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MEMO

To: Senior Club Presidents

CC: AFL Cairns Staff

From: Brad Channon – Football Operations Manager

Date: Thursday, 31 October 2024

Re: AFL Cairns 2025 Rule Changes

2025 RULE CHANGES – CONFIRMED

Requests for Rule Changes

Clubs requesting changes/exemptions to specified rules within the AFLQ Community Rules & Procedures and/or AFL Cairns By-Laws must submit a formal proposal to AFL Cairns identifying the specific rule, proposed change, impact on the League (not just their club) and detailed reasoning.

AFL Cairns reserves the right of approval, however, may seek input from other club president's, including a vote system to determine the outcome.

The cut-off date for requesting rule changes is 01 March each year. After this date, exemptions can still be approved, but changes to rules will not be considered.

FIFO Players –

1. Fly-In Fly-Out (FIFO) Players will now be allocated four (4) player points.

* Players that fall under multiple categories will be allocated the highest point value. For example, if a FIFO player has also transferred from another club, they will be an 8-point player, not 4-point player.

A FIFO Player is defined as a player who has not established permanent residence in the Cairns region (including Port Douglas) 7 days prior to the first match of the home and away season specific to the year of competition.

The AFL Cairns 'Residency Test' can be used to determine permanent residence:

1. *What is your current address, as listed in PlayHQ?*
2. *Can you produce:*
 - a. *Two recent household documents/bills with your name and current address listed; or*
 - b. *Two recent employment documents with your name and current address listed; or*



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- c. *One recent household document/bill and once recent employment document with your and current address listed.*
3. *Are you and your club president prepared to sign a Statutory Declaration and/or Affidavit to support your responses to these questions?*
4. *AFL Cairns may request a player to present at the AFL Cairns office at a requested time.*

Where a player relocates during the course of the season and no longer meets the AFL Cairns Residency Test, that player will be re-classified as a FIFO Player.

AFL Cairns reserves the right to make the final ruling on a Player(s) residency status, including by:

- a. Using the AFL Cairns Residency Test;
- b. Having regard to a player's particular circumstances.

Salary Cap

The 2025 Salary Cap will increase from \$63,000 to **\$67,000** to account for CPI (averaged at 4%). The 23rd player must now be included in the 2025 Salary Cap, an addition \$1000 is included in the Salary Cap of **\$67,000** to cater for this.

Match Duration

There will be no adjustments to match duration for season 2025.

COMPETITION	TIME OF QUARTERS	TIME OF BREAKS
Seniors	H&A: 20 mins + time on Finals: 20 mins + time on	6/20/6
Development	H&A: 20 mins, no time on Finals: 17 mins + time on	5/15/5
AFLCW	H&A: 15 mins, no time on Finals: 13 mins + time on	5/10/5
Div 3	H&A: 20 mins (halves), no time on Finals: 17 mins + time on	10 HT

Time on



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Senior men will operate with full time on, as per laws of the game.

During finals, Senior Women, Development and Division 3 competitions will adopt regional/affiliate time on procedure as per AFL Queensland Community Rules and Procedures.

Cheers,

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