

# 2025 Hampden FNL General Bylaw

## **General**

The Hampden Football Netball League Executive on submissions from Clubs or Executive Members shall have the power to elect life members that will be ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

The following by-laws shall be read in general, across all grades of football and netball competitions.

### 1. Life Membership

- **1.1** Players completing two hundred and fifty (250) senior football matches within the League shall be awarded automatic life membership of the League.
- **1.2** Players completing two hundred and fifty (250) Open (Formerly A Grade) netball matches within the League shall be awarded automatic life membership of the League.
- 1.3 Any person, by length of outstanding service to the League, may be nominated for life membership by submission to the HFNL Executive at least 21 days prior to the AGM of the HFNL Eligibility to be determined by the HFNL Executive.

### 2. League Passes

- 2.1 The following passes shall be distributed each season by the league:-
- 2.1.1 Home & Away Season including Finals Pass:
  - Life Members.
  - League Partners/Sponsors,
  - Executive Members,
  - Club Delegates (4 Passes)
- 2.1.2 Match Day Finals Passes:
  - Host Club x 40 (Extra Volunteers can get passes at the discounted rate)
- 2.1.3 Grand Final Day Passes:
  - Host Club x 40 (Extra Volunteers can get passes at the discounted rate)

### 3. League Colours

3.1 The official colours of the league shall be bottle green and white.

### 4. Clubs

- 4.1 Each club within the league during the previous season shall be deemed to be an affiliate of the league for the following season subject to payment of such affiliation fees, due as per Rule 4.1 of the HFNL Constitution.
- 4.2 The clubs of the league shall be:

Camperdown Football Netball Club Inc.

Cobden Football Netball Club Inc.

Hamilton Kangaroos Football Netball Club Inc.

Koroit Football Netball Club Inc.

North Warrnambool Eagles Football Netball Club Inc.

Portland Football Netball Cricket Club Inc.

Port Fairy Football Netball Club Inc.

South Warrnambool Football Netball Club Inc.

Terang Mortlake Football Netball Club Inc.

Warrnambool Football Netball Club Inc.

### 5. Club Colours

**5.1** Shall be as follows:

Camperdown Football Netball Club Inc.

Cobden Football Netball Club Inc.

Hamilton Kangaroos Football Netball Club Inc.

Koroit Football Netball Club Inc.

North Warrnambool Eagles Football Netball Club Inc.

Portland Football Netball Cricket Club Inc.

Port Fairy Football Netball Club Inc.
South Warrnambool Football Netball Club Inc.

Terang Mortlake Football Netball Club Inc.

Warrnambool Football Netball Club Inc.

Black / White Black / Red

Royal Blue / White Red / White / Black

Dark Blue / White / Yellow

Black / Gold Purple / Yellow White / Red Blue / Red

Dark Blue / White

### 6. Club Grounds

**6.1** Shall be as follows:

 $Camperdown\ Football\ Netball\ Club\ Inc.$ 

Cobden Football Netball Club Inc.

Hamilton Kangaroos Football Netball Club Inc

Koroit Football Netball Club Inc

North Warrnambool Eagles Football Netball Club Inc

Portland Football Netball Cricket Club Inc Port Fairy Football Netball Club Inc

South Warrnambool Football Netball Club Inc.

Terang Mortlake Football Netball Club Inc.

Warrnambool Football Netball Club Inc.

Leura Oval, Camperdown

Cobden Recreation Reserve, Cobden

Melville Oval, Hamilton Victoria Park, Koroit Bushfield Oval, Bushfield Hanlon Park, Portland Gardens Oval, Port Fairy

Friendly Societies Park, WBool Ridley Recreation Reserve, Terang

Wilson D.C Farran Oval, Mortlake

Reid Oval, Warrnambool

### 7. League Competitions

- 7.1 Competitions within the league shall be a Senior Competition and Junior Competition.
- 7.2 Clubs shall compete in either the Senior Competition or Junior Competition.

### 7.3 Senior Competition shall be:-

Senior Football,

Reserve Football,

Under 18 Football,

Open Netball,

Div 1 Netball,

Div 2 Netball,

Div 3 Netball.

17 & Under Netball,

17 & Under Reserves Netball,

15 & Under Netball,

15 & Under Reserves Netball,

13 & Under Netball.

13 & Under Reserves Netball,

Development Netball.

### 7.4 Junior Competition shall be

Under 16 Football,

Under 14 Football,

Under 12 Football.

### 8. Admission Pricing

### 8.1 Senior Competition

For the 2025 home and away season the following pricing shall be:

Adult \$12 Student / Concession \$7 16 & under Free Car Free Record Free

### **8.2** Junior Competition

For the 2025 home and away season the following pricing shall be

Entry Free

### 8.3 Senior Competition – First Three Weeks of Finals

For the 2025 finals series the following pricing shall be:

Adult \$17 16 & U / Student / Concession \$8 12 & under Free Record Free Car Free

### 8.4 Senior Competition - Grand Final

For the 2025 Grand final the following pricing shall be:

Adult \$20 16&U / Student / Concession \$8 12 & under Free Record \$2 Car Free

### **8.5** Junior Competition - Finals

For the 2025 finals series including the grand final the following pricing shall be:

Adult \$10 Student / Concession \$8 16 & under Free Record Free Car Free

### 9. Fixture

The Administrator shall complete the fixture for each season for both the Senior and Junior Competition. Each club shall be entitled to make a submission to the league on issues to be taken into consideration, although no guarantee is made. Such submission should be received by the league no later than a nominated date set by the Administrator. The fixture shall be approved at the Annual General Meeting of the current season for the forthcoming season.

### 10. Other Matches

No club shall, without the prior approval of the Executive, engage in any match other than the approved fixture for each season. Any club wishing to take part in any other competition that is not within the approved fixture for each season, must lodge a letter twenty one days (21) prior to the match taking place, with the league's Administrator seeking the Executive's approval.

### 11. League Sanction Functions / Events

It is Compulsory that all HFNL Affiliated Clubs attend and or participate in all sanctioned League Functions or Events as determined by the HFNL Executive, and as advised to all Clubs. This is related to any official event or a sponsored event. Non participation by a Club for any reason will incur a fine, set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

Preseason games will be set at least 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the Home and Away season each year, or on a date advised to Clubs prior to 1<sup>st</sup> November the year prior.

11.1 Clubs shall not conduct a club trip away on a weekend the following matches are held:-

- **11.1.1** AFL Victoria Country Championships;
- **11.1.2** League Finals Matches;
- **11.1.3** Netball Victoria Association Championships.

### 12. HFNL Online Record

- **12.1** The League will provide an Online Record for Clubs and Supporters, made available on a Friday prior to each Round.
- **12.2** Clubs can provide information to be included in the Online record but may be subject to approval by the League.

### 13. Media

Any league registered player or official found to have made inappropriate comments in the media towards the League's Executive, AFL Victoria, Netball Victoria, Warrnambool & District Football Umpires Association, Western District Football Umpires Association or any league Football or Netball umpire will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive. The Executive shall decide the appropriateness of the comments made and the offending party will be given the opportunity to explain their actions prior to the fine being given.

### 14. Premiership Points

In all home and away matches, the following shall apply in all competitions played as per by-law 7

- 14.1 Four (4) points shall be awarded for a win,
- **14.2** Two (2) points shall be awarded for a draw,
- **14.3** Zero (0) points shall be awarded for a loss.
- 14.4 In the event of Clubs having equal points at the end of each season, the position of Clubs shall be determined by the percentage equated from points for and against of matches played by each Club.

### 15. Complaints

- **15.1** Any club or registered member of a club with a complaint against the Administrator, League Executive, another club or registered member of another club, umpires or independent tribunal, must make the complaint through the Administrator or President in writing. The matter will be dealt with by the Executive within a timely manner. Refer to Constitution disputes –Section 32 of the Constitution.
- 15.2 Should a club or registered member of a club not lodge a complaint through the Administrator or President as per by–law 15.1, the club will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 16. Reference Group

**16.1** Any club who fails to attend a Football Forum or Netball Forum will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 17. Finals Format

- 17.1 Clubs positioned 1 to 5 on the league ladder of all competitions shall play in the league's finals.
- 17.2 No league final shall be played at night.
- 17.3 The league's finals fixture shall be:-

First Saturday Qualifying Final (team 2 v team 3); First Sunday Elimination Final (team 4 v team 5);

Second Saturday Second Semi Final (team 1 v winner of Qualifying Final);

Second Sunday
First Semi Final (loser of Qualifying Final v winner of Elimination Final);
Third Saturday
Fourth Saturday
Frourth Saturday
Frourth Saturday
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Frourth Saturday
Final (winner of Second Semi Final v winner of Preliminary Final).

### 18. Finals Venues

Finals venues shall be selected subject to ground availability at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 19. Awards

### 19.1 Club Championship Award

On an annual basis, the league will award a Club Championship which will be awarded at the league's senior best and fairest presentation. Points towards this award will be accrued as follows

30 points Senior Football Win Reserves Football Win 20 points Under 18 Football Win 15 points Open Netball Win 30 points 20 points Div 1 Netball Win Div 2 Netball Win 15 points 15 points Div 3 Netball Win 15 points 17 & Under Netball Win 10 points 17 & Under Reserves Netball Win 15 & Under Netball Win 10 points 10 points 15 & Under Reserves Netball Win 13 & Under Netball Win 5 points 5 points 13 & Under Reserves Netball Win

Should a draw occur between two (2) clubs, points will be halved.

### 19.2 Official of the Year

- **19.2.1** An award known as the "official of the year" shall be made each year to the best official for the current season.
- 19.2.2 Clubs are to nominate one (1) official each season who are an official for their club.
- **19.2.3** A panel consisting of the President, Vice-President, Junior Vice-President and Administrator shall select the official of the year from the nominations given throughout the season.

### 19.3 **Volunteer of the Year**

- **19.3.1** An award known as the "volunteer of the year" shall be made each year to the best volunteer for the current season
- **19.3.2** Clubs are to nominate one (1) volunteer each season who is a volunteer for their club.
- **19.3.3** A panel consisting of the President, Vice-President, Junior Vice-President and Administrator shall select the volunteer of the year from the nominations given throughout the season.

### 19.4 Netball Umpire of the Year

- **19.4.1** An award known as the "netball umpire of the year" shall be made each year to the best umpire as voted for by the clubs.
- **19.4.2** The Administration Officer shall nominate umpires who have officiated in more than five (5) Open netball games.
- 19.4.3 The Open netball coach from each senior club shall award three (3) votes, two (2) votes and one (1) vote to the nominated Umpires whom they consider to be the best Umpires for the current season, on a sheet provided by the league.
- **19.4.4** The umpire or umpires with the most votes shall be awarded the netball umpire of the year award. In the case of two umpires receiving equal votes, joint winners shall be declared and separate awards shall be awarded to each umpire.

### 19.5 Under 19 Netball Umpire Rising Star Award

- 19.5.1 An award known as the Under 19 Netball Umpire Rising Star as nominated by Clubs.
- **19.5.2** Clubs to nominate one Under 19 Netball umpire (from their Club) and the winner will be selected by the League Executive and awarded the Under 19 Netball Umpire Rising Star

### 20. Powers of the Executive

The Executive shall make a decision on any case arising which is not provided for in the general, senior football, senior netball, junior football and junior netball by—laws



# 2025 HFNL Football Bylaws

# Senior Football and Under 18 Football Bylaws

The following by—laws shall be read in general across the league's Senior Football Competition and Under 18 Competition. This shall be read in conjunction with the league's general by—laws.

### 21 Playing Rules

21.1 All matches shall be played under AFL laws of the game, AFL Western District Junior Area and Permit Agreements, AFL Western District Junior Equalisation Policy and On-Field Number Regulations, AFL Victoria rules and regulations except in such cases and conditions where the by–laws hereby adopted are superseded by the league's by–laws.

### 22 Football Coordinator

- **22.1** Each club shall appoint a football coordinator/s.
- **22.2** Each football coordinator must register on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.
- **22.3** Any club that does not appoint a football coordinator will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.
- 22.4 The football coordinator/s must have a working with children check and a copy of this must be supplied to the club prior to the start of the current season.
- 22.5 Any football coordinator that does not have a working with children check and/or has failed to supply the league with a copy will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 23 Player Registrations

- **23.1** All players shall be registered with AFL Victoria.
- **23.2** Each player must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.
- 23.3 Any player wishing to play after the start of the current season and who is not registered with AFL Victoria Country on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match they wish to participate in.
- 23.4 Any club playing an unregistered player shall be referred to AFL Victoria rule 1.3.

### 24 Players

- **24.1** Players age is determined as at 1<sup>st</sup> of January of that year.
- 24.2 Any player registered with their club may play in Senior Football or Reserves Football.

### **Player Clearances**

**25.1** Clearances for players in underage competitions are restricted to once every three weeks. All senior clearances shall refer to the AFL Victoria Country handbook.

### 26 Permits

26.1 All permits shall refer to the AFL Victoria Handbook. Players in underage competitions, including Under 18s, can play on permit between the Warrnambool & District Football Netball League and the Hampden Football Netball League under a renewed layered permit system across the Leagues. A renewed junior area agreement is introduced for permits from WDFNL to HFNL and an area permit agreement is introduced for permits from HFNL to WDFNL; both reinforce the on-field number regulations. Those playing on permit may only play one match in one league per weekend. Clearances will be limited to once every three weeks.

All clubs, coaches and team managers must be familiar with AFL Western District Junior Equalisation Policy and On-Field Number Regulations.

Clubs are encouraged to utilise intra-league sharing of players via Rule 2.9 to permit players to opposing teams when player numbers are lacking. Clubs doing so need to consult the AFL Western District Junior Equalisation Policy and On-Field Number Regulations.

- 26.2 All clubs shall adhere to all league area permits per season as per by–law 28.
- **26.3** Clubs shall be limited to four (4) permits per match day per open age competition grade unless approved by the HFNL Executive. Underage Competitions, including Under 18, shall be limited based on the club's own registered players. A club may only play the following number of players permitted to interchange, in any week and must not exceed this number:
  - o 14 players available on the team sheet: 5 permit players allowed;
  - o 15 players available on the team sheet: 4 permit players allowed;
  - o 16 players available on the team sheet: 3 permit players allowed;
  - o 17 players available on the team sheet: 2 permit players allowed;
  - o 18 players available on the team sheet: 1 permit player allowed.
  - o 19 players available on the team sheet: 0 permit players allowed
- 26.4 Should a club have five (5) or more permits per match day per senior grade they will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive per extra player unless approved by the HFNL Executive.
- 26.5 Any player who is not registered to a club shall not play finals.

### **Local Interchange Agreements**

- **27.1** The league shall enter into local interchange agreements with club listed Coates Talent League competition players.
- 27.2 The league shall enter into local interchange agreements with club listed VFL competition players at the request of the club.

### 28 Area Permits

28.1 For Underage Competitions, including Under 18, AFL Western District introduced new agreements where players can play on permit between the Warrnambool & District Football Netball League and the Hampden Football Netball League under a renewed layered permit system across the Leagues. A renewed junior area agreement is introduced for permits from WDFNL to HFNL and an area permit agreement is introduced for permits from HFNL to WDFNL; both reinforce the on-field number regulations. Those playing on permit may only play one match in one league per weekend. Clearances will be limited to once every three weeks. The HFNL Executive will decide with which other League/s an Area Permit Agreement will be agreed to for the upcoming season including following leagues:

Warrnambool & District Football Netball League South West District Football Netball League Horsham and District Football Netball League Mininera and District Football Netball League

The HFNL Executive will decide with which other League/s an Area Permit Agreement will be agreed to for the upcoming season. The Area Agreement/s and policies can be found on the HFNL Website.

### 29 Coaches Registration

- **29.1** All coaches shall be registered with the AFL Victoria.
- **29.2** Each coach must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.
- **29.3** Any coach who wishes to coach after the start of the current season and who is not registered with AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match he wishes to coach in.

29.4 The club of any unregistered coach will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 30 Coaches

- 30.1 All coaches shall be accredited as per AFL Victoria handbook.
- **30.2** All coaches must have a working with children check and a copy of this must be supplied to the club prior to the start of the current season.
- **30.3** Any coach that does not have a working with children check and / or has failed to supply the league with a copy will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 31 <u>Coaches / Umpires Meetings</u>

- 31.1 A meeting may be convened annually prior to or during the season between all registered senior football coaches and representatives from Warrnambool & District Football Umpires Association, and the Western District Football Umpires Association.
- 31.2 The club of a senior football coach who does not attend the coaches / umpires meeting will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 32 <u>Team Managers Registration</u>

- **32.1** All team managers shall be registered with the AFL Victoria.
- **32.2** Each team manager must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.
- 32.3 A team manager who wishes to take to the field after the start of the current season and is not registered with AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match he wishes to participate in.
- **32.4** The club of any team manager who is unregistered will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### **Trainers Registration**

- **33.1** All trainers shall be registered with AFL Victoria.
- 33.2 A trainer must be at least 15 years of age.
- **33.3** Each trainer must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.
- 33.4 Any trainer who wishes to take the field after the start of the current season and is not registered with AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club must complete the registration prior to the match they wish to participate in.
- 33.5 The club of any unregistered trainer will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 34 Trainers

- **34.1** Each club shall have a minimum of one (1) trainer holding a level 1 Australian Football Trainer Education Centre (AFTEC) accreditation.
- 34.2 All registered trainers shall be registered with the South West Trainers Association.
- **34.3** The club of all registered trainers who are not registered with the South West Trainers Association will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.
- 34.4 The trainer / s must have a working with children check and a copy of this must be supplied to the club prior to the start of the current season.

- 34.5 Any trainer that does not have a working with children check and / or has failed to supply the league with a copy will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.
- 34.6 Trainers shall be attired in either long black or white pants or shorts.
- 34.7 Trainers shall be attired in a white shirt which must have the club name and identifying number on the back of the shirt.
- **34.8** Trainers shall be attired in a league approved jacket which must have the club name and identifying number on the back of the jacket.
- **34.9** The club of any trainer attired incorrectly may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 35 Runners Registration

- **35.1** All runners shall be registered with AFL Victoria.
- **35.2** A runner must be at least 16 years of age.
- **35.3** Each runner must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.
- **35.4** Any runner who wishes to take to the field after the start of the current season and is not registered with AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match he wishes to participate in.
- 35.5 The club of any unregistered runners will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 36 Runners

- **36.1** Clubs may appoint up to two (2) team runners per grade.
- 36.2 One (1) runner may enter and remain on the field at any one (1) time.
- **36.3** Runners must enter and leave the field by the designated interchange area.
- **36.4** The club of any runner who breaches by laws 35.2 or 35.3 will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.
- 36.5 The runner / s must have a working with children check and a copy of this must be supplied to the club prior to the start of the current season.
- **36.6** Any runner that does not have a working with children check and / or has failed to supply the league with a copy will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.
- **36.7** Runners shall be attired in the approved HFNL runners uniform.
- **36.8** Runners must have the club name and identifying number on the back of the shirt.
- **36.9** The club of any runner attired incorrectly will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### **Water Carriers Registration**

- 37.1 All water carriers shall be registered with AFL Victoria.
- 37.2 A water carrier must be at least 12 years of age (unless approved by the HFNL Executive)

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- **37.3** Each water carrier must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.
- 37.4 Any water carrier who wishes to take to the field after the start of the current season and is not registered with AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match he wishes to participate in.
- 37.5 The club of any unregistered water carrier will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 38 <u>Water Carriers</u>

- **38.1** Water Carriers must be visibly attired with the HFNL approved bibs.
- **38.2** The club of any water carrier attired incorrectly may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 39 Club Medical Personnel

- **39.1** All club medical personnel in Senior Football, Reserves Football and Under 18 Football on match day shall wear an armband stating doctor, physiotherapist or chiropractor as supplied by the league.
- **39.2** The club of all club medical personnel in Senior Football, Reserves Football and Under 18 Football on match day not wearing an armband stating doctor, physiotherapist or chiropractor as supplied by the league, will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 40 <u>Club Umpires Registration</u>

- 40.1 All club umpires shall be registered with the AFL Victoria.
- **40.2** A club boundary umpire must be at least 12 years of age.
- **40.3** A club goal umpire must be at least 16 years of age.
- **40.4** A club central umpire must be at least 18 years of age.
- **40.5** Each club umpire must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.
- **40.6** Any club umpire who wishes to take to the field after the start of the current season and is not registered with the AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match they wish to participate in.
- **40.7** The club of any unregistered club umpire will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 41 <u>Club Football Umpires</u>

- **41.1** Both home and away clubs shall supply umpires to the following matches when official umpires aren't available.
- **41.1.1** Under 18 Football 1 x field umpires 1 x boundary umpire, 1 x goal umpire and per home and away team If only one field umpire available from official umpires, then the The home club will provide the field umpire only.
- **41.1.2** Reserve's Football 1 x field umpire, 1 x boundary umpire, 1 x goal umpire– per home and away team.
- **41.2** Club umpires shall be paid at the rate which will be sent out by the HFNL at the start of each season.

- **41.3** The club umpire / s must have a working with children check and a copy of this must be supplied to their club prior to the start of the current season.
- 41.4 Any club umpire that does not have a working with children check and / or has failed to supply their club with a copy will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.
- **41.5** Club central and boundary umpires must wear uniform supplied and approved by the HFNL at this will be at the cost of the clubs.
- **41.6** The club of any club umpire attired incorrectly will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.
- **41.7** All umpires who umpire for their club must have completed the online registration prior to taking the field.
- **41.8** All club field umpires must have completed the mandatory online registration prior to the start of the season. If this isn't completed the club will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 42 <u>Association Umpires</u>

- **42.1** The league shall appoint association umpires from the Warrnambool and District Football Umpires Association and the Western District Umpires Association to officiate all league games as negotiated as per the M.O.U.
- **42.2** As per the M.O.U the association umpires are to supply umpires to the following matches:
- **42.2.1** Senior Football 2 or 3 x central umpires, 3 boundary umpires, 2 x goal umpires
- **42.2.2** Under 18 Football 2 x central umpires.
- **42.3** Association umpires shall be paid as per rates agreed to in the MOU.
- 42.4 The goal umpires shall record on cards as provided by the league, the exact scores and shall be returned with the match day results as per Bylaw 54.5.

### 43 Footballs

- **43.1** The club shall incur the cost of all match balls provided for home and away matches. The league shall order all match balls for clubs for each home game plus one spare for the season for each senior, each reserve game, and each Under 18 game.
- 43.2 The league shall supply, at the leagues expense, footballs for all finals matches.
- 43.3 The choice of ball will be set for and at the discretion of the league.
- 43.4 Clubs who do not use the correct approved league sponsor logo football as stated by the league will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 44 Player Uniforms

- 44.1 All players must wear AFL Victoria approved uniforms complying with the registered colours of their club including numbered playing jumpers, shorts and socks.
- **44.2** Only Beige/ Cream colour bike shorts and black gloves are permitted. Black Bike Shorts not permitted.

### 45 <u>Player Jumpers</u>

- **45.1** Each club shall register its playing uniform prior and have been approved by the HFNL Executive prior to the start of the season.
- 45.2 The league must approve all uniform colours and designs as per by law 5.1.
- **45.3** The league must approve all changes to the club's uniform.
- **45.4** All players are to be in the approved uniform by the first match of the season. Should approved uniforms not be ready, approval from the league must be given for an agreed interim uniform.
- 45.5 The club of all players not in the approved uniform by the first match of the season and who have not received approval from the league for an agreed interim uniform may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.
- **45.6** A sponsors/club logo is permitted to the top front left of the players jumpers and must have HFNL Executive approval.
- **45.7** A sponsors/club logo is permitted 5cm below the player's number and must have HFNL Executive approval.
- **45.8** Should a club require additional logos on the front or back of the player's jumper, a request must be lodged with the league and will be determined by the executive.

### 46 Player Short

- **46.1** A maximum of two logos may be attached to the front of player's shorts which must receive HFNL executive approval.
- **46.2** The home club shall wear their home shorts.
- **46.3** The away club shall wear white shorts.

### 47 Player Socks

**47.1** As per by - law 44.1

**48.3.1** Under 18 Football

**48.3.2** Reserve Football

**48.3.3** Senior Football

### 48 Match Times

**48.1** Match times shall be as follows for day matches

48.1.1	Under 18 Football	10.20am	Siren to be sounded 10.10am
48.1.2	Reserve Football	12.10pm	Siren to be sounded 12.00pm
48.1.3	Senior Football	2.00pm	Siren to be sounded 1.50pm
48.2	Match times shall be as follows for night matches or as decided by Clubs with League approval.		
48.2.1	Under 18 Football	2.20pm	Siren to be sounded 2.10pm
48.2.2	Reserve Football	4.10pm	Siren to be sounded 4.00pm
48.2.3	Senior Football	6.00pm	Siren to be sounded 5.50pm
48.3	Match times shall be as follows for finals matches		

10.10am

12.00pm

2.00pm

Siren to be sounded 10.00am

Siren to be sounded 11.50am

Siren to be sounded 1.50pm

- **48.4** Should a match be running late, the siren is to be sounded immediately after the completion of the previous match.
- **48.5** Any team failing to start play on time shall, after five (5) minutes, forfeit five (5) goals to the opposition team and a further goal per minute until 10 minutes have elapsed. A forfeit shall then be declared providing the opposing team has provided their team sheet.
- **48.6** The club of any team who forfeits may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive. The opposing team shall receive four (4) premiership points and percentage shall be worked out as 15.0.90 to nil and the opposing team will be permitted to lodge a team sheet.

### 49 <u>Match Intervals</u>

**49.1** Match intervals shall be as follows

**49.1.1** Under 18 Football 4 x 20 minute quarters no time on with breaks 5, 10, 5

**49.1.2** Reserve Football 4 x 20 minute quarters no time on with breaks 5, 10, 5

**49.1.3** Senior Football 4 x 20 minute quarters plus time on with breaks 5, 20, 5

**49.2** Any club delaying the start of a quarter may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

### **50** Match Conditions

- **50.1 a.** The Senior Football team shall consist of between fourteen (14) and twenty two (22) players with up to eighteen (18) on the field at any one time with remaining players on the interchange. Reserves Football team shall consist of between fourteen (14) and twenty one (21) players with up to eighteen (18) on the field at any one time with remaining players on the interchange. **b.** If the senior side is unable to field a list of 18 players on the ground, the number of players for both competing teams on the field will be limited to that teams list with at least 1 player as interchange. The number of players will remain at this number for the entirety of play excluding players unable to play due to injury (ie. List of 18, therefore 17 on the ground with 1 interchange).
- 50.2 a. The Under 18 Football team can name up to twenty one (21) players on their team sheet.
  b. For underage football competitions, including Under 18 teams, refer to the AFL Western District Junior Equalisation Policy and On Field Number Regulations, in part replicated here;

### **On-Field Number Regulations:**

- Minimum Bench is 1 at the start of the game. Maximum bench is per the age group and league by-laws.
- Teams may play with 18, 16, 15, 14 or 12 players, as long as there are 1 on the bench.
- If a match is played with 16 players on each team, it is the wing positions lost.
- Coaches of opposing teams can negotiate the positions lost when on-field players are 15 and below.
- **50.3** A player Under 18 years of age who played Under 18 Football shall not be permitted to play Senior Football or Reserves Football on the same day unless the club obtains written consent from the player and the players parent / s or guardian, this must be completed and filed with the clubs match day results as per by law 54.5.
- 50.4 The club of any such player playing without the written consent from the player and the player's parent / s or guardian may incur a fine of \$100.
- **50.5** A club can have up to four (4) nominated over age players in Under 18 Football. The players must be under 19 years of age as of 1st July of the current season and their names must be advised to the league prior to the commencement of the current season.
- **50.6** Over age players are ineligible for league awards.

- All overage players must adhere to the permit conditions as per the HFNL Overage Permit Application Form. See permit conditions below:
  - A player must be under the age of 19 as of the 1st of January of the current playing season.
  - Any player who has been granted an overage permit who is reported and found guilty of an
    offence, shall have their permit automatically withdrawn. This shall include the acceptance of a
    set penalty.
  - A club may not have more than four overage permit players each year.
  - A player having played senior grade football at any club in any season, is not eligible for an overage permit.
  - No overage permits will be granted after 30<sup>th</sup> of June each year.
  - The decision on the granting or otherwise of an overage permit by the HFNL Board is final.
  - A player playing on an overage permit must be highlighted or otherwise marked on the team sheet. Example O/A
  - An overage permit is provisional for four games after which the permit will be re-assessed. A further re-assessment will be conducted on or about 30<sup>th</sup> of June.
  - An overage permit player may not play senior grade football or reserves football. If they do, their permit shall be automatically withdrawn.
  - Overage permit players and their club must be fully aware of the relevant HFNL bylaws
  - A copy of a proof of age document must be attached to this application.
  - A copy of a medical certificate must be attached to this application if the request is due to health issues.
- 50. 8 A Coates Talent League, VFL, AFL player is ineligible to play as an over age player.

### 51 <u>Team Lists</u>

- **51.1** Team lists must be lodged on the AFL PlayHQ database by 7.30pm for Senior teams and 7.45pm for all other teams each Thursday prior to each match and must be printed off immediately. The printed team list must also include coaches, runners, trainers, water carriers, team managers, interchange stewards and club umpires if known.
- **51.2** In Senior Football twenty two (22) players must be named in position with up to four (4) players to be named as emergencies.
- 51.3 Should a player be injured and is required to be withdrawn from the named twenty six (26) players, the club shall notify the League Administrator. The League Administrator must then notify the opposing club immediately by phone and email.
- 51.4 The team list printed as per by law 50.1 must be used on match day. Each participating club must add any coaches, runners, trainers, water carriers, team managers, interchange stewards and club umpires not known on the Thursday night when lodged by hand. Each participating club must place a line through any players who were selected but not playing and provide it to the central umpires prior to the match. This team sheet must be provided with the match day results as per by law 54.5.
- 51.5 Any club who does not provide the team sheet as per by law 50 may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 52 <u>Timekeepers</u>

- **52.1** Each participating club shall provide a timekeeper per match.
- **52.2** The siren shall only be sounded by the timekeepers prior to, during and at the completion of a match.
- **52.4** Stop watches must be synchronised, if only one stopwatch is available, that shall be the official time.
- 52.5 The timekeepers shall record on cards as provided by the league exact times and shall be provided with the match day results as per by law 54.5.

- **52.6** Timekeepers must be 16 years of age or older.
- 52.7 The club of any timekeepers that are 16 years or younger may incur a fine of \$100.

### 53 Match Day Checklist

**53.1** A home and away club representative must complete the Marsh Insurance Match day checklist prior to the start of the first match of the competition day on the approved phone app.

### 54 Match Day Results

- **54.1** The home club is responsible for entering each match result into AFL PlayHQ database by 5.30pm or 10pm for a night match.
- **54.2** Match result information shall include:
- **54.2.1** Quarter by Quarter scores and final score (radio media scoresheet as provided by the league)
- **54.2.2** Best Players 1 to 6
- **54.2.3** goals scored per player
- **54.3** It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure that all match day results are entered accurately.
- **54.4** Should inaccurate information be entered the home club will incur a fine of \$50 per inaccurate entry.
- 54.5 It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure that all match day paperwork be sealed in the league match day envelope and delivered to the league's office at the club's earliest convenience, preferably the first working day following the match and must include:
- **54.5.1** official team sheet
- **54.5.2** quarter by quarter scores and final score
- 54.5.3 best and fairest vote cards
- **54.5.4** most valuable player vote cards (Senior Football only)
- **54.5.5** signed league timekeepers card
- 54.5.6 signed league goal umpires card
- **54.5.7** Any other form required by the League
- 54.6 Should the home club not deliver the match day envelope to the league's office by 4pm on the Wednesday following the match they will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.
- **54.7** Should any match day paperwork be missing from the match day envelope as per by law 52.5, the club responsible will incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 55 Finals

- **55.1** In the event of a drawn match in any finals match including the grand final, the following shall apply
- **55.1.1** the teams change ends following a break of no more than five (5) minutes
- **55.1.2** two five (5) minute halves plus time on shall be played with an immediate change of ends after the first (1<sup>st</sup>) five minute half with no break during the change of ends

- **55.1.3** if at the end of the second five minute half scores are still level, no change of ends shall occur, play will be restarted at the centre bounce and continue until one team has a one point advantage
- 55.2 The HFNL shall allocate rooms and shorts uniforms prior to each finals match and notify the club via the club secretary by 12 noon on the first business day immediately following the previous matches.
- 55.3 The nominated away team shall call the toss of the coin.

### 56 Finals Eligibility

- **56.1** To be eligible to play in Senior finals matches, a player must play in three (3) home and away matches for their club during the current season.
- **56.2** Any player registered with their club who plays Reserves Football must take the field in three (3) or more home and away Reserve Grade Football matches to be eligible to play finals in Reserves Football.
- 56.3 Any player registered with their club who plays Reserves Football cannot take the field in more than ten (10) home and away matches in Senior Football to be eligible to play finals in Reserves Football.
- 56.4 Should a club be playing Senior Football and Reserves Football on the same weekend during finals, by laws 56.2, and 56.3 are removed; but a player can only play one match per weekend.
- **56.5** Any underage player registered with their club who plays Three (3) Club games in the current Season is eligible to play finals in their own age group that season and above.
- **56.6** Any Coates League listed player may play with their registered home club during finals in senior and under 18 football only; but a player can only play one match per weekend between their club and Coates League club.
- 56.7 Any VFL listed player may play with their registered home club during finals in senior football only; provided they have qualified under by-law 56.1. A player can only play one match per weekend between their club and VFL club. Refer AFL Victoria Country Finals Eligibility-12.1 (ii) Coates Talent League Male and VFL
- 56.7 Should a player play more than one match per weekend during finals, the club shall incur the loss of the second match the player played in.

### 57 <u>Practice Matches</u>

57.1 The league must be notified of a practice match which shall include the participating clubs, date, time and venue.

### 58 Set Penalties

**58.1** As per AFL Victoria rule 11.0.

### 59 Investigations

- **59.1** As per AFL Victoria rule 5.0.
- 59.2 The club requesting the investigation shall incur the cost of the investigation.

### **Investigation fees:**

In instances where a club lodges a request for an investigation in accordance with AFL Victoria Rule 5.0 (unbecoming conduct) and lodges the required fee of costs \$800, the full amount of \$800 shall be retained by the League and will be refunded in full or part after completion of the investigation and subsequent tribunal hearing (if applicable) as per the League's policy, as set out below.

The following policy in relation to payment of the Investigations Officer's payment will be enforced by the League for investigations:

A) When the Investigations Officer determines there is no case to answer, the club requesting the investigation will receive a refund of the bond, less the Investigations Officer's fee for services.

- B) In cases where the investigations officer refers the matter to the League's Independent Tribunal, and a verdict of not guilty (or case not proven) is determined, the club requesting the investigation will receive a refund of the bond, less the Investigations Officer's fee for services.
- C) In cases where the Investigations Officer refers the matter to the League's Independent Tribunal and a guilty verdict is determined, the club requesting the investigation shall receive a full refund of \$800. The club of the player/official that has the guilty verdict applied to it shall be fined the amount of the Investigations Officer's fee for services. (in addition to any additional tribunal fine) which shall be used by the League for payment to the Investigations Officer for services.

Note: The above financial policy part (a) & (b) shall be applied in cases where the investigations officer fee does not exceed \$800. In extenuating circumstances (e.g. More difficult, complex or lengthy investigations) the Investigations officer may request an amount over and above \$800 which will be paid by the club requesting the investigation over and above the bond paid.

### 60 Order Off

- 60.1 A red card indicates the player is ordered off for the remainder of the match and is able to be replaced after 20 minutes of elapsed playing time from the resumption of the play after being ordered off.
- 60.2 A yellow card indicates the player is ordered off for 15 minutes of elapsed playing time from the resumption of the play after being ordered off and cannot be replaced within that time.

### 61 <u>Independent Tribunal</u>

- **61.1** The independent tribunal comprising up to 10 members shall be appointed by AFL Western District and the executive prior to the current season.
- 61.2 Three (3) members of such an independent tribunal shall form a quorum.
- 61.3 Nominations for membership of the independent tribunal shall be advertised and the names of intending nominees shall be forwarded to the league prior to the current season to be appointed by the executive.
- 61.4 The members of the independent tribunal shall not hold any other position of office in the league or an official position with a club affiliated with the league within a period of twelve (12) months prior to nomination.
- 61.5 The members of the independent tribunal shall not have been an AFL Victoria registered player within a period of twenty four (24) months prior to nomination.
- **61.6** Elected members of the independent tribunal shall receive the following prior to the current season.
- **61.6.1** league season pass including finals
- **61.6.2** AFL Victoria handbook
- **61.6.3** league handbook
- 61.7 The league's tribunal shall be held in the week following a round of matches at a venue and time determined by the league.

Order Of Proceedings;

Vision of the incident to be introduced only when requested by one of the participating parties. (Offended player, Charged Player, Tribunal Chairman, League Prosecutor)

Preliminary formalities will be conducted by the Tribunal Secretary prior to the hearing. (ie)

- o List names of all witnesses
- o Notify attendees who are comprising the Panel
- o Seek any objections to Panel members
- o Confirm Identification of all players and umpires concerned.
- o Ask the umpire if there are any amendments to his/her report.
- **61.8** Matters shall be referred to the independent tribunal as per AFL Victoria rule 7.0.

- **61.9** Any matter referred to the independent tribunal as per AFL Victoria rule 7.0 can be appealed as per AFL Victoria rule 8.0.
- **61.10** The league's tribunal shall consult with the league for interpretation of any AFL Victoria rule or league by law as required whether the tribunal hearing has commenced or not. The league may also request further interpretation of any AFL Victoria rule from AFL Victoria.
- 61.11 In the absence of a quorum at a hearing of the independent tribunal, any players charged shall be eligible to play for their club until the matter is heard and determined by the independent tribunal.
- **61.12** Where video evidence is available from HFNL authorised media outlet video production team, this evidence WILL be made available to the Tribunal to be reviewed as required.

### **Match Review Panel (MRP)**

The Match Review Panel shall have the power to lay a report following analysis of HFNL Official Game-Day footage that has been raised with the League from any club or Umpiring Association. The MRP shall follow AFL Victoria rules when laying a report from video footage. The HFNL shall provide an advocate to prosecute all MRP cases that have been referred to the tribunal and at no point shall a member of the MRP be present during a tribunal case. The two systems shall remain independent to each other. Where a Club or Umpire Association wishes to tender a Club/League authorised League video or non-authorised video as evidence in a case, the Club/Umpire Association must notify AFL Western District/HFNL no later than 10.00am on the Monday following that week's round and such video must be delivered to AFL Western District/HFNL no later than noon on day of the scheduled day of the Tribunal.

### 61.13 Match Review Panel (MRP)

Umpires may request a review of an incident during a period of the match ( authorised League video, Senior Football Matches only) when giving 'all clear'. Clubs will be advised verbally or shown a Written copy of the request at this time. Clubs may also make an official request to review specific incident/s of concern to the HFNL Administrator/ AFL Western District Tribunal Secretary by 10am the first working day after the match (all Club MRP requests will be charged at \$100. It will be at the HFNL discretion on whether a refund will be issued or passed onto the offended party). The AFL Western District MRP will view the relevant footage, and if deemed appropriate may lay a charge to be heard by the Independent Regional Tribunal or recommend a set penalty.

The MRP will also assess all reports Monday as received throughout the weekend and have the power to impose or amend penalties as they deem appropriate. This will include involvement in melees (if captured on vision). The MRP will have a "Grading of Offences" table and a "Melee Matrix" available as a guide when deliberating on relevant penalties, with the aim to create more consistency. The charged player may challenge the imposed set penalty at tribunal, but if found guilty by the tribunal panel will receive a penalty that is at a minimum that which was originally offered, and the club will be levied \$600. If a set penalty is applied or amended by the MRP, the charged player will have until 10.00am on that Tuesday (these times could be pushed out accordingly due to unforseen circumstances) to request the charge be heard at tribunal or the set penalty will apply as offered.

### **61.14 Set Sanctions**

If after the game the reporting umpire doesn't indicate on the player report sheet that the offence warrants a tribunal hearing, the offending player can defer his decision or choose to accept the prescribed penalty by signing the player report sheet in the space provided. The reporting umpire, the offending player and the offended player's club secretary all have until 12.00noon the first working day following the incident at the latest to inform the league that they wish the matter to be heard by a tribunal. If one party initially chooses the set sanction, they can change their decision within the time frame. If there is no official indication within the designated timeframe that a tribunal is required, the relevant set sanction will be applied.

### Personnel

Tribunal Chairperson - A professional Tribunal Chairman will possibly be paid an honorarium for his or her work specific to the Hampden Football Netball League.

- League Prosecutor A professional League Prosecutor who will possibly be paid an honorarium for his or her work specific to the Hampden Football Netball league.
- MRP The MRP will be made up of the following members: League nominated representative and two selected independent panel members.

### Levies

As set by AFL Western District on a yearly basis and provided to all Clubs and subject to change.

### **Tribunal Fees**

Player Reported sent directly to Tribunal and found guilty \$600

Player Reported sent directly to Tribunal and found not guilty No Charge

Investigations League/Club calling for investigation - refunded if not guilty - if opposition player is found guilty \$800. If a player/official being investigated is found guilty, \$800. If investigation exceeds reasonable time-limits TBC.

Set Penalty - Player accepts set penalty \$100 Contests set penalty \$600

MRP (HFNL Only) Accepts MRP decision - no involvement of Tribunal Sec. No charge Accepts MRP decision - involvement of Tribunal Sec. \$600

Contests MRP decision - involvement of Tribunal Sec. \$600

### 62 <u>Codes of Behaviour</u>

- 62.1 All players, coaches, team officials and spectators shall comply with AFL Victoria code of conduct and the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport.
- 62.2 Should any players, coaches, team officials and spectators fail to comply with AFL Victoria code of conduct and the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport the matter will be referred to the league's tribunal.

### 63 **Stretchers**

- **63.1** Each home club must ensure that an appropriate stretcher is placed at the interchange area.
- **63.2** Any club who fails to provide an appropriate stretcher may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 64 <u>Post Padding</u>

- 64.1 All football posts must be padded prior to the start of the first match of the competition day.
- 64.2 All football posts padding shall be a minimum of 2.5m high x 30cm wide
- **64.3** Failure to provide padding as required may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 65 **Ground Lighting**

**65.1** If natural light is deteriorating during a match, the two participating club coaches and officiating central umpires can agree to turn on ground lighting to assist with the natural light at the ground to allow the match to complete.

### 66 <u>De – Registration / Non – Registration Policy</u>

66.1 The league shall adhere to the AFL Victoria's de – registration policy.

### **On Field Communication Devices**

- 67.1 Listening / talking devices shall not be allowed to be used on the field during matches.
- 67.2 Should any club use listening / talking devices on the field during matches they may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

### 68 Melee

A melee is as defined in the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook as follows:

A Melee/Wrestle is defined as an incident involving persons who are grappling or otherwise struggling with one another, and which is likely to bring the game of Australian Football into disrepute or prejudice the interests or reputation of the Controlling Body. I

In determining if a Person's conduct constitutes Engaging in a Melee/Wrestle, the following factors will be considered:

- · (A) the duration the Person is involved in the Melee/Wrestle;
- · (B) the vigour applied by the Person;
- · (C) whether the Melee/Wrestle occurs at a break in play, particularly at quarter breaks and half time;
- (D) whether the Person contributed to an escalation of the Melee/Wrestle;
- and (E) the role of the Person (for example, Player or Football Official).

### Instigator of a Melee/Wrestle

Where a Person's conduct results in retaliatory action which leads to a Melee/Wrestle, that Person's conduct may constitute a Reportable Offence of Instigator of a Melee/Wrestle. The Reportable Offence of Instigator of Melee/Wrestle is separate to the Reportable Offence of Engaging in a Melee/Wrestle and a Person may be found guilty of both Reportable Offences.

Players involved in either instigating a melee or engaging in a melee, will be charged accordingly. In addition to the individual player reports, clubs will incur a financial penalty as well.

Financial Penalties would be as follows:

- Teams 1st Offence (in one season) \$250
- Teams 2nd Offence (in one season) \$500
- Teams 3rd Offence (in one season) \$750
- Teams 4th Offence (in one season) Decision referred to the HFNL Board.

### 69 <u>Live Scoring</u>

- 69.1 All senior football games must have scores entered live in real time on Play HQ.
- 69.2 Reserves and U18s are all required to be live scored at a minimum of quarter by quarter.
- 69.3 At the completion of each match scores must be correct and all goalkickers and best players entered and saved correctly.
- **69.4** Should you have connectivity issues with the Internet, please alert your League Operations staff ASAP.
- **69.5.** Clubs that do not comply with Live Scoring will incur a \$100 fine from the HFNL Executive.

### 70 Awards

### 70.1 Maskell Medal

- **70.1.1** an award known as the "Maskell Medal" shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the senior football competition
- **70.1.2** voting for such award shall made by the field umpires officiating each senior football competition match
- **70.1.3** the field umpires officiating each senior football competition match shall at the conclusion of the match select three (3) best and fairest players in the match
- **70.1.4** the three nominations shall then be awarded either three (3) votes, two (2) votes or one (1) vote on an official league vote card provided by the home club
- **70.1.5** the card is then placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the home club
- **70.1.6** at the end of the home & away season, the league shall tally all votes from each match
- **70.1.7** the player or players with the most votes shall be awarded the medal. In the case of two players receiving equal votes, joint winners shall be declared and separate medals shall be awarded to each player
- 70.1.8 the player or players who receive the second most votes shall be awarded the runners up medal
- **70.1.9** any player who has been found guilty of an offence during the home and away season shall not be eligible to win the medal

### 70.2 Lew Kelly Medal

- **70.2.1** an award known as the "Lew Kelly Medal" shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the reserves football competition
- **70.2.2** rules in relation to the Lew Kelly Medal shall be identical to by law 68.1

### 70.3 Judd Cup

- **70.3.1** an award known as the "Judd Cup" shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the under 18 football competition
- **70.3.2** rules in relation to the Judd Cup shall be identical to by law 68.1

### 70.4 Most Valuable Player

- **70.4.1** an award known as the "Most Valuable Player" shall be made each year to the best player or players in the senior football competition
- **70.4.2** voting for such award shall made by the opposing coach participating in each senior football competition match
- **70.4.3** the opposing coach participating in each senior football competition match shall at the conclusion of the match select three (3) best players in the match
- **70.4.5** the three nominations shall then be awarded either three (3) votes, two (2) votes or one (1) vote on an official league vote card provided by the home club
- **70.4.6** the card is then handed to the home club and placed in a sealed envelope
- 70.4.7 at the end of the home & away season, the league shall tally all votes from each match

**70.4.8** the player or players with the most votes shall be awarded the most valuable player award. In the case of two players receiving equal votes, joint winners shall be declared and separate awards shall be awarded to each player

### 70.5 Leading Goal Kicker

- **70.5.1** an award known as the "leading goal kicker" shall be made each year to the leading goal kicker in the senior, reserves and under 18 football competitions
- **70.5.2** the player or players with the most goals kicked shall be awarded the leading goal kicker award. In the case of two players kicking the most goals, joint winners shall be declared and separate awards shall be awarded to each player

### 70.6 Rising Star

- **70.6.1** An award known as the 'rising star' shall be made each year to the best under 21 player in the senior football competition.
- **70.6.2** The player or players with the most combined votes from both the Senior Football best and fairest and Most Valuable Player shall be awarded the rising star award. In the case of two players with the most votes, joint winners shall be declared, and separate awards shall be awarded to each player.
- **70.6.3** Players can only win the award once.

### 70.7 Richard Nixon Medal

**70.7.1** an award known as the "Richard Nixon Medal" shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Ground in the Senior Football match in the AFL Victoria Country Championships

### 70.8 Stephen Anderson Medal

**70.8.1** an award known as the "Stephen Anderson Medal" shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Ground in the Under 18 Football match in the AFL Victoria Country Championships

### 70.9 Ron Hoy Medal

**70.9.1** a medal known as the "Ron Hoy Medal" shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Ground in the Senior Football Grand Final by the central umpires.

### 70.10 Fred Bond Medal

**70.10.1** a medal known as the "Fred Bond Medal" shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Ground in the Reserve Football Grand Final by the central umpires.

### 70.11 Ted Parker Medal

**70.11.1** a medal known as the "Ted Parker Medal" shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Ground in the Under 18.5 Football Grand Final by the central umpires