# **Summary of Changes**

## 2022 AFL Queensland Senior Community Competitions Rules & Procedures





#### Background

AFL Queensland undertakes an annual review of its Senior Community Competitions Rules & Procedures.

Whilst rule changes have been minimal, there are several fundamental changes this year in line with the new competition management platform PlayHQ, as well as changes to the permit types, introduction of the Coaching Box Card System and COVID guidelines.

Below is an outline of any material changes, as well as reference changes. Other minor wording changes that have no bearing haven't been outlined.

All references below ("*Ref*"), unless stated otherwise, refer to the 2022 AFLQ Senior Community Competitions Rules & Procedures.

#### References

The following wording changes have been updated throughout the document.

- All <u>SportsTG</u> references has been replaced with **PlayHQ**
- All Type 1 permit references have been replaced with Game permit
- All Type 2 permit references have been replaced with Season Permit
- All <u>JLT Insurance</u> references have been changed to **Marsh Insurance**
- All <u>Development League</u> references have been replaced with **QAFLW Reserves or Reserves**
- All <u>Community Umpiring Manager</u> references have been replaced with **Umpiring Development Lead**

#### **QFAW Division 1 Seniors and Reserves**

In line with the QFAW Division 1 competition incorporating both and seniors and reserves for the first time, numerous additions have been made throughout the document to accommodate this change. Many of the changes haven't been listed, as they reflect how other AFLQ senior and reserve grade competitions are managed.

#### Definitions

Ref 1.6 – new

'Regional' has been added to definitions to cover AFLQ managed competitions outside of the Southeast Queensland region to differentiate between an Affiliate League (Cairns & Mt Isa) and AFLQ managed comps outside of SEQ.



#### Club & Body Affiliation

Ref 2.2 (b) – amendment

Wording added to reflect that affiliation by all other entities (other than clubs and leagues) is only required if requested by AFLQ. Previously it stated, 'must be affiliated'.

#### **Registration / Permission to Play**

Ref 3.1 (d) – new

New clause added to ensure clubs understand their responsibility to cite proof of age for any player participating in a competition that either has a minimum or maximum age requirement, as there is no longer a requirement for proof of age to be uploaded into PlayHQ when registering.

#### Age Eligibility

Ref 3.3 (c) – amendment

Added the underlined wording for clarity to the following, '<u>in the absence of a Youth Girls'</u> <u>competition</u>, Regional and Affiliate Leagues may, for each year of the competition, seek permission from AFLQ's Community Football Manager QLD to lower the eligible age'.

#### Colts Registration (Southeast Queensland U18½)

Ref 3.8 (b) (iii) – amendment

Deleted the reference to a new registration requiring photo ID, as no longer a requirement. However, clubs should ensure proof of age has been cited.

#### Clearances

Ref 3.10 (v) – amendment

Updated to reflect that a player or their destination club can now lodge a clearance application.

#### Permits

Ref 3.12

- <u>Suggest clubs completely familiarize themselves with this section</u> as there is no longer Type 1, Type 2 or Temporary transfers. There are now only two permit types, a **Game permit** and **Season permit**.
- Important to note that a Game permit can only be used when it involves permitting a player to the immediate opposition on the day.



#### **Cancellation or Suspension of Matches**

Ref 4.8 (e) – new

Clause added to reflect how COVID affected matches are treated in line with the AFLQ COVID Guidelines. The guidelines are available on the AFLQ website in the Competitions Hub page.

#### Timekeeper Duties

Ref 4.9 (e) - new

Clause added to reflect timekeepers' responsibility to record any cards issued as per the new Coaching Box Card System.

#### Match Duration

Ref 4.9 (h) – variations

Refer updated table for up-to-date quarter and break lengths, noting changes are:

- QFAW Seniors and QAFLW Reserves are now 17 minutes and no time on for regular season games and 15 minutes plus time on for finals.
- QFAW D1 Reserves and QFAW D2 are 15 minutes no time on for regular season games and 13 minutes plus time on for finals.

#### **Location of Water Carriers**

Ref 4.16 (f) (iii) – new

New clauses added to stipulate that water carriers cannot be located in the designated interchange box area unless refilling water bottles.

#### **Club Appointed Umpires**

Ref 4.18 (d) Coaching Box Card System – new

Clause added to reflect new Coaching Box Card System (white cards) and the requirement for club umpires to adhere to new system.

#### Coaching Box Card System Ref 4.26 – new

A new system has been implemented to manage unacceptable behaviors for the coaching box area. All coaches must be familiar with this system, as clubs can be penalised in game and coaches can be reported and ejected from a game. The document is available on the AFLQ website in the Competitions Hub page.



### Match Day Checklist

Ref 4.30 (v)– amendment

The former JLT Match Day App is longer in use. Clubs must fill in the online form via the Marsh Insurance website. Link below.

https://www.cvent.com/surveys/Welcome.aspx?s=b8ad5d31-3f3f-4163-b8f9-d1d2fb50ac21

#### **Club Sponsorship** *Ref 6.3 (d) – amendment*

AFL & AFLQ protected sponsor list updated.

#### **Club Uniforms**

Ref 6.4 (e) – amendment

Licensed apparel providers updated to reflect new suppliers. Clubs should ensure they are familiar with the licensed apparel providers.

#### **Finals Eligibility**

QAFLW Seniors & Reserves Ref 8.1 (f) (i) – amendment

Clarity given to Youth eligible players being able to play finals without being a listed player if they qualify.

<u>QFAW D2</u> Ref 8.1 (g) (iv)– amendment

Clarity provided that if a Youth eligible player plays more than 10 senior games, they are no longer eligible to play in Youth competitions, including finals.

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