

ADELAIDE PLAINS  
FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
INCORPORATED



CONSTITUTION  
and  
BYLAWS

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# **ADELAIDE PLAINS FOOTBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **1. Name of League**

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The name of the League shall be the '**Adelaide Plains Football League Incorporated**' (hereinafter referred to as 'the League'). The Adelaide Plains Football League is a non-profit organization.

### **2. Objects**

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The objects for which the League is formed are:

- a) to supervise and co-ordinate the playing of Australian Rules Football in the Adelaide Plains area
- b) to promote the game of football in the area by all means available at all times.
- c) to raise funds through all means possible for the promotion of football in the area and for the benefit of all affiliated Clubs.

### **3. Formation of League**

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- a) The League shall consist of the following Clubs:

Balaklava, Hamley Bridge, Hummocks/Watchman Eagles, Mallala, Two Wells, United and Virginia, Football Clubs, and any other Clubs as may be permitted to join.

Each Affiliated Club shall pay an annual affiliation to be determined at the Annual General Meeting each year.

- b) Clubs desiring to transfer to another affiliated league shall lodge a written application with the League Secretary who shall forward it immediately to the Investigation Committee.

Any Club wishing to join the Adelaide Plains Football League will be required to pay an equal Club share of the League's total assets.

Such application will be investigated by the Investigation Committee and determined within forty (40) days of the receipt of the application. Any application by a Club to transfer to another affiliated League must be lodged with the Secretary of the affiliated League by Certified Mail by October 31st in any year.

- c) The renewal of a Club's membership of the League will be conditional upon the Club providing proof to the Secretary of the League that its Senior Team/s has been insured for Tragedy Benefits to the level set by the South Australian Community Football League Incorporated.
- d) The League shall affiliate each year with the South Australian Community Football League Incorporated.

#### **4. Dissolution of League**

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The League may be dissolved or wound up by a resolution passed at a Special Meeting called for such purposes provided that the resolution shall be passed by a majority of at least three-fourths of the votes of all present and eligible to vote at the meeting and PROVIDED FURTHER, that at least three calendar months prior notice in writing of such meeting shall have been first given to the Secretaries of all affiliated Clubs.

#### **5. Disposition of assets**

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Upon the dissolution or windup of the League, the assets of the League shall be realized and converted to cash, and the monies from such realization, and any other monies held by the League shall be applied in the payment of all debts and liabilities of the League and the residue of such realization and any other monies shall be distributed amongst the Clubs constituting the League at the time of such winding up or dissolution and such distribution, shall be in proportion to the number of teams of each Club in the League at that time.

Any Club wishing to leave the League at any time is liable for its equal share of the net League debt (if any) accrued since the date of affiliation by that Club with the League.

#### **6. Board of Directors**

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(updated March 2002)

- a) The Board of Directors shall consist of a President elected bi-annually and one Vice President elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the League. The Board of Directors shall also comprise of four other persons, two elected each year for a two year term. The number of Directors may be increased at the AGM for one year only, if clubs **unanimously** agree to do so.
- b)
  - i) Nominations for any of the above positions may be submitted to the Secretary of the League no later than twenty one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
  - ii) In the event of no nominations being submitted, the Board of Directors shall seek out and appoint a Director for one year.
  - iii) In the event of a casual vacancy of a Director, the Board shall take nominations for the said vacant position and duly appoint a Director for the remainder of the said term.
  - iv) Each nomination shall be ratified at the AGM or a Special General Meeting.
- c) The 'Board of Directors' shall be the 'Management Committee', and decide its meeting dates.
- d) Four members of the Board of Directors shall form a quorum.
- e) The Secretary/Treasurer and Recorder shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the League and hold office for one year from that date. Their remuneration shall also be decided at that meeting.
- f) The President shall have a deliberate vote at all Board of Management meetings and

a casting vote in the event of equal voting.

- g) The Secretary shall be required to carry out all directions given at the meetings of the League and the Board of Directors and shall keep the necessary minutes and records.
- h) The Secretary of the League shall be deemed to be the Public Officer of the League for the purposes of the Associations Incorporation Act.
- i) The League Secretary shall forward to all Club Secretaries a copy of the minutes of general meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors as soon as practical after the date of such meetings.
- j) The Board of Directors shall appoint the League Independent Tribunal Chairperson and Vice - Chairperson.
- k) The Board of Directors shall appoint the Umpires Co-coordinator and negotiate the fee.
- l) The Board of Directors shall appoint the Junior Development Officer and negotiate a fee.

## **7. Meetings of League**

**(updated March 2002)**

The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be in November of each year. The persons entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting of the League shall comprise of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder and two delegates from each of the affiliated League Clubs, the members of the Board of Directors and any other persons at the discretion of the President. Persons entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting shall be two delegates from each of the affiliated League Clubs.

The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting:

- 7.1 Opening of the Meeting
- 7.2 Apologies
- 7.3 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
- 7.4 Business Arising
- 7.5 Correspondence
- 7.6 Notices of Motion
- 7.7 Presidents Report
- 7.8 Umpires Coordinators Report
- 7.9 Junior Development Coordinators Report
- 7.10 Treasurers Report
- 7.11 Invited Guests Reports
- 7.12 Formation of the League – Annual Club Levy
- 7.13 Election of Board Members:
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Directors
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Recorder
  - Umpires Payments Officer

- 7.14 Honorariums
- 7.15 Auditor
- 7.16 Patrons
- 7.17 Tribunal Commissioners (4) and Proxy Commissioners
- 7.18 Adoption of By-Laws

The Annual General Meeting shall be convened by the League Secretary giving at least fourteen (14) days notice to each of the secretaries of the Affiliated League Clubs.

## **8. Special general meetings**

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A Special General Meeting of the League can be called at any time by resolution of the Board of Directors provided that the League Secretary shall provide Club secretaries with at least five (5) days notice of such meeting. In addition upon the League Secretary receiving a requisition by any Affiliated Club setting forth the objects of any such meeting the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting to be held within five (5) days of the receipt of such requisition with such notice being given to Club secretaries as herein before stated.

Voting at any general meeting shall be determined by a show of hands unless a ballot is requested by at least two delegates.

Any general meeting of the League may be adjourned from time to time and at such time and such place as shall be determined by the majority of delegates present at the original meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Ten delegates shall form a quorum for any general meeting.

## **9. General meetings of the League** **(updated March 2002)**

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Three general meetings of the League shall be held each year, in March, July and November (before the AGM).

The persons entitled to attend a general meeting of the League shall comprise of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder and two delegates from each of the Affiliated League Clubs and members of the Board of Directors. Persons entitled to vote at a general meeting shall be two delegates from each of the Affiliated League Clubs.

The Chairman of any general meeting of the League shall have a casting vote only.

The delegates of the League as convened at any general meeting of the League shall have the overall management of the League and its business property and affairs, although the day to day running of the League shall be carried out by the Board of Directors. In any event the delegates of the League at a general meeting shall promote the objects and interests of the League and shall take all steps necessary and proper to ensure due compliance with the By - Laws and shall have the authority to rescind, vary or alter any decision made by the Board of Directors provided that a majority of the delegates present vote to that effect.

A motion to rescind or vary a resolution which has been carried by the League at a general meeting may be carried provided that the motion sought to rescind or vary has been notified in writing to the League Secretary and each Club Secretary at least twenty



one (21) days prior to the general meeting at which it is brought and shall not be carried unless a majority of the delegates vote in the affirmative.

## **10. Common Seal**

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The President, Secretary, Treasurer shall be seal holders and shall have authority to use the seal.

The seal of the League shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors and in the presence of a seal holder and the Secretary who shall sign every instrument to which the seal of the League is so affixed in their presence.

## **11. Property**

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**(updated March 2002)**

- a) The League in its corporate name may hold funds, property or investments which have been or may be conveyed or transferred to it for any of the purposes of the League and may also purchase, lease and hold any real and personal property in the name of the League and may sell or dispose of any such real and personal property.
- b) The property of the League shall belong to the Clubs for the time being.
- c) No Club shall by reason of its membership have any transmissible or assignable interest in the property of the League whether by operation of law or otherwise.
- c) On a Club ceasing to be affiliated with the League they shall relinquish any share in the Leagues Assets.

## **12. By-Laws**

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The Board of Directors may make, repeal or amend any Bylaws (provided the same are not inconsistent with the Constitution) as they shall think expedient for the management and well being of the League, such alterations and Bylaws to remain in force for the current season only.

## **13. Alteration to Constitution**

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The Constitution shall not be altered, rescinded or added to except by resolution of the League delegates passed by a majority of the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose of which such notice shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of holding the same and which notice shall set out the proposed alterations.

## **14. SACFL rules to apply**

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In all matters not provided for by this Constitution or any By-Laws made there under, then rules covering the matter in the Constitution and Rules of the South Australian Community Football League Incorporated, Affiliated Leagues Rules, shall be deemed to apply. In the event that such matter is not covered by that Constitution and Rules, the League must refer the matter to the South Australian Community Football League Incorporated by resolution, or to the Chairman or Secretary thereof, for a ruling in writing and such ruling, when obtained, shall bind the League until such time as the League shall have dealt with the matter by passing a new rule.

15. **League Independent Tribunal and Permit Committee(updated March 2002)**

- a) The League shall elect a League Independent Tribunal at its Annual General Meeting - or full meeting of delegates - consisting of the following:-

Four (4) commissioners and proxy commissioners, each of whom shall be a person who is neither a delegate nor a registered official of any Club within the Adelaide Plains Football League. The League Independent Tribunal shall be constituted at any time by a Chairperson and no less than three (3) commissioners and no more than four(4) commissioners.

The League Independent Tribunal Chairperson and Vice- Chairperson will be appointed by the Board of Directors.

- b) The Permit Committee shall be the same persons that constitute the Independent Tribunal.
- c) Permits may be granted by the Permit Committee including any permits applied for under the South Australian Community Football League Incorporated Affiliated Leagues Constitution and Rules.
- d) All Tribunal nights will be held on Wednesday night following the match in which the alleged offence; incident has occurred, unless otherwise arranged by the Secretary of the League in consultation with the League Independent Tribunal Chairman.
- e) Powers of the Tribunal

The Adelaide Plains Football League, League Independent Tribunal:

- 1) May summon any person to appear and give evidence at the hearing of a charge.
- 2) May at its absolute discretion admit or reject any evidence given or tendered at the hearing of a charge.
- 3) May adjourn the hearing of a charge from time to time as may be convenient.
- 4) May adopt and pursue any procedure which it may think convenient and proper in the hearing, adjudication and determination of charge.
- 5) May, as it is in its discretion shall deem fit, punish summarily by censure, fine, suspension (from playing or the exercise of official functions), disqualification (from playing or the exercise of official functions), or suspended penalty, or loss of Premiership points in the case of a Club.  
Any witness, being a player or an official of an Affiliated Club who is found to knowingly and with intent to mislead it made false statement at the hearing of any charge in respect of any matter material to the said charge and directed to the proof of innocence or guilt of the person charged or the triviality of the charge which has been made against the person.
- 6) May, as it is in its discretion shall deem fit, censure, fine, suspend, disqualify or suspend penalty on, any playing member of an Affiliated Club who is found guilty by them of such charge.

- 7) May dismiss any such charge as being trivial or as not having been proved or upon not finding the playing member of an Affiliated Club charged guilty of the offence charged against him.

Notwithstanding the fact that any one or more of the conditions required to be fulfilled under the Constitution and By-Laws have not been complied with the League Tribunal if, in its absolute discretion, it deems fit in the interests of the League and of the game may proceed to hear a charge laid under the Constitution and By-Laws so long as it is satisfied that the substance of the charge or other matter has been established or not and that no player or person charged would or might be prejudiced.

- 8) All League Independent Tribunal Records are confidential League documents and will not be disclosed to any persons.
- 9) Any fines given under these regulations must be paid within fourteen (14) days.

## **16. Non-compliance with League Rules**

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Any Club, team or member of any Club or team, not abiding by any decisions of the Board of Directors may be suspended and, in the case of the Club or team, cease to be represented on the League until such decision has been complied with or until such time as the League decides when such offending Club, team or member, if re-admitted, may be further dealt with as may be determined.

## **17. Finance**

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- a) The financial year shall commence on the 1st day of November and finish on the 31st day of October each year.
- b) If deemed necessary, each Club shall pay an annual fee and such other fees as recommended by the Board of Directors and shall pay fees at a time determined by the Board of Directors.
- c) All monies of the League must be passed through the Treasurer, who shall bank same in banking accounts determined by the Board of Directors. A Club being unfinancial for more than thirty days without the consent of the Board of Directors, may forfeit all rights and privileges and cease to be a member of the League.
- d) That a full set of financial accounts of the Adelaide Plains Football League for each financial year ending October 31<sup>st</sup>, should be circulated to member Clubs at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Adelaide Plains Football League Annual General Meeting.

## **18. Disqualification** **(updated March 2002)**

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The disqualification of a member Club involves loss of all rights and privileges for all members of such Club. No refund of money shall be made to any Club disqualified from the League.

## **19. Life Membership**

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The League may grant Honorary Life Membership to any person who may have rendered distinguished service to the League over a minimum period of ten years, or at

the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The nomination of any person as an Honorary Life Member shall only be made by the Board of Directors and shall be determined by a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.

Any Club may recommend to the Board of Directors in writing a person to be nominated for Life Membership.

## **20. Registration of players**

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No person shall be permitted to play in a competition conducted by the League unless:-

- a) The player shall have been registered in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws or
- b) The player shall have been granted a permit in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

## **21. Eligibility**

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The eligibility of persons to play in Finals matches of the League shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

## **22. Matters not dealt with**

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- a) Any matter not dealt with or provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws may be dealt with by the Board.
- b) These rules shall take effect as from the date of the passing thereof.

## **23. Amendments and alterations**

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None of the above clauses shall be altered, expunged, repealed or amended except by consent of a majority of all delegates present and eligible to vote after notice of motion has been given at a previous meeting and notice in writing from the Secretary setting forth the notice of motion that has been forwarded to each Affiliated Club at least fourteen (14) prior to the date of the meeting at which the motion is to be discussed.

**ADELAIDE PLAINS FOOTBALL  
LEAGUE INCORPORATED**

**BYLAWS**

**1. Committees**

The following committees shall be established each year by the Board of Directors:-

- a) Umpires Board
- b) Senior Selection Committee
- c) Junior Football Panel

**2. Umpires Board**

- a) The Umpires Board shall consist of a minimum of three members, appointed by the Board of Directors.
- b) The Umpires Board shall make appointments for Field Umpires in the Major Round.
- c) The Board shall meet monthly when necessary.
- d) All field umpires shall be answerable to and under the control of the Umpires Board.
- e) Complaints against field umpires must be forwarded in writing to the League Secretary within 48 hours of the game. They must be signed by the President and Secretary of the complaining club. Complaints will then be dealt with by the Umpires Board.

**3. Field Umpires**

- a) The Umpires Co-coordinator shall arrange appointment for Field Umpires for every match in the Minor Round.
- b) Field Umpires shall check scores and initial the scorecards at the end of each quarter when correct. At the end of each game the Field Umpire must check that all details on the scorecards are completed and correct.
- c) After each match, names of players taking part as recorded on the team sheets, Goal Umpires Score Cards, voting slips and any other reports must be immediately handed in by the Field Umpire to the Home Club Secretary.
- d) Umpires payments are to be paid by the Home Ground Club and sent in to the League Secretary. Any Umpires payments not received within 7 days will incur a fine of \$100.

**4. Goal Umpires, Boundary Umpires, Interchange Stewards and Timekeepers**

- a) Each Club competing shall provide one Goal Umpire, One or more Boundary Umpires and a Time Keeper. The Home shall provide the Interchange Steward.

- b) In the Major Round the appointment of Goal Umpires, Boundary Umpires and Time Keepers shall be arranged by the League.
- c) Goal Umpires to wear white coats/polo tops at all times. Goal Umpires shall keep records of all goals and behinds kicked in each game, check scores at the end of each quarter and furnish a report to the Field Umpire duly signed by them.
- d) Boundary Umpires for 'A' Grade must be sixteen (16) years of age and over. Boundary Umpires for 'Reserves' must be thirteen (13) years of age and over. They must be dressed in flouro yellow tops. Boundary Umpire appointments must be in the hands of the Central Umpires on the day of the game, just prior to the game, and if they are not acceptable, or during the progress of the game, prove unable to carry out their duties, the Central Umpires may reject the Boundary Umpires. If the offending Club does not rectify the situation promptly, the Central Umpire shall make a report to the League and if a Club is in default of the ruling, they may be fined an amount of \$50.00.
- e) Interchange Stewards for all grades must be 18 years of age and over. They must be located within the defined interchange area and if not provided after requested, the offending club may be reported by the Central Umpire. The Interchange Steward shall be responsible for recording all player interchanges and Umpire Player sends - offs.

## **5. Inter League and Senior Selection Committee**

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- a) The Board of Directors will appoint a Coach and Coaching panel independent from the Board each year.
- b) They shall select representative League teams when so required and submit the names of the selected players to the League Secretary, who shall notify the respective Club Secretaries the names of the selected players. All registered players shall be available for selection for any Inter-League match or matches, and it shall be the responsibility of each Affiliated Club to ensure that all their registered players are available to play in such fixtures at no cost to the League.
- c) Any player selected to play in any Inter-League match or matches who neglects or refuses to train or play in such match or matches will not be eligible to play their next club match. This only applies to **A and Reserves** players over the age of eighteen (18) years.
- d) They shall appoint the Captain, Vice Captain and Coach and arrange the training times and venues for such teams.

## **6. Junior Football Panel**

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The board shall appoint a Junior Football Development Officer(s) and negotiate the fee.

The Board shall appoint a representative from the APFL board of Directors, to sit on the Junior Panel whose role will be to advise the Board of any recommendations, regarding the administration of Junior Football..

The Junior Advisory Panel shall consist of Seven Club Delegates.

Any Club who doesn't provide a delegate for two (2) consecutive meetings shall be fined

\$100.

The Panel shall recommend Coaches and a Selection Committee for matches in which League representative teams play at the Junior level.

The Selection Committee shall select representative League teams when so required and submit the names of the selected players to the League Secretary, who shall notify the respective Club Secretaries the names of the selected players.

The Selection Committee shall appoint the Captain and Vice Captain and arrange the training times and venues for such teams.

The Panel shall encourage all players selected to attend training and to represent the League.

## **7. Colts Football Competition**

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### a) Junior Colts Teams

- Twenty four (24) players are allowed - this includes all Finals.
- A fifteen (15) metre penalty is to replace the twenty five (25) and fifty (50) metre penalties.
- The Ten (10) metre kick is to replace the fifteen (15) metre kick.

### b) Senior Colts Teams

- Twenty (20) players are allowed in all minor round games.
- Twenty One (21) players are allowed in all finals

c) By mutual agreement between respective Coaches in Colts Grades, both sides to have equal numbers in Minor Round only.

d) Mini Colts -the Mini Colts be recognized as an Under 11 Modified rules sides, with no points allotted and no Finals played. Their scheduled games will be included on program.

## **8. Senior Playing Numbers**

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A Grade Teams are allowed:-

- Twenty (21) Players in the minor Round
- Reserves are allowed (20) players
- Both Senior teams are allowed Twenty One (21) Players in the Major Round

## **9. Clearances**

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a) All clearances refer to South Australian Country & Metropolitan Football Council Constitution and Rules.

### b) Inter Club Clearances

- Any player under the age of fifteen (15) when transferring to another club within the League must be financial with their club before registering with the new club.
- Players aged 15 & 16 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Of January who desire to transfer from one affiliated Club to another affiliated Club in the APFL, who have not played

Football in the previous 12 Months must be granted a clearance.

- Players can not be refused a clearance Inter Club within the League as listed below.:
  1. A Grade Coach
  2. Change of Residence and Work
  3. By Mutual agreement of both clubsPlayers have the right of Appeal to the Board of Directors for any refusal of such Clearance.

## **10. Registration of players**

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- a) Club Secretaries must register their respective players (according to the rules in the procedures manual) each season with the Records Officer. However, the onus of proof as to the eligibility of all players must rest upon the Club registering that player.
- b) On reference to the Records Officer any affiliated Club may examine the registration papers of players registered for any affiliated Club.
- c) Improper Registrations - If the Records Officer believes that any Club has obtained registration of any player by means of a false statement the Secretary shall refer the matter for determination by the Independent Tribunal provided that the Club shall have the right of appearance before the Independent Tribunal to present their case.

## **11. Qualification of players**

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- a) Colts Players qualify for Senior Colts by being Under 17 and Junior Colts by being Under 14 as at 1<sup>st</sup> January that year. The onus will be on the Club to see that their players are qualified to play.
- b) Any player under fifteen (15) years of age as at 1<sup>st</sup> January that year can only be registered within one League. A permit can be granted if requested.
- c) All players named on the Team Sheet on game day must attend the ground.
- d) No Club shall play a player who is unregistered or unqualified and the Records Officer on discovering such a person shall advise the Independent Tribunal and Club of the breach of rules. If a breach of the rules is proven by the Tribunal, a penalty of loss of the two premiership points and the match may be applied under such circumstances with the two points and the game awarded to the opposing team. No score to be recorded for the Club found guilty of a breach of the rule, but points against to be recorded and not recorded against the Club that the breach was committed against, as well as a penalty of \$200 per match for seniors and a penalty of \$50 per match for Juniors shall be imposed for each breach of the rule on any affiliated club found guilty by the Tribunal.
- e) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to instigate an investigation to determine proof of age of any person playing in the under age competition upon request from any Affiliated Club within the League. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to dismiss such request or conversely act upon the request, such decision to be made upon the evidence provided by the initiating Club for the enquiry. If it is proven that a player is over age and thus ineligible then Clause 10c shall be acted upon by the Secretary of the League.



## **12. Qualification for Major Round**

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- a) Each Club shall name their top fifteen (15) 'A' Grade players at the end of the Minor Round who cannot participate in 'Reserves' Grade Finals unless Clause c) applies and the list to be submitted for approval by the Board of Directors.
- b) 'A' Grade players must play three (3) Club games to qualify for the Major Round. Three (3) Reserve games shall be the qualifying period for Reserve Finals for any player who has only played 'Reserve' Grade and five (5) 'Reserve' games for any player who has played any 'A' Grade games during the current season.
- b) That when a Club is fielding 'A' and 'Reserves' Grade on any one day of a Final, a player not playing in the 'A' grade is eligible for 'Reserves' Grade providing the player has played 3 Club games).
- c) That Senior and Junior Colts be qualified by playing three (3) games in their respective grades for Finals.
- d) Qualifying for Finals in 'A' and 'Reserves' grades can only be credited with the most senior game played and in Colts grade in the most junior game played on that day/round.

## **13. Suspended players**

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Any player found guilty as a result of any offence reported by an umpire shall be ineligible for any League Best and Fairest Awards.

## **14. Playing disqualified players**

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No Club shall play any player who is under disqualification by any Australian Football Authority, whether such authority is affiliated with the SACFL Inc. or not, and any Club having received a written notice from the League Secretary that a player has been disqualified or fined and shall play such a player or players whose fine or fines has not been paid shall forfeit the match, and the opposing team shall receive the two premiership points and the match, and the offending team be fined \$500.00. And such penalized Clubs shall not be allowed to compete until such fines have been paid.

## **15. Reporting offences**

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No official or servant of the League or of a League Club or any player shall on or about the vicinity of the playing arena: -

- a) Use abusive, threatening or insulting language to a League Director, Delegate, Umpire, or other Officials, or to players or to Gatekeepers of any such oval.
- b) Be guilty of any other conduct which is detrimental to the best interest of the Australian game.
- c) Interfere with or assault any League Director, Delegate, Umpire, playing member, Gatekeeper or other Official or servant of the League.
- d) Any breach of the above can be reported by the Club and/or League official and the statement signed by the President and Secretary of the Club and/or League Officials and heard by the League Independent Tribunal.

- e) When a member or members of an associated Club or the League have been reported to the League, it is imperative that Club notify that person or persons and produce them when due notice has been given. If they fail to appear without excuse, the decision of the League shall be arrived at in their absence. Any such report must be made within forty eight (48) hours of the offence.

## **16. Reporting players and Officials of Clubs or the League**

- a) Players guilty of breaches of the laws of the game may be reported by any officiating Field Umpire.
- b) During the Finals series, members of the APFL Umpires Panel who are officiating as boundary umpires also have the power to report.
- c) In the event of an Umpire laying a charge against players the Umpire shall be required to sign a declaration to that effect.
- d) At the termination of each game each Club shall be responsible for the attendance of an Official at the door of the Umpire's dressing room to ascertain if any report or reports are to be made against any player or Official of their Club. In the event of no such Official approach the Umpires shall be deemed to have complied with their duty if such reports are subsequently handed or posted to the Secretary of the League.
- e) Any player or Official on being reported by an Umpire under Laws of the Australian National Game of Football in any League or League Club match shall, if proved guilty, be disqualified for such length of time as a majority of the Commissioners think fit. All cases to be heard on Wednesday evening following the match or at a date convenient to the commissioners, and at a venue decided by the League. A suspended player cannot take part in a match while under suspension, either Boundary or Goal Umpire or participate in any official capacity.

The Club of any senior grade player found guilty of a report by an Umpire shall be required to pay \$100.00 to the League.

The \$100.00 to be paid within seven (7) days of the Tribunal decision. Failure to comply within the period will incur a further penalty of \$25.00. In the event of a Club allowing the penalised player to play prior to payment of fine, a further \$50.00 penalty will be incurred.

- f) League to keep records of all players reprimanded, fined, suspended or disqualified, and records to be added to clearance if clearance required.
- g) Any player reported in a game and in the event that a Tribunal has to be adjourned to another week, due to persons specific to the tribunal being unavailable, the reported player may be permitted to play until that report is heard at Tribunal.

## **17. Club Reports**

- a) Any officiating Field Umpire may report clubs guilty of breaches of the rules and any other infringements, on the Club Report Sheet.
- b) Report Sheets are to be sent to the League Secretary on or before the Wednesday following the Game.

- c) On receipt of the Report, the League secretary will contact and discuss the report with the President of the League.
- d) If a minor infringement the President will contact the club and discuss. The League Secretary will send out an outcome letter.
- e) Serious Breaches will be taken to the Board of Directors and a meeting held with the club concerned.
- f) The Board of Directors and/or President of the APFL will decide the penalties for any breaches or infringements.

## **18. Disputes and protests**

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All disputes or protests arising from any match to be in the hands of the Secretary within 72 hours of the completion of the match, together with a fee of \$250.00 and, if proved frivolous, forfeited. All disputes and protests shall be heard by the League Independent Tribunal, with the exception of the 'Proof of Age' provisions in Clause 10c.

## **19. Send off rule - Senior and Junior Colts only**

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- a) Senior and Junior Colts players are to be sent off the playing arena, at the Umpire's discretion, for offences such as swearing and back chatting.
- b) The player is to run from the position at which the offence occurred, through the interchange area. The second Umpire is to police the players removal from the playing area.
- c) The player is to be off the playing area for a time specified by the Umpire.
- d) The offending player shall be replaced for the duration of the penalty.
- e) A player is to be reported for a reportable offence and sent off for a time specified by the Umpire.
- f) Two officials, one from each Club, shall police time off. They are to be nominated on the team sheet.
- g) Clubs are to ensure that their local Umpire is aware of the rule.

## **20. Send off Rule – A Grade and Reserves only**

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- a) If the Field Umpire considers an offence as not vicious, they may Send Off the player for a period of ten (10) minutes. The Field Umpire may at their discretion report the player.
- b) A player Sent Off may be immediately replaced.
- c) Players, when informed of a Send Off shall immediately leave the playing field through the interchange area.
- d) In the event of a player failing or refusing to leave the playing field, or willfully wasting time when ordered off, shall be reported for misconduct.

- e) The time for the ten minute Send Off shall commence when the offending player crosses the Interchange Line.
- f) The ten minute Send Off is for playing time and does not include quarter or half time breaks.
- g) Interchange Stewards are to record the times for an Order Off and are the sole judge of the time expiration.
- h) Send Off Procedure  
When a player is sent off in a game for any reason (e.g. misconduct or and reportable offences) the Umpire will:-
  1. Stop Play
  2. Tell the Player that he/she has been sent off (telling the Player he/she has been reported or sent off for misconduct).
  3. Inform the Player that he/she is to immediately leave the playing surface. Signal that the Player has been sent off the playing surface, and tell the Player they must stay off for 10 minutes and point to the interchange area.
  4. The Player shall immediately leave the playing surface when ordered to do so by a Field Umpire. They shall not interfere with play while leaving the playing surface. Where a Player refuses to leave the playing surface the Umpire shall report the player for time wasting.
  5. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Umpire must come in and take over the game. The 1<sup>st</sup> Umpire will tell the 2<sup>nd</sup> Umpire what is to be done next, e.g. free kick to Player number ? with a 25/50 metre penalty. Once the 1<sup>st</sup> Umpire has left the area (around 20 metres) the game will restart.
  6. The 1<sup>st</sup> Umpire will then go to the interchange steward and tell him the Player number, the club, and that they have been sent off for 10 minutes or in a case of major report for the remainder of the game. The Umpire will stay at least 20-30 metres from the Player.
  7. The 1<sup>st</sup> Umpire shall then return to the game as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Umpire.
  8. The whole send off shouldn't take more than 1 minute.

## **21. Club Colours**

- a) Each Affiliated Club shall notify the Board of Directors no later than February of each year of its colours and designs for the next football season. Only approved colours and designs shall be worn by the respective Club players in the matches under the control of the League.
- b) In the event of an emergency and the right colours and designs not being available, the colours to be worn by any player shall be to the satisfaction of both Captains.
- c) All players must wear a distinguishing number for each match.

## **22. Matches**

- a) The football season shall commence on the date to be fixed by the League.
- b) All 'A' Grade matches shall commence at 2.45 p.m. in the Minor Rounds. Any Club not ready to start at the appointed time may be fined or otherwise dealt with as the League may think fit and in addition, if not ready to start by 3.10 p.m. shall forfeit the match to the opposing team. The field Umpire shall notify the Secretary of the

League of the details of any default, and his decision as to time shall be final. All matches shall be of four quarters each of twenty (20) minutes playing time plus time on. The commencement of matches during the Major Round to be determined by the League.

- c) A programme of matches shall be approved by the Board of Directors and the matches shall be played on the grounds of the first named Club unless otherwise stated.
- d) All gates shall open forty five (45) minutes before the commencement of the first match in the Minor Round and in the Major Round as decided by the Board of Directors.
- e) Minor Round starting times and game length:
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|--------------|--------------------|---|
| Mini Colts   | 9.30am to 10.15am  |   |
| Junior Colts | 10.20am to 11.17am | 4 x 12 minute Quarters                  |
| Senior Colts | 11.25am to 12.47pm | 4 x 18 minute Quarters                  |
| Reserves     | 1pm to 2.35pm      | 4 x 20 minute Quarters                  |
| A Grade      | 2.45pm             | 4 x 20 minute Quarters<br>plus time on. |
- f) Major Round starting times and game length:
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|--------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Junior Colts | 9.45am  | 4 x 12 minute Quarters plus time on |
| Senior Colts | 10.50am | 4 x 15 minute Quarters plus time on |
| Reserves     | 12.30pm | 4 x 20 minute Quarters plus time on |
| A Grade      | 2.30pm  | 4 x 20 minute Quarters plus time on |
- g) Grand Final starting times and game lengths:
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|--------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Junior Colts | 9.30am  | 4 x 12 minute Quarters plus time on |
| Senior Colts | 10.40am | 4 x 15 minute Quarters plus time on |
| Reserves     | 12.15pm | 4 x 20 minute Quarters plus time on |
| A Grade      | 2.30pm  | 4 x 20 minute Quarters plus time on |

### **23. Matches other than League Matches**

- a) No Club shall play any match other than a League match after the commencement of the League playing season, without first obtaining the previous approval of the Board of Directors, and Clubs not engaged in Major Round games shall not play any match without first obtaining the approval of the Board of Directors.
- b) Any Club offending shall be fined, suspended or disqualified as the Board of Directors shall think fit.

### **24. Trial matches**

In trial matches arranged between Clubs prior to the commencement of the home and away games of the Adelaide Plains Football League, the following conditions are to be observed:-

- a) Team sheets are to be filled out naming all players in each side.
- b) Umpires shall have the power to report players in trial games and the League Independent Tribunal will deal with any offence.

- c) If an unregistered player of an Affiliated Club is found guilty of an offence, the League Independent Tribunal has the power to fine the Club.

## **25. Match Day Balls**

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All clubs within the League must play with Burley Footballs exclusively.  
In A Grade, Reserves and Senior Colts the Top Grade Quality ball , and in Junior Colts a Burley Size 4 (or equivalent).  
This is a sponsorship deal with Burley from Season 2008 and onwards..

## **26. Premiership Conditions**

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- a) In all matches two points to be counted for a win and one for a draw.
- b) If, at the conclusion of the Minor Round, any two or more Clubs have obtained an equal number of points, the position of such Clubs shall be determined by the percentage arrived at using the formula - total of points for divided by the sum of the points for and against and then multiplied by 100.
- c) In the case of a game being forfeited, the Club receiving the forfeit shall in addition to the two premiership points for a win, be credited with the average winning margin of points scored in all Rounds on that day (No debit to be recorded). The Club giving the forfeit shall be debited with the average winning margin in all rounds scored on that day (No credit to be recorded).
- d) If a Club forfeits 'A' or Reserves Grade three times throughout the season, then they are disqualified for the remainder of the season, Finals included.
- e) In the event of a team forfeiting to another, any umpires fees or other expenditure incurred must be borne by the forfeiting team. When next opposed during the season (other than finals) the match must be played on the ground of the team who received the forfeit.  
(Unless not desired by the team)
- f) The Board of Directors to check out team percentages at the end of the Minor Round.

## **27. Major Round**

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Grounds for Finals to be selected by the Board of Directors.  
All Grounds for Finals to be selected at the start of the season and named on the program.

- a) In the event of a draw taking place in any Junior Colts Major Round game, three (3) minutes will be added each way and time-on be allowed where applicable.
- b) In the event of a draw taking place in all other Major Round games in Senior Colts, Reserves and 'A' Grade\*, that five (5) minutes be added each way and time-on be allowed where applicable.

\*In the event of a draw in the 'A' Grade grand final, the 'A' grade Grand Final is to be replayed.

- c) When the event of a draw takes place in Major Round games, the scores to be immediately checked by Officials. Coaches are not permitted on the playing arena during this period, and both teams must change ends immediately so that play may continue.

## **28. Payment of fines**

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- a) Whenever a fine has been imposed by the Board of Directors or the Independent Tribunal on a League Club, a Delegate Member, a Proxy Delegate, or a playing member such fine shall be paid within seven (7) days from the dated invoice, the Secretary of the League of a notice of the imposition of such fine.
- b) Each League Club shall be responsible for the payment of all fines imposed by the Board of Directors or the Independent Tribunal on the Club, Delegate Members, Proxy Delegates, or playing members.
- d) In the event of any such fine not being duly paid, the League Club in default may be disqualified by the Board of Directors from playing any of the other League Clubs for the remainder of the season, or the Board of Directors may suspend, for such period as it thinks fit, the right of the Delegate Member and Proxy Delegates of such League Club to vote at meetings of the Board of Directors or any other Committee of the League.
- e) The informer, no fines will be applied to clubs not supplying information for this publication.

## **29. Enforcement of decisions and directions of League**

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In the event of the refusal or failure of a League Club to comply with this League's Constitution such League Clubs may be fined, or may be disqualified by the Board of Directors from playing any other League Clubs for the remainder of the season, or the Board of Directors may suspend, for such period as it thinks fit, the right of the Delegates Members or Proxy Delegates of such League Club to vote at meetings of the League or any other Committee of the League.

## **30. Permits**

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The Independent Tribunal shall have the power to grant a permit to any player who through misfortune has not played sufficient matches to qualify for Finals.

## **31. Affiliation**

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The League may affiliate with any organization existing for the benefit of football generally, or of the League in particular, as shall be decided from year to year by the Delegates at the Annual General Meeting.

## **32. Disbursement of League**

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At the Annual General Meeting any surplus monies may, at the League's discretion, be disbursed to all Affiliated Clubs, which are non-profit organizations.

### **33. Blood rule**

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In the event of a player bleeding, the player is to be asked to leave the playing field through the boundary and be attended to; the player may be replaced immediately through the interchange area and the game to continue.

Any clothing contaminated by blood must be replaced immediately before allowing the player to resume play.

### **34. APFL Changes to AFL Rules**

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1. AFL Rule 13.5 " Official within fifty metre arc" not apply in the APFL.

### **35. Import Rule**

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The Import Player Rule shall be implemented from the commencement of the 1998 Season. See whole Section.

### **36. Season Passes**

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The Board of Directors shall decide who will be provided with Season Passes.

### **37. APNA – Share of Finals Gate Takings**

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APNA to receive 18% of Finals Cash Gate Takings plus passes for their Officials and Umpires. To be reviewed Biannually from 2012.



# ADELAIDE PLAINS FOOTBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

## **Imported Players Rule**

## **By-law 35**

- 1. The Board of Directors shall decide the number of Imported Players for the A-Grade team in each club, and may vary the number, as it deems fit and shall make its decision for the ensuing year, at the first board meeting after the last Major round game (finals).**

The rule applies to players in the AGrade ONLY. You can play as many Import players as you wish in any of the other grades.

The Board of Directors determine the numbers for each club by using 2 categories:

1. By the position the A-Grade Team finished on the Ladder the previous Year.
2. By factors affecting the towns – e.g. town population and its proximity to other populated areas

- 2. Clubs may make submissions to the Board of Directors by March 31<sup>st</sup> to increase their allocated numbers of Imported Players. Any decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.**

Any submission would require reasons on why you believe your allocation is unfair and have substantial back-up information. As a guide, the type of data required from you would be:

- Comparison of town population figures with other Clubs including age groupings etc.
- Comparison of surrounding areas population and its effects on your Club.
- What effect, if any, has any over-lap of adjoining Clubs in your area on your own Club.

You don't necessarily have to give answers to the above, but it is the kind of information that the Directors will find helpful in considering your application. There may be other factors, which you consider to be important and therefore should be included.

- 3. A player shall NOT be deemed an Import if:**
  - a) He resides (refer item 6 for definition) within the Boundary as currently defined by the Map and marked Adelaide Plains Football League Imported Players Boundary.**

A player must be a resident as defined in Item 6. A player who works outside the boundary and only boards within the boundary will not qualify as a local player.

  - b) They have resided (refer Item 6 for definition) within the Boundary as currently defined for a period of 24 consecutive months and they must have played for one season for a club affiliated with the Adelaide Plains Football League during that period.**

**Allows for any players that may have left the Association for some reason and want to return to playing with the above Club.**

c) 1. They must have played as a Junior and/or Senior Colt for a minimum of any two (2) years for the same Club.

**2. They must have played a minimum of three (3) Minor Round games in their respective Colts Grades each year from the commencement of Season 1999.**

Allows a Colt player who resides outside of the Imported Players Boundary but has played for your Club for a minimum of two (2) years to make application as a “local player” for that club. This is non-transferable to another Club in case of transfer.

**d) An Import Player who has been played for three (3) years for the same Club shall be eligible for registration as a “local player” for that Club.**

Allows for a player who has given long service as an import and is probably considered a good “club man” after three (3) years. This is non-transferable to another club in case of transfer.

**e) Father & Son Rule – a son may be registered as a “local” if his father played for three (3) years with that club.**

Clubs must supply details of Fathers playing record.

**4. An Import Player who plays and is an A-Grade Coach shall be included in the number of Imported Players allowed.**

Unless a PLAYING A-Grade Coach can qualify as a “Local player” in Item 3. above, he is included in the number of allocated Imported Players.

**5. All A-Grade players must give their correct full time residential address before playing (refer Item 6. for definition) Penalties will incur if found guilty of any breaches of the rule:**

- A minimum of \$1000 to maximum of \$2000 penalty per player.
- Player/s to be deregistered.
- All A-Grade Premiership Points withdrawn up to breach discovery.

It is very important that you register any players who will be playing A-Grade with their correct full time residential address.

**6. For the purposes of this Bylaw 8, “Residential” shall be defined as the principal place of residence where the player actually resides and where the address given as the principal place is genuine. Proof of the Import Players residential address can be defined by their Electoral Roll Listing and if unavailable their Drivers Licence. The Directors of the League shall be entitled to make any enquiries as they deem fit to determine if an address given as the principal place of residence is correct. Any determination made by the “League Independent Tribunal” in relation there to shall be final.**

This is a definition of “Residential” so that there should be no dispute over what is a genuine address and what is a temporary address. If there is any doubt about a players address, you should get it confirmed and be absolutely sure it is correct. The penalties

for an incorrect address are very severe and the Directors have been given the task to ensure that the rules are not treated with disdain in any way.

**7. Each Club must provide the names and residential addresses of their Imported Players for a register, to the Secretary of the League.**

**The names of Imported Players will be circulated to all clubs at the beginning of the season.**

**Any changes to the clubs Imported Players names and addresses must be immediately notified to the League Secretary who will then advise all clubs of the amendment.**

This is to let all Clubs know who the Imported Players are for each Club and discourage any false information of players.

# ADELAIDE PLAINS FOOTBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

## **Imported Players Rule**

## **By-law 35**

Imported Players Boundary as adopted at the Board of Directors Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2003.

Maps 1 and 2 follow on the next pages.

Commencing at St Kilda	(See Map 2)
Along St Kilda Road	(See Map 2)
Along Port Wakefield Road	(See Map 2)
Along Waterloo Corner Road	(See Map 2)
Along Heaslip Road	(See Map 2)
Along Curtis Road to Main North Road	(See Map 2)
From Main North Road East Along Gawler Council Boundary around until it meets Main North Road again on the Northern end	(See Map 2)
Along Main North Road to the Southern point of the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council Boundary	(See Map 1)
Follow the Boundary around East to Northern Boundary of Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	(See Map 1)
Go north up the last part of the Eastern Boundary of Hundred of Hart	(See Map 1)
Along Northern Boundary of Hundred of Hart	(See Map 1)
Along Northern Boundary of Hundred of Boucaut	(See Map 1)
Along Northern Boundary of Hundred of Barunga	(See Map 1)
Along Northern Boundary of Hundred of Wokurna	(See Map 1)
Follow the Coast Line South to Southern Boundary of DC Copper Coast	(See Map 1)
Go East along DC Copper Coast Boundary till the Moonta to Maintland Road	(See Map 1)
Go South along Moonta to Maintland Road	(See Map 1)
Along Maitland to Ardrossan Road	(See Map 1)
Along Coast from Ardrossan to St Kilda	(See Map 1 & 2)