



**AFL SC Juniors - Illawarra**

**Competition**

**Rules and Bylaws**

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## 1. Definitions

1.1 The following words, where shown, are defined to mean -

<b>AFL</b>	Australian Football League
<b>AFLSC</b>	AFL South Coast Inc.
<b>Illawarra Juniors Website</b>	<a href="http://www.afillawarra.com">www.afillawarra.com</a>
<b>AFL (NSW/ACT)</b>	AFL (NSW/ACT) Commission Limited
<b>Board</b>	Board of the AFL South Coast Inc.
<b>Competition</b>	AFL South Coast Illawarra Junior Competition
<b>Development Grades/Junior Rules</b>	Under 9 – Under 12
<b>Footyweb</b>	Competition Management System
<b>AFLSC Administration</b>	Administration coordinator / Administration Support for AFL South Coast
<b>HOST Club</b>	Is the Club that will be responsible for the ground management duties for any game being played.
<b>ISC</b>	A Code of Conduct Investigation Sub Committee appointed pursuant to Rule 3.6 or provided by these Rules
<b>Laws</b>	Laws of Australian Football, as issued by the AFL
<b>Official</b>	“Official” includes any person assuming a responsibility on behalf of, and with the consent (expressed or implied) of an affiliated member club of the controlling body, irrespective of whether or not that person was elected or appointed to a position by or on behalf of the club. For the avoidance of doubt, “Official” shall include any coach or assistant coach, team manager or assistant team manager, runner, trainer, interchange steward, “water boy”, ground manager, member of a Club’s committee or person officiating in any capacity on match day.
<b>Administration Committee</b>	The committee appointed by the Board to represent the nominated junior competitions
<b>Reportable Offence</b>	A reportable offence as identified under Law 19 of the Laws
<b>Rules</b>	Competition Rules and Bylaws of the AFLSC
<b>Talented Pathway Player (TTP)</b>	A TPP Player is one who is participating in the Starz, Sydney South, Pioneers, Heat or Western Sydney Talent Development Squads

1.2 Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine and vice versa, and words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.

1.3 References to matters described as being a Board responsibility may as appropriate, by agreement, be delegated by the Board to the Administration Committees.

## 2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of these rules is to provide a safe environment for all eligible participants to be involved in Australian Football.

## 3. Conduct

3.1 It is the responsibility of all Clubs and officials to protect every child (including opposition players and umpires) involved in AFLSC Junior Competitions.

3.2 In the interest of the game of Australian Football, the Board requires all parties within the competition to treat Umpires, the opposing Club’s Officials, Players and supporters, and all related property, with respect.

### *Protocols*

3.3 This can be achieved through engaging the following game day protocols:

- Setting a good example, including adherence to the various codes of conduct.
- Restraining Officials, Players and supporters who may be inclined to become over-excited, particularly if they use abusive, threatening or insulting language or physical action.
- Introducing Officials and Players to Umpires prior to the game, and encouraging those same Officials and Players to courteously acknowledge the efforts of the Umpires whatever the result.
- Welcoming Officials, Players and supporters of the opposition team on match day.
- Encouraging opposing teams to shake hands prior to commencement and also at the end of the game.
- Presenting the ground and Clubroom environment in a professional and welcoming manner.
- Introducing awards for sportsmanship other than for best and fairest.

- Total abstinence from consuming alcohol at matches.
- Total abstinence from any form of drug use.

## Code signoff

3.4 Parents and Players are required to sign specific conduct codes on the registration form when first joining a Club. Where Players are requested to sign, the commencement age is 12 and above. All Players should sign a new Code of Conduct form when they reach that age. Where the online registration process is utilised acceptance of the Terms & Conditions will satisfy acceptance of the Code of Conduct.

3.5 The registration form for AFLSC includes the following key statements regarding behaviour and expectations. Both Players and parents are expected to sign:

### For Players

- I agree to abide by the Competition Rules and Bylaws of the AFL South Coast Inc.
- I will observe and obey these Rules and Bylaws and be bound by all rulings made by, or with the authority of, the Competition that relates or applies to me.
- I declare that the information supplied by me is true and correct.

### For Parents & Caregivers

- I/We hereby consent to the registration of my/our son/daughter with AFL South Coast Inc.
- I/We acknowledge that I/we have been provided with, and understand, the Code of Conduct of AFL South Coast Inc.
- I/We hereby agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and agree to observe and obey this Code and all rulings made by the Competition that relate to me/us, other family members and invited guests.
- I/We understand that the Competition may withdraw or suspend my/our son(s)/daughter(s) registration to play in AFL South Coast Inc. should I/we fail to comply with the Code and/or any rulings of the Competition.

## Breaches

3.6 Penalties for breaches include:

- Any Player guilty of offensive behaviour, fighting or causing others to fight on the field, should be subject to an immediate 15 minute send off by their coach, regardless of any action from the Umpires.
- Any Official, Player or supporter bringing their Club into disrepute, may result in dismissal from participation in Competition/s.

3.7 All breaches of the code of conduct will be referred to the Club for appropriate disciplinary action. The Club shall report their findings and any action being taken to the Administration Committee within 5 days of the notification. If the penalties are considered inadequate by the Administration Committee the action may be overruled by the Administration Committee and/or the matter may be referred to a Code of Conduct Investigation Sub Committee. Clubs may defer matter to the Administration Committee for hearing in extenuating circumstances.

3.8 The following is indicative of the form of response that may occur:

Breach	Description	Remedy	Referred
Level 1	Minor Indiscretion	Individuals name recorded; counselling, mediation or apology if appropriate; official warning	Usually Not
Level 2	More serious infraction or repetition (within 3 years)	Suspended sentence or loss of membership rights; possibly the assigning of the individual to a mentor program by the League; counselling, mediation or apology as necessary; suspended fine for club	Yes
Level 3	Serious Infraction or 'third strike' (third Level 1 or second Level 2 within 3 years)	Any of the above; OR potential suspension or removal of membership rights of an individual; fines and/or loss of competition points to a club/team	Yes

3.9 Clubs that do not exercise adequate control over their members, parents/carers of players, players, coaches, officials and spectators so as to ensure that the Codes of Conduct are abided by may be called upon by the Board to accept responsibility for any breach of the Codes of Conduct. If it is determined by the Board that a Club has failed to exercise adequate control over their members, parents/carers of players, players, coaches, officials and spectators then that Club may be penalised as follows:-

3.9.1 For the first (1st) offence:-

- A fine not exceeding \$500.00 and/or,
- Loss of competition points and/or,
- The suspension of the offending person(s) from attending fixtured matches

3.9.2 For a second (2nd) offence:-

- A fine not exceeding \$750.00 and/or,
- Loss of competition points and/or,
- The suspension of the offending person(s) from attending fixtured matches and/or,
- The temporary suspension of the team and/or the Club from the competition.

3.9.3 For a third (3rd) and subsequent offences:-

- A fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 and/or,
- Loss of competition points and/or,
- The suspension of the offending person(s) from attending future matches,
- The suspension of the team and/or the Club either from the remainder of the season or permanently from the AFLSC.

### *Code of Conduct Investigation Sub Committee*

3.10 Where a Club is unable to handle a breach or when the matter is considered to be a Level 3 Breach the Administration Committee will refer the matter to a Code of Conduct Investigation Sub Committee (ISC).

3.11 The ISC is an independent committee whose duties are to determine and adjudicate upon such matters that the Board or Administration Committee may from time to time refer.

3.12 The Administration Committee shall appoint an ISC of not less than three members which may consist of a combination of the following: a representative from the independent Tribunal Panel, a representative from the Administration Committee or nominee(s) and/or an independent Club President

3.13 The ISC will conduct hearings and make determinations as per Section 3 of the Code of Conduct Guidelines and Disciplinary Procedures (available on the Illawarra Juniors Website). The ISC will report its findings and determinations (Appendix 4 Report Template) to the Administration Committee.

### *Role of the Coach*

3.14 The coach is in a unique position wielding significant influence. The coach interfaces with all groups involved within a Club thus assuming certain obligations and responsibilities to protect the image and profile of the game, both today, and in particular with coaches of junior teams, in the future. It is essential that every coach be aware of this unique position and so conducts themselves in such a manner as to maintain the respect and dignity of the position

3.15 The standards required of a coach include:

#### Coach and the Players

- Set a good example and display utmost honesty and integrity in all dealings.
- Teach fair play and good sportsmanship.
- Never place the value of winning above that of instilling the highest possible ideals and character.
- Be reasonable in setting demands, goals and expectations.
- Maintain a current knowledge of the Rules, of training methods, both theory and practical.
- Teach and interpret the Laws and Rules to the Players.
- Never ridicule Players for making mistakes or losing.
- Ensure each Player has the same opportunity to play equal game time as all other Players within the team.
- Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual as well as team skills.



- Ensure that all Players understand the importance of regular attendance and positive attitude at training.
- Ensure that injured Players are given prompt and competent medical attention, and that doctor's orders as relayed by parents, are strictly adhered to.

## Coach and Administrators

- Remember the coach is a representative of the Club's administration and therefore it is important that coach conduct themselves so as to maintain the principles, the integrity and dignity of the position.
- Support the administration in policies and regulations that may from time to time be initiated. Any differences should be conducted behind closed doors in a composed manner.
- Adhere to Club policy in both letter and spirit.
- Advise the administration of any deficiency in training aids or facilities to redress the situation.

## Coach and Umpires

- Treat the Umpire with the utmost of good faith and respect.
- Introduce the umpire to the Players prior to the commencement of the game and encourage Players and Officials to courteously acknowledge the efforts of the Umpires.
- Instruct Officials, Players and supporters that there is an appropriate manner and time to address any problems that they have with an Umpire or with any decisions and that time is not during the game, nor the intervals within a game, and certainly not when tempers are a bit frayed.
- Restrain any Official, Player or supporter from any inappropriate action, verbal or physical, toward an Umpire.
- Back up/support an Umpire's disciplinary action should the need arise.
- Never publicly criticise the Umpire to Players or spectators.
- Never incite Players or spectators to act against the Umpire.

## Coach and Supporters (Spectators)

- Encourage supporters to act in a sportsmanlike manner, congratulating either team for good, fair play.
- Ensure that supporters do not interfere with the game, nor encourage Players to act in an unsportsmanlike manner.
- Quickly address any problems that may be brewing with supporter behaviour and request the Club administration to act in a manner to deflate any possible problems.

## Coach and Parents

- At the commencement of the season, inform parents of the coach's plan for training of the Players, the social characteristics the coach expects Players to possess and to display and what disciplinary action he/she would administer should a Player step outside the coaches guidelines.
- Request parents support the coach in any disciplinary action the coach is forced to undertake.
- Request parents act in an honest and sportsmanlike manner in their dealings with the coach, the Club's Officials, the Umpires and the opposition Officials, Players and supporters.
- Request that if a parent has a problem with the coach, or in the treatment of their child, that they firstly raise that problem with the coach in question and then if dissatisfied by either the outcome of that meeting or subsequent actions taken/not taken, the matter be escalated to Club administration.

## 4. Competitions and Club Affiliation

### *Club Affiliation*

4.1 To be eligible to enter teams in any of the competitions administered by the AFLSC, a Club must:

4.1.1 lodge, and have approved by the Board, an affiliation form as prescribed by the Board;

4.1.2 pay any affiliation or other fee as prescribed by the Board;

4.1.3 commit to participating in all activities specified by the Board or the Operational Committee;

prior to the commencement of the football season in which competitions the Club wishes to participate.

## *Football Season*

4.2 The football season will commence and conclude within the dates prescribed by the AFLSC for under age competition.

## *Age Groups*

4.3 Teams will comprise of Players in age groups as prescribed by the Administration Committee and agreed by the Board for underage competition. A registered player will be eligible to play in an age group in accord with the age they turn in that calendar year. For example if a child turns 12 at any time during a year he/she is eligible to play in the U/12s or nearest older age group for that year.

## *Fixtures*

4.4 Where a draw is prepared for a divisional structure, any byes should be in the lower division.

## *Match wins*

4.5 In minor round matches:

- Match ratio will be used as the sole method of determining ladder position.
- Match ratio is determined by dividing the number of wins by the number of games played.
- In the case of a draw, this is determined as half (0.5) of a win and this calculation is used when determining match ratio.
- If a scheduled round is not played, the team with the bye in that round does NOT receive a match win.

4.6 In the case of a forfeit win, or where ineligible Players have been played, the forfeiting or ineligible team will be awarded the lowest points for and the highest points against scored in the round in their age group (Mercy Rule to apply). The non-forfeiting or eligible team will be awarded the highest points for and the lowest points against scored in the round in their age group (Mercy Rule to apply). Ladders will be adjusted accordingly.

4.7 AFLSC website will display updated tables, showing match ratio and percentages to decide placing of teams on the tables, for each grade. All tables will include percentages calculated in accordance with the Mercy Rule.

## **5. Laws of the Game**

5.1 As issued by the AFL, the Laws will apply at all matches, except where special provisions are made in these Rules. Where these Rules are inconsistent with the Laws, the Rules will prevail.

5.2 Use of gloves by Players in competition is not allowed. This is to encourage the development of handling skills. Umpires have discretionary power to allow the use of a glove(s) in special circumstances such as injury. The Ground Manager must sign a medical certificate where injury exists.

5.3 Undergarments (lycra shorts) must be either neutral colour or black or white.

5.4 Synthetic footballs may be used in the event of wet conditions as determined by the Ground Manager.

5.5 Football boots must be of an acceptable safety standard. No metal studs allowed.

## **6. Field Umpires**

### *Appointment & Remuneration*

6.1 Field Umpires will be appointed, as far as possible, to all matches by the Umpires Coordinator.

6.2 Should no appointed Field Umpire be present by the scheduled time of commencement of play, both team coaches are to decide upon an acceptable replacement/s who may share duty for the duration of the game. However, should the appointed Umpire or any other Umpire appointed for the day arrive during the course of the game, that Umpire may take control as soon as possible.

6.3 Rule 17.2 applies where any Field Umpire appointed by the Administration Committee, attends a match that has been forfeited or cancelled and who has not been advised in time to prevent the Umpire's attendance.

6.4 Fees to be paid to Field Umpires will be determined by the Administration Committee, from time to time (Refer Schedule 1). Payment of these fees is to be made by the HOST Club at the conclusion of the match. Regional Committees may vary this to allow the visiting team to share the costs on a match-by-match basis.

## *Powers & Duties*

6.5 The powers and duties of Field Umpires will be in accordance with the Laws and the Rules.

6.6 It is recommended that the age of a controlling Field Umpire of a match be a minimum of two (2) years older than the nominated age group when officiating. For example, the Umpire should be a minimum of thirteen (13) years of age for an Under 11 game.

6.7 A free kick or a 50 m penalty may be awarded against a Player, Official or Spectator who:

- Uses abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards an umpire;
- Behaves in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards an umpire;
- Intentionally, recklessly or negligently engages in conduct which affects, interferes with or prevents an Umpire from performing his or her duties.

## **7. Boundary Umpires and Goal Umpires**

7.1 Each Club is to ensure the competency of any person who accepts responsibility as a Goal or Boundary Umpire. The Field Umpire has the power to order replacements for any Boundary or Goal Umpire. The Field Umpire has the power to consult with, and if necessary, overrule a Goal or Boundary Umpire where, in the Field Umpire's opinion, an obvious error has occurred. No third party is permitted to be involved in any such consultation (notwithstanding the Laws).

7.2 All Goal and Boundary Umpires should introduce themselves to the Field Umpire(s) prior to the commencement of the game.

### *Goal Umpires*

7.3 A Goal Umpire must be provided by each competing team Goal Umpires must have a set of white flags and scorecard.

### *Boundary Umpires*

7.4 Boundary Umpires when supplied for Under 13's to Under 18's age groups by the Administration Committee are required to be dressed in appropriate umpire uniform to assist in recognition by the Field Umpire(s) and use an audible whistle.

7.5 Where no Boundary Umpire is provided the attacking side will throw the ball in.

## **8. Umpire Categories**

8.1 In broad terms, there are two (2) visible categories of Junior Umpires in AFLSC.

### *Green Shirt*

8.2 Green Shirt umpires are typically new Umpires in training who are learning and developing their umpiring skills. The "Green Shirt" Umpire will generally only umpire Under 9's to Under 12's, however they may umpire higher age groups should the Administration Umpire Coordinator believe they are competent to do so. Where possible a Mentor (allocated by the HOST Club or Administration Umpire Coordinator) shall be available either

on or off field depending on the competency of the Umpire to assist with their training and difficult decisions and situations. This Mentor must be approved by the Administration Umpire Coordinator.

8.3 Promotion to Orange Shirt is by agreement between the Administration Umpire Coordinator, the Umpire, and the Umpire's parents (if appropriate).

8.4 Where Mentors are appointed to an on-field role, the Umpire's payment structure assumes two (2) Umpires.

### *Orange Shirt*

8.5 'Orange Shirt' Umpires can be appointed to umpire any official AFLSC game as determined by the Administration Umpire Coordinator.

8.6 'Orange Shirt' Umpires are required to achieve Level 1 of the National Umpire Accreditation Scheme (NUAS).

8.7 AFLSC recognises this by paying higher match payments.

## 9. Reporting and Disciplinary Procedures

### *Reports by Umpires*

9.1 The following is the procedure to be followed for ALL Reports made by an Umpire on match days. The following Rules are to apply to all Officials, as well as to Players, as appropriate. The Rules for Reports of Players (Development Grades), does not apply to Officials in those Development Grades.

### *Prescribed Offences (Under 12-18)*

9.2 A Prescribed Penalty may be offered by the AFLSC, following receipt of a Notice of Report under this Rule 9, to a Player's Club, copied to the Administration Committee, **by 5.00pm Monday following the match** or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practical. Where an offer of a Prescribed Penalty is made **later than 5.00pm Monday following the match**, the time to accept the offer as set out in Rule 9.4 is to be adjusted accordingly by the AFLSC Administration.

9.3 The following Prescribed Match suspensions are a guide only. In appropriate circumstances, a lesser or greater penalty may be offered. An offence grade template may be used to vary the penalty imposed.

#### Prescribed Match suspension – One Match

- Wilfully wasting time.
- Unduly interfering with a Player whilst such Player is kicking for goal.
- Disputing the decision of the Umpire.
- Using abusive, threatening or insulting language.
- Shaking a goal post.
- Throwing an opponent.
- Violently pushing an opponent.
- Attempting to trip by foot or leg or attempting to strike a Player.
- Unduly rough play.
- Refusing to leave the ground after being warned for not wearing the proper uniform.
- Wearing unacceptable equipment.

#### Prescribed Match suspension – Two Matches

- Intentionally trip by foot or leg.
- Striking a Player.
- Charging an opponent.
- Failing to leave the ground when ordered off (misconduct).

#### Prescribed Match suspension – Four Matches

- Intentionally, recklessly or negligently kicks another person.

- Commits an act of misconduct where the Umpire is of the opinion that the act constituting misconduct is serious in nature.

9.4 The Player may, through the Club, request that a Prescribed Offence report be dealt with by the Tribunal, rather than as a Prescribed Offence. Such request, subject to Rule 9.2, is to be received by the AFLSC Administration **by no later than 4pm on the Tuesday following the match**. If advice to accept a prescribed offer or otherwise is not received by that time it will be deemed to be accepted.

9.5 Where a Player requests that a Prescribed Offence report is to be challenged, the AFL SC Administration will inform the Administration Committee and the Tribunal will hear and determine the Report. If the Tribunal is of the opinion that the Prescribed Penalty offered to the Player was reasonable in all the circumstances, the original penalty will be upheld. The Tribunal may impose such additional penalty as in its absolute discretion it deems appropriate.

9.6 The Tribunal will hear and determine the Notice of Report and no offer of a Prescribed Penalty will be made where a Player:

- Intentionally, recklessly or negligently makes contact with or strikes an Umpire.
- Attempts to make contact with or strike an Umpire.
- Behaves in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards, or in relation to an Umpire.

### *Application of Penalty*

9.7 For the purpose of these Rules, a "match" shall mean a competition match of the same age group or Division as which the Player committed the offence, and shall also include as the one match, the matches in all grades in a particular round for which the Player would, but for the suspension be eligible, whether played on the one day or not. Any suspension shall take effect from and include the next competition match following the suspension for which the Player would, but for the suspension, be eligible.

9.8 A Player is ineligible to play in any representative match whilst under suspension. In addition to this, representative matches do not count towards part of the suspension.

9.9 Competition games which are forfeited or washed out shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning a period of suspension. For this purpose byes shall not be counted.

9.10 In the event of a dispute as to the games or matches covered by a suspension, the dispute is to be referred to AFLSC Administration for determination.

### *Action during Match*

9.11 Umpires will take action during the match as prescribed in the Laws 19.3.1

### *Completing Notice of Report*

9.12 As soon as practicable after the completion of the match, the reporting Umpire shall:

9.12.1 Complete a Notice of Report, in quadruplicate, using the current AFL NSW/ACT form as supplied by the Board.

9.12.2 Retain the quadruplicate copy of the Notice and give the original and all other copies of Notice of Report to the Ground Manager for action as set out in Rule 9.13.

9.12.3 Verbally advise the Administration Committee Umpire Coordinator of the Report as soon as reasonably practical after the completion of the Match.

### *Lodgement of Notice of Report*

9.13 Following receipt of a completed and submitted Notice of Report, the Ground Manager shall:

9.13.1 Cause a copy of the Notice of Report to be given to an Official from each team. Each team shall be responsible for the attendance of an Official at the end of the match in question in order to receive such Notice and to be given an "all clear" from the Ground Manager. In the event of no such Official attending, the ground manager should notify AFLSC Administrator.

9.13.2 Forward an electronic copy of the original Notice of Report by email as a scanned attachment, or via facsimile, to the Administration Committee nominee and the AFLSC Administration, **by 1.00pm on the next working day** following the Match in question and post the Notice of Report in the envelope provided to the SC Administration.

### *Report where Notice of Report not completed*

9.14 This Rule applies where a Player is sent off twice or more for a Yellow card or once in the case of a Red card, in a season, but the Umpire has not completed a Notice of Report in any sending off. The Player will automatically receive a one match playing suspension. The AFLSC will inform the Club of the Player, the Administration Committee **by no later than 5:00 pm on the Monday or as soon as reasonably practical following the match of the referral**. Where this rule is applied there is no opportunity to challenge the prescribed penalty.

### *Reports by AFLSC or Administration Committee*

9.15 If the AFLSC Administration is of the opinion that a Player or Official has committed a Reportable Offence, the AFLSC Administration may report such person and in consultation with the Administration Committee may refer to the Player or Official's Club or a Tribunal for disciplinary action.

9.16 If the Administration Committee is of the opinion that a Player or Official has committed a Reportable Offence, the Administration Committee may decide the matter is to be referred to the Player or Official's Club or a Tribunal for disciplinary action. The AFLSC Administration is to be informed by the Administration Committee of its decision **within 24 hours**.

### *Tribunal composition, procedures and guidelines*

9.17 The Tribunal shall be comprised of such persons as may be appointed by the Board and shall:

- 9.17.1 Inquire into, hear, and adjudicate upon reports by Umpires of any Player or Official of any team participating in a match being conducted by or under the control of AFLSC.
- 9.17.2 Inquire into, hear, adjudicate upon and determine any charge, dispute, complaint or such other matters that may be referred to it from time to time by the Board or Administration Committee.
- 9.17.3 Impose such penalty or penalties as may be deemed appropriate, including any monetary penalty, suspension or reduction in match wins. If any penalty is imposed on a Club by way of a fine, it shall not exceed the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00).
- 9.17.4 Report every adjudication, determination or decision, in writing, to the Board or Administration Committee
- 9.17.5 Subject to the overall supervision of the Board, such report shall be received without comment and every determination or decision of the Tribunal shall be final in all cases.

### *Hearing Procedures*

9.18 Specific Disciplinary Procedures (Tribunal Rules) including Tribunal Guidelines (to assist in understanding rules and procedures) documents are available on the Illawarra Juniors website. In all cases the spirit of rules and laws should take priority and no decision should be challenged or overturned based solely on procedural issues.

9.19 Ensure that any junior participant has an appropriate advocate. Whilst legal representatives and the parents/guardians of a reported Player or Official, or a reporting Umpire are permitted to attend Tribunal hearings, they are not permitted to act in the role of Player, Official or Umpire advocate.

9.20 Following the decision of the Tribunal, the AFLSC Administration will provide a copy of the Minute of Tribunal finding to the Club and the Administration Committee.

### *Reports on Players (Development Rules Under 9 – Under 12)*

9.21 Players reported in the Under 9's to Under 12's age groups will have the Report adjudicated by a Code of Conduct Committee of their Club, in consultation with the Administration Committee Umpire Co-ordinator, if necessary. The decision of the Committee is to be by majority. The hearing is to be held within three (3) days of the Report. The Player is ineligible to participate in any Competition games until the Committee has dealt with the Report. The Club will provide to the Administration Committee and AFLSC Administration a statement

in writing (or electronically) of the outcome of the Report and any action taken within five (5) days of the Report.

9.22 Where a Club fails to comply, without explanation, with the time limits imposed on it as set out in Rule 9.21, the Administration Committee may impose a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) on the Club.

## 10. Send Off/Order Off

10.1 At the discretion of an umpire a Player or Official who breaches any of the Laws may be ordered from the field for a period of time equivalent to one quarter or for the remainder of the game if the breach was committed in the last quarter. In this instance, the Umpire will hold up a Yellow card.

10.2 At the discretion of an umpire a Player or Official who breaches any of the Laws twice in the same match for separate incidents may be, or where there is a serious breach (as listed in Rule 10.3) shall be, ordered from the field for the remainder of the match. In this instance the Umpire will hold up a Red card and must report the Player or Official.

10.3 Serious breaches include where a Player or Official:

- Intentionally, recklessly or negligently makes contact with or strikes an Umpire.
- Attempts to make contact with or strike an Umpire.
- Behaves in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards, or in relation to an Umpire.
- Intentionally, recklessly or negligently kicks another person.
- Commits an act of misconduct; if the Umpire is of the opinion that the act constituting misconduct is serious in nature.

### *Sledging*

10.4 "Sledging" may be described as insulting or verbally intimidating a Player or Players.

10.4.1 Sledging is not appropriate in AFLSC football competitions. AFLSC has a "no tolerance" attitude toward sledging and the interpretation and application of the Laws and these Rules will reflect this "no tolerance" attitude.

10.4.2 An Umpire may give a warning to a Player or Players sledging another Player or Players and where possible, should inform both captains of the warning as soon as reasonably practicable after issuing such a warning.

10.4.3 A Player who sledges another Player or Players shall, whether or not a warning has been given to that Player or any other Payer, be ordered from the field. In this instance, the Umpire will hold up a Yellow card.

10.4.4 For the purposes of these Rules, sledging will be deemed to be an act of misconduct under the Laws (Law 19.2.2(p)).

10.4.5 The Rules in relation to sledging will apply in addition to the Laws, including the Laws in relation to the use of an obscene gesture (Law 19.2.2(f)) and using abusing, insulting, threatening or obscene language (Law 19.2.2(m)).

### *General*

10.5 In all instances, a Player ordered off shall leave the playing area immediately through the interchange area. In the case of a Yellow card send-off is for a period of time equivalent to one quarter, the timekeeper shall indicate when the Player is permitted to resume playing. In this case the Player must sit with the timekeeper.

10.6 For the purposes of this Rule any Yellow Card send-off will result in the Player concerned remaining off the field for a period of time equivalent to one quarter excluding breaks between quarters. For example, a Player sent off five (5) minutes before halftime would be permitted to resume playing five (5) minutes before the third quarter break.

10.7 The ordered-off (Yellow Card) Player will be removed from the playing field for a period of time equivalent to one quarter for the first offence and for the remainder of the game for the second offence.

10.8 A Player sent from the field with a red card for the remainder of the game must leave the field completely and cannot sit with the interchange players or the coaches. This player must be reported.

10.9 A Red carded player shall not participate in any other match on that given round or weekend, including matches in any other division, age group or competition. It is the offending player and their club's responsibility to inform their senior club of the red card report. Failure to do so may result in loss of points and further suspension.

10.10 AFLSC has a "no tolerance" attitude toward the use of audible obscenities, and the interpretation and application of the Laws and these Rules will reflect this "no tolerance" attitude. Players who use audible obscenities, regardless to whom they are directed, will be removed from the playing field for a period of time equivalent to one quarter. If the obscenity is directed at the Umpire, or for a second offence, the Player shall be reported.

10.11 The Umpire will recommence the game once the Player has left the playing field.

10.12 In the event of a Player or Official failing or refusing to leave the field when ordered off, the Player or Official shall be reported for misconduct and the Player or Official's team shall forfeit the match as per Law 20.6.

## 11. Teams

### *Numbers of Players in Teams*

11.1 Player numbers are noted below under Rule 11.9. At all times other than for send – offs, Player numbers on the ground must be equal.

### *Multiple teams*

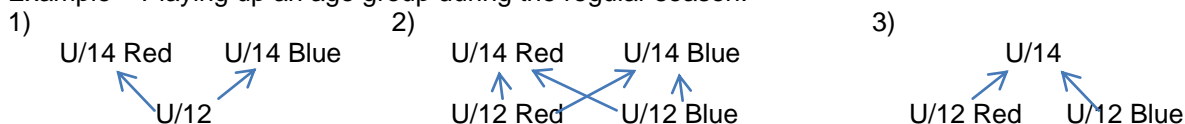
11.2 Should a Club field more than one (1) team in the same competition or division, after the initial 3 rounds no Player shall be permitted to play for more than one team (excluding younger players who play up), in the same competition or division, during the season.

11.3 Splitting of Players in to multiple teams of the same age group must be finalised after the initial 3 rounds and cannot occur during the season. Division of Players into two (2) teams is a Club responsibility, but both teams should be of similar makeup in ability and have a 50/50 split of ages.

### *Playing up an age level*

11.4 The following examples are acceptable and relate to Players playing up an age group (from Under 12"s upwards).

Example – Playing up an age group during the regular season:



### *Player Numbers*

11.5 In all cases, teams must have the MINIMUM number of Players available at the scheduled commencement of a match to constitute an official match (Refer also Rule 12.2)

11.6 AFLSC strongly recommends that Clubs encourage the participation of Players in the game of AFL. To allow this, teams are encouraged to minimise reserves and to have the highest possible number of Players actually involved in the game on the day.

11.7 If during the course of a game, a Player injured has to leave the ground but there are no replacements in that team, the Field Umpire and opposition coach are to be advised accordingly. The other side is to remove a



Player to keep the numbers on the ground even (except for send offs). For a Player returning to the field the same process in reverse applies.

11.8 To encourage maximum participation and teams to stand alone in terms of Player numbers, the term Match # specifies the ideal number of on-field Players per team. Where a team has the number of Players shown as Match # (but the other team has more), then borrowing Players from the opposition team is not compulsory to balance overall numbers. Where a team does not have the number of Players shown as Match # (and the other team has more than the first team), then it is compulsory to borrow/loan available Players to balance on-field Player numbers as far as possible up to the number shown as Match #.

11.9 The following table shows the on field Minimum, Match # and Maximum by age group **Age Group**

Ages	Min.	Match	Max.
<b>U9</b>	6	12	n/a
<b>U10</b>	6	12	n/a
<b>U11</b>	6	15	15
<b>U12</b>	9	15	15

Ages	Min.	Match	Max.
<b>U14</b>	12	15	18
<b>U16</b>	12	15	18
<b>U18</b>	12	12	18
<b>IYG</b>	6	9	12

11.10 To provide an explanation refer to the following examples based on the above approach for the Under 12's.

<b>Team A</b>	<b>Team B</b>	<b>Result</b>
Has 12 Players	Has 21 Players	Team B provides 3 Players to Team A. Teams play 15/side Team B has a bench of 3
Has 12 Players Has 13 Players	Has 14 Players Has 17 Players	Even up Teams play 13/side Team B provides 2 Players to Team A, Teams play 15 /side
Has 13 Players	Has 16 Players	Team B provides 1 Player to Team A. Teams play 14/side Team B has a bench of 1
Has 15 Players	Has 15 or more Players	No even up necessary play 15/side
Has 17 Players	Has 17 Players	Teams agree to play either 15/16/17/side

11.11 The maximum number of players for any team shall be 24. The team management must ensure that all players are receiving equal game time

### *Team Nominations*

11.12 Clubs nominating teams for entry into the Under 9's to Under 18's competition must have registered at least 75% of the minimum number of Players (as set out in these Rules) in that team by the date set down by the Administration Committee as the closing date for nomination of teams. This rule only applies to AFLSC competition grade fixtures. These numbers must not include anticipated "play up" Players.

## **12. Match Conduct**

### *Match times*

12.1 Matches MUST finish on time. If a start is late, then the Ground Manager and Field Umpire will decide the duration of the breaks at quarter, half and three-quarter time and if necessary will also reduce the length of quarters.

12.2 If minimum Player numbers are not present at quarter time from the scheduled time of commencement, then the offending team will forfeit the match. For matches where teams do not have the minimum numbers at the scheduled start time but Players are still due to arrive, the game shall commence but with reduced Player numbers on each team. Teams must still have equal numbers on the field. After the required time if minimum numbers are not achieved the match becomes a scratch match.

12.3 Starting times will be agreed between the HOST Club and Administration Committee and advised as follows:

- As per the draw for all matches.
- Starting times are indicated for all age groups at all grounds.

12.4 The competing Clubs have 3 weeks from the distribution of the draw to make changes to times and venues. After that time changes to the draw can only be requested for unforeseen circumstances such as washouts.

12.5 Failure of a team to enter the playing field after receiving a second warning from the Umpire/s may incur a fine (see Rule 29). At that point, at the Field Umpire's discretion, they may commence play.

12.6 The Administration Committee, as agreed by the Board, may advise alterations to the starting times from time to time.

12.7 When it is necessary for a Player to be taken from the playing field on a stretcher, the Field Umpire/s shall stop play at the first opportunity after being advised that a stretcher is on the playing ground. Play shall not recommence until the stretcher has left the playing ground and is outside the boundary.

12.8 No time-on will be allowed for the MINOR round matches.

12.9 In the case of a significant loss of playing time, the remaining time allocated for the match will be divided equitably by the Ground Manager and Umpire and the match will recommence and finish on schedule.

### *Match duration*

12.10 By age group will be

- Under 9/10/11 - 4 x 12 minute quarters. (no time-on)
- Under 12/13/14 - 4 x 15 minute quarters. (no time-on)
- Under 15/16/17/18 - 4 x 20 minute quarters. (no time-on)

12.11 Breaks during the games will be: -

	Under 9/10/11	Under 12/13/14	Under 15/16	Under 17/18
1/4 time	4 minutes	4 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes
1/2 time	4 minutes	7 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes
3/4 time	4 minutes	4 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes

Timekeepers will sound a siren one (1) minute prior to the scheduled completion of each break. The HOST Club and umpires will ensure strict adherence to the quarter breaks.

### *Match Day Paperwork*

12.12 Match Day documents are to be managed as follows:

#### **Team Sheets Retained by Clubs**

- Clubs must use footy web – only record relied upon
- 3 copies produced:
  - 1 handed to opposition Team Manager
  - 1 **retained by Club** Team Manager
  - 1 provided to Ground Manager & **retained by Club**
- Each Club to verify each other's list and each to sign off each Clubs copies. Both Clubs to retain.
- Umpires sign the Ground Manager copy after completing end of match duties.
- Clubs must retain for season and be able to present if required within 7 days

#### **Goal Umpire Score Cards Retained by Clubs**

- Designated Home Club must enter results on footy web within 24 hrs. of match played
- Clubs must advise AFLSC Administration of games not played by Monday midday

#### **Match Report Completed by Umpires**

- Umpires to record match day presentation and issues / incidents via online facility

## Umpire Review Completed by Coaches

- Submission to Illawarra Juniors Umpires Coordinator via online facility or where this facility is not available post to PO Box 393, Figtree 2525

## Umpire Votes Completed by Umpires

- Where required Umpires to submit via online facility or where this facility is not available post to PO Box 393, Figtree 2525
- Only required for Under 13 – Under 17

## Umpire Notice of Report sheet

Forward an electronic copy of the original Notice of Report by email as a scanned attachment, as a facsimile transmission or post original document to PO Box 393, Figtree 2525, to the Administration Committee and the AFLSC Administration, **by 1.00pm on the next working day** following the Match in question.

## In the event of a forfeit

- Umpire Votes should be taken
- No goal umpires cards to be kept
- Record result on Footy web noted as a forfeit

## 13. Protests and Disputes

13.1 All matters of dispute arising on game day should be handled by the Ground Manager with the support of the most Senior official, in attendance, of both participating Clubs.

13.2 Protests and disputes arising from the conduct of games that cannot be solved by the Ground Manager are to be dealt with by the Administration Committee, a quorum of which is to be at least three (3) members.

13.3 A Player, Official or Spectator may be cited by a Club for unacceptable behaviour in circumstances where the Umpire officiating at the game has not reported the Player or Official. A Player may also be cited by a Club when not participating in a game but still under the jurisdiction of the AFLSC while attending a competition game.

13.4 A written report (via the Incident Referral Form) naming the Player, Official or Spectator and describing the incident as recounted by eye witnesses should be forwarded (email or fax) to the Administration Committee and AFLSC Administration **by 5:00pm on the Tuesday following the weekend incident**. The report should be sent and signed by the President or Secretary of the citing Club. A one hundred dollars (\$100.00) refundable (at the Administration Committee's discretion) deposit should reach the AFLSC Administration **by 5:00pm of the Wednesday following the incident**.

13.5 The Administration Committee is to determine whether the incident should be referred to the Club of the offending person, ISC or to Tribunal at the earliest possible opportunity, preferably prior to the next weekend's round of games, but in any event, **within seven (7) days** of the report being received.

13.6 If the matter is not referred to the Club, ISC or Tribunal, the Administration Committee will furnish the citing Club with their reasons **within seven (7) days** of the report being received.

13.7 If referred to the Tribunal, the matter will be treated according to the rules governing the Tribunal.

13.8 The Administration Committee may waive the failure of any person or persons, in appropriate circumstances, to comply with the time requirements as provided in Rules 13.4 – 13.6. No reasons are required to be given by the Administration Committee where they either waive or refuse to waive the failure to comply with the time requirements provided by those Rules.

## 14. Rescheduling

14.1 There will be no postponements of matches during minor rounds.

## *Minor Rounds*

14.2 Where advice of a ground closure is received **by 6.00pm on the Friday evening** before the scheduled game(s), the participating clubs will attempt to reschedule the game(s) to an alternate venue within the round. Clubs will notify the Umpire's Coordinator and Administration Committee of the venue change and normal competition procedures shall apply. i.e. if one team does not arrive, then a forfeit win will be given.

14.3 Alternatively in considering such a decision the Administration Committee will take all circumstances into account and the propositions put forward by the Clubs concerned. If playing the rescheduled match is determined as impractical the Administration Committee shall have the right to overrule.

## *Finals Matches*

14.4 The decision on any postponement rests with the Administration Committee, or its delegated authority at the grounds. A notice of such postponement will be posted at the ground(s) concerned. If a Finals Match is postponed, it will be replayed, unless otherwise directed by the Administration Committee.

## *Washouts*

14.5 In the event of a WASH OUT ROUND the calculation of match ratio will ensure teams are ranked fairly in the finals series. The match ratio is determined by dividing the number of games won by the number of games played. This figure is multiplied by 100 to calculate a match ratio percentage.

## **15. Allowed on the Field of Play**

15.1 Only Players, Umpires, trainers, first aid attendants and runners are permitted on the field (except for those that are provided for under the Development Rules).

### *Runners*

15.2 In the Under 13's to Under 18's age groups two (2) runners are allowed but only one on the ground at a time. In all other age groups, only one (1) is allowed. The runner is to wear a clearly visible and identifiable coloured top as determined by the Administration Committee. Only runners are permitted to deliver messages to Players and are not to loiter after delivering such messages.

### *Water Carriers /Trainers*

15.3 Each team is allowed four (4) water carriers/trainers (identified at a minimum by a plain coloured t-shirt, as determined by the Administration Committee. They should only enter the playing field on the scoring of a goal or when play is at the opposite end of the field.

15.4 Minimum age of water carriers will be 12 years old

### *Coaches*

15.5 In Auskick, Under 9's and 10's, one coach from each team may advise the team from inside the field of play as per Appendix 3 of these Rules.

15.6 The Field Umpire shall have the power to move the coach back or order from the field completely and to ask any non-Players to leave the field of play.

## **16. Interchange**

16.1 No Player may take the field before the Player being replaced has left the field.

16.2 Interchanging of Players is permitted at any time throughout the match. However, interchange can only occur through an appropriately marked interchange area. It should be clearly understood by both teams prior to the commencement of the match where the defined interchange area is located. It is to be the only portion of the oval's perimeter through which Players may enter the field.

16.3 Placement of the interchange ground markings should be on one wing equal distance from the two (2) coaching groups. In the U9/U10/U11/U12 age groups both teams are allowed to set up interchange gates on the wing (marked by low level orange cones) to be used through the course of the game.

## 17. Forfeits

17.1 A forfeit MAY be claimed against any team that CANNOT field the MINIMUM NUMBER of Players for the relevant age group in accordance with rule 11.9 by quarter time from the agreed starting time. If both teams cannot field the minimum number, the result is a non-game. Forfeit details must be listed on the team sheets with the umpire's signature. The teams may play a social match within the remaining allotted time.

17.2 Early forfeits are discouraged, however if necessary any forfeit (if known in advance) must be advised to the AFLSC Administration, the opposing Club's Secretary and the Administration Umpire Coordinator 36 hours prior to the scheduled time of the match. If an Umpire turns up to a game, because of late or non-notification of a forfeit, the forfeiting team is liable for the whole amount of the Umpire's fees (shared equally in the case of a double forfeit). If a scratch match/social match is played, the Umpire fees are paid as per normal Administration rules.

17.3 For forfeit score calculations, refer Rule 4.5

17.4 For the purpose of games played, only the non-forfeiting team may enter a team into Footyweb.

17.5 If a scratch match is played, Umpires should allocate best and fairest points.

## 18. Finals Series

### *Times and Player Numbers*

18.1 The intention of this Rule is during the finals series to have the maximum number of Players on the field in accordance with the numbers set out in the table to Rule 11.9. Where a team has less than the match numbers shown under that table, they must play all those Players on the field and are not permitted to run an interchange bench. Evening down of total on-field numbers during the finals series is compulsory.

18.2 Where an Administration variation determines that during the finals series the match number should be equal to the minimum number, it is incumbent on a team to ensure that Player lists during the year are managed appropriately.

18.3 In the event of a draw, additional time to be played for all age groups is five (5) minutes each way. The coach will be allowed to address their team during a three (3) minute break after the final siren. The coach will not be able to address the team and sides will change ends at the conclusion of the first five (5) minute period. If the game is still tied after additional time, teams do not change ends and the game restarts with a centre ball up. The coach will not be able to address the team. The team to score first will be declared the winner.

18.4 TIME-ON will be allowed for injury in the case of a stretcher being used on the field and also other incidents (e.g. a lost ball) at the Umpire's discretion. Timekeepers are to be notified if this is the case and must be able to record the time-on.

### *Format of Final Series*

18.5 Where the number of teams in the competition is six (6) to ten (10) teams, the top placed four (4) teams will participate. Where the number of teams in the competition exceeds ten (10) teams then, the top placed six (6) teams will participate.

Format of the finals for four (4) teams:

Week 1 (A) 1v2 Week 2 (C) Loser A v Winner B Week 3 Winner A v Winner C  
(B) 3v4

Format of the finals for six (6) teams:

Week 1 (A) 1v2 (B) 3v6 (C) 4v5  
Week 2 (D) Winner A v lowest ranked (E) Loser A v highest ranked  
winner of B and C winner of B and C  
Week 3 Winner D v Winner E

18.6 Mercy Rule does not apply during the finals series.

## *Eligibility*

18.7 Any variation to Rules 18.8 to 18.12 inclusive is at the discretion of the AFLSC Board and is only for extenuating circumstances (for example, injury to a Player or illness). Such applications must be supported by a doctor's certificate and must then be approved by the Board. Any dispensation for a non-qualified Player to participate in finals will have to be recorded in Footyweb by the AFLSC Administration. Dispensation applications must be made to AFLSC Administration at least seven (7) days before the finals begin.

18.8 To play in finals, Players' must be registered in the junior league and registrations must have been approved and be valid on Footyweb.

18.9 Players must have played at least four (4) games during that season within the **team** for which they wish to play.

18.10 With respect to all competitions (excluding Under 18's competition), any Player who plays more games in an older age group or higher division is ineligible for finals in the younger age group or lower division. If a player participates in all games in both age groups or division, and where the older age group or higher division has more games due to byes in the lower age group or division, this Rule does not apply.

18.11 Genuine age U18 players are able to play any number of games in the Illawarra Lions U18s & SCAFL competition without impacting on their eligibility for finals football in the U18's competition. Players affected by this rule are still required to satisfy the requirements of Rules 18.8 & 18.9 to be eligible for finals. All Clubs are required to manage the makeup of the finals team according to team selection policies which must be fair and equitable to all registered players.

18.12 A Player who plays up in two (2) teams in the same age group can only play in one team for the finals i.e. the one most games were played for, or if equal, the one that 50% was first reached.

18.13 Presentations to be made on Grand Final day are determined by the Administration Committee and agreed to by the Board.

## **19. Team Sheets and Results**

### *Completion*

19.1 All teams must use the official team sheet as produced from Footyweb. Separate instructions and training is provided on Team Sheet creation via Footyweb.

19.2 Clubs are to produce Team sheets in accordance with Rule 12.12 Match Day Paperwork

19.3 Both Clubs are to retain their copies of the team sheets and scorecards for all games until after the end of the season or as stipulated by the Board and be able to present these within seven (7) days if requested.

19.4 All Players and interchange Players must be listed with the CORRECT jumper number. The Team Sheet must be signed by the Team Manager or Coach. If a Player plays in a higher age group, then the age group, in which the Player is registered, must be listed. (For example: SMITH, John Under 14 on Under 15 Team Sheet).

19.5 Any Club questioning an opposing Player's eligibility may ask the Player's Team Manager for identification of the Player in question. To facilitate administration of this provision or if unable to be satisfied by evidence on the day the following procedure should be followed:

- The Player in question shall sign the reverse side of the Club's Team Sheet.
- The Club requesting proof shall apply in writing to AFLSC Administration.
- The Player's Club must produce satisfactory evidence within two (2) working days of receiving an official request from AFLSC Administration otherwise all match wins gained in that grade in which the Player took part shall be forfeited to the opposing side.

19.6 At the conclusion of each game, team sheets must be signed by the Field Umpire. The Field Umpire will complete the Match Report and submit via the online facility.

19.7 In the case of a Field Umpire reporting on a Player's on-field behaviour, or where an Umpire or Ground Manager is reporting on a violation of the Codes of Conduct, an Umpire Report(s) form is to be used (attached to the Match Report). Copies given to Clubs (in cases involving Players and Officials) or spectator/s involved and the original is to be scanned and emailed, faxed or posted to AFLSC Administration PO Box 393, Figtree 2525 by the next working day after the match. The Field Umpire is to verbally advise the Administration Umpire Coordinator of any Notice of report as soon as reasonably practical after the completion of the Match.

19.8 All reports, protests and disputes must be lodged in writing in accordance with the requirements of these Rules.

### *Submission (Documentation and Results)*

19.9 The HOST Club shall be responsible for forwarding the Match Report and Umpires documentation (as described) from matches played to AFLSC Administration to arrive NO LATER than the Wednesday following the matches

19.10 In addition to the above requirements the HOME Club, at which matches have been played, shall collate the results and arrange **for entry into Footyweb within 24 hours of the match being played**. Each Club will retain the responsibility to upload changes to their own team sheets. HOST Clubs must advise AFLSC Administration of any games not played by midday on the first working day following the scheduled match.

19.11 Failure to meet with the requirements in Rule 19.9 may make the HOST Club liable to a fine (rule 29), provided that in the event of the maximum fine applying, the Board shall also consider such other disciplinary action as may be appropriate.

19.12 At the completion of the MINOR round of matches, AFLSC Administration will provide to the Administration Committee all Umpire best and fairest votes, by Player, by each age group.

19.13 Team Sheets will be the ONLY acceptable record of the Players who have played. Both Teams retain copies of Team sheets and Goal Umpire Score Cards.

19.14 Team Sheets MUST be in the hands of the Ground Manager by, at the very latest, the end of the half time break. Players arriving after the halftime break cannot be added to the Team Sheet. For finals matches, Clubs should provide Ground Managers with Team Sheets, at the latest, FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES prior to the match.

19.15 Any person wishing to query the validity of information contained on a team sheet must do so **within 7 days** of the day the match is played.

19.16 Any club requesting the AFLSC Administration to make an adjustment to a team sheet must do so within 14 days of the match concerned being played and must provide a copy of the team sheet concerned. Failure to complete in the required time frame will result in the Club being fined.

## **20. Club Game Responsibilities**

### *HOST Club*

20.1 The designated HOST Club is to provide:

- Timekeeper
- Drinks for the umpires
- A SAFETY check of the ground before the first match to remove any rocks, glass, needles or other debris from the playing surface i.e. JLT Match Day Checklist completed
- Marked interchange area
- Scoreboard/Sounding siren
- Padding for goal and behind posts
- Ground Manager
- Padding or other protection around structures within three (3) metres of the playing area for example taps, seats, concrete structures

## Ground Manager

### 20.2 Ground Manager's match day responsibilities:

- Ensure all equipment (including a stretcher) for conducting the game is available before the game.
- To ensure the ground is set-up through the movement and placement of goal posts and padding and the interchange area.
- Ensure a copy of the current AFLSC By laws and a copy of the current AFL Laws are available for all games.
- Have available a spare set of Yellow & Red cards
- Arrange a timekeeper.
- Check the availability of Goal Umpires, Boundary Umpires.
- Receive any formally submitted objections, protests or complaints from Officials of Clubs.
- Wear a distinctive vest with the title 'Ground Manager' printed on the back so as to be easily identified.
- Provide water for the Field Umpires at each break.
- Where possible, provide the Field Umpires with reasonable refreshments after their game(s).
- Accompany the Umpires on and off the ground and to and from the Umpire's rooms at breaks.
- Collect all required paper work, including team sheets & scorecards.
- Ensure Umpires review both team sheets for inclusion of all jumper #'s and then sign the sheets. Noting that both Clubs are to retain both home and away team sheets plus appropriate score cards.
- Retain the umpire team sheets.
- Check where appropriate completion of Umpire paperwork and ensure the information is correct.
- Submission of Umpire Match Reports and Player reports will be the responsibility of the Umpires. A hardcopy pad double sided document for Umpire Match Report and Votes will be given to both Clubs and Umpires. Umpires will be provided with a separate instruction on utilising a new online process
- Arrange payment to Field Umpires as required.
- Ensure that both teams are aware of where the interchange area is.
- In appropriate circumstances, ensure that the Field Umpire is aware that a stretcher is needed on the field, noting that the Umpire shall then stop play at the first opportunity. The Ground Manager should also ensure that a phone is available to call an ambulance if required.
- In the event of a possible serious injury (e.g. neck), I dissuade any football Official from moving the injured Player and to wait for an ambulance. Note: The game will not continue until qualified medical personnel have removed the Player from the field. If the playing time of the game is greater than two (2) quarters, then the final scores will be taken as that at the scheduled FINISH TIME. If the playing time is less than two (2) quarters and if the coaches cannot agree on final scores and a winner the game will be postponed and rescheduled if possible.
- In the event of dangerous weather (e.g. lightning or hail) or other life threatening events, terminate the game. NOTE: If the playing time of the game is greater than two (2) quarters, then the final scores will be taken as that at the scheduled FINISH TIME. If the playing time is less than two (2) quarters and if the coaches cannot agree on a final scores and a winner the game will be postponed and rescheduled if possible.
- Keep a check on the behaviour of all Officials and supporters and to issue warnings for any misconduct or behaviour that is contrary to the spirit of the game. NOTE: This process should be completed by Officials of the Club involved after the Ground Manager has advised an Official of the offending Club. It is not the intent that a Ground Manager should be confrontational or assume direct responsibility for behaviour management. In the event that an offence is deemed reportable, the Ground Manager must obtain signed statements from witnesses and obtain any other relevant material, such as video footage. Such reports must be substantiated in this manner.
- Provide a faxed or electronic report to AFLSC Administration of any substantiated misconduct by supporters or Club Officials within twenty-four (24) hours of the game's completion.
- Facilitate the entry of scores, as required, through Footyweb by no later than 6pm following match day.



- In the event of an umpire issuing a Notice of Report forward an electronic copy of the original Notice of Report by email as a scanned attachment, or via facsimile, to the Administration Committee nominee and the AFLSC Administration, **by 1.00pm on the next working day** following the Match in question and post the Notice of Report in the envelope provided to the GSJ Administration. In the event of a postponed game, inform the Administration Committee in writing of the specific reasons for abandonment of any games.

### *Team Manager*

20.3 For each team, the Team Manager must provide/arrange the following:

- Goal Umpire (flags and scorecard)
- One football in suitable match condition
- Team sheets (Refer to Rule 12.12 & Rule 19)
- Spare whistle
- Official runner shirt that is clearly visible and identifiable as determined by the Administration Committee

### *Injury Treatment*

20.4 All Clubs are to comply with the Infectious Diseases Policy as issued by Sports Medicine Australia, as issued from time to time and as adopted by the AFL (NSW/ACT) Commission. Additionally, it is strongly recommended that all Clubs have a copy of the Australian Dental Regions "Dislodged Teeth" guidelines available at all games so that dislodged teeth can be best preserved.

### *First Aid*

20.5 The HOST Club must use its best endeavours to ensure the attendance at all games of a First Aid Official with a current certification at least equal to:

- Nurse
- Sports Trainer
- St John Officer (plus Red Cross equivalent)
- St John Ambulance Certificate holder
- Paramedic
- Sports Trainer Certificate holder
- Doctor
- Basic First Aid Certificate (minimum)

20.6 In the event that a First Aid Official is required on to the playing field, the Field Umpire shall stop play at the first opportunity after being so advised and invite the First Aid Official on to the field.

20.7 If first aid is needed and the advice is that the Player should not continue playing, the Coach shall abide by the decision of the qualified First Aid Official.

### *Umpire Reviews*

20.8 A process of review of umpires is contained in Appendix 2.

### *Bad Weather*

20.9 Umpires and Clubs (in particular Ground Managers) should be aware of the dangers of allowing play during thunder/electrical storms. Play should cease if lightning is seen in the vicinity of the playing field. No risks should be taken in this regard.

20.10 When a match is stopped due to these circumstances, the result of the match is to be governed by the Laws rule 10.6.2 Incomplete Match.

### *Match Day Checklist*

20.11 Under the Australian Football National Risk Protection Program administered by JLT Sport, a Match Day Checklist must be completed prior to any football activity on match day. This is to be completed and

signed by both HOME and away Clubs and shown to the Umpire prior to commencement of play in the first match of the day.

20.12 A copy of the completed checklist is to be filed and **kept by the HOST team** and be kept for a minimum of seven (7) years.

## 21. Player Registration

### *Forms*

Note: The player registration form may be either in the form of a hardcopy or Footyweb system generated. Details of the online process are documented separately.

21.1 For new Players, a registration form needs to be completed. For returning Players a registration form update of details is required.

21.2 Every Player for each team must be registered using official registration forms, as approved by the Board.

21.3 Registration forms must be completed prior to a Player taking part in a competition activity.

21.4 New Player and correction to existing Player details are to be recorded in the Footyweb database.

21.5 Registration forms are retained by the Club. However on request from AFLSC Administration the document along with proof of date of birth, if requested, must be provided within 3 working days.

21.6 Violation of Rule 21.5 may result in a Player being disqualified and any dispensations withdrawn.

21.7 If a Player wishes to play in a team two (2) or more age groups higher than the Player's qualified age group as recognised by their date of birth, parents are to complete AFLSC Parental Consent Form.

21.8 Players are allowed to play for Clubs in another League under Permit subject to the following conditions:

- Agreement obtained from both Clubs
- Agreement obtained from both Leagues
- The Player will be required to be registered with both Clubs
- The Permit is for one season only.
- All disputes involving Permits are to be referred to and determined by the Board.

### *Transfers*

21.9 A transfer is deemed to include inter and intra league Player movements as defined by the AFL (NSW/ACT) Commission.

21.10 Players are free to transfer between Clubs prior to the season commencing (round 1), provided they have not re-registered with their former Club (the former Club) and subject to the following restrictions:

21.10.1 For the purposes of Rule 21.10, re-registering is deemed to be completed when details are entered in Footyweb, not when registration form is received.

21.10.2 Clubs to which the players are transferring (the new Club) are only permitted a maximum of three (3) Players from the one particular former Club team to the new Club, unless the former Club allows more than three (3). In circumstances where the former Club agrees to allow more than three (3) players, the approval of the Regional Committee must also be obtained by the new Club prior to the transfer.

21.10.3 Rule 21.10.2 does not apply where the former Club does not field a team in the age group of the players concerned and the former Club has informed the Administration Committee that they will not be fielding a team in the age group. For the purpose of this Rule, a team in the age group of the players concerned includes a combined team of a number of Clubs, where there is an agreement by the former Club to field its Players in or refer its Players to the combined team.

21.10.4 The maximum number of players that may transfer from a former Club to the new Club, across all teams and age groups, including the circumstances covered by 21.10.3, is five (5), unless the Administration Committee approves of same prior to the transfer.

21.10.5 Following the commencement of the season (round 1), players are only free to transfer after Administration Committee approval.

21.10.6 Rule 21.10 only applies to players in the under 9 to under 17 age groups.

21.10.7 Registration with a Club does not include where the Player is playing with that Club pursuant to a permit only, or any similar arrangement.

21.11 The process of transfer requires the Player wishing to transfer to request such from the existing Club, including reasons for such a request. Once consent is provided the new Club will need to register the Player accordingly. If approval is not given the matter can be referred to the Administration Committee for determination.

21.12 A Player playing for a Club without approval will result in the loss of any competition match wins and percentage awarded while the infringement of this rule continues.

21.13 Transfers not officially approved by the Administration Committee will result in penalties to the teams and Clubs involved in accepting and playing a non-approved Player.

### *Proof of Age*

21.14 The following documentary proof of age shall be acceptable to AFLSC:

- Original Birth Certificate or Original Extract of Birth
- Passport
- Original Baptism or similar Certificate
- Any original legal document certifying proof of age of applicant, or
- Any other such document as acceptable by the AFLSC such as School ID card, Letter from School Principal

21.15 Only those duly authorised by the Board shall be permitted to endorse such applications for sighting of proof of age.

### *Match Day Registrations*

21.16 May be granted provided:

- Registration details are to be entered into Footyweb by 5.00pm on the Tuesday following the game.
- New Player(s) name, address, birth date are noted on the back of the Team Sheet.
- The opposing Team Manager is to be informed, that a new Player is being registered, and he must sign and date the back of the Team Sheet, to verify the notification.

21.17 Should the Player later be found to be ineligible, the Player's team will lose match wins and the Club will be subject to the Board's jurisdiction.

### *Board Jurisdiction*

21.18 Clubs knowingly playing UNREGISTERED or INELIGIBLE Players or deliberately falsifying documents in any way will be liable to a fine, not exceeding five hundred (\$500) dollars for each breach, and/or suspension of Club Official(s) and/or the Club from Competition/s.

21.19 In the event of any questions arising that are not provided for in these Rules, the opinion of the Board shall be sought and acted upon and its decision will be final.

### *Female Participation*

21.20 The AFL policy strongly recommends that youth girls aged 13 and 14 years participate in a structured youth girl's competitions. However, if there is no youth girl's competition available the following applies:

- In accordance with the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth)<sup>1</sup>, people aged under 12 years of age cannot be excluded on the basis of sex or gender identity from participating in a competitive sporting activity.
- Pursuant to section 42(1) of the Act, people of one gender aged 12 and over can be excluded from participating in competitive sporting activities in which the strength, stamina and physique of competitors is relevant.
- AFL members will exclude females who reach 14 years of age as at 1 January in the year of play from playing in any competition that is not a 'female competition'. **Definition** – A female competition is a competition in which the majority of the Players are female.

- The AFL NSW/ACT Dispensation policy applies to all participants in the game.

*1 The provisions of section 42 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth) are essentially replicated in equivalent State legislation*

*Note: Please see the AFL National Junior Policy for further details regarding this philosophy*

## 22. Competition Trophies

22.1 These will be determined by the Board in liaison with the Administration Committee. On Grand Final day, at the completion of each match, awards will be made as determined.

## 23. Coaches

### Accreditation

23.1 All coaches officiating at AFLSC games must be accredited / registered with AFL coaching certificates. It is expected that non-accredited coaches will attend and complete courses provided by the AFL (NSW/ACT) Commission during the course of the year of registration.

- Coaches who coached in the previous year must commence a course in either the March or April courses (or early courses as designated).
- New coaches appointed in the current year have until the mid-year courses to commence.

After those dates coaches who have failed to comply will not be able to continue coaching unless given Board approval.

23.2 An unaccredited coach not provided approval to continue coaching by the Board will not be permitted to:

23.2.1 Display visible signs of coaching, which includes communicating to the Players, assistant coach or coaches, runners, water carriers, trainers etc., before or during the game;

23.2.2 Enter the playing arena at any stage during the match. If, however, the coach is a parent of a Player participating in that finals match, the coach may enter the field at the quarter time and three quarter time breaks, but must not address the team;

23.2.3 Be closer than 25 metres from the teams interchange bench during the game;

23.3 Any coach suspended as a coach will not be permitted, to attend any junior game during the period of suspension.

23.4 Coaches must be easily identifiable. This can be done by wearing any external clothing with the word Coach clearly visible, with lettering size being a minimum of 7cm in height, on the back & front.

## 24. Representative Football

24.1 Any player selected in a representative team must be a registered player with a club in that region.

24.2 Any player sent from the field of play (Red Card) or reported by the umpire during a Representative game shall be dealt with by the disciplinary procedures of the governing body of the tournament, or if by agreement with that body the disciplinary procedures of these Rules (Rule 9).

24.3 If disciplinary procedures are implemented as a result of Rule 24.2, then the governing body of the Representative tournament will be informed of investigation outcomes.

## 25. Uniforms

25.1 All Players must play in the Club uniform as agreed by the Board. Players must wear different full numbers on the back of each jumper which are recognisable from one hundred (100) metres. Those numbers must correspond to those on the respective team sheet.

25.2 Where the Club colours as defined have been approved by the Board that Club will have the rights to that colour and design and no other AFLSC Club in that region may apply to register that colour or design. If a Club wishes to change its colours or designs, it must first obtain approval from the Board.

25.3 Any changes to a Regional Representative uniform must be approved by the Board.

25.4 All club uniforms (Playing jumper, shorts and socks) must be approved by the Administration committee at the time of team nominations. This is to avoid **uniform** clashes.

25.5 Jumpers worn by AFL South Coast Clubs must have the AFL (NSW/ACT) logo on the right breast. Club jumpers and shorts with the AFL (NSW/ACT) logo may only be obtained from the League's official suppliers.

## 26. Finance

### *Arrears*

26.1 If any Club is in arrears to the AFLSC for a period of **thirty (30) days** or more from the statement date, a fee of 10% of the amount owing may be charged for every **thirty (30) day** period or part thereof that the amount is outstanding. Any such fee shall then become part of the amount outstanding.

26.2 If any Club is in arrears to AFLSC for a period of **thirty (30) days or more**, that Club's representative(s) shall be ineligible to vote at any Administration Sub Committee meeting.

26.3 If any Club is in arrears to AFLSC or AFL (NSW/ACT) for a period of **thirty-one (31) days or more beyond the date due noted on the Invoice**, that Club shall be ineligible for any match wins earned by any team from that Club whilst that Club is in arrears. Where extenuating circumstances exist, the Board may at its discretion, place a Club on a financial scheme of arrangements for the repayment of outstanding accounts. Any Club operating under such an arrangement shall be considered to be financial with the AFLSC provided that it is up to date with all payments specified by the scheme and for the current year.

26.4 If any Club is in arrears at a time **seven (7) days** prior to the date of the finals series commencing, that Club shall be ineligible to compete in that finals match. In the event of this occurring, teams placed next on the premiership ladder at the completion of the HOME and away matches for the respective age groups shall fill the place of the ineligible team.

26.5 If an appeal is made to the Board about an imposed financial penalty, then the Board may, in its discretion, allow for required time frames to be held over until resolution of any appeal.

### *Funds Management*

26.6 The management of funds through AFLSC will include the establishment of a central account in the name of AFL South Coast Inc. As provided in the AFLSC constitution, the funds of the League will be used only in pursuance of the objects of the League.

26.7 Funds and financial transactions will be managed for each Administration Committee separately through the establishment of separate cost centres for each League. In this way funds sourced and costs incurred will be quarantined and allocated accordingly. On a regular basis as agreed by the Board, AFLSC Administration will provide the Administration Committees with transaction reports relative to each area.

### *Sponsorships*

26.8 All sponsorships of Clubs or Leagues must be referred for approval in advance in writing by the AFLSC. Sponsorships will not be approved for organisations or for products that are not suitable for junior sport. Sponsorship of tobacco and alcohol products or their retailing will be refused.

## 27. Rule Amendments

27.1 Additional Rule amendments tabled by Administration Committees beyond Regional variations agreed by the Board before the season commences may be amended by simple majority at a Board meeting, provided that the Board is notified of proposed change(s) not later than fourteen (14) days prior to such meeting.

27.2 Unless stated otherwise, changes to these Rules shall be deemed to commence on the next full season of football to follow the date of the change.

27.3 The Board, in its absolute discretion, may amend these Rules as required, to take effect from such date or dates as provided by the Board.

## 28. Statements

28.1 Statements on policy, any matter affecting the AFLSC, an Administration Committee, Clubs, Players, Officials and Umpires, including the AFLSC competitions, may only be made by persons approved by or authorised by the Board to make such statements.

28.2 Any person or Club breaching Rule 28.1 may be referred by SC Administration to the Board for determination as the Board thinks fit, including referring same to either the Tribunal in the case of a Player or Official, or an ISC in the case of any other person, for hearing and determination.

28.3 Any Player, Official, or other person making a statement injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of any other Player, Official, Umpire, any other person, Club, Administration Committee or the AFLSC shall be subject to the following provisions:

28.3.1 in the case of a Player or Official, SC Administration may report such person for breach of this Rule and refer the Report to the Tribunal for hearing and determination;

28.3.2 in the case of any other person, SC Administration may refer the matter to an ISC for determination.

28.4 A Club whose Official has made a statement contrary to the provisions of Rule 28.1, or in the case of any other person, with the apparent authority, agreement, consent or approval of the Club, may be referred by SC Administration to an ISC which may, in the event of a breach, levy a fine of up to a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and forfeit past or future match ratios.

## 29. Fines

29.1 Where the Board or Administration Committee has fined a Club, Player or Official, any such fine shall be paid within fourteen (14) days of receipt of an invoice from AFLSC. Failure to pay such money within the required time shall result in further action by the Board, including the loss of match wins.

### *Schedule - General*

29.2 The following Schedule sets out the fines to be imposed for breaches of these Rules.

<b>Breach</b>	<b>Fine</b>
Code of Conduct Breach as per Rule 3.8	\$500 or \$750 or \$1000
Statement breach as per Rule 28.4	Max \$1000
<b>Administration</b>	
Any Administrative Breach – No Warnings	\$100 to Max. \$500
<b>Match Day</b>	
Maximum 2 warnings for any match day breach in a season, Each additional breach	\$50 fine per breach.

## 30. Appeals

### *Appeals to the Administration Committee*

30.1 Any registered player, official or Club (the appellant) may appeal against a decision of the ISC, Tribunal or a Club Hearing.

30.2 The Administration Committee may deal with the appeal direct or may constitute an Appeals Committee to deal with appeals pursuant to this clause.

## *Lodgement of Appeals*

30.3 Any appeal is to be lodged with the Administration Committee within 10 days of the appellant receiving notification of any such decision, or in the case of the failure to make the decision, when the decision ought reasonably to have been made and must include full details of the event precipitating the appeal, together with any information which might assist in its consideration. The appeal must be accompanied by a \$200 deposit. The Administration Committee or the Appeals Committee may call for submissions from, or further material by, the parties immediately affected by the original decision appealed against or by the Appellant. The Appeals Committee shall determine, following the appeal and in its absolute discretion, whether the deposit should be refunded to the appellant or forfeited to the Regional Committee. The hearing of the Appeal shall commence within 14 days of the date the appeal was received by the Regional Committee.

30.4 Where the Administration Committee considers that the Appeal should be dealt with by the Board, the Appeal shall proceed as an appeal to the Board and the Administration Committee will provide the Board with the material referred to in clause 30.3.

## *Hearing Procedure*

30.5 The Appeals Committee shall determine the appeal by way of a re-hearing and subject to the procedural clauses of 30.6 – 30.11.

30.6 On the hearing, the Appeals Committee shall:

30.6.1 Provide any person whose interest will be directly and adversely affected by its decision a reasonable opportunity to be heard;

30.6.2 Hear and determine the appeal in an unbiased manner;

30.6.3 Make a decision that a reasonable body could honestly arrive at;

30.6.4 Proceed in an inquisitorial manner; and

30.6.5 Conduct the hearing with as little formality and technicality and with as much expedition as the proper consideration of the appeal permits.

30.7 The Appeals Committee is not bound by the rules of evidence or by practices and procedures applicable to courts of record, but may inform itself as to any matter in any such manner as it thinks fit.

30.8 The Appeals Committee may, subject to these clauses, regulate any proceedings before it in such manner as it thinks fit.

30.9 The Appeals Committee shall be empowered to meet when and where it considers necessary.

30.10 The question on appeal before the Appeals Committee must be decided according to the opinion of a majority of the members constituting the Appeals Committee.

30.11 The Appeals Committee is not obliged to give reasons for any decision it makes.

## *Decision Final- Administration Committee*

30.12 After reviewing the facts the Administration Committee or after hearing the appeal, the Appeals Committee may make such determination as it deems fit, including allowing the appeal in whole or in part, substituting its own decision, vary the original decision (including any penalty) or dismiss the appeal. The Administration Committee or Appeals Committee may impose such terms when making its determination as it deems fit.

30.13 The Appeals Committee shall make the formal announcement of the outcome of the appeal at the conclusion of the appeal and shall inform the Administration Committee in writing of the outcome of the appeal as soon as practicable thereafter. The Administration Committee shall inform the affected parties of the outcome of the appeal within 2 days of it being informed by the Appeals Committee of its decision. Subject to clause 30.14, the decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties and is a decision of the Administration Committee.

## *Appeals to the Board*

30.14 Any registered player, official or Club (the appellant) may appeal to the Board against a decision of the Administration Committee, including an appeal against the decision of the Appeals Committee. An appeal may

be made with respect to the failure of the Administration Committee to make a decision. The Administration Committee may appeal against the decision of the Appeals Committee.

30.15 Any appeal to the Board is to be lodged with the AFLSC Administration (for referral to the Board), within 10 days of the appellant receiving notification of any such decision, or in the case of the failure to make the decision, when the decision ought reasonably to have been made and must include full details of the event precipitating the appeal, together with any information which might assist in its consideration. The appeal must be accompanied by a \$400 deposit. This also applies to any appeal to the Board pursuant to Clause 30.4. The Board shall determine, in its absolute discretion, whether the deposit should be refunded to the appellant or forfeited to the AFLSC, or whether an additional amount should be paid.

30.16 The provisions of clauses 30.6 to 30.11 inclusive shall apply to the hearing of the appeal by the Board, save that the word "Board" shall be substituted for the words "Tribunal" in such clauses. As to clause 30.5, the Board may determine not to proceed with the hearing of an appeal by way of a re-hearing, but determine the appeal pursuant to clause 30.18.

30.17 After hearing the appeal, the Board may make such determination as it deems fit, including allowing the appeal in whole or in part, substituting its own decision, vary the original decision (including any penalty), remit the matter back to the appropriate person or body for determination in accordance with the Board's recommendations or dismiss the appeal. The Board may impose such terms when making its determination as it deems fit.

### *Basis of determining Appeal to Board*

30.18 In the event that the Board determines not to proceed with the hearing of the appeal by way of a re-hearing, the Board will consider the appeal on the basis set out below:

30.18.1 An appeal is directed to correcting some error which may have been made in the original determination or hearing and affected its finding. That an aggrieved party considers that the ultimate decision is wrong or a penalty imposed is excessive does not constitute an appealable error;

30.18.2 The Board will only allow an appeal where, after considering the material placed before it, it determines that the appellant may have suffered a substantial injustice or where the Board considers the original decision:

- Was not fair or reasonable;
- Was against the weight of evidence;
- Involved a substantial denial of natural justice, or
- Ought to be reconsidered because significant evidence is now available that was not reasonably available at the time of the hearing.

### *Decision Final - Board*

30.19 The AFLSC Administration shall inform the affected parties of the outcome of any appeal to the Board within 2 days of the Board's decision. The decision of the Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

## **31. Matters not provided for**

31.1 In the event of any question or matter arising which is not provided for in the Rules, the Administration Committee or SC Administration, or the Board may on its own volition, may refer same to the Board for decision, and the opinion of the Board shall be taken and acted upon, and its decision shall be final.

## **32. Conduct Unbecoming, Prejudicial or likely to bring the Game into Disrepute**

32.1 Where the Board is of the opinion that a Club or any Official, Player, or other person has contravened the Laws or the Rules, or has been involved in conduct which is unbecoming or is prejudicial or likely to prejudice the reputation or interests of the AFLSC, or bring the game of Australian Football into disrepute, the Board may deal with such matter in their absolute discretion as the Board thinks fit, and without limiting their powers, they may:

- 32.1.1 Appoint any person or persons to enquire into any matter, including an ISC;
- 32.1.2 Conduct their own enquiry;
- 32.1.3 Refer the matter to the Tribunal;



32.1.4 Impose any penalty that it deems fit, including but not limited to imposing a monetary penalty, suspension or disqualification or the loss of, or forfeiture of match points or match ratio or any other privileges, benefits or entitlement.

### **33. Legal (including Statutory) Compliance by Administration Committees and Clubs.**

33.1 Administration Committees and Clubs are required to comply with all legal (including statutory) and other provisions and requirements governing their operations, including but not limited to the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009* (as amended from time to time) and the *Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* (as amended from time to time).

33.2 Whilst the AFLSC will provide information, guidance and assistance to Administration Committees and Clubs where it is able on issues affecting their governance and operations, the responsibility to ensure compliance with all legal (including statutory) and other provisions and requirements affecting their operations lies with Administration Committees and Clubs.

*Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998*

33.3 The attention of Administration Committees and Clubs is particularly drawn to the requirements of the *Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* (the CCYP Act) (as amended from time to time).

33.4 Any person who has not complied with the requirements of the CCYP Act is in breach of these Rules and will be unable to act in any capacity at any competition game, including the finals. Such persons will be referred to an ISC by the Board or Administration Committee, to be dealt with as provided for in these Rules.

## Schedule 1 – Zoning: (Under 9/10)

This brief guide is for the benefit of parents and other spectators to help them understand what is happening on the field. Modified rules are used in these age groups to give participants the best opportunity to participate in the great game of AFL.

- The field is divided into three (3) zones: forwards, centres and backs. The Players are rotated through the zones in each game to ensure that all Players experience the different field positions. Four (4) distinguishable markers (low domes) are placed on the sideline to mark the zones.
- The forwards are the only Players that can kick a score. These Players are marked with a clearly identifiable armband indicating that they are the forwards. Should a centre-zone Player kick the ball through the goal posts, no score is recorded and it is treated like any other out of bounds.
- It is important to realise that the marking of zones is to help both the Players and the umpire understand where Players should be. It is not a “taboo” marker but an indication that a Player is close to the end of the zone. In essence there is a little “grey area” where a Player may dispose of a ball just over the zone line. The umpire will communicate with the Players and attempt to ensure that the use of the „grey area” is kept to a minimum. The use of armbands by the forwards helps the umpire identify where a Player is intended to be.
- Players are unable to take full possession of the ball at the start of play (ball up/centre bounce) or the recommencement of play around the ground. In fact, the umpire will use different Players from the zone that play is in to contest the bounce.
- The interchange gate for these age groups is marked by smaller witch’s hats and is the area that the team will use to move Players from and onto the ground.

Should you have any questions, ask the coach (after the game!) or the manager from your Club and I am sure that they will help.

Just remember, the Players are out there to have fun and the Umpire is a volunteer.

## Schedule 2 – Age Group Rules

### Schedule 2.1 Auskick

- This grade will not play for competition match wins.
- Auskick should remain as per the rules and regulations set out in the Auskick Handbook and Lesson Cards.
- The two (2) Clubs will play a game as a follow up to the Auskick program. The sides must be of equal size and played under the rules set out in the Aussie Footy Rules handbook. Children must be aged eight (8) and under. The size of the team should ideally be nine (9) a side (i.e. three (3) Players from each team in three (3) zones).
- The playing area shall be approximately half a standard size field. Standard field size is (ninety) 90 metres X sixty-five (65) metres.
- Players must be rotated at the start of each quarter allowing everyone to experience playing as a forward, centre and back.

### Schedule 2.2 Development Rules

Standard Development Rules apply (refer Appendix 3).

### Schedule 2.3 Youth Rules

Unless provided for elsewhere in these Rules, teams will play under the Laws of Australian Football (the exception being rule 13.3 – Kick into play after goal umpire signal).

At all times other than for send offs the numbers of Players on the ground must be equal for each team

### Ball Sizes

- Under 13/14 Size 4
- Under 15 Full size
- Under 16 Full size
- Under 17 Full size
- Under 18 Full size

In the event of wet weather conditions, the umpire with the agreement of coaches has the discretion to allow the use of a wet weather (synthetic) football.

### Spirit of the Game

At the end of a game all Players, coaches and umpires should gather in the centre of the ground and shake hands.

### Tackling

Tackling is permitted as per the **Laws of Australian Football** however in Under 13's and Under 14's:

- No Player shall be deliberately slung, dumped or thrown to the ground via any tackle.

### Mercy Rule

This rule is applied to all ages below and including Under 16 and wherever a Division 3 in any age group applies.

- The Goal Umpires are to confer with the Field Umpire at half time or three quarter time, where the score differential between the teams equals or exceeds a set amount (i.e. ninety (90) points for youth ages and sixty (60) points for modified ages) to determine when the Mercy Rule should be applied.
- The Mercy Rule cannot be applied in the last quarter.
- The Field Umpire will instruct the Goal Umpires and any scoreboard attendants to cease further scoring for the remainder of the match.
- Where the Mercy Rule is applied, the match shall continue for the remainder of the allocated time of play, with the coaches encouraged to even-up the skill levels of the teams.
- The official recorded result for the match shall be:
  - Losing team - the score of the losing team, at the time the Mercy Rule was applied;
  - Winning Team - the score of the losing team, at the time the Mercy Rule was applied, plus a margin equal to the points' differential.

## Schedule 2.4 Youth Girls Rules

**Teams:** Teams to comprise 9-a-side

**2 age divisions:** 13-15 years & 16-18 years

**Player source:** Affiliated clubs, schools and community teams

### Venue:

- Competition format will be a 'Home and Away', and will be hosted by participating clubs on a rotational basis, using a field not in use for the rest of the junior competition on that day.
- The full round of games is to be played over one full day at the same venue.
- Host Club to provide the following:
  - 2 playing fields of approx. 100m x 90m set up with cones and posts.
  - 2 x size 3 match balls for U15 games, and 2 x size 4 match balls for U18 games.
  - Ground Manager
  - Canteen staff for the day
  - Payment of ground usage fees
  - Payment of all umpires, as well as water/food as required under the by-laws
  - Provision of first aid officer (or St John Officer)
- All canteen proceeds (less costs) to be retained by the host club.

### Pre-requisites for registration of a team:

- Must meet the specified minimum numbers
- Team fees must be prepaid
- Must use approved, numbered AFL/NSW playing jumpers
- Must be able to provide a team manager
- Other?

### Game times:

- 4 x 15 min quarters

### Mercy Rule:

- Youth Ages Mercy Rule to apply to Under 15's Age Group

### Finals series:

- To be played at same venue and on the same day as Illawarra Junior Finals

## Appendix 1 – Codes of Conduct: Specific

# Code of Conduct

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## PLAYERS

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- Play by the rules – the rules of your Club and the laws of the game.
  - Attend training sessions and matches at times advised by the Club. If unable, for a valid reason to do so, players will inform the Club as soon, as is practical.
  - Act respectfully toward the officials and players of their own and opposing Clubs.
  - Respect and follow the directions of coaching staff, match and club officials.
  - Treat all players with respect, as you would want them to treat you.
  - Act respectfully towards match officials at all times. Abusive language is unacceptable.
  - Avoid individual or collective behaviour, which may reasonably be held by spectators to be offensive.
  - Avoid all acts likely to incite spectators to violence or disorder.
  - Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club or the AFL South Coast.
  - Abide by the By-Laws, (Rules & Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the AFL South Coast.
  - Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs.
  - Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.
  - Do not use information technology to make or post inappropriate comments against players, clubs, club officials, match officials or the League which is discriminatory or offensive. Information technology includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter and blogs).
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## PARENTS & SUPPORTERS

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- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
  - Encourage participation, but don't force it.
  - Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
  - Never ridicule mistakes or losses Supporters are there to support not downgrade.
  - Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires, administrators and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
  - Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time.
  - Never publicly criticise umpires, rather raise personal concerns with club officials in private
  - Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.
  - Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs.
  - Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.
  - Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
  - Abusive language is unacceptable.
  - Do not use information technology to make or post inappropriate comments against players, clubs, club officials, match officials or the League which is discriminatory or offensive. Information technology includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter and blogs).
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## COACHES

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- Set a good example and display utmost honesty and integrity in all dealings.
- Teach fair play and good sportsmanship
- Never place the value of winning above that of instilling the highest possible ideals and character.
- Be reasonable in demands, setting goals and expectations at an attainable level.
- Maintain a current knowledge of the rules of the game.
- Teach and interpret the laws of the game to the players.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
- Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual as well as team skill.
- Ensure that all players understand the importance of regular attendance at training and positive attitude at training and that team selection throughout the season, including the finals, may be influenced by their training attendance and attitude.
- Ensure that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention and that doctor's orders are strictly adhered to.
- Endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development and of factors relating to the welfare of my players.
- Display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practice fair play.
- Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
- Abide by the By-Laws, (Rules & Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the AFL South Coast.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.
- Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club or to the AFL South Coast.
- Do not use information technology to make or post inappropriate comments against players, clubs, club officials, match officials or the League which is discriminatory or offensive. Information technology includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter and blogs).

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### ADMINISTRATORS

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- Involve others in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to Australian Football.
  - Create pathways for people to participate and develop through the sport not just as players but also as coaches, umpires and administrators.
  - Ensure equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability level of the participants.
  - Establish that qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and specific skill technique provide adequate supervision.
  - Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
  - Assist all participants in Australian Football to know and understand the rules.
  - Set a conduct example for others to follow.
  - Make it clear that abusing people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
  - Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
  - Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club or the AFL South Coast.
  - Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.
  - Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
  - Ensure on and off the field behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
  - Ensure all parents, coaches, sponsors, administrators, officials, medical staff and players, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.
  - Abide by the By-Laws, (Rules & Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the AFL South Coast.
  - Do not use information technology to make or post inappropriate comments against players, clubs, club officials, match officials or the League which is discriminatory or offensive. Information technology includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter and blogs).
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### OFFICIALS

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- Display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules.
- Be honest in your assessment of situations.
- Be consistent and courteous in calling all infractions.
- Condemn deliberate fouls as being unsporting and promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour.
- The health and safety of the players must be the most important reason to be weighed in during the decision making process.
- Use common sense to ensure the 'spirit of the game' for players is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules.
- Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.
- Ensure you remain up to date with any rule changes and/or interpretation of rules as laid down by the AFL
- Seek continual self-improvement through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.
- Do not use information technology to make or post inappropriate comments against players, clubs, club officials, match officials or the League which is discriminatory or offensive. Information technology includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter and blogs).

## Appendix 2 – Umpire Review Process

The key components are:

- Completion of the Umpires Review form for Under 9's to Under 12's inclusive, is compulsory with non-compliance of a correctly completed form incurring a fine (i.e. non-submission/umpire identification or completing person's identification not provided). With the Under 13's to Under 16's inclusive, it is encouraged but not compulsory.
- In 2012 the new online process will still be available. This enables coaches via the web at a more convenient time after the game to complete his or her views and provide constructive feedback
- Preseason Training and access to the necessary link on the website will be provided
- It is expected that a coach will complete the online form by 9.00am on the Monday following a match
- This tool is provided for the purpose of umpire training, not coach satisfaction.
- A review of feedback and comments by Administration Umpires Coordinator to develop appropriate training methods.
- Administration Umpires Coordinator may follow up with coaches for additional information, but contact will NOT be made as a matter of course.

### Summary

The aim of this process is to provide meaningful assessment of our junior umpires. To alleviate the "heat of battle" responses and to give a coach time to consider a constructive review the timing is extended. AFLSC is taking all steps to deliver an acceptable level of competency for the junior age groups. This can only be achieved if Club coaches and management of junior teams are prepared to provide constructive comment in their assessment of an umpire's performance.



## Appendix 3 Standard Development Grade / Junior Rules 2012

	<b>UNDER 9 UNDER 10</b>	<b>UNDER 11 UNDER 12</b>
<b>1. Playing Field (min.)</b>	105 m x 80m (cones or lines to mark zones) Increased by agreement. The field is divided into 3 equal zones	110m x 80m Increased by agreement.
<b>2. Ball Size</b>	Size 2 Ball (synthetic or leather ball by agreement)	Size 3 Ball (synthetic or leather ball by agreement)
<b>3. The Team</b>	<b>9, 12 or 15</b> players with any number of reserves. ( Refer Reg Var for Match #'s) Number of players on ground must be equal. Team consists of <b>up to 5</b> equal numbers of forwards, backs and centres. Players remain in position for all of the quarter after which the players must change zone. Interchange of players may take place at any time All players should play at least 3 quarters of the match where possible	12 to 15 players with any number of reserves Number of players on ground must be equal. Interchange may take place at any time, but all players should play 3 quarters.
<b>4. Zones/Positions and transition of the ball</b>	Players will be instructed to by the umpire to stay in their correct position. When the ball is in transition from the back zone to the forward zone, it must be touched by a player in the mid zone. Failing this, a free kick will be awarded to the opposition team at the point where the ball entered the end zone.	
<b>5. Scoring</b>	Only forward zone players can score from within the forward zone. Forward players are marked with a clearly identifiable armband. Where a non forward scores, a free kick will be awarded to the opposition team at the point where the ball entered the end zone(forward). After a behind, the player kicking in cannot dispose to themselves	After a behind the player kicking in cannot dispose to themselves.
<b>6. Playing Time</b>	4 x 12 Minute Quarters	4 x 12 min Quarters
<b>7. Starting and restarting play</b>	A ball up is conducted between 2 centre players of similar height as nominated by the umpire. The umpire should nominate different pairs of players for subsequent ball ups after goals are scored. There is no full possession allowed. The full possession rule is applied as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A player contesting the ball up may not grab the ball and play on; and</li> <li>- The player must knock, palm or punch the ball to a teammate or open ground, and may not play the ball again until it has been touched by another player or hit the ground.</li> </ul>	A ball up is contested between 2 centre players of similar height as nominated by the umpire in the centre of the ground. Only centre line players attend centre bounces (20m clearance from all other players). The umpire is to enforce a similar 20m area for field ball ups. No Full possession permitted
<b>8. Scrimmage and field ball ups</b>	Field ball ups are contested by 2 players of similar height (selected by the umpire) after all other players have been sent back to their positions. There is no full possession permitted.	Field ball ups are contested by 2 players of equal size selected by the umpire. Before the ball up, the umpire should clear the area by sending players back to their positions. No more then 3 players from each team shall be closer to the ball up than about 20 metres. No Full possession permitted
<b>9. Out of Bounds</b>	From a kick – a free kick is awarded to the closest opponent. A player cannot kick for goal from this free kick. If in doubt – ball up 5m in from boundary. Off hands or body – ball up 5m in from the boundary. No Full possession permitted.	From a kick – a free kick is awarded to the closest opponent. A player cannot kick for goal from this free kick. If in doubt – ball up 5m in from boundary Off hands or body – ball up 5m in from the boundary. No Full possession permitted.
<b>10. Gaining Possession</b>	A player's prime objective should be to gain possession of the ball (eyes on the ball). Restrained side (shoulder to shoulder) contact is permitted when players are contesting a loose ball, provided that the ball is within 5 metres. 'Running with' the player rather than 'running at' the player must be the intention. Front on contact or contact from behind is strictly prohibited.	

	The ball is possessed by controlling it, catching it, grabbing it, or laying 2 hands on it when it is on the ground. Once the ball is possessed, other players may apply a hold and release tackle (refer to tackling rule)	
<b>11. Tackling</b>	<p>Players can <b>“Hold and Release”</b> an opposition player in possession of the ball by grabbing the jumper only with one or two hands. When in possession of the ball there is strictly no bumping, slinging or deliberately bringing the player in possession of the ball to the ground. Grabbing the arms or applying a wrap around tackle is not permitted.</p> <p>If a player in possession of the ball is <b>“Held and Released”</b> without a prior opportunity to dispose of the ball they have 3 seconds to dispose of or attempt to properly dispose of the ball by handballing or kicking. If a player in possession of the ball has had prior opportunity before being <b>“Held and Released”</b> a free kick is awarded against the player in possession, for holding the ball.</p> <p>When the player is <b>‘Held and Released’</b> the umpire acknowledges that the hold has been applied (by calling out “Release”) and instructs the player in possession to then dispose of the ball within 3, 2, 1 seconds (counting backwards out loud). A player in possession cannot be Held and Released again within the 3 seconds.</p> <p>Players cannot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• knock the ball out of an opponent’s hands</li> <li>• push the player in the side</li> <li>• steal the ball from another player</li> <li>• bump an opponent (other than in rule 10 above)</li> </ul>	<p>A player in possession of the ball may be tackled by an opponent wrapping both arms ( the wrap around tackle) around the area below the top of the shoulders and on/above the knees.</p> <p>The tackle may be from either side or from behind providing the tackle from behind does not thrust forward the player with the ball. No Player shall be deliberately dumped or thrown to the ground by a tackle. Where such a penalty is awarded the umpire will use the sling signal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A player in possession of the ball ,when held by an opponent applying the wrap around tackle, should be given a reasonable chance to dispose of the ball by kick or by handball, or by attempting to kick or handball. If he or she fails to do so, a free kick shall be awarded to the tackler for holding the ball</li> <li>- The field umpire shall conduct a ball up when the player with the ball has it held to the body by an opponent, unless the player has had a reasonable time to dispose of it prior to being tackled. In that case, a free kick shall be awarded to the tackler for holding the ball</li> <li>- The field umpire shall allow play to continue if the ball is knocked out of a players hands by an opponent</li> <li>- A player, who is held by an opponent when not in possession of the ball, shall be awarded a free kick</li> <li>- Knocking or stealing the ball from an opponent’s hands is permitted</li> </ul>
<b>12. Smothering</b>	<b>Not permitted</b>	<b>Smothering is permitted</b>
<b>13. Barging</b>	No barging, fending off or chopping past opponents is permitted. A free kick shall be awarded to the nearest opponent.	No barging or chopping past opponents is permitted. Fending off with open hand to the body (provided it is not above the shoulders or in the back) is permitted..
<b>14. Shepherding</b>	<b>Not permitted</b>	<b>Shepherding permitted</b> as per the laws of Australian Football.
<b>15. Marking</b>	A mark is awarded irrespective of the distance the ball has travelled to any player who catches the ball directly from the kick of another player. Where a player drops a mark but has eyes on the ball, and hands out in front or above their head, and makes good contact on the ball then a mark can be awarded for a good attempt.	A mark is awarded when a player catches the ball directly from another player’s kick that has travelled at least 10 metres
<b>16. Distance Run and Bouncing the Ball</b>	A player running with the ball must bounce it within 10 metres. Only one bounce is permitted. Players cannot dispose of the ball to themselves intentionally.	A player running with the ball must bounce it within 15 metres, only 2 bounces are permitted. Players cannot dispose of the ball to themselves intentionally.
<b>17. Kicking Off the Ground</b>	Not permitted unless accidental	Not permitted unless accidental
<b>18. Distance penalty</b>	A 10m advancement may be awarded to a player after a mark or free kick if he or she is hindered by an opposition player	A 25m advancement may be awarded to a player after a mark or free kick if he or she is hindered by an opposition player
<b>19. Order off rule</b>	As per Rule 9 of AFL GSJ By Laws.	As per Rule 9 of AFL GSJ By Laws.
<b>20. Spirit of the Game</b>	Players, Coaches and Officials and Umpires to shake hands before and after game. No scores or ladders to be kept.	Players, Coaches and Officials and Umpires to shake hands before and after game. 10 goal mercy rule.
<b>21. Coaches</b>	Coaches allowed on field to teach but no closer than 15m from play.	<b>Coaches are not allowed on the field.</b> Messages delivered by a runner who must be an adult or a player that is mature enough to umpire the game...



## Appendix 4 - ISC Code of Conduct Report Template

### DISCIPLINARY HEARING REPORT

**Panel Convenor:** [Insert Club Name]/ Admin Committee / AFL SC Administrator / Board  
[Select one]

**Panel Members:** [Insert Chairman's Name], [Insert Other Panel Member's Name] &  
[Insert Other Panel Member's Name]

**Venue of Hearing:** [Insert Venue of the Panel meeting]

**Date of Hearing:** [Insert Time of the Panel meeting] on [Insert Date of the Panel meeting]

**Charge:** **Law** – [insert specific Law] or **Code of Conduct** - [insert breach reference]

**Report by:** [Insert Name of Umpire, Club or Governing Body]

**During Match:** [insert match or event details]

**Venue:** [insert ground or venue]

**Date of Incident:** [insert date of incident]

**Person Cited:** [Insert Cited Person's Name]

**Plead:** Guilty / Not Guilty [select one]

#### **Witnesses:**

[Name of witness attending] – [Club]; [Relationship to event e.g. opposition player, coach, parent of player etc.]; [Advocate]

[List as many names as appropriate]

#### **Documentation Received:**

[Type of Document] [Supplier of Document] – [Club]; [Relationship to event e.g. opposition player, coach, parent of player etc.];

[List as many names as appropriate]

#### **Events:**

[List in point form events pertaining to the incident]

#### **Deliberations:**

[List points of information considered by the panel, in reaching verdict]

#### **Verdict:**

[Insert Guilty or Not Guilty] – Note can be found guilty of lesser or greater offence if shown to be the case.

#### **Penalty:**

Recommend the following penalties [Insert penalty to be applied, specify time frames where appropriate]

## Appendix 5 - Umpire Schedule of Fees Home & Away Games

Age Group	Accredited		Non-Accredited	
	One Umpire	Two Umpires	One Umpire	Two Umpires
Auskick	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
U 9	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$15
U 10	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$15
U 11	\$30	\$25	\$25	\$20
U 12	\$35	\$30	\$30	\$25
U 14	\$45	\$35	\$35	\$30
U 16	\$55	\$45	\$45	\$35
U 18	\$70	\$50	\$50	\$40
YG 15	\$35	\$30	\$30	\$25
YG 18	\$45	\$35	\$35	\$30

Auskick umpires not normally appointed.

**Appointments:** Umpires are appointed by the umpiring administrator with direction from the umpire coaches based on scheduling, performance, attendance at training and completion of match day paperwork.

**Late arrival of Umpire:** Should an Umpire arrive late to an appointed match then the level of payment will be made on a pro-rata basis. The pro-rata calculation is to be on the basis of whole quarters officiated during the game.

**Stand By Appointment:** Where an Umpire takes control of a game that is underway (due to another Umpires' non arrival) then the minimum fee payable will be pro-rata to the whole quarters officiated during the game.

**Gala Days:** Fees will be determined pro-rata based on age group and game duration.

### Finals Series

	SEMI & PRELIM	GRAND FINAL	
	Two Umpires	Two Umpires	Three Umpires
U 12	\$30	\$40	
U 14	\$35	\$45	
U 16	\$45	\$55	\$50
U 18	\$50	\$60	\$55
YG 15	\$30	\$40	\$35
YG 18	\$35	\$45	\$40
	Boundary Umpires if appointed		
	\$15	\$20	
	Goal Umpires if appointed		
	\$10	\$15	

**Umpires for Auskick** matches played during the finals series will be paid as above with no Boundary or Goal umpires required.

**Boundary and Goal umpires:** Payment is the same irrespective of age group officiated.