



## **Rules Manual**

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# RULES MANUAL

## 1. Manual

- 1.1 These Rules and this Manual apply to the administration and regulation of all Australian Football competitions run by AFL Cairns.
- 1.2 Clubs will be provided with a copy of this Manual and with any updates on a periodical basis, either in the form of replacement pages or otherwise as determined by AFL Cairns.
- 1.3 These Rules and this Manual have been prepared and adopted to ensure consistent and efficient practices. They will not deal with all issues relating to the administration and regulation of Australian Football in Cairns but are intended insofar as is practical to regulate the management of the Australian Football competitions conducted by AFL Cairns.
- 1.4 Any matter not provided for in these Rules may be dealt with by AFL Cairns as it sees fit.
- 1.5 These Rules are made by the Board pursuant to clause 19.2(ii) of the Constitution of AFL Cairns and may be changed by the Board how, as and when it sees fit.
- 1.6 In the event of a conflict between any provision in these Rules and the Constitution then the provisions of the Constitution shall prevail.
- 1.7 Notwithstanding 1.4, matters where these Rules are silent, AFL Queensland Community Competitions Rules & Regulations may be referred to.

## 2. Definitions

- 2.1 In these Rules the following terms shall have the following meanings:
  - "**Affiliation Agreement**" means an agreement in the form set out in Schedule 5;
  - "**AFL Cairns**" means AFL Cairns Limited ACN 010 616 798;
  - "**AFLQ**" means AFL Queensland Limited ACN 090 629 342;
  - "**Appeal Board**" means the Appeal Board set up by AFL Cairns under these Rules;
  - "**Appeal Board Panel**" means the Appeal Board Panel set up by AFL Cairns under these Rules;
  - "**Appeal Rules**" means the Appeal Rules forming part of these Rules, being those Rules set out in Schedule 4;
  - "**Australian Football**" means the game so called and played under the Laws of Australian Football;

**"Australian Football League"** means the entity so called, and which is designated Australian Business Number 97 489 912 318 which governs and runs Australian Football;

**"Board"** means the Board of Directors of AFL Cairns;

**"Club"** means a member club of AFL Cairns;

**"Coach"** means, as the context requires, a senior, reserve, assistant, specialist or other coach of a Club;

**"Coach Nomination Form"** means the form set out in Schedule 6;

**"Constitution"** means the Constitution of AFL Cairns, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 1;

**"General Manager"** means as the context may require, either the General Manager of AFL Cairns or such other person whom the Board determines from time to time is its senior executive manager, and at the time of the amendment of these Rules by the Board on 22 April 2009, means the Managing Director of AFL Cairns for the time being, and thus any reference in these Rules to "General Manager" shall be taken as a reference to "Managing Director";

**"Interchange Sheet"** means a document in the form set out in Schedule 7;

**"Laws"** means the Laws of Australian Football, being the laws published by the Australian Football League from time to time;

**"Manual"** means this Rules Manual;

**"Match Day Checklist"** means a checklist in the form of the checklist set out in Schedule 8;

**"Notice of Appeal"** means a notice in the form of the notice set out in Schedule 9;

**"Official"** means, as the context requires, an office holder, director, board, member, committee member, Coach, medical officer, doctor, physiotherapist, trainer, runner, water carrier, interchange steward, team manager or other person carrying out any official role on behalf of a Club;

**"Penalty Unit"** means an amount determined by AFL Cairns under Rule 11.1(c), which is currently set at \$10.00;

**"Player"** means a player of a Club;

**"Pre-Sentence Report"** means a document substantially in the form of the document set out in Schedule 10;

**"Rules"** means the Rules set out in this Manual including the Tribunal Rules and the Appeal Rules;

**"Secretary"** means the secretary to the Appeal Board;

**"Team Sheet"** means a team sheet in a form determined by AFL Cairns from time to time;

**"Timekeepers' Card"** means a document in the form set out in Schedule 11;

**"Tribunal"** means the Tribunal set up by AFL Cairns under these Rules;

**"Tribunal Guidelines"** means any guidelines adopted by the Tribunal under these Rules. The guidelines currently adopted are set out in Schedule 3;

**"Tribunal Rules"** means the Tribunal Rules forming part of these Rules, being those Rules set out in Schedule 2;

**"Umpire"** means, as the context requires, either a field, boundary, goal or reserve umpire.

### 3. Interpretation

- 3.1 In the Rules and this Manual unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter:
- (a) A reference to a person includes any other legal entity;
  - (b) A reference to a legal entity includes a person;
  - (c) Words importing the singular number include the plural number;
  - (d) Words importing the plural number include the singular number;
  - (e) The masculine gender must be read as also importing the feminine or neuter gender;
  - (f) A reference to a party includes the party's heirs, executors, successors and permitted assigns;
  - (g) Clause headings are for reference purposes only and must not be used in interpretation;
  - (h) Where any word or phrase is given a defined meaning any other part of speech or other grammatical form concerning the word or phrase has a corresponding meaning;
  - (i) A reference to a statute includes all regulations and subordinate legislation and amendments;
  - (j) References to writing include any mode of representing or reproducing words in tangible and permanently visible form, and includes e-mail and fax;
  - (k) A reference to a monetary amount is a reference to an Australian currency amount;
  - (l) An obligation of two or more parties binds them jointly and each of them severally;

- (m) An obligation incurred in favour of two or more parties is enforceable by them severally;
- (n) References to time are to local time in Queensland;
- (o) Where time is to be reckoned from a day or event, the day or the day of the event must be excluded;
- (p) A reference to a business day means any day on which trading banks are open for business in Queensland;
- (q) If any time period specified in this Deed expires on a day which is not a business day, the period shall expire at the end of the next business day;
- (r) A reference to a month means a calendar month.

#### **4. Rules Not Retrospective**

- 4.1 These Rules do not operate retrospectively and apply only from the date of their adoption by the Board.

#### **5. Affiliation**

##### **5.1 Affiliation**

- (a) AFL Cairns shall affiliate with AFLQ.
- (b) All Clubs shall affiliate with AFL Cairns and sign an Affiliation Agreement with AFL Cairns as and when required by AFL Cairns, pursuant to which they will be entitled to participate in AFL Cairns Australian Football competitions for that season.
- (c) No Club may enter a team in another Australian Football competition without the prior written approval of AFL Cairns.
- (d) An affiliation fee may be set by AFL Cairns for its Clubs from time to time.

##### **5.2 Affiliation Agreements**

- (a) An Affiliation Agreement must be signed by each Club and lodged with AFL Cairns at least 14 days prior to the commencement of every football season.
- (b) All Clubs must adhere to and abide by:
  - i) The Constitution;
  - ii) The conditions set out in the Affiliation Agreement; and
  - iii) All of the Rules set out in this Manual, including the Tribunal Rules and the Appeal Rules.



- (c) No Club shall be included in the program of home and away matches in any season unless it has entered into an Affiliation Agreement with AFL Cairns for that season.

### **5.3 Club Constitutions/Rules**

- (a) Each Club shall adopt and keep in force a proper constitution or set of rules to be approved by AFL Cairns for the regulation and control of such Club, and shall be incorporated under the provisions of either the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia or the laws of the State of Queensland.
- (b) Such constitution or rules shall, inter alia, contain provisions for the holding of an Annual General Meeting on a date not later than 14 days before AFL Cairns Annual General Meeting of the same year or 30th day of November each year, whichever comes first.
- (c) Each Club, when required by AFL Cairns to do so, shall forward to the General Manager a copy of its constitution or rules then in force.
- (d) No Club may amend, vary or rescind or repeal its constitution or rules without the prior written consent of AFL Cairns.

### **5.4 Fees/Levies**

AFL Cairns shall have the power by resolution of the Board to charge fees to or levy any Club on such terms as it deems fit.

## **6. Competition/Matches**

### **6.1 Laws of the Game**

Matches shall be played in accordance with the then current Laws and the provisions of these Rules.

### **6.2 Season**

The football season shall commence and conclude on such dates in each year as the General Manager determines.

### **6.3 Competition Structure**

- (a) A season of home and away matches for both seniors and reserves shall be played each year in accordance with a program to be determined by the General Manager.
- (b) In all matches 4 points shall be awarded for a win and 2 points for a tie.

- (c) A Club which has been admitted to the AFL Cairns senior competition must also enter a team in the reserves competition, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (d) In the event of 2 or more Clubs finishing level on points at the end of the home and away season the respective positions shall be determined by the proportion of points scored for and against such Clubs during the home and away matches.

#### **6.4 Ground Requirements**

- (a) All Clubs are required to abide by the requirements for their home grounds as notified by AFL Cairns from time to time.
- (b) AFL Cairns will carry out ground inspections prior to the commencement of each season (including practice matches) and compile a report for appropriate action by the Clubs.
- (c) Any Club not complying with any directions given by AFL Cairns in relation to its grounds will forfeit the right to have games played at their grounds until the facility complies with the required standards.
- (d) Should any ground be declared unfit for play for any game by the General Manager for any reason then that game will be transferred to the ground of the opposition or another venue to be determined by the General Manager.

#### **6.5 General Requirements**

- (a) For their grounds, Clubs must ensure that:
  - i) The timekeepers' box is suitably situated to ensure that timekeepers have an unimpeded view of the whole playing area;
  - ii) The siren or other sounding device is audible at all points of the ground;
  - iii) If installed, ground clocks are fully operational and clearly visible;
  - iv) All goal and behind posts are padded according to the standards listed in the Laws.

**(Penalty 10 Units per Breach)**

#### **6.6 Coaches' Boxes**

- (a) Coaches' boxes must be situated in a recessed position and be enclosed on the sides and back preventing supporter viewing into the box.
- (b) Only persons listed on the Team Sheet and water carriers and trainers may be in the coaches' box and/or inside the perimeter fence during play

**(Penalty 10 Units)**

**6.7 Scoreboard**

- (a) The scoreboard must be situated to enable Umpires, Players, Officials and spectators clear viewing at all times. Numbers on the board must have a vertical size of at least 50 centimetres. Clubs are responsible for the proper maintenance and upkeep of their scoreboard names and numbers.
- (b) Home Clubs must provide suitable personnel over 14 years of age to operate the scoreboard, and no more than 2 persons shall operate a scoreboard at any time.

**(Penalty 10 units)**

- (c) Home teams for any double headers are responsible for the scoreboard operation for both games. The General Manager will determine which Club will be responsible for the scoreboard for matches played at any neutral venue.

**(Penalty 10 Units)**

**6.8 Boundary/Fence Requirements**

- (a) The perimeter of the playing surface must be enclosed with either a wooden picket fence, galvanised wire and/or zinc annealed metal signs covering the fence. Where signs are erected there should be no protruding edges and no loose flapping metal or other material. Wooden and wire fences must be in good repair and no wire, wood, pipes or objects are to protrude from any part of the fence. Appropriate padding should be added to any areas considered to be a health and safety risk to participants.
- (b) The minimum distance between the fence and boundary line will be 4 metres but it is recommended that 5 metres be used where possible.
- (c) Players warming up or stretching inside the perimeter fence should do so as far away from the boundary line as possible to assist the boundary Umpires to make adjudications.
- (d) No chairs or other objects are permitted inside the boundary fence in any grades.

**(Penalty 10 Units)**

**6.9 Ground Markings**

- (a) All markings on the ground must conform to the current standards listed in the Laws.

- (b) Clubs are responsible for checking the ground markings prior to the commencement of any play and to ensure that all marking lines are complete and clearly defined.
- (c) All major markings must be in white and must be a minimum of 10 centimetres in width.

**(Penalty 10 Units)**

#### **6.10 Lighting**

- (a) In accordance with the relevant Australian Standard, *Guide to Sports Lighting Part 2.3 - Lighting for All Football Call Codes*, grounds must have a minimum of 100 lux (illuminance) and uniformity (distribution of light) of 0.5 for any night football to be played.
- (b) Any Club wishing to play football under lights must first supply a letter from a lighting company acceptable to AFL Cairns accompanied by lighting chart testifying to the conformity of the lighting to the required standard. This must be done for each season.
- (c) Clubs must also ensure adequate lighting of adjacent areas such as change rooms and car parking facilities with particular attention to public safety.

#### **6.11 Practice Matches**

- (a) No Club shall play a practice match without first making application for permission to play such a match and such application must be first sanctioned by AFL Cairns. A practice match request form must be lodged with AFL Cairns by midday on the Tuesday prior to the proposed match.
- (b) Conducting practice matches without the prior approval from AFL Cairns will be considered a serious breach of these Rules and will incur a significant penalty.

**(Penalty up to 300 units)**

- (c) No Club shall play a practice match on their ground unless a pre-season ground inspection has been conducted by AFL Cairns. All normal match and ground conditions apply in practice matches, eg. goal posts padded, lines clearly marked, Team Sheets, etc.

#### **6.12 Home Ground Responsibilities**

- (a) Before each game home Clubs must:
  - Ensure that a ground inspection has been completed and the Match Day Checklist is completed and signed and handed to the Umpires

- Ensure all rooms (including Umpires') are clean
  - Ensure match footballs are given to Umpires
  - Ensure ground line marking is complete
  - Ensure an approved stretcher is on hand, positioned at the interchange gates for use by both Clubs if required
  - Ensure goal post padding is in place
  - Have an emergency siren/bell on standby
  - Ensure scoreboard attendants are in place
  - Ensure correct Club names are on the scoreboard
  - Ensure Team Sheets are completed and that 3 hard copies are printed and one of those is handed to the Umpires
  - Check Umpires' rooms, visitors rooms, scoreboard and coaches boxes are open and ready for the game
  - Ensure timekeepers are in place
  - Ensure hot water service is on for showers in all change rooms
- (b) During each game home Clubs must:
- Ensure drinks are provided for all Umpires at all breaks
  - Ensure adequate ice is available for both teams and Umpires
  - Ensure the security of all change rooms at all times
  - Ensure spare footballs are available

### **6.13 Footballs**

- (a) Home Clubs are responsible for the supply of an AFL Cairns sponsor branded Sherrin football of a symmetrical oval shape and conforming to the standard size of 720-730 millimetres in circumference and 545-555 millimetres transverse circumference and be inflated to a pressure between 62-76Kpa for all senior matches, as well as one which must be left with the home Club team manager.
- (b) Suitable footballs of approved endorsement acceptable to the Umpires may be used for grades other than senior matches.

- (c) On any day where the weather is declared to be adverse by the General Manager 4 match day Sherrin footballs, one for each quarter, must be supplied by the home Club and used for games on that day.
- (d) During the finals series AFL Cairns will provide AFL Cairns sponsor branded match day size Sherrin footballs for each finals match.

**6.14 Commencement Times / Late Starts / Match Forfeit**

- (a) Any Club not ready to commence a match within 20 minutes of the time set down for commencement shall forfeit the match unless alternative arrangements are reached between the 2 competing Clubs and AFL Cairns. In addition the forfeiting Club will be liable to a penalty as provided hereunder.
- (b) Any Club during the course of the season forfeiting a combined total of 3 competition games in seniors and / or reserves may be immediately excluded from the competition for the balance of that season and will be required to show cause as to why they should be readmitted for the following season.
- (c) In the event that a team receives a forfeit, that team shall submit a Team Sheet for the purpose of finals qualifications. Percentages will be calculated as per the Laws.
- (d) Should a Club advise the General Manager of a forfeit prior to 9:00am on the Friday preceding the match the Penalty Units which will apply will be halved.

**(Penalty for forfeit seniors 200 Units, reserves 100 Units)**

If the commencement of a match is delayed by reason of one or both teams failing to enter the arena by the set commencement time, in addition to any other penalties contained in these Rules, such Club or Clubs who fail to enter the arena by the prescribed starting time shall pay a penalty in an amount to be determined by AFL Cairns not exceeding the following amounts:

If the delay exceeds 5 minutes but is less than 10 minutes	<b>Penalty of up to 5 units</b>
If the delay is more than 10 minutes but less than 15 minutes	<b>Penalty of up to 10 units</b>
If the delay is more than 15 minutes but less than 20 minutes	<b>Penalty of up to 30 units</b>
If the delay is in excess of 20 minutes	<b>Penalty of up to 50 units and forfeit of game</b>

### **6.15 Cancellation of Matches / Incomplete Matches**

- (a) Cancellation of any match may only be made with the prior approval of the General Manager.
- (b) AFL Cairns reserves the right at its discretion to reschedule cancelled matches.
- (c) For incomplete matches the Laws shall apply.

### **6.16 Timekeeping/Sirens**

- (a) The provisions of the Laws relating to the duties and powers of timekeepers shall apply.
- (b) Each Club must provide a timekeeper for all matches in which its teams participate.

#### **(Penalty 10 Units)**

- (c) Each Club shall supply a suitable clock or stopwatch for the use of its timekeeper.
- (d) The operation of the siren (which is to be approved by AFL Cairns) shall be under the control of the timekeepers appointed for each game. A bell or alternate sounding device shall also be made available at each ground by the home Club for use in emergency.
- (e) Resounding of the siren for the start of matches and for the start of each quarter shall be as per the Laws.
- (f) Each Club must ensure that its captain is at the centre circle to toss the coin prior to the 2 minute warning siren.

#### **(Penalty 5 Units)**

- (g) Clubs shall be permitted to warm up until the 2 minute warning siren is sounded, but all Players must move into their field positions immediately following the toss of the coin.

#### **(Penalty 50 Units)**

- (h) Match duration for seniors will be 20 minutes plus time on and for reserves 20 minutes with no time on, but for reserves finals matches the duration will be 17 minutes plus time on.

- (i) Half-time shall be 20 minutes. Timekeepers shall sound the warning siren twice at 17 minutes.
- (j) Any half-time entertainment must cease at the 17 minute warning siren. Any instances of exceeding this time shall be reported to the Board who may impose a penalty on the Club which arranged the entertainment.

**(Penalty 5 Units)**

- (k) The timekeepers shall sound the siren at the official recommencement time after an interval. Clubs not ready to start after any interval shall pay a penalty.

**(Penalty 5 Units)**

- (l) Timekeepers shall record on their Timekeepers' Card the following times:
  - i) The time when the Umpires enter the field before the match and at half time. The time to be recorded shall be the time an Umpire holds up the ball to the timekeepers and shall be recorded to the nearest second.
  - ii) The time when the home team and the visiting team enter the field – both before the match and at half time. The time to be recorded shall be the time the first Player of the team crosses the boundary line, provided there is a continuous stream of Players entering the field, and shall be recorded to the nearest second. In the event that both teams enter the ground simultaneously, the home timekeeper shall take the time of the visiting team, and the visiting timekeeper shall take the time of the home team.
  - iii) The time at the start of each quarter to the nearest second. The quarter shall start at the bounce of the ball. If the Umpire awards a free kick before bouncing the ball at the start of the quarter, the quarter shall start when a Player kicks or plays the ball or when the Umpire signals to the timekeepers to cease adding time on whichever shall first occur.
  - iv) The time at the end of each quarter to the nearest second. At the completion of each quarter the timekeepers shall sound the siren or bell and shall keep it sounding until a field Umpire signifies he has heard it by blowing his whistle and holding both arms above his head. The time to be recorded as the finish of each quarter shall be the time which a field Umpire signals to the timekeepers that he has heard the siren or bell. In the event that an Umpire shall allow a Player to play or kick the ball after signifying that he has heard the siren or bell, then the time to be recorded as the end of the quarter shall be the time when such Umpire holds up both hands for the second time to signify that play shall cease and the



holding up of his both hands on the first occasion shall be construed to mean that he has heard the siren.

- (m) The home timekeeper shall have control of the siren or bell, and he shall sound the siren or bell at the appropriate times with the approval of both timekeepers. Before the start of each quarter, the Umpire shall consult the timekeepers as to their readiness by holding up the ball. As soon as the timekeepers are ready with their clock they shall signal to the Umpire by sounding a long blast on the siren or bell. The field Umpire shall then blow his whistle and commence the game.
- (n) Play in each quarter shall come to an end when any one of the field Umpires hears the siren.
- (o) At the completion of each quarter the timekeepers shall sound the siren or bell and shall keep sounding it until a field Umpire signifies he has heard it by blowing his whistle and holding both arms above his head.
- (p) Timekeepers shall not sound the siren to end the quarter while adding time-on, which shall be added on as per the Laws.
- (q) When in any match preceding a senior match there are circumstances that result in prolonged delays, time greater than 5 minutes should not be added on and timekeepers should consult with the Umpires for the senior match who shall have the power to determine when the senior match shall commence.

#### **6.17 Team Sheet – Players and Officials**

- (a) Each Club shall:
  - i) Complete the required number of Team Sheets, as directed by AFL Cairns at the commencement of the season for each and every match in which the Club participates; and
  - ii) Hand one completed Team Sheet to the field Umpires in the Umpires room no later than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of the match.
  - iii) Hand one completed Team Sheet to the Team Manager of the opposition Club no later than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of the match.
- (b) The Team Sheet must have the full names and numbers of all Players participating in the match and the names of all other participants and Officials in the match for that team, including Coaches, trainers, runners, doctors, physiotherapists, water carriers and any others. The Team Sheet must also indicate the team captain and 4 initial interchange Players. Only persons listed on

the Team Sheet may be inside the perimeter fence and / or coaches box during the match.

- (c) Each and every Team Sheet must be signed by the Team Manager or appointed Club official to acknowledge the Team Sheet as a true and accurate record of all Players participating in the match and Officials in the match for that team.

#### **6.18 Interchange Players**

- (a) The 4 interchange Players who have been identified on the team sheet may enter the arena prior to the match but must leave the playing arena at the sound of the first of the series of 3 sirens which occurs 2 minutes prior to the commencement of the match.

**(Penalty 5 Units)**

- (b) Once a Club has handed its Team Sheet to the Umpires the Club may not change the starting line up of 18 Players nor any interchange Player prior to the commencement of the match, except as provided in the following sub-Rule.

**(Penalty 5 Units)**

- (c) A Club may amend the Team Sheet prior to the commencement of a match provided the listed Player to be replaced is injured or has otherwise become medically unfit to play. The following conditions apply to any amendment to the Team Sheet:

- i) Where an emergency Player replaces a Player initially listed on the Team Sheet, the amendment to the Team Sheet shall be made through and by agreement with the field Umpires. The opposition team manager shall be informed of any change, as well as the interchange stewards and any ground announcers;
- ii) Any injured or medically unfit Player who has been replaced under this rule must immediately leave the arena and not sit on the interchange bench.

- (d) Notwithstanding the previous sub-Rule, the Team Sheet may not be amended after the sounding of the first of the series of 3 sirens, which occurs 2 minutes prior to the commencement of a match.

**(Penalty 5 Units)**

## **6.19 Interchange Operations**

- (a) The interchange steward and interchange of Players will operate in the manner set out in the Laws.
- (b) The interchange steward must each maintain and complete an Interchange Sheet for each match.
- (c) Home Clubs must ensure that for their grounds there are 2 lines, 15 metres apart, marked in a central position across the boundary line at which Players may be interchanged. Interchange stewards are to be located in or outside the boundary fence between those two lines, with clear vision of both lines, which will be situated in a central position at each ground.

### **(Penalty 10 units)**

- (d) The Captain or runner as nominated on the Team Sheet shall be the only persons permitted to request an interchange of Players.

### **(Penalty 5 Units)**

- (e) Teams interchanging Players during intervals between quarters must advise the interchange steward of such changes before the match recommences.
- (f) In the event of the teams being lined up for the purpose of a count, the interchange steward should assist the field Umpires if requested by them.
- (g) If a Player leaves the ground as a result of the blood rule, it should be indicated on the Interchange Sheet with an asterisk.
- (h) After the match the interchange steward must lodge their completed Interchange Sheets with the field Umpires in the Umpire's rooms for dispatch to the General Manager.
- (i) If there is no interchange steward in place this is to be dealt with as per the Laws.

## **6.20 Match Reports**

After the end of each match each Club must provide to the Umpires a teamsheet with the final quarter by quarter scores and a list of the Club's goal kickers and best Players. These results must be placed in the Umpires box to be provided for that purpose on the day of the game (or by 7pm Saturday for Friday night games).

## **6.21 Protective Apparel, Bandages, etc**

All visible protective apparel, bandages and thermal supports must be light beige or white in colour.

**(Penalty up to 10 Units)**

**6.22 Runners**

- (a) A Club runner's sole role is to deliver messages from the team's Coaches to Players on the ground. The runner must immediately vacate the playing arena once a message has been delivered. The runner must not interfere with the course of play, which includes standing in and filling a space at set plays. As per the Laws runners are not allowed inside the 50 metre arc at full back kick ins or in the centre square at centre bounces.
- (b) A runner is not permitted to stay on the field or to coach or barrack.

**(Penalty 10 Units)**

- (c) Runners must be attired as directed by the General Manager. The runner must provide his own short white socks (football socks are not permitted) and appropriate footwear. Runners may only wear hats approved by the General Manager. Runners' shirts must have the name of the Club and the Club logo clearly visible and must be numbered either 1 or 2. The name of the runner(s) must be shown on the Team Sheet.

**(Penalty 10 Units)**

- (d) If a runner fails to abide by any of these Rules or the Laws, a free kick may be awarded by the field Umpires against his team at the spot of the infringement or where the ball is at the time, whichever is the greater penalty. If a runner uses foul or abusive language, a free kick may be awarded against the runner's team at the spot of the infringement or where the ball is at the time, whichever is the greater penalty.
- (e) A runner must not engage in physical contact that may cause injury to any Player, Official or Umpire or initiate physical contact of any nature while conducting the runner's duties. Runners may be reported by the Umpires for infringements of these Rules and may come under the scrutiny by Video Review by the General Manager. In the event of a runner being reported, the matter will be referred to and heard by the Tribunal. Any penalties incurred by a Player acting as a runner shall be viewed as penalties against a Player in respect to eligibility for any AFL Cairns best and fairest medals.
- (f) Each Club shall be entitled to use 2 runners for each match in each grade of the AFL Cairns competition.
- (g) Only one runner from each team will be permitted entry to the playing arena at any one time.

**(Penalty 20 Units)**

- (h) In the event that a Club is short of water carriers a runner may carry water to and from players.

**6.23 Water-Carriers, Trainers, Medical Officers and Physiotherapists**

- (a) Clubs are allowed to have a total of 6 water carriers or trainers for each match, each of whom must be at least turning 15 years of age in the year of competition.
- (b) Water carriers or trainers must be attired as directed by the General Manager and their shirts must be clearly marked with the Club's name and must be numbered from 1 to 6. The number is to correspond with the number and name listed on the Team Sheet.
- (c) Water carriers or trainers are only entitled to carry water to and from Players. Water carriers must provide their own short white socks (football socks are not permitted). Water carriers or trainers shall not be permitted to wear board shorts or jean shorts or similar, but the wearing of long white cricket type trousers or tracksuit pants is acceptable. Appropriate covered footwear must be worn at all times. Water carriers or trainers may only wear hats approved by the General Manager.

**(Penalty 10 Units)**

- (d) All water carriers or trainers must remain behind the boundary line while the game is in progress and enter the playing arena only when there is a clear break in play. When behind the boundary line water carriers or trainers must remain up against the fence and in a crouch position to enable the boundary Umpires to carry out their duties and facilitate clear viewing for any spectators. Water carriers or trainers must not throw water bottles to Players.

**(Penalty 10 Units)**

- (e) Water carriers or trainers are not to remain on the playing arena after performing their duties even though there may be a clear break in play unless a Player is injured and requires the attention of the water carriers or trainers.

**(Penalty 10 Units)**

- (f) Water carriers or trainers entering the playing arena for the purpose of attending an injured Player must not interfere with the play in any way and must vacate the arena as soon as possible.
- (g) A water carrier or trainer must not engage in physical contact that may cause or incite injury to any Player, Official, or Umpire or initiate any physical contact

outside the realms of his/her duty. Any penalties incurred by a Player acting as a water carrier or trainer shall be treated as penalties against a Player in respect to eligibility for the AFL Cairns best and fairest awards.

- (h) Water carriers or trainers must not stand inside the 50 metre arc at full back kick ins when they are attending a Player. Should treatment to a Player be necessary during the full back kick in the water carrier or trainer should notify the controlling Umpire before the kick in process occurs. A free kick may be given if permission is not received as the water carrier or trainer will be deemed to be interfering with play.
- (i) Any sponsorship or advertising on any part of any water carrier or trainer's uniform must be approved by the General Manager.
- (j) A Club doctor, medical officer or physiotherapist shall sit on the Club's interchange bench. The medical officer and/or physiotherapist shall not:
  - i) carry messages from the coaching staff to any of the Players competing during the match; or
  - ii) have affixed to his or her person any communication device which includes but is not limited to headsets, microphones or earpieces.
- (k) Medical officers and physiotherapists shall wear AFL Cairns approved apparel.
- (l) Each home Club should endeavour to ensure the attendance of qualified medical officers (i.e. a doctor and a physiotherapist) at all senior matches and from no later than half- time of the reserve grade game.

#### **6.24 Stretchers**

- (a) Clubs must ensure a Sports Medicine Australia approved stretcher is available near the interchange area for their home games and that their medical staff are instructed in the correct use of the stretcher.
- (b) At double header games it is the home Club's responsibility to provide the stretcher for both matches. At neutral venues the General Manager will nominate which Club will have the responsibility to provide the stretcher.
- (c) During games stretchers must only be used as provided for in the Laws.

#### **6.25 Umpiring**

- (a) For all matches under the control of AFL Cairns all Umpires will be appointed by the General Manager or his delegate.

- (b) Only those Umpires who have been registered and accredited or who are at that time undertaking accreditation with AFL Cairns shall be eligible to officiate at matches under the control of AFL Cairns unless the General Manager determines otherwise, but no match may commence with field Umpires who are not accredited or undertaking an accreditation course.
- (c) Remuneration to be paid to Umpires shall be determined by the General Manager.
- (d) Any Umpire who neglects or refuses to attend any meeting of AFL Cairns or the Tribunal to which they may have been summoned by AFL Cairns shall be dealt with in a manner as determined by the General Manager.
- (e) Any other disciplinary actions in relation to Umpires are to be dealt with by the State Umpiring Manager of AFLQ as he sees fit.

#### **6.26 Umpire Escorts**

- (a) Clubs must provide an escort for Umpires for both home and away matches and during AFL Cairns finals matches.
- (b) Escorts must wear the UMPIRES ESCORT armband as supplied by AFL Cairns.
- (c) Where determined necessary by the General Manger, Clubs must arrange for police escorts for Umpires.
- (d) The Umpires' escort is only required to escort the Umpires off the ground, unless the Umpires request to be escorted onto the ground also. At the completion of the second quarter and at the end of the match the escorts are to join the Umpires as soon as possible to escort them from the ground. They must escort the Umpires to the door of the Umpires' change rooms. They should also attend to the Umpires at the quarter time and three quarter time breaks.
- (e) It is the responsibility of the Umpires' escorts to enquire from the Umpires if the game is all clear. If there have been reports the Umpires' escorts must inform the Club team manager so he can arrange to collect the relevant paperwork from the Umpires.
- (f) The Umpires' escorts duty is to protect the Umpires from abuse and restrain persons from committing undesirable actions against the Umpires.
- (g) Goal Umpires are entitled to the same protection as field and boundary Umpires.
- (h) Clubs must ensure that competent persons are appointed in this important role.

#### **(Penalty 30 Units)**

## **6.27 Reported Players / Club Requirement**

- (a) Where a Player or Officials have been reported, the completed report or reports will be made available to the Club team manager who must attend the Umpires' room to collect same within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the match. Where the Umpires consider there to be extenuating circumstances notification of that shall be given by the Umpires to the Club's team manager and the Umpires shall be allowed such further time as they require to complete the report forms.
- (b) A failure by a Club to collect reports within the period provided will attract a penalty.

**(Penalty 20 Units)**

## **6.28 Change Room Allocation - Neutral Venues**

Where matches are played at neutral venues, the General Manager will determine the allocation of change rooms.

## **6.29 Double Headers/Neutral Venues**

Home Clubs for any double headers are responsible for home Club duties for both games as determined by the General Manager.

## **6.30 Compliance with AFL Cairns requests**

Generally in relation to all competitions and matches, Clubs, Players, Officials and Umpires must comply with all reasonable requests and directions of the General Manager.

# **7. Registration**

## **7.1 Permission to play / registration**

- (a) Any person desiring to play with a Club affiliated for any season of competition must first apply on the prescribed registration form each year. If the application is granted, the registration to play shall remain in force until such time as the Player has been granted a clearance by the Club with which he was registered, to any other Club, league or association, or until such time as a period of 24 calendar months shall have elapsed from the date on which the Player last played competition football for the Club with which he had been granted registration to play. Playing an unregistered Player will result in a severe penalty.
- (b) It is a requirement that registration forms must be lodged each year by a Player wishing to play in an AFL Cairns competition. Registration forms are available from AFL Cairns.



- (c) AFL Cairns shall record each registration in a proper manner. A registration shall not be valid if a Player is under the age of 18, unless the registration has been endorsed by a parent or legal guardian of the Player, signifying consent to play.
- (d) Any Player registered with a Club that disbands, fails to affiliate with or has its membership terminated by AFL Cairns shall be free to register with any other affiliated Club without first having to obtain a clearance from his original Club. However it will be necessary to submit a clearance application for the first year after the Club ceases to be a member of the league. This will enable the league to keep track of the Players from the non member Club.

## **7.2 Player Registration Points System**

AFL Cairns shall have a Player Registration Points System which will apply from the commencement of the 2009 season. That System will be in accordance with the document set out in Schedule 12.

## **7.3 Procedure for Transfer Applications**

All applications for transfers shall be lodged with AFL Cairns using the AFL Footyweb (Sportingpulse) system. All Clubs submitting transfer applications for Players registered with another AFL Cairns Club must be aware and agree to the Rules governing transfer fees within the AFL Cairns competition which may be in force from time to time.

## **7.4 Transfers and Permits**

- (a) Any Player who has previously played Australian Football in Australia with a club affiliated with any National, State or Territory league at any time must obtain a transfer from the club and league with which he last played before playing with their new Club. Any Player not having played during the previous 24 calendar months shall receive an automatic transfer provided he is not under disqualification or bound by contract to his former club and this transfer may be granted at any time during the season. Whilst the transfer is automatic, the normal transfer application as per the National Player Transfer Rules must be completed and the application lodged with AFL Cairns using the AFL Footyweb (Sportingpulse) system.
- (b) An Application For Transfer shall be valid and accepted providing it has been signed and approved by an Officer of the Club from which the Player has sought a transfer (the transferor club) and subsequently recorded by both the transferor league and transferee league and endorsed by them and signed.
- (c) AFL Cairns shall not refuse to endorse an application for transfer which has been approved by the transferor Club except if the Player making the application is

under suspension, is financially encumbered to AFL Cairns or under 18 years of age and does not have the supporting signature of their parent/guardian.

- (d) Once a Player has lodged an Application For Transfer with the transferee league, that league shall record such application and endorse the dates of application on it and forward it to the transferor league by the first available means of communication for immediate action and reply. If such application remains unanswered for 14 days for an interstate transfer or 14 days for an intrastate transfer, it shall be deemed to have been answered in the affirmative and AFL Cairns shall advise the transferor body that a clearance to play has been granted.
- (e) A Player having lodged an Application For Transfer shall not subsequently lodge a second application until the first application has been answered, except that where a Player may have left a club within the jurisdiction of a league and subsequently wishes to play with another club under the same jurisdiction and is required to obtain a transfer from his original club, they shall be permitted to lodge both applications at the same time.
- (f) A Player whose Application For Transfer is refused by a club from which he is seeking the transfer, may lodge a second or subsequent application immediately after the transferee club has advised that the previous application has been refused.
- (g) If a second subsequent application is refused, the Player may appeal to AFLQ to have their application granted.
- (h) A Club which refuses to grant an application for transfer lodged by a Player shall be required to state on the application its reason for refusing to grant the application. Such reasons for refusal, together with the Player's stated reasons for seeking a transfer, shall be the basis on which any subsequent appeal shall be determined. Failure to do so may be taken into consideration by AFLQ in any relevant subsequent appeal.
- (i) A Player who wishes to apply for a transfer from one club to another shall lodge an application for such transfer no earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> of February and no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> June in any year. If an Application For Transfer is lodged on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June and subsequently refused after 30<sup>th</sup> June, may lodge a second application after 30<sup>th</sup> June, and if that is refused, then that Player then has a right of appeal. Where a Player is genuinely transferred in his employment after that date he may make an Application For Transfer prior to the commencement of the final minor round of games subject to providing a written statement from his employer verifying that he has been:
  - i) legitimately transferred in his employment; and

- ii) has been on the permanent payroll of the employer for at least three months prior to his notification of transfer.
- (j) This provision shall apply equally to students whose parent/ guardian has been genuinely transferred in their employment.
- (k) For the purpose of these rules, AFL Cairns shall maintain a database of:
  - i) all registrations issued; and
  - ii) all Applications For Transfer (inward or outward) handled, including the date which they were received, the date on which they were answered and whether they were granted or refused, together with any relevant details.
- (l) Notwithstanding all or any of these rules, a Player who transfers from another State to Queensland may make application for a transfer from that state to the club with which he wishes to play on such form as is approved by AFL Cairns. On lodgement of the application the Player may play immediately on the condition that he is not under suspension nor under any contract which would prevent him from so playing. If a Player who has left Queensland to play in another state subsequently returns to Queensland he shall be required to obtain a transfer from the last club with which he played before leaving Queensland.

## **7.5 Appealing Against a Refused Transfer**

- (a) Appeals against a refused transfer involving an application for a Player to be transferred from one Club to another Club shall be heard and determined by the Board of AFL Cairns, provided that the Board of AFL Cairns shall at its discretion be entitled to appoint one or more persons on its behalf to act as its Transfer Appeals Panel.
- (b) Any appeal shall be in writing and lodged with AFL Cairns within 14 days of the date upon which the Player received notification of the second or subsequent last Application for Transfer being refused. Such notice of appeal shall have attached to it a further transfer application completed by the Player. A fee as determined by AFL Cairns shall accompany the notice of appeal, which fee will be non-refundable unless otherwise determined by AFL Cairns.  
  
**Fee 200 Units.**
- (c) AFL Cairns shall conduct any such appeals in the manner it deems fit, and the result of any such appeal shall be final and binding on the Player and all Clubs and shall not be able to be appealed.

## **7.6 Players Falsely Obtaining Transfer or Providing False Information**

- (a) A Player who gives false information on an Application For Transfer or on a Registration Form shall be liable to suspension and/or disqualification as determined by AFL Cairns and any application or permission granted as a result of such false information shall be void.
- (b) Where a Club plays a Player who is in breach of these rules such Club shall be liable to lose any premiership points gained and to suffer such further penalties as AFL Cairns shall determine.

## **7.7 Match day registration**

Players may be registered on match day for reserve grade only as long as they do not require a transfer, and the required registration paperwork is completed and handed to the field Umpire prior to the commencement of that match.

## **7.8 Player and Official Deregistration Policy**

AFL Cairns shall have a Player and Official Deregistration Policy which will apply from the commencement of the 2014 season. That System will be in accordance with the document set out in Schedule 14.

# **8. General**

## **8.1 Admission to grounds**

- (a) Admission prices to the grounds for AFL Cairns' matches will be set by AFL Cairns prior to the commencement of the season.
- (b) Clubs charging a gate will be required to issue tickets at the gate and submit a brief reconciliation to AFL Cairns on the Monday following the match.
- (c) AFL Cairns will issue season passes for both the home and away seasons and the finals' series as it deems fit.

## **8.2 Club Sponsorship**

- (a) All Clubs must respect existing Australian Football League, AFLQ and AFL Cairns corporate partners and sponsors.
- (b) All Clubs are required to seek prior approval from AFL Cairns before entering into any sponsorship or advertising agreement, which approval may be granted, withheld or granted subject to conditions in the sole discretion of AFL Cairns.

### **8.3 Player Uniforms/Logos**

- (a) All Player uniforms are to be purchased from officially approved AFL Queensland licensed suppliers.
- (b) The AFL Cairns logo is the intellectual property of AFL Cairns and neither it nor the AFL logo may be reproduced by any unlicensed supplier or any Club without prior written approval. Any Club breaching these regulations by purchasing any AFL or AFL Cairns branded apparel through unlicensed suppliers may be penalised by the Board in such manner as it deems fit.
- (c) Any Club desiring to alter or vary its colours, uniform, or design or Club emblem shall first apply to and obtain the permission of the General Manager to make such variation or alteration whose decision shall be final.
- (d) AFL Cairns has the sole rights to the branding of the side inserts of all football shorts.
- (e) The colour of shorts to be worn by each competing team in AFL Cairns competition matches will be determined by the General Manager. If a Club wishes to wear a particular colour of shorts all season they must make application to the General Manager prior to the commencement of the season, whose decision shall be final.
- (f) In the event of a uniform clash the away team must wear an alternative strip approved by the General Manager.
- (g) For professional presentation, for all matches all Players must be uniformed in AFL Cairns apparel in the correct Club colours
- (h) Each Player participating in a match as a registered Player of AFL Cairns shall wear the number nominated to AFL Cairns for the purpose of the Football Record. Such number shall be of a minimum size of 240mm and to be of a type and attached as directed by the General Manager.
- (i) In the event of a breach of any of these rules the Board may impose a penalty.

**(Penalty up to 300 Units)**

### **8.4 Club Uniforms**

- (a) Sponsorship logos (ideally sublimated) to a maximum size of 100 square centimetres may be affixed on the left side front of the jumper worn by a Player. A logo badge, to a maximum of 30cm wide, by a maximum 8cm deep may be positioned directly under the number on the rear of the jumper. No variation to

the dimensions stated above is permitted, unless it is a reduction in width and/or depth.

- (b) The AFL Cairns logo is to be worn on the right breast of all playing jumpers. The logo should be affixed approximately 20cm down from the shoulder seam and 12 cm across from the side seam of the jumper. Clubs are reminded that only AFL Cairns contracted preferred suppliers are allowed to reproduce the AFL Cairns or the Australian Football League logos. Any Club using suppliers outside AFL Cairns' contracted preferred suppliers' list to reproduce the AFL Cairns logo will be liable to a penalty.

**(Penalty up to 300 Units)**

- (c) A badge to a maximum size of 40 square centimetres may be worn on the front of each leg on the shorts worn by a Player. A Player shall not wear a logo or other badge on his jumper or shorts unless the design and location of that logo or badge has been approved by AFL Cairns.
- (d) The emblem of AFL Cairns shall be included on all Players' shorts.
- (e) The General Manager will determine all playing apparel for competing teams during finals series matches. Unless otherwise determined, one competing team shall wear a home uniform and one team shall wear an alternate uniform approved for away games. Club shorts shall be allocated to match Player jumpers and shall not be necessarily determined as per the home and away season.

**8.5 Independent Investigator**

- (a) AFL Cairns may appoint an independent person to investigate any matters which AFL Cairns refers to him or her. The investigator's brief will be to gather all relevant facts regarding the matter in such manner as the investigator considers appropriate, and then give a written report to AFL Cairns.
- (b) The investigator shall have the power to carry out any investigation as he or she deems fit.
- (c) The investigator has no power to determine guilt, hand down fines or suspensions or other penalties. The investigator can only make recommendations to AFL Cairns and AFL Cairns shall be entitled to make such decisions following an investigation as it deems fit.
- (d) All Clubs, Officials and Players must cooperate fully with any investigator appointed by AFL Cairns.

## **8.6 Coach Accreditation**

- (a) All Coaches, at both senior and reserve level, must be accredited to at least Level 1 Senior.
- (b) As accreditation is valid for 4 years, Coaches accredited outside of that time frame will need to undertake an update course.
- (c) Clubs must ensure that all their proposed coaches complete a Coach Nomination Form and lodge it with AFL Cairns for Coach approval prior to the commencement of each season.

## **8.7 Attendance at Meetings - Players, Coaches, Officials**

Any Club, Player, Official, coach or member of the staff of a Club who shall neglect or refuse to attend any meeting of AFL Cairns or any meeting of any committee of AFL Cairns to which they may have been summoned by not less than 24 hours' notice shall be dealt with as AFL Cairns may think fit.

## **8.8 Players Expelled or Disqualified**

- (a) Any Club expelling or disqualifying a Player shall forward within one week of such expulsion or disqualification the name of such Player and their address together with particulars of the offence for which they have been expelled or disqualified to the General Manager.
- (b) No Player shall play with or coach any AFL Cairns Club or with any club in a league affiliated with AFLQ or any other National, State or Territory body while the term of any such expulsion or disqualification lasts. Any Player so offending shall be dealt with as AFL Cairns deems fit.

# **9. Representative Football**

## **9.1 Representative Selection**

If AFL Cairns does not appoint a representative selection committee for any year then the General Manager shall carry out that role.

## **9.2 Representative Availability**

- (a) AFL Cairns shall have first call on the services of Players for its representative matches. In the event of any selected Player not being able to play in a representative match, he shall not be permitted to play for his Club in that particular round.
- (b) Any Player selected to represent AFL Cairns must attend training session as scheduled by AFL Cairns and play in those representative matches if and as

selected. A Doctors Medical Certificate will be required by any Player who fails to attend training and / or play in representative matches if selected.

- (c) Any Player who fails to attend training and / or play in representative matches as and if selected and fails to provide a Doctors Medical Certificate will be suspended from playing in the Clubs next scheduled match in any grade and will be ineligible to win the AFL Cairns best and fairest award in any grade for that season.

### **9.3 Code of Conduct**

All representative Players and Officials participating in AFL Cairns representative fixtures will be required to adhere to a code of conduct to be set by AFL Cairns. Any breach of this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action as AFL Cairns determines.

## **10. Awards**

### **10.1 Life Membership**

Life membership to AFL Cairns may only be granted as per the provisions of the Constitution.

### **10.2 Crathern Medal and Other Best and Fairest Awards**

- (a) A Player found guilty by the Tribunal, or who accepts a set penalty, in any grade in respect of a reportable offence during the minor round in any season shall be ineligible to win the AFL Cairns best and fairest award for any grade for that season.
- (b) A Player found guilty by the Tribunal and later determined not guilty on appeal shall be eligible for best and fairest awards for that reason.
- (c) Best and fairest votes in all grades are based on home and away matches and should a Player be reported and found guilty in subsequent matches of the same season they shall not be deprived of their award but shall be ruled ineligible for any such awards for the following season.
- (d) AFL Cairns best and fairest medal awards are not to be determined on a count-back in the case of tied voting. In the case of a tie medals will be presented to all eligible winners.



## **11. Offences/Breaches**

### **11.1 Penalties - General**

- (a) If the Constitution, these Rules (including the Tribunal Rules and the Appeal Rules) or the Laws are breached then the Board may impose penalties as it sees fit in respect of such infringements.
- (b) Where that is provided for the penalties for infringements of these Rules will generally be Penalty Units as set out in this Manual, unless some other penalty is provided, or unless AFL Cairns in its sole discretion determines otherwise. For the avoidance of doubt, AFL Cairns may at its discretion impose such penalties as it sees fit, notwithstanding that Penalty Units are set out in this Manual for any particular breach.
- (c) The Board may set the dollar value of a Penalty Unit from time to time. At the time of adoption of these Rules the dollar value of a Penalty Unit is \$10 as set by the Board.

### **11.2 Club Observance**

Each Club must observe, obey and comply with the Constitution, the Rules and the Laws, and not engage in conduct which is unbecoming, detrimental or prejudicial to the interests of Australian Football.

### **11.3 Inappropriate Behaviour**

- (a) Any Official, any Player, any Umpire, or any other person who is acting in any official capacity at any match of Australian Football or official function authorised or approved by or under the control of AFL Cairns shall not at any time:
  - i) Use abusive, threatening or insulting language to or interfere with or assault any Official, Umpire, Player member of the Tribunal or Appeal Board, member of the Board or a servant of the league or other employee of AFL Cairns;
  - ii) Engage in conduct, which is unbecoming, detrimental or prejudicial to the welfare, image, spirit or best interests of Australian Football or AFL Cairns;
  - iii) Refuse or neglect or fail to observe, obey or comply with the Constitution or Rules or the Laws or any decision or direction of AFL Cairns;
  - iv) Make any comment in any publication whether written, televised or broadcast which is detrimental or prejudicial to the welfare, image, spirit or best interests of Australian Football of AFL Cairns;

- v) Make comment in any publication, whether written, televised or broadcast which is adversely critical of any Umpire or a decision of the Tribunal or Appeal Board.

#### **11.4 Charges/Disputes Against Clubs, Players, Officials**

- (a) All Clubs referring disputes or charges against Clubs or Players or Officials to AFL Cairns or reporting any infringements of the Constitution or Rules or the Laws shall forward particulars in writing together with a fee of 25 Penalty Units to the General Manager.
- (b) This must be lodged at the office of AFL Cairns within 2 working days following the day on which the alleged incident occurred.
- (c) Umpires referring charges against Clubs or Players or Officials must do so within the above time. Other duties as to the reporting of Players by Umpires are as set out in the Laws.
- (d) Any Player or Club Official referring a charge must do so through the Club of which the Player or Official concerned is a member.

#### **11.5 Melees**

- (a) If an incident occurs:
  - i) prior to; or
  - ii) during (including the quarter time, half time and three quarter time intervals); or
  - iii) following the completion of an AFL Cairns match
- (b) which involves 6 or more Players and in the opinion of AFL Cairns such incident is likely to:
  - i) prejudice the interests or reputation of AFL Cairns; or
  - ii) prejudice the interests or reputation of the AFL Cairns competition; or
  - iii) bring the game of Australian Football into disrepute

then any Club/s whose Players or Officials were involved in such incident shall be sanctioned by AFL Cairns by way of a fine to be determined by AFL Cairns

- (c) Any amount payable by a Club under this rule shall be paid by the Club to AFL Cairns within 14 days.

- (d) Individual Players or Officials involved in the incident may still be reported under these Rules or the Laws.

## **11.6 Order Off Rule**

The following order off rule using a system of yellow and red send off cards will apply to all AFL Cairns matches:

### **YELLOW CARD**

- A yellow card is issued should a Player or Official be found to have breached the Laws or given away a free kick in a deliberate, intentional, reckless, or undisciplined manner or behaved in a manner that the Umpire considers is detrimental to the game.
- The period of time to be spent off the field for a yellow card misdemeanour shall be 10 minutes of playing time. A Player sent off under the yellow card system may not be replaced.
- The field Umpire shall show the yellow card to the offending Player or Official, point to the interchange area, then show the yellow card to the interchange steward. The interchange steward should acknowledge the Umpire's signal (via reciprocal showing of a yellow card) and is in charge of ensuring that the "send off" period is 10 minutes of playing time. The interchange steward should make notation on the interchange sheet of the Player's number, time of send off, and time of return to ground.
- The Player must remain off the field for 10 minutes' playing time. Off the field means outside of the boundary line. Players sent off must not cross the line back onto the field through the interchange area until advised that their send off period has expired by the interchange steward. A Player who has been sent off is not permitted to enter the field of play during breaks between quarters.

### **RED CARD**

- Any Player or Official reported under the Laws for an offence as listed in Law 20.2 or Law 20.3 will be sent off for the remainder of the match.
- The Umpire will show the offending Player or Official a red card and point them to the interchange area, then show the red card to the interchange steward. The interchange steward should acknowledge the Umpire's signal (via reciprocal showing of red card) and make notation on the interchange sheet of the Player's number, time of send off, and the

beginning of the 10 minutes of playing time that must elapse before the sent of Player can be replaced by another Player.

- Any Player or Official receiving a red card will be reported for that offence and a report sheet must be completed by the Umpire post match.
- A Player or Official sent off under the red card system must not at any time return to the field of play for that match, including at breaks or intervals between quarters.

**NOTE:**

- A Player or Official that is sent off via a yellow card for 10 minutes of playing time must exit the ground through the interchange area. If they fail to do so they are not permitted to return to the field of play after 10 minutes of elapsed playing time but may be replaced by another Player

Where a sent off Player, or his replacement, goes back on the field before the penalty has expired, and a count of Players is called, which results in a team having the incorrect number of Players on the field, then that team may be penalised by way of a reverse of match result, annulment of score or part thereof, fine or censure, as AFL Cairns shall determine.

### **11.7 Racial & Religious Vilification**

- (a) No Player in his capacity as a Player or, in the course of carrying out his duties or functions as or incidental to being a Player, nor any Official, shall act towards or speak to any other person in a manner, or engage in any other conduct which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person ("the person vilified") on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.
- (b) In the event that it is alleged that a person has contravened this Rule an Umpire, Club or Player may by 5.00pm on the first working day following the day on which the contravention is alleged to have occurred, lodge a complaint in writing with the General Manager.
- (c) If that occurs, AFL Cairns shall:
  - i) Inform the person alleged to have contravened this Rule of the complaint and provide that person with an opportunity to respond to it;
  - ii) Identify and obtain written statements from any available witnesses;
  - iii) Obtain such video or other evidence as is available to it;

- iv) Arrange for the complaint to be conciliated.
- (d) The particulars of the complaint and the conciliation shall at all times remain confidential. No person or Club shall publicly comment on or disseminate to any person information concerning a complaint at any time during or after the conciliation.
- (e) Where AFL Cairns is of the opinion that the matter has not been resolved by conciliation, AFL Cairns shall:
  - i) In the case of a complaint against a Player, refer the complaint to the Tribunal to be dealt with as a reportable offence under the Laws of Australian Football; or
  - ii) In the case of a complaint against any other person deal with the complaint under the Rule covering inappropriate behaviour.
- (f) Where a person alleged to have contravened this Rule has previously taken part in a conciliation under this Rule (other than as a person vilified), AFL Cairns may refer the complaint directly to the Tribunal to be dealt with as a reportable offence under the Laws of Australian Football in the case of a Player, or directly to AFL Cairns as a complainant under the Rule covering inappropriate behaviour.
- (g) Any conciliation under this Rule shall be conducted by a suitable independent person determined and appointed by AFL Cairns.
- (h) In the event that a complaint is referred to the Tribunal or AFL Cairns, no evidence shall be given to or accepted by the Tribunal or AFL Cairns relating to anything said or done in any conciliation.
- (i) The General Manager shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that conciliation of a complaint under this Rule is completed by 5.00pm on the third working day following the day on which the incident is alleged to have occurred.
- (j) Any time limit for the doing of anything referred to in this Rule may be extended by AFL Cairns if in the opinion of AFL Cairns it is appropriate to do so.
- (k) In the event that a complaint under this Rule is found to have been proven by either the Tribunal or AFL Cairns, the Club employing, engaging or otherwise associated with the person at the time of the conduct shall be deemed to be vicariously liable for the conduct of the person and shall pay to the league a penalty to be determined by either Tribunal or AFL Cairns.
- (l) The provisions of this Rule will not apply to a contravention by a person if in the opinion of AFL Cairns the Club took all reasonable steps to prevent persons

employed, engaged or otherwise associated with the Club from engaging in the conduct which contravened this vilification Rule.

Where a matter is resolved by conciliation the only public statement to be made concerning the complaint and its resolution shall be that agreed upon by all of the parties.

#### **11.8 Video Review**

- (a) The General Manager may at his discretion evaluate particular incidents that may have occurred during a game by way of viewing any available video evidence.
- (b) The General Manager shall determine whether any charges should emanate and be laid from his consideration of video evidence.
- (c) Should any incident reviewed by the General Manager be, in his opinion, a breach of the Laws of Australian Football and reportable, then a 'Notice of Particulars of Charge' sheet in the form set out in Schedule 13 shall be prepared and signed by the General Manager, who shall notify the charged Player(s) or Official(s) and their Club of the charge as well as any other parties involved in the incident, and supply a copy of that Notice to the Club of the person(s) charged.
- (d) A Tribunal shall be convened to hear any charge emanating from the video report detailed in such Notice and such charges should be heard by the Tribunal as soon as is practicable, or the General Manager may at his sole discretion offer the charged player a set penalty to be determined by the General Manager, and if that set penalty is accepted by the charged player it will apply and the matter will not be heard by the Tribunal.

#### **11.9 Grand Final Penalties**

Sanctions and penalties imposed by the AFL Cairns Tribunal for Grand Final charges or breaches will be doubled by AFL Cairns.

### **12. SET PENALTIES**

- 12.1 The General Manager or Reporting Umpire in their sole discretion may offer a reported Player a set penalty for an early guilty plea in respect of a report for a breach of the Laws.
- 12.2 If the General Manager or Reporting Umpire does not offer a reported player a set penalty then the matter will be referred to the Tribunal for hearing and determination in the usual way.
- 12.3 The General Manager or Reporting Umpire will determine in their sole discretion whether a particular offence is of Grade 1 status (less severe), Grade 2 status (more severe) or Grade 3 status (very severe).

- 12.4 A player offered a set penalty has until 11:00 am on the day that a report is to be heard by the Tribunal to confirm in writing his guilty plea and his acceptance of the set penalty offered, in which case that penalty will apply in respect of that report and the matter will not be heard by the Tribunal.
- 12.5 If a player does not make an early guilty plea and accept the set penalty, but rather wishes to have the report heard and determined by the Tribunal, and the Tribunal finds the player guilty, the Tribunal shall be entitled to apply any penalty it deems fit.
- 12.6 The General manager in his sole discretion may offer a Player or Official reported under law 19.2.2 (p) Any act of misconduct, a Set Penalty for an early guilty plea in respect of a report of a breach.
- 12.7 Set penalties for various offences will be set from time to time by AFL Cairns. At the time of the adoption of these Rules, the set penalties are as follows:

Law	Explanation	Suspension/ Penalty
19.2.2(a)	Intentionally, recklessly or negligently making contact with or striking and Umpire	Tribunal
19.2.2(b)	Attempting to make contact with or striking an Umpire	Tribunal
19.2.2(c) 19.2.2(c)	Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards or in relation to an umpire - Grade 1 Grade 2 For a second offence in the same season – Grade 1 Grade 2	1 week 2 weeks 2 weeks 6 weeks
19.2.2(d)	Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire	2 weeks
19.2.2(e)	Disputing a decision of an umpire	1 week
19.2.2(f)	Using an obscene gesture	1 week
19.2.2(g)	(i) kicking another person	3 weeks
	(ii) striking another person Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3	1 week 2 weeks Tribunal
	(iii) tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg	1 week
	(iv) engaging in time wasting	*
	(v) charging another person Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3	1 week 2 weeks Tribunal
	(vi) throwing or pushing another player after that player has taken a mark, disposed of the football or after the football is otherwise out of play	1 week
	(vii) engaging in rough play against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable	1 week
	(viii) engaging in a melee, except where the players sole intention is to remove a team mate from the incident	**
	(x) spitting at or on another person	Tribunal
	(xi) bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front on when that player has his head over the ball Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3	2 weeks 4 weeks Tribunal
	19.2.2(h)	Attempting to kick another person
19.2.2(i)	Attempting to strike another person	1 week

19.2.2.(j)	Attempting to trip another person by hand, arm, foot or leg	1 week
19.2.2(k)	Intentionally shaking a goal post or behind post when another player is preparing to kick or is kicking for goal or after the player has kicked for goal and the ball is in transit	1 week
19.2.2(l)	Wrestling another person	***
19.2.2(m)	Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language - Grade 1 Grade 2	1 week 2 weeks
19.2.2(n)	Failing to leave the playing surface when directed to do so by a field umpire	2 weeks
19.2.2(p)	Any act of misconduct	Tribunal

\* 19.2.2(g)(iv) Engaging in time wasting - First offence \$100; Second Offence - same season \$200; 3<sup>rd</sup> Offence – same season Tribunal

\*\* 19.2.2 (g) (viii) Engaging in a melee - First offence \$100; Second Offence - same season \$200; 3<sup>rd</sup> Offence – same season Tribunal

\*\*\* 19.2.2(l) Wrestling another person - First offence \$100; Second Offence - same season \$200; 3<sup>rd</sup> Offence – same season Tribunal

**NOTE:** A Player or Official serving a suspension for a breach in any other AFL competition, including AFL Cairns Juniors, will be ineligible to play in any grade of AFL Cairns matches until the suspension elapses.

## 13. FINALS

### 13.1 Finals Eligibility

- (a) A Player must play a minimum of 3 games with the Club during a season to qualify for the finals. If a Player has played 3 or more senior games with the Club during a season he must play at least 5 games with the reserves in that season to qualify for a reserves final game.
- (b) Notwithstanding the preceding sub-Rule, when a Club has each of its senior grade and reserve grade teams engaged in the same finals round, the selection of Players in the finals shall be unrestricted, provided a Player has participated in at least 3 senior grade or reserve grade matches in that relevant season.
- (c) Dispensation under this Rule may at its discretion be given by AFL Cairns to Players unable to fulfil Club playing commitments due to their commitment to any representative program.

### 13.2 Drawn Matches - Finals

- (a) In the event of a tied game in any finals match a further 10 minutes plus time on shall be played in 2 x 5 minute halves. Teams change ends for the start of each half. Coaches may only address Players at the start of the first 2 x 5 minute (plus time on) period. Teams must change straight over after the first 5 minutes have elapsed. If scores are still tied at the end of the extra time a second period of extra time will take place (again 10 minutes plus time on, played in 2 x 5 minute halves). If after the second occurrence of extra time the match is still drawn, the Golden Point Rule will apply.



- (b) The Golden Point Rule works as follows: If after those 2 periods of extra time scores are still level, both teams remain in the positions they were in after the last period finished. The timekeepers will allow play to continue until the next score when they will sound the siren. The team that scores first is the winner.

### **13.3 Arrangement of Finals Series Matches**

The finals series matches shall be played as in such format and when and upon such ground or grounds as AFL Cairns determines.

### **13.4 Dressing Room Allocation in Finals**

The higher placed team (at the end of the home & away season) shall have the choice of dressing rooms during the finals series. If a Club has both seniors and reserves playing on the same day the teams will share the rooms that would be allocated to the seniors.

### **13.5 Team Uniforms**

AFL Cairns shall allocate short colours for all finals matches.

**SCHEDULE 1**  
**CONSTITUTION**

**SCHEDULE 2**  
**TRIBUNAL RULES**

**SCHEDULE 3**  
**TRIBUNAL GUIDELINES**

**SCHEDULE 4**  
**APPEAL RULES**

**SCHEDULE 5**  
**AFFILIATION AGREEMENT**

**SCHEDULE 6**  
**COACH NOMINATION FORM**

<b>AFL CAIRNS COACH NOMINATION</b>
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The \_\_\_\_\_  
(Club)

Hereby nominates \_\_\_\_\_  
(Coach)

As \_\_\_\_\_ coach of the \_\_\_\_\_ grade team for season 2006.  
coach/assistant senior/reserve

**NOMINEE DETAILS - to be completed in full**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ P/C \_\_\_\_\_

Contacts: (W) \_\_\_\_\_

(P) \_\_\_\_\_

(M) \_\_\_\_\_

(F) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**COACH ACCREDITATION**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Coach ID #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place Obtained</b>
One	_____	_____	_____
Two	_____	_____	_____
Three	_____	_____	_____

**SUMMARY OF COACHING EXPERIENCE**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Comment</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

We have read and accept to be bound by the AFL Cairns Rules.

SIGNED .....  
By the Nominee

POSITION .....

DATE .....

**SCHEDULE 7**  
**INTERCHANGE SHEET**  
**INTERCHANGE STEWARD REPORT**

Match: \_\_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Steward's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Qtr	Number Off	Number On	Team	Time	Reason

**GOALKICKERS**

**TEAM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM:** \_\_\_\_\_

No.	1st Q	2nd Q	3rd Q	4th Q	Total	No.	1st Q	2nd Q	3rd Q	4th Q	Total



**SCHEDULE 8**  
**MATCH DAY CHECKLIST**



**Match Day Checklist**

Date: .....

Home Team: ..... Away Team: .....

Ground: .....

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Has the ground surface and markings been prepared correctly for an Australian Football match?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Field of Play**

Is the surface free of debris (free from glass, rocks, rubbish, etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have weather conditions or water made the surface unsafe?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the surface in good condition (grass length, free of holes)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are sprinkler covers correctly in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the perimeter fencing safe (signs, etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the weather conditions safe for the game to commence (lighting, etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have goalposts been padded?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any other factors which may be dangerous to the players?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Change Rooms & Toilet Safety**

Are the rooms free of debris (free from syringes, glass, rubbish, etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Prior to the commencement of play, we, the undersigned, have undertaken the above inspection and agree that the playing environment is fit for play.

.....  
**Club Name**

.....  
**Club Name**

.....  
**Club Representative Signature**

.....  
**Club Representative Signature**

.....  
**Club Representative Name**

.....  
**Club Representative Name**

*A copy of this form must be filed and kept by the HOME TEAM for each match conducted and be kept for 7 years. The form must be able to be provided to the AFL Cairns Sport on request.*

**SCHEDULE 9  
NOTICE OF APPEAL**



**TO:** The Secretary  
AFL Cairns Appeal Board  
C/- AFL Cairns  
45-61 Tills St  
WESTCOURT QLD 4870

**FROM:** **[INSERT NAME OF APPELLANT]** ("Appellant")

**IN RELATION TO:** **[INSERT DETAILS OF DECISION OF TRIBUNAL IN RESPECT OF WHICH THIS APPEAL IS BEING INSTITUTED]**

1. The Appellant hereby appeals to the AFL Cairns Appeal Board in relation to the decision/penalty referred to above.
2. The grounds of the Appellant's appeal are as follows:  
**[INSERT GROUNDS OF APPEAL - SEE CLAUSE 4.1 OF THE AFL CAIRNS APPEAL RULES]**
3. The prescribed Appeal Fee under Appeal Rule 16 accompanies this Notice of Appeal.

**DATED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 200\_\_

**SIGNED** by **[INSERT NAME OF APPELLANT]** in )  
the presence of: ) \_\_\_\_\_  
)

**Witness**

**SCHEDULE 10**  
**PRE-SENTENCE REPORT**

To be completed and brought to the Tribunal hearing by any reported person or annexed to a Statutory Declaration by any person consenting to a hearing in his absence.

REPORTED PERSON'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAYING HISTORY**

	Year(s)	Club(s)	Name of League or Association Level (i.e. Not Club Awards)	Tribunal Convictions	
				Offence	Penalty
<b>Junior</b>					
<b>Senior</b>					

Signature of Player \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, (full name) \_\_\_\_\_

Of (full address), (occupation) \_\_\_\_\_

Do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am unable to attend before the Tribunal on (date) for the reason that:

(State reason fully and unambiguously) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. I am willing to stand down from representing my Club as a player or official until I have appeared before the Tribunal and I agree to give to the General Manager of AFL Cairns not fewer than 4 clear business days notice of the date of a tribunal meeting which I am able to attend.

**OR**

2. (a) I consent to the Tribunal's investigating in my absence the report of which I am the subject set down for hearing on the aforesaid date.

(b) I plead guilty to the report but ask the Tribunal to take into account the following matters:  
(set out mitigating circumstances).

**OR**

(b) I plead not guilty to the report and say in answer that (state any facts and briefly refer any further evidence or witnesses which the tribunal should consider or hear).

(c) I understand to abide by any finding (including penalty) of the Tribunal and I further undertake not to raise the fact of my absence from the hearing in any challenge to the finding or to any penalty which may be imposed.

(d) I attach a completed pre-sentence report.

and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1867-1988*.

DECLARED at (place)

This (date)

Before me:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Justice of the Peace in and for the  
State of Queensland/Solicitor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Declarant

### NOTE CAREFULLY

Select one only of the alternative forms of clause 2, depending upon whether the reported person is seeking an adjournment (first form, comprised of one paragraph only) OR is consenting to hearing in his absence (second form, comprised of 2a, b, c and d). If the second form of clause 2 is adopted, the reported person must then select ONE ONLY of the alternative form of 2(b) depending upon whether he is pleading guilty (first form) or not guilty (second form) 2(c) and 2(d) are always used by persons consenting to a hearing in absentia.

**SCHEDULE 11**  
**TIMEKEEPERS' CARD**

**Front of Timekeepers Card**

..... V.....	
AT .....	
ON ..... GRADE .....	
1st Quarter Commenced .....	pm
Finished .....	pm
2nd Quarter Commenced .....	pm
Finished .....	pm
3rd Quarter Commenced .....	pm
Finished .....	pm
4th Quarter Commenced .....	pm
Finished .....	pm
..... Timekeeper	
.....Club	
(See over)	

**Back of Timekeepers Card**

<b>For Commencement of Match:</b>	
..... Umpires on Field (Time) .....	
..... On Field (Time) .....	
..... On Field (Time) .....	
 <b>After Half Time:</b>	
..... Umpires on Field (Time) .....	
..... On Field (Time) .....	
..... On Field (Time) .....	

## SCHEDULE 12

### PLAYER REGISTRATION POINTS SYSTEM

## Player Registration Points System

*Revised for 2012 and applicable from 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011*

### Purpose

The purpose of the Player Registration Points system in the AFL Cairns Senior Competition is to promote a dynamic, competitive competition providing stability for the Clubs.

### Objectives

1. Encourage clubs to develop and promote their junior teams and players.
2. Encourage clubs to recruit new players from outside AFL Cairns.
3. Better manage player payments, improve the financial stability of Clubs and discourage internal league player poaching.

### The System

1. Each Player registered to a Club will be assessed according to the point system set out in this Policy.
2. Each Club will be allocated a number of Player Registration Points each season to which their Senior Grade Team must comply with and not exceed for each game, each week in any given AFL Cairns football season.
3. At the time of registration each new player shall complete the AFL Queensland Registration Form, providing accurate information concerning the Players playing history. The following conditions apply;
  - i) Any player providing false or misleading information shall be liable to penalties including, but not limited to, deregistration, suspension or a fine.
  - ii) Any official of a club complicit in the deliberate submission of false or misleading information shall be liable to a fine or disqualification.
  - iii) The Club of such player or official may be liable to an immediate loss of five Player Registration Points and a fine and/or loss of premiership points equal to the number of games played by the player in question in that season.
  - iv) The AFL Cairns Review Board will determine the penalties for deceptive or misleading information supplied.
4. All Player Registration Points assessments will be evaluated by the AFL Cairns Football management team at the time of AFLQ Registration.
5. AFL Cairns will maintain a seasonal Club Player Register of their players denoting individual player points and Club points total. The Club Representative and the AFL Cairns Operations Manager will agree on the values allocated.
6. All internal AFL Cairns transfer Players' point value decreases by two points annually until reaching the base value of one point.
7. Players with five years continuous service to an AFL Cairns Club as a senior player become a zero point player in their sixth season.
8. Players with eight years continuous service to an AFL Cairns Club as a senior player can transfer as a one point player after their eighth season.

9. When transferring between AFL Cairns Clubs, Under 18 and Under 16 Players can transfer as one point players if they have not played one (1) Senior game or four (4) Reserve grade games. Under 18 or Under 16 Players who have played AFLC Senior or Reserve grade football are treated as AFLC registered players.
10. Players returning to their original AFL Cairns Club after at least one season away return at their rating prior to departure less two points with a minimum of one point.
11. An AFL Cairns player wishing to return to a different AFL Cairns Club from another League is an eight point player, less two points for each entire season spent in the other League after leaving AFL Cairns.
12. A new Player to the AFL Cairns competition can transfer to another AFL Cairns club as a 1 point player if no more than two (2) games (Senior or Reserve Grade) have been played in their inaugural AFL Cairns season. This Rule will only apply if;
  - i) the Conditions of a formal written agreement between the Player and the original Club have not been met. If no formal written agreement exists the player may transfer as a 1 point player.
  - ii) any receipted costs incurred by the original club +\$250 are paid by the second club to the original club.
13. Clubs can formally request details of another AFL Cairns Club's Points Total for a specific game if they believe it to contravene these Rules. This request must be lodged by 11am on the Tues immediately following the game in question.

### **Appealing AFL Cairns Player Assessment**

The process where Clubs or a Player wish to appeal the points allocated to a player by AFL Cairns will follow the subsequent processes;

- i) If a Club believes the points allocated in the assessment process are not correct, fair or reasonable, it then requests in writing a review of the decision by the AFL Cairns Review Panel. This correspondence will contain sound, factual information supporting the Appeal. The Appeal will also include a formal Hearing with evidence to be presented by the Club, the Player in question and any other relevant parties at the discretion of the AFL Cairns Review Panel.
- ii) If a Player believes he has a bona fide and demonstrable case for reassessment based on compassionate or similar grounds, he can request, in writing, a review of his assessment. This correspondence will contain sound, factual information supporting the Appeal. The Appeal will also include a formal Hearing with evidence to be presented by the Club, the Player in question and any other relevant parties at the discretion of the AFL Cairns Review Panel.
- iii) The Review Panel will consist of one Executive Board Member, the AFL Cairns General Manager (or other of similar position) and an AFL Cairns Tribunal Member. The Review Board can not consist of a person involved in the initial assessment.
- iv) All new Appeal information and the original Registration information will be made available to the Review Panel in the case of an Appeal.
- v) The decision by the Review Panel is final and there is no further form of recourse.

## Points Allocation

### Player Assessment

- All Players registered with an AFL Cairns Club up until the end of the 2008 season will be valued at one (1) point.

Player Assessment Criteria		
Points	Category	Explanation
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local player</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Player who has played in the registering Clubs Junior teams or a recognised feeder team that does not have a senior team in the AFL Cairns league,</li> <li>A Player returning to their original AFL Cairns Club after playing elsewhere outside AFL Cairns. This includes AFL or other major leagues.</li> <li>A Player who joins a Club after not playing competition football outside the AFL Cairns competition for two (2) years.</li> </ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AFL Cairns Reserves Grade Player seeking transfer.</li> <li>Other Australian regional and metropolitan football league player.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Player that has played no more than three (3) Senior Grade games and at least five (5) Reserve Grade games with an AFL Cairns Club in the preceding year.</li> <li>A Player from another league e.g. Townsville, Ovens &amp; Murray, Central Wheatbelt, Essendon District, QAFL, VAFA, SAAFL, TANFL etc</li> </ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major league player.</li> <li>Ex AFL Player</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Player who has played at this level in the past two (2) years. ie. VFL, SANFL, WAFL.</li> <li>A Player who has been listed with an AFL Club in the past three (3) years and has <u>NOT</u> played with the registering AFL Cairns Club as a junior or has played for another AFL Cairns club previously.</li> </ul>
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AFLC 5-Year Player</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Player with five years continuous service to one AFLC Club and remaining with that Club.</li> </ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AFLC 8-Year Player</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Player with eight years continuous service to one AFLC Club transferring to another AFLC Club.</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Player transferring from one AFL Cairns Club to another AFL Cairns Club.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Player not deemed a Reserves Grade Player transferring from an AFL Cairns Club to the registering AFL Cairns Club.</li> </ul>



## Club Points Allocation

- The revised Points system will be introduced for season 2012 and be applicable as from the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
- **The total (maximum) number of points per Club for Senior Grade players per game will be thirty-four (34) points in 2012 and thereafter.**
- The weekly team-sheet will note each players point value and the team total which will not exceed thirty-four points.

## Non Retrospective

Changes to the 2012 Points System are not applicable to players transferred between Clubs prior to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

## Definitions

A **Player** is the footballer registered with or seeking registration and clearance to a Club.

A **Club** is an AFL Cairns football club.

The **Registering Club** is the Club with whom a player will play with in a given season.

An AFL Cairns **Season** is from the day following the Grand Final of one season to the day of, and including, the next Grand Final.

An AFL Cairns **Reserve Grade Player** is determined as a player that played no more than two (2) Senior games with an AFL Cairns Club in the preceding year.

**Continuous Service** means uninterrupted registration and playing activity with one AFL Cairns club. If serious injury or illness has prevented a player playing in a season this season will be judged as Continuous Service and will count as one of the required years.

**Playing coaches** are rated on the league from which they are recruited as per the player criteria.

**Review Panel** is the AFL Cairns Review Panel.

SCHEDULE 13

NOTICE OF PARTICULARS OF VIDEO CHARGE

AFL CAIRNS  
VIDEO CHARGE SHEET

MATCH..... V .....

DATE..... VENUE..... SENIORS/RESERVES

I hereby report the following player.

Reported Players Name: Number: Club:  
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Witness Players Name: Number: Club:  
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Time of Incident:  
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Particulars of Charge:  
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In Breach of rule(s)  
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Time and place of Tribunal Hearing:  
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Signed AFL Cairns General Manager or delegate:  
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**SCHEDULE 14**  
**PLAYER AND OFFICIAL DEREGISTRATION POLICY**