15.4 A player once charged by an umpire in breach of the Laws of the Game, the charge shall proceed unless withdrawn by the reporting umpire by advising the League Secretary by 7:00pm on the day immediately following the match. A charge once laid upon a player may be amended by the Tribunal Commissioners at their discretion.
- 26.15.5 An appointed League Investigation Officer or Official of the SANFL will contact the reported players club/player to advise of the charge laid and to offer prescribed penalty on the basis of an early guilty plea or under the reporting system that the Board have adopted.
- 26.16 Charges shall be heard at the discretion of the League Commissioners. The League Commissioners may alter the date and time for hearing any charge, in which case the club officials and umpires concerned shall be notified by the League Secretary of such alteration and place of hearing.
- 26.17 The accused playing member shall attend on the hearing of such charge, and may give evidence and (subject to rule 25.18 of this clause) call witness, and question all witnesses who give evidence on such hearing. Should he fail to attend after having been duly notified in accordance with rule 25.15 of this clause, the League Commissioners may proceed to hear the charge in his absence.

- 26.18 The umpire or umpires who has or have reported a playing member shall give evidence and may call witnesses and question all witnesses who give evidence at the hearing but in the event of the person appointed by the League under by-law 26.19 of this clause being present the calling and questioning of witnesses shall be performed by him/her on behalf of the umpire or umpires.
- 26.19 A person qualified as a Legal Practitioner is not permitted to act in the role of Player, Official or Umpire Advocate.
- 26.20 The Delegate members or proxy Delegate members of the League club to which the accused playing member belongs shall also be allowed to attend, and may question witnesses who give evidence on such hearing and the League Commissioners may permit the playing member charged to be represented at the hearing by the delegate members or proxy delegate members of such club; in which event the calling of and questioning of witnesses shall, on behalf of the playing member charged, be done by such delegate member or proxy delegate member.
- 26.21 The League may from time to time appoint a person to act on behalf of the League in presenting charges to the League Commissioners.
- 26.22 A playing member against whom a charge has been made of a breach of the laws of the game shall not be eligible to play until the League Commissioners have adjudicated upon such charge.
- 26.23 Such ineligibility shall not extend to any match which takes place within 4 days after the date upon which such charge has been received by the Secretary of the League.
- 26.24 Any person, under the control of the League, who conducts himself disrespectfully to the Commissioners during the hearing of a charge against a player may be suspended for such period as the Commissioners deem proper, or may be fined.
- 26.25 The parents/guardians of a reported Player or Official, or a reporting Umpire are not permitted to act in the role of the advocate. Such persons are, however, permitted to attend Tribunal hearings, should the player/official or umpire be under the age of 18.
- 26.26 A Tribunal Member may not act as an advocate or otherwise appear in any capacity before the Tribunal.
- 26.27 All Mid south-eastern Football League tribunals to be recorded on either video or audio tape. The video or audio tape is for the exclusive use of the League Commissioners or Board for review purposes only.
- 26.28 The club or clubs with whom the player, players, or officials are registered shall be held responsible for the expenses incurred when such player or players are reported and found guilty.
- 26.29 Players reported shall be allowed to submit a written statement in the event of them being unable to attend. Players attending the hearing shall have any expenses incurred in so doing by their club.

27. REPORTING OTHER OFFICIALS

- 27.1 No Officer, Director, Life Member, playing Life Member or servant of the League, playing member or registered official or a club shall at any time
- 27.1.1 Use abusive, threatening or insulting language to any umpire, officer of the League, director servant of the League, member of a committee of the League, playing member of a League club, registered official of a League club or gatekeeper or other employee of the League engaged at an oval at which a match arranged by or under the control of the League is being played;
 - 27.1.2 Interfere with or assault any umpire, officer of the League, member of a committee of the League, director, servant of the League, playing member of a League club, registered official of a League club or gatekeeper or other employee of the League engaged at an oval at which a match arranged by or under the control of the League is being played.
 - 27.1.3 Be guilty of any conduct which in the opinion of the League is detrimental to the best interest of the game of Australian Football.
 - 27.1.4 Refuse or neglect or fail to observe or comply with any of these by-laws.
 - 27.1.5 Engage in any conduct prejudicial to the welfare, spirit, and image of the League.
- 27.2 In the event of an umpire officiating in the match laying a charge alleging any infringement of these By-Laws or the Laws of the Game by any player or registered official named on the official team sheet within the playing arena which for the purpose of these By-Laws shall include the players race, the said charge must be laid in accordance with by-law 26.15 herein.
- 27.3 A charge other than a charge against a player or registered official pursuant to by-law 27.2 alleging infringement of these By-Laws may be laid by an official, director, officer, Life Member, or servant of the League or by an umpire appointed by the League or by any playing member of that League.
- 27.4 A complaint concerning the conduct of a player or registered official named on the official team sheet alleging any infringement of these By-Laws or Laws of the Game within the playing arena, (which such conduct has not been the subject of a charge by an umpire pursuant to Rule 27.2 may be laid by an officer, director, member of the umpires board, members of the umpires selection board of the League or by an umpire appointed by the League. A complaint in accordance with this Rule must be lodged with the President or Secretary of the League not later than 10:00 pm on the first business day following the date of the match in which the conduct complained of is alleged to have occurred.
- 27.5 The President or Secretary of the League shall have the power to lay a charge alleging any infringement of these By-laws or Laws of the Game by a player or registered official named on any official team sheet in accordance with these By-Laws within the playing area as follows :
- 27.5.1 Upon receipt of a complaint made in accordance with By-law 27.4.
 - 27.5.2 Be of his own motion irrespective of whether a complaint is received by him pursuant to By-law 27.4.
 - 27.5.3 However in any event the said charge referred to as above must be reduced to writing, in a form approved by the League, dated, and laid by the League President or Secretary not later than 10.00 pm on the second business day following the date of the match in which the conduct complained of is alleged to have occurred.

- 27.6 The League shall cause a copy of any charges and any particulars thereof alleging an infringement of these By-laws or Laws of the Game by any player or registered official to be delivered to the person or body alleged in such charge to have committed such infringement as soon as practical and shall inform such person or body of the time and place fixed for hearing of such charge.
- 27.7 If the person so charged is found guilty of an infringement of these By-laws or Laws of the Game then his associated club is liable to a fine, also the person concerned may also be suspended for a specified period at the Commissioners pleasure and that during this period must not act as an official for any club within the League.

28. PENALTIES

- 28.1 A prescribed penalty may be offered by the League Investigation Officer or Official of the SANFL pursuant to the SANFL Tribunal Guidelines or the reporting system that the Board have adopted.
- 28.2 Prescribed Penalties are a set sanction or penalty for a reportable offence that is offered to an offender by the League Investigation Officer or Official of the SANFL in lieu of attending a Tribunal Hearing.
- 28.3 If an Offender elects to attend the Tribunal in lieu of accepting League Investigation Officer or Official of the SANFL's offer of a Prescribed Penalty and is subsequently found guilty of that offence, then the resultant penalty shall be equal to or greater than the Prescribed Penalty. It shall not be less than the Prescribed Penalty for that offence, unless mitigating circumstances are established at the Tribunal Hearing.
- 28.4 At its discretion, MSEFL Board, League Investigation Officer or Official of the SANFL have the power to refer a matter directly to the Tribunal.

29. PROTESTS

Protests must be made to the Secretary of the League by the Secretary of the club concerned, and must be lodged before 4.00 pm on the Tuesday following the match. Such protests will be dealt with by the League Investigations Officer. All protests must be accompanied by the appropriate fee, and in the event of the Commissioners deeming the protest a frivolous one, the club concerned will lose its deposit.

30. INVESTIGATION OFFICER

- 30.1 The Board shall appoint an Investigation Officer who shall be a person who does not hold office as a club official of any League club.
- 30.2 The Investigation Officer shall be appointed for a period of one year and shall be eligible for re-appointment. The remuneration of the officer shall be determined annually by the Board.
- 30.3 For the purpose of rule 28.1 a Life Member of the League or of any League club shall be deemed not to be an official or to hold office.

- 30.4 The League, member of the Board, Club, Registered player, Registered official or servant of the League who alleges that a player or official of a club, umpire, League official, Club or servant of the League has been guilty of conduct which is unbecoming to a player, umpire, official or club or which is likely to bring the game of football into disrepute may lodge with the League a Notice in writing, setting out particulars of the allegation. The prescribed fee shall accompany the notice
- 30.5 A notice under this paragraph must be lodged with the League within 3 days after the date of the act or omission to which it relates unless the League agrees to extend this period. An extension agreed to by the League may be subject to such conditions as the League thinks fit.
- 30.6 Notice of any allegation received under rule 30.4 shall be referred to the Investigation Officer for investigation. The Investigation Officer may investigate the allegations as s/he thinks fit. Such investigation shall be completed within 21 days of the matter being referred to the Investigation Officer, unless, at the completion of 21 days an extension of time is then granted by the League at the request of the Investigation Officer.
- 30.7 If the Investigation Officer, after investigation of the allegation, is of the opinion that the Player, Official or Club in question may have been guilty of conduct unbecoming to a player, an official or club or is likely to bring the game of football into disrepute and that the allegation ought to be dealt with by the League Independent Tribunal as hereinafter provided, he may lodge with the League a notice in writing, setting out details of the allegation.
- 30.8 If a notice is lodged with the League under rule 30.7 and the Board determine that the matter should be referred to the Independent Tribunal, the League Secretary shall fix a date, time and place for a hearing of the allegation before the Tribunal, being a date not later than 9 days after lodgement of the notice and shall advise and forward to the player, official or club care of the club secretary in question a copy of the notice.
- 30.9 Such notices shall be forwarded to the charged player, official or club via the club secretary at least 48 hours prior to the hearing and also informed as to whom it is proposed to call as witnesses.
- 30.10 The League Independent Tribunal may regulate any proceedings brought before it under this Rule as it sees fit, but in any such proceedings the player, official or club against whom the allegation has been made and his advocate shall be entitled to appear before the Tribunal. In any proceedings brought before a tribunal under this rule the Investigation Officer shall personally appear before it and lay the necessary charge or charges and act as the prosecuting officer for the League.
- 30.11 If the League Independent Tribunal decides that the player, official or club in question has been guilty of conduct which, in the opinion of the Tribunal has brought the game of football into disrepute, it may make such orders and give such directions in the matter as it thinks fit.
- 30.12 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the League Independent Tribunal may impose a fine of such amount as it thinks fit or may suspend the player, official or club for such period as it thinks fit.
- 30.13 The decision of the League Independent Tribunal in respect of any allegation brought before it under this rule shall be final and binding on all parties

31. NOT PLAYING AFTER SELECTION

Every player selected to train in a League training squad shall attend and train at the appointed time and place. Any player failing to attend and train without a reasonable excuse submitted to the League Secretary within 48 hours of his non-attendance shall be dealt with as the Tribunal deems fit. Every player who has been selected to play in any combined League match shall notify the Secretary of the League of his ability or inability to play in such a match within 7 days from the date of selection. Any player who has been selected to play in any combined League match and who neglects or fails to play in such match, on failing to satisfy the Independent Tribunal as to his reason for not having played, may be stood down for the next 2 playing Saturdays following such match or fined.

32. NEGLECT TO ATTEND SUMMONED MEETING

Every Official or servant of the League, and every person who has applied for and obtained registration and a permit to play, shall attend every enquiry of the League or Committee of the League to which meeting or enquiry he has been summoned.

33. FALSE STATEMENTS

Any Official or servant of the League, or playing member of the League, who makes a false statement to the League or a Committee of the League, may be charged with such offence and such charge dealt with in accordance with these By-laws.

34. UMPIRES AS PLAYERS

- 34.1 No field umpire engaged by this League for the season shall be eligible to play during the current season of registrations unless his status as an umpire has been withdrawn or his resignation accepted by the body from which he belongs before 1st May. The provisions of this Clause shall not apply should a player be called upon to officiate in the case of an emergency, as an umpire.
- 34.2 Umpires who officiate in the Junior Colts competition will be exempt from this Rule.
- 34.3 Players who are eligible to play Junior or Senior Colts; and are members of the League panel, as a boundary, goal or field umpire; upon approval from the League will be exempt from this rule.

35. COLTS AGES

- 35.1 To be eligible to play in the senior colts team, a player must be 17 years or under as at the 30th of June in the current season.
- 35.2 To be eligible to play in the junior colts team, a player must be 14 years or under as at the 31st of December in the current season.

The terms and conditions of the MSEFL Junior Playing Up and Playing Down Policy are to be observed if clubs are requiring players to play outside the AFL Age Gap Policy.

If a player plays in a junior or senior colts match and has not complied with the above age limits, including 'playing up' or 'playing down' the player's team shall be deemed to have forfeited every such match, as per rule 6.5 Forfeiture of Matches. The player shall then be dealt with as determined by the (Senior) Board.

36. ENFORCEMENTS OF DECISION & DIRECTIONS OF THE LEAGUE

In the event of a refusal or failure of a League club to obey a decision or direction of the League given in accordance with the League By-laws, such League club may be fined, or may be disqualified by the League from playing any of the other League clubs for the remainder of the season, or the League may suspend, for such period as it thinks fit, the rights of the Delegate members and proxy Delegate members of such League club to vote at meetings of the League or of any committee.

37. PAYMENT OF FINES

- 37.1 A fine schedule will be presented as part of the League Budget and adopted by Senior Delegates at the AGM.
- 37.2 Where a fine or levy has been imposed by the League on a League club or on a delegate member or proxy delegate, or on a playing member, or official member of the League, such fine or levy shall be paid within 7 days from the posting by the League Secretary of a notice of such fine or levy. Written notice of the fine(s) and/or levy shall include clarification and reasons for the fine(s) or levy, including the section(s) of the constitution and/or rule(s) contravened if applicable.
- 37.3 Each League club shall be responsible for the payment of all fines imposed by the League or the League Commissioners on the club, or on its delegate members or proxy delegates, or on its playing members, or officials registered with the League.
- 37.4 If a club has an outstanding debt to the League that exceeds 30 days prior to 1st August of the current season, that club shall not be eligible to compete in the final series in any grade unless the outstanding debt is settled a minimum of 7 days prior to the commencement of the finals.
- 37.5 If a club has not settled all outstanding debts of the League by the 31st October of each year, that club shall forego their voting rights at the Annual General Meeting of the Mid south-eastern Football League.
- 37.6 Clubs with fines or levies outstanding for a period of four (4) weeks after the invoice date shall be disqualified from any representation and will be fined in accordance with the fine schedule until such payments of the outstanding subscription, fine or declared levy has been made.
- 37.7 The League reserves the right to grant clubs an extension on settling any outstanding debt provided clubs apply in writing with a valid reason for the extension.

38. ENTRANCE FEES

- 38.1 That all aged and invalid pensioners be admitted to all League games at half price.
- 38.2 Entrance fees do not apply to patrons 17 & Under players who hold a current official League 17 & Under gate pass.

39. INTERCHANGE

- 39.1 That there be only 1 interchange gate between coaches boxes.
- 39.2 Injured players only, assisted from the arena by their trainers during the course of the match may return to the playing arena.

39.3 Any player who leaves the field on his own without assistance of his trainer and not through the interchange gate shall not be permitted to return to the playing arena for the remainder of the match.

40. MATCH PERSONNEL

40.1 Team Runners

40.1.1 Each club may appoint a maximum of two people to perform the function of team runner for each grade. Each runner shall wear the uniform as nominated by the League. The name/s of the runner/s shall appear on the team sheet and the club name must be clearly visible on the back of each shirt.

40.1.2 The runner/s is not to enter the playing arena for any purpose other than attending to an injured player or taking a message from the coach of a participating team or from his nominee to a specific player and shall not remain on the playing arena for such longer period as shall be necessary for such purpose or purposes. One runner only is permitted on the playing arena for this purpose at any one time.

40.2 Trainers

40.2.1 Each member club shall ensure the attendance of a suitably qualified trainer at all matches. Each trainer shall wear the uniform as nominated by the League. The name(s) of the trainer(s) shall appear on the team sheet. These trainers shall:

- (i) Not enter the playing arena for any other purpose other than to attend to a player and shall not remain on the playing arena for any period longer than is necessary for such purpose.
- (ii) No Junior Colts match will proceed without a club trainer present. The umpire on the day cannot start the game until a trainer is present.
- (iii) If a side is unable to provide a trainer on the sidelines for a full game, that club/coach to approach the opposition club's trainer to see if that club's trainer can watch over both sides.

40.3 Water Persons

40.3.1 Each club may appoint a maximum of two people to perform the function of water person/s for each grade. Each water person shall wear the uniform as nominated by the League. The name/s of the water person/s shall appear on the team sheet and the club name must be clearly visible on the back of each shirt.

40.3.2 Water person/s shall enter the arena for the sole purpose of supplying drinks to players, and shall not engage in coaching or barracking whilst on the field of play.

41. JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The League shall place all matters relevant to Junior (Colts) Football under the direction of the Mid south-eastern Junior Football League who shall use the guidelines of the Mid south-eastern Football League Constitution and any other by-laws the League delegates direct.

The Junior League shall submit all relevant decisions to the Board for ratification and/or if necessary to the League Delegates.

42. INTERLEAGUE INSURANCE

That the League accept the responsibility of any of their players injured in Interleague matches and they be reimbursed in line with their normal clubs injury payment policy if not insured by an outside agency.

43. GRAND FINAL AFTERNOON TEA

The host club of a Grand Final, at their expense, supply the afternoon tea and refreshments.

44. BALLS

That Sherrin and Faulkner be the only brand of balls to be used in the Senior Colts, Seconds and Firsts.

45. TRIBUNAL EVIDENCE

That video tapes be permitted to be used as evidence at a tribunal hearing.

46. MEDAL COUNT

Junior and Senior Best and Fairest Counts are to be hosted and organised by the clubs of the League in an alphabetical rotational system.

47. PLAYING RULES

47.1 The playing rules of the South Australian National Football League Inc., and its governing rules as far as they do not conflict, shall be adopted by this League.

All rules and regulations in this Constitution are binding to all grades of football unless specifically stated.

47.2 Last Possession Rule (Variation to AFL Laws)

A free kick shall be awarded against a Player who:

- (a) Kicks or handballs the football over the boundary line without the football being touched by another player.
- (b) For the purposes of defining a kick, a kick shall be an intentional action, not accidental. When the ball comes off the foot or lower leg of a player without the intent of the player being to kick the ball, it will be deemed accidental contact and will not be determined as a kick by the umpire and therefore will result in a boundary throw in.
- (c) Where a player who does not have possession stops the football being touched by an opposition player by shepherding the ball across the boundary line where the ball could have otherwise been touched by the player being blocked, then the umpire will not award a free kick but will instead order a boundary throw in.
- (d) All other instances the ball shall be thrown in.

47.3 25 Metre Penalty – Junior Colt Competition Only

- (a) The fifty (50) metre rule, as interpreted under the Laws of Australian Football, is replaced by a twenty-five (25) metre penalty in the Junior Colt Competition only.
- (b) A fifty (50) metre penalty to be imposed on the offending team in the event of a yellow or red card being issued by the field umpire(s).

48. BLEEDING PLAYERS

- 48.1 No player shall participate in any MSEFL match or continue to participate in any MSEFL match for so long as such player :-
- (i) is actively bleeding
 - (ii) has blood on any part of his uniform or person.
- 48.2 A player shall immediately upon a direction by a field umpire or by notification to the field umpire by the boundary, goal or emergency umpire, to leave the playing arena where such umpire is of the opinion that the player is actively bleeding or has blood on any part of his person or uniform. Upon being directed to leave the playing arena, a player shall not return or take any further part in any match until and unless:-
- (i) the cause of any such active bleeding has abated
 - (ii) the injury is securely covered to the extent that no visible blood shall emanate therefrom.
 - (iii) any blood stained article of uniform has been removed and replaced
 - (iv) any blood on any part of a players person has been thoroughly cleansed and removed.
- 48.3 On observing that a player is actively bleeding or where any item of uniform or any part of the player is otherwise covered in blood the umpire shall cause the resumption of play to be delayed after the first break in play following detection of such injury or blood so that the player can leave the field.
- 48.4 Where a player is directed by an umpire to leave the field under this Rule the umpire shall wait a reasonable period to allow the replacement player to take up position before recommencing play. If a replacement player does not enter the field at the same time as the directed leaves the field the umpire shall recommence play immediately. Any player directed to leave the field shall do so through the designated Interchange Gate.
- 48.5 A player who refuses to promptly obey a direction of an umpire given in accordance with this Rule shall be reported for misconduct by the umpire and such refusal shall be deemed a reportable offence under the Laws of the game of Australian Football.

49. CODE OF CONDUCT

The code of conduct will encompass everyone at the venue (or within 200m) on the day of the game. In addition, the Code of Conduct would encompass players and officials named on the official team sheets (including suspended players) club officials and umpires at any location up until midnight on the day of the game. The Code of Conduct shall encompass all by-laws of Rule 26 and parts thereof.

Any reports under Rule 47 shall be made to the League Secretary. Under the code of conduct, in the first instance the club is encouraged to deal with breaches of the code (Rule 26 and all parts thereof) within the official structure of the club.

In the case of repeated offences under the code of conduct, or if a club feels unable to deal with a breach within the parameters of their jurisdiction and under Rule 26.4, the matter should be referred to the Board for the appropriate action.

50. AFL DRAFTEES

Any player drafted to the AFL from the Mid south-eastern Football League, member club to receive the appropriate percentage as per current AFL distribution regulations. The League will retain their allocation as per AFL distribution regulations and funds are to be utilised for Junior Development Programs.

51. BEST AND FAIREST

- 51.1 In each year the League shall award a medal to the best and fairest player in each of the four (4) grades over the eighteen minor round matches.
- 51.2 The winner of such medal shall be determined upon the total of votes cast by the central umpires in each minor round match.
- 51.3 Regardless of whether there are one, two or three central umpires there shall be only one set of votes cast in each minor round match.
- 51.4 Immediately after the conclusion of each minor round match the central umpire or umpires shall allot three votes to the player considered by him or them to be the best and fairest player on the field and two votes and one vote respectively to two other players.
- 51.5 The central umpire or umpires shall record the votes on a voting slip provided by the League and placed in a sealed envelope. The Umpire shall ensure that the votes are placed in the match day envelope to be forwarded to the League Secretary via the host Club, to reach him/her not later than the following Wednesday.
- 51.6 Any player found guilty by the League's Independent Tribunal and/or suspended in either the senior, reserves, senior colts or junior colts grades of the competition during the season in question shall be ineligible to win any medal in any grade during the season.
- 51.7 The best and fairest votes shall be counted by the League at such time and place and in such manner as the Board of the League thinks fit.
- 51.8 In the event of two or more players being awarded the same number of votes in any one award then medals shall be struck and awarded to each player.

52. APPROVED PLAYER POINTS SCHEME

- 52.1 The MSEFL will operate under the Community Football League's Approved Player Points Scheme (APPS) as per Appendix Four of the Community Football League's Constitution.
- 52.2 The Approved Player Points Scheme will relate to the A Grade competition only.
- 52.3 The Board will review and adopt a schedule of total points rating for clubs on an annual basis. Such review to be completed by 30th September each year for the following season.
- 52.4 Any current registered MSEFL player under the age of 18 as at 1st January of the current season who transfers to another MSEFL Affiliated Club will attract a player point rating of 3 additional points.

- 52.5 At the time of registration, each player shall complete a statement (in the form provided by the MSEFL) which shall provide information concerning the player's previous playing history. The form will require the player and the registering Club to **"self assess"** points to be allocated to the player. All **"Player Declaration Forms"** must be correctly completed and signed by the player and a Club Official. Player Declaration Forms must be submitted to the League Secretary no later than 9.00pm on the Thursday before play. No registration for a senior player will be accepted **without** the Player Declaration Form. The MSEFL takes no responsibility for failure to submit, incorrect, non completion or misplaced information where clubs fail to comply with these requirements. Failure to comply with this requirement will also result in registration being rejected.
- 52.6 Clubs are not permitted to assume a player's point allocation and must at all times:
- 52.6.1 Confirm a player's points (with the League Secretary) prior to him playing an A Grade game for the Club, irrespective of a transfer being granted.
- 52.6.2 Any dispute in confirming a player's playing history (necessary to determine a player's points) or determination of the League to be heard by the League's Commissioners.
- 52.6.3 A player is not permitted to play A Grade until the requirements in this section are satisfied. The MSEFL may apply penalties (described in section 50.7) for any breach, (inadvertent or otherwise) of the requirements in this section.
- 52.7 The following automatic penalties will be imposed for breaching the Approved Player Points Scheme and adopted total point rating for clubs.
- 52.7.1 In the event of a win for the breaching side – loss of match premiership points, nil scored points allocated to clubs score, plus a maximum fine of up to \$1,000.
- 52.7.2 In the event of a loss for the breaching side – nil scored points allocated to clubs score, plus a maximum fine of up to \$1,000.
- 52.8 Any player or official of a club found guilty of providing false or misleading information shall be liable to penalties including (but not limited to) player de-registration, suspension and/or a fine. In addition the club of such player or official may be liable to a fine and/or loss of competition points. Any penalties hereunder shall be decided upon by the League Commissioners.
- 52.9 The League Commissioners shall adjudicate on any dispute arising from the APPS. Players and Clubs have the right to appeal any findings under Rule 27 'Protests'.

53. LIFE MEMBERS

- 53.1 The League shall have the right to elect Life Members. Such Life Membership shall be given to those who have given outstanding service to the League. Life Members shall be elected only by a two thirds majority of the league delegates. Such Life Members will be eligible to attend all functions and competition matches within the league. Life Members shall be presented with a medallion and certificate at the League Medal Count or official League function.
- 53.2 Mid south-eastern players League Life Membership shall be awarded to those who have competed in 250 A Grade games. To be eligible clubs must present documentation of the nominated players career to a League Delegates meeting.
- 53.2.1 Mid south-eastern Umpires League Life membership shall be awarded to those who have officiated in 250 A Grade games or a combination of playing A grade football and umpiring. Nominations will be made by the Board on the advice of the Umpiring body.

- 53.3 Mid south-eastern Coaches League Life Membership shall be awarded to those who have officiated in 250 A Grade games; or a combination of playing A grade football and coaching. To be eligible clubs must present documentation of the nominated players career to a League Delegates meeting.
- 53.4 Mid south-eastern Football League Merit Award may be awarded to those who have at the completion of their playing career played a minimum of 200 senior games and have contributed outstanding service to football in the League. Mid south-eastern Football League Merit Award may be awarded to those who have contributed outstanding service to football in the League. Endorsement must be obtained from the Board and a two thirds majority vote by the League Delegates. To be eligible documentation of the nominated person's service to the League must be presented with the nomination.

54. ADMISSION OF CLUB/S

- 54.1 Any club seeking admission to the Mid south-eastern Football League shall comply with the following conditions:
- 54.1.1 All applications for admission into the League must be made to the Board, in writing not later than 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting for consideration.
- 54.1.2 Supporting evidence from the proposed entrant must be presented to the Mid south-eastern Football League Board for assessment prior to being distributed to all affiliated Mid south-eastern Football League club delegates.
- 54.1.3 Applications for admission to the League will be by a clear majority vote of 75% of member clubs.
- 54.1.4 Successful applicants shall pay to the League an entrance fee to be fixed by the existing Board and Member Clubs.
- 54.1.5 Such applications must be approved by the South Australian Community Football League Investigations Committee.
- 54.1.6 An applicant which is admitted to the League:
- (i) Shall apply to the League to register its club colours and teams in accordance with by-law 10. The decision of the League shall be final in respect of whether the applicants details are accepted or rejected and there shall be no appeal against such decision.
 - (ii) Must have at least the minimum number of players required to field four (4) grades of football, A Grade, Reserves, Senior Colts and Junior Colts. The League will, at its absolute discretion, have the authority to limit the number of junior players per age per grade in accordance with the MSEFL Squad Size document.

55. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS

- 55.1 All clubs are expected to have their nominated representative(s) or proxy representative(s) at all delegates meetings or specially convened meetings, functions and activity where attendance or representation is compulsory.

- 55.2 Apologies for absence will not be accepted and any club failing to attend a meeting, function or activity may be fined in accordance with the Schedule of Fines.

SCHEDULE OF FINES

OFFENCE	FINE	ADDITIONAL PENALTY AND/OR CONDITIONS
Playing an uncleared player from another League	\$250	Per offence, plus loss of points – refer by-law 7.5 If notified by Affiliated League, SANFL penalty to be paid by offending club.
Playing an uncleared player from a MSEFL Club	\$250	Per offence, plus loss of points – refer by-law 7.5
Playing an unregistered player	\$100 Snr \$50 Jnr	Per offence, plus loss of points – refer by-law 7.5 Per offence, plus loss of points – refer by-law 7.5
Player outside junior age limits – including playing up and playing down	\$250	Per offence, plus loss of points
Too many or omission of players from team sheet	\$50	Per team sheet - Possible loss of points
Late submission of paperwork or reports etc.	\$50	Per Club per Match Day - <i>Match Day Envelopes to be received by the Wednesday following match day.</i>
Omission or incomplete paperwork / reports etc including goal umpire cards, online team sheets not amended.	\$25	Per omission
Non-attendance at Snr Delegates Meeting	\$100	APOLOGIES NOT ACCEPTED
Non-attendance at Jnr Delegates Meeting	\$100	APOLOGIES NOT ACCEPTED
Non-attendance at specially convened meeting eg Coaches, Team Managers etc	\$100	APOLOGIES NOT ACCEPTED
Non-attendance at an Annual General Meeting	\$250	APOLOGIES NOT ACCEPTED
Non supply of persons for umpiring appointment on bye weekend.	\$160	Per umpire
Incorrect uniform – all on field personnel (Boundary & Goal umpires and all match personnel)	\$25	Per person per day
Incorrect uniform of playing personnel	\$10	Per person per day
Failure to supply team sheet to opposition or umpires	\$100	
Protest / Investigation fee	\$500	Payable by Club on lodgement of Protest / Investigation. \$250 non-refundable
Non Payment of League fines or levies	\$50	Per week
Tribunal fee payable by Club (if player is found guilty)	\$250	
Forfeiture of Matches – MSEFL and opposition notified by 9pm Thursday prior to scheduled match	\$100	Per match
Forfeiture of Matches on day of scheduled match	\$200	Per match Umpires fees payable as per by-law 7.3
Playing unqualified players in Finals	Min fine \$1,500	Team will be disqualified from taking any further part in the Final series.
Non participation after Selection of association games (interleague etc)	Max. Fine \$500	



MID SOUTH EASTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE JUNIOR PLAYER
PLAYING UP and PLAYING DOWN POLICY



POLICY STATEMENT:

The Mid South Eastern Football League (MSEFL) is an affiliated member of the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) and as such recognises the Australian Football League (AFL) as the overarching Governing body.

The MSEFL has a Junior Competition and as such acknowledges the requirement to maintain the junior age gap at no more than three (3) years. As such the MSEFL junior competition currently consists of teams being:

- Senior Colts – Under 17 ½ years
- Junior Colts - Under 14 years
- Modified Competition – Under 11 years

It is further acknowledged that some MSEFL Clubs do not have sufficient players to fill all Club Junior grades and that at times a younger player would benefit from 'playing up a grade' and to assist in making up the numbers for a team.

It is also acknowledged that MSEFL Clubs, Coaches and Parents have a duty of care when deciding on a player moving up or down a grade.

POLICY:

To assist Clubs to conduct reasonable duty of care to protect the younger children from any injury the following policy is considered the appropriate steps to take.

CHILD PLAYING UP:

- The relevant Club will designate the Coaches from both grades to determine which child/children are skilled enough and would benefit from playing up. This can be done at the commencement of the season or on the day of a match if required.
- The Coach or a Senior Representative of the Club must seek approval from the child's parents or guardian and such approval must be in writing (Appendix A), deemed to be a waiver to ensure the parent or guardian is aware of the potential risk of injury.
 - This written approval is to be retained by the Club with a signed copy forwarded to the HFL Secretary for registering.
- The child/children must wear a fluorescent arm band (or other identification as directed by the Board in the interim) on the left upper arm of the child/children.
- The umpire is to be advised of any child/children so identified as a 'player playing up'
- The child must be recognised on the team sheet as an underage player
- The player should benefit from the opportunity to play up based on his/her skills and strength.
- Coaches should endeavour to match players by age and ability in accordance with the AFL Junior Match Guide

- The umpire must be informed of this process and use his/her best endeavours to protect the child
- This can only occur for a Child playing up **one grade only** (moving from U14 to U17 as an example) or if the club only has one junior competition

CHILD PLAYING DOWN:

- Clubs must apply to the Mid South Eastern Junior Football League (MSEJFL) Committee for a 'permit' for an over-age player/s to play down a grade at the beginning of the season or at such time deemed necessary by the Club. This application must be made per the 'MSEFL Junior Player – Play Down Form.
- The decision to apply for a permit should only be made based on possible medical condition and/or disability, child's size or ability. In some cases applications may be made based on the child's size and/or ability.
- Any application must be accompanied by a Medical Certificate, signed by a Medical Practitioner, stating the nature of the player's circumstances / condition and a detailed report recommending that the player 'play down'.
- The application for a 'Playing Down' Permit must be forwarded to the MSEJFL Committee and players may not play down unless written approval from the MSEJFL Committee has been received
- Although this policy relates to the MSEFL Junior Competition, it is recognised there may be players who suffer medical / physical conditions which seriously impedes their ability to play within the senior competition. In such cases an application may be forwarded to the MSEFL Senior Board, but consideration will on be given subject to
 - The age of the player/s; and
 - Medical evidence of the medical condition and/or physical disability. In such cases a Medical Certificate signed by a Medical Practitioner / Specialist must accompany the application.
- The Club must agree that the player or players are suitable to play against younger children
- The Coaches should endeavour to match players by ability and size on match day
- The parents of the younger age group must be informed that there will be an older child/children on the field
- The player is to be noted on the team sheet
- The umpire must be made aware by the Coach or the Club of the team
- The child/children must wear a fluorescent arm band (or other identification as directed by the Board in the interim) on the left upper arm of the child/children
- The Club making the application and Parents / Guardian's must acknowledge the following conditions will apply to permits issued under this policy. These will include, but not restricted to:
 - Permits are issued for the player to play only within the grade/team nominated
 - The MSEJFL reserves the right to revoke any permit if it is found –
 - The player has played up in another age group/team
 - The player is reported or sent from the playing field by any Official
 - It is identified the player has not played within the rules of Australian Rules Football and/or Junior Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

- This policy is to be read in conjunction with the AFL Junior Football Guide
- The MSEJFL on an annual basis will discuss with Clubs possible modified rules or the sharing of junior players amongst Clubs. (Refer the AFL Junior Football Guide.)

REFERENCES:

MSEFL By-Laws

SANFL Community Football Rules and Regulations

AFL Junior Football Guide Rules of Australian Football



MID SOUTH EASTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC

PERMISSION TO "PLAY-UP" FORM

MSEFL Club	
Date	

Christian Name:	Surname:
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Date of Birth:

PARENTAL CONSENT

I, _____ (parent/guardian) give consent for my child as detailed above,

to play up **from** (circle one age group)

7-9 years

10 & 11 years

14 & 15 years

to (circle older age group)

U11

U14

U18

Players can only play one grade above their age group.

This will be a **PERMANENT** PLAY UP for the _____ season.

I am fully aware that there is modified tackling in the Auskick and U11 age groups.

I am fully aware that in the U14 and U18 there is 'full on' tackling and rules are as set out in the AFL Law Book.

Signed (Parent/Guardian) : _____ Date: _____

Signature of Club Official : _____ Date : _____

Original to be retained by the club with a copy to be forwarded to the League Secretary.

Mid South Eastern Football League Junior Player "Play Down" Form



The _____ Football Club makes an application for:

Player Name: _____

Address: _____ Post Code: _____

To 'Play Down' in (Age Group/Team): _____

for season _____ (year)

Player's Date of Birth: _____ Player's Height: _____ Player's Weight: _____

Eligible Age Group: _____ Desired Age Group: _____

Please include on a club letterhead,

- Details of the player with reasons for the permit application; and
- Medical certificate signed by a Medical Practitioner, stating the nature of the player's circumstances / condition and a detailed report recommending that the player 'play down'.

This application is made by the club on behalf of the aforementioned player by:

Signed (President/Secretary): _____ Date: _____

This application is made by the club at my/our request and all details supplied are true and correct.

Signed Parent/Guardian: _____

- Please send the completed form to the Mid South Eastern Football League Secretary at midsoutheasternfl@sanflcfl.com.au
- Players may not play down unless written approval from the Mid South Eastern Junior Football League Committee has been received.
- Permits are issued for the player to play within the grade/team nominated only.
- The Mid South Eastern Football League reserves the right to revoke any permit if it is found
 - The player has played up in another age group/team
 - The player is reported or sent from the playing field by any Official
 - It is identified the player has not played within the rules of Australian Rules Football and/or Junior Policy

Unless stated otherwise, this Play Down Form is valid for one season only.

Mid South Eastern Football League Official Use Only:

Date Received: ___/___/___

1. **Medical Certificate:** Yes/No

2. **Supports Reason for Playing Down:** Yes/No

3. **Application Granted:** Yes/No

4. **Play Down Valid For:** _____



MID SOUTH EASTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
JUNIOR SQUAD SIZE POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

The Mid South Eastern Football League acknowledges that there may be incidences of a new club or clubs being admitted to the League from time to time and the requirement to limit junior squad sizes.

POLICY

To ensure that MSEFL foundation clubs remain competitive, viable and sustainable it may be necessary to limit the number of junior players per age per grade of any club admitted to the Mid South Eastern Football League.

The following to be used as a guide only and the League will, at its absolute discretion have the authority to limit the number of junior players per age per grade as it seems fit from time to time.

Junior Colts

Age	Max Players Permitted
Age 14	7
Age 13	8

Senior Colts

Age	Max Players Permitted
Age 17-17 ½	7
Age 16	8

Maximum squad size for both competitions to not exceed 24.

This policy will not apply to Mid South Eastern Football League foundation clubs i.e. Glencoe, Hatherleigh, Kalangadoo, Kongorong, Mt Burr, Nangwarry, Port MacDonnell, Robe or Tantanoola.