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BY-LAWS

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This edition is valid for the 2019 Central Australian Football League Season and shall continue to be current until a new edition is released by AFL Northern Territory. These By-Laws are specific to the Central Australian Football League and are to be read in conjunction with the AFL Northern Territory Rules & Regulations.

Preamble

AFL Northern Territory (AFLNT) is responsible for the conduct of all competitions within the Northern Territory. These By-Laws are drafted and designed to provide direction for the administration of all Central Australian Football League Competitions And should be read in conjunction with the most recent version of the AFLNT Rules & Regulations

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1 Operation of By-Laws

1.1 Member Protection Policy

In these by-laws, unless a contrary meaning is required by the context, the operation of these by-laws is as listed in the AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

1.2 Amendments to 2018 Edition of CAFL By-Laws

1.2.1 AFLNT has made the following amendments to the CAFL By-Law for the operation of the Central Australian Football League:

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| (a) CAFL By-Law 3.7.1 (b) | Senior Women Playing Numbers |
| (b) CAFL By-Law 3.8 | Head-Counts |
| (c) CAFL By-Law 3.18 | Discretionary Clause for Community start times. |
| (d) CAFL By-Law 3.19 | One Team Runner per CAFL Team |
| (e) CAFL By-Law 5.2.2 | Minimum Age for Senior Women's Competition |
| (f) CAFL By-Law 10.1 | Auditory Offences |

2 Definitions

2.1 In these By-Laws, unless a contrary meaning is required by the context, definitions are as listed in the AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

3 Football Operations

3.1 Match Management

3.1.1 AFLNT and AFLNT affiliated clubs who manage home & away matches during an AFLNT administered competition are bound by these By-Laws.

3.1.2 AFLNT must nominate a match manager by 5pm on the Wednesday prior to hosting matches scheduled to be played at any venue managed by AFLNT.

3.1.3 AFLNT affiliated clubs must nominate an AFLNT accredited official to act as match manager by 5pm on the Wednesday prior to hosting matches scheduled to be played at that club's venue.

3.2 Match – Match Day Checklist (Insurance Requirements)

3.2.1 A JLT Match Day Checklist must be completed by the first two teams to compete on any oval at any venue scheduled for AFLNT administered competition matches (including club home games), prior to the commencement of that match:

- (a) The JLT Checklist may be completed by using the JLT 'App', in which case the completed checklist must be sent to aflnt.football@afl.com.au, or
- (b) The JLT Checklist may be completed by using the JLT 'book', in which case the completed checklist must be submitted with the match day paperwork for that venue.

3.3 Match - Team Sheets

3.3.1 Each team must submit a signed team sheet to the match manager, field umpire, time keepers and opposition team manager prior to the commencement of that team's match.

- (a) All team sheets (other than premier league) must be submitted fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the match they are participating in.

3.3.2 The team sheet must include:

- (a) The name (as registered on FootyWeb) and playing number of each player participating in that match
- (b) The name (as registered on FootyWeb) of the coach, all assistant coaches, runners, sports trainers, team manager (also known as steward) and water carriers participating in that match

3.3.3 The team manager may amend a team sheet prior to the commencement of a match if a player listed on the team sheet becomes injured or is medically unfit to play, provided;

- (a) The player who is being replaced on a team sheet leaves the playing arena and is not permitted to sit on the interchange bench during that match.
- (b) The team sheet cannot be amended after the sounding of the first warning siren for that match.
- (c) The team manager must notify the match manager of any change(s) to the team sheet;
 - a. Team sheets are not to be changed once submitted other than a change of player number in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
 - (d) If it is necessary to change a player's number during the course of a match, the team manager of that team must notify the match manager immediately.
 - (e) All persons entitled to a copy of the team sheet must be notified immediately of any changes.

3.4 Match - Time Keepers

3.4.1 Each club must appoint a time keeper for all matches in which it has a team participating unless notified that AFLNT has appointed official time keepers.

3.4.2 All time keepers must abide by the time keeper's instructions as listed in the AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

3.5 Competitions

3.5.1 AFLNT shall arrange and conduct competitions in the following grades:

- (a) Senior Men
- (b) Senior Women
- (c) Under 18 Boys
- (d) Under 15 Boys

3.5.2 AFLNT may arrange and conduct additional competitions subject to these By-Laws and to such other conditions as AFLNT determines from time to time.

- (a) In the event that an additional competition(s) is arranged, and conditions are not determined in advance by AFLNT, or do not adequately cover a range of unforeseen occurrences, the competition(s) will be subject to these By-Laws irrespective of the location and administration of the competition.
- (b) Additional competitions arranged by AFLNT must be entered on FootyWeb with team sheets and scores recorded on FootyWeb for each match played in that competition.

3.6 Competition - Footballs

3.6.1 Only AFLNT approved footballs are to be used for AFLNT administered matches (including club home games), as per AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

3.6.2 Size 5 leather footballs are to be used in all CAFL Under 15 Development League matches.

3.7 Competition - Playing Numbers

3.7.1 Teams competing in any AFLNT administered competition shall have no more than the following maximum number of players per team:

- (a) Senior Men:
22 (18 on field + 4 interchange)
- (b) Senior Women:
26 (16 on field + 10 interchange)
- (c) Senior Men Reserve Grade:
24 (18 on field + 6 interchange)
- (d) Senior Men Country League and Community Cup:
24 (18 on field + 6 interchange)
- (e) Youth Boys (U15 and U18):
24 (18 on field + 6 interchange)

3.8 Competition – Players Exceeding Permitted Number (Head-Counts)

- 3.8.1 Where a team has more than the permitted number of Players on the Playing Surface, the following shall apply:
- (a) A field umpire shall award a free kick to the captain or acting captain of the opposing team, which shall be taken at the centre circle or where play has stopped, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending team;
 - (b) A fifty-metre penalty shall then be imposed from the position where the free kick was awarded; and
 - (c) The team shall lose all points which it has scored in the quarter of the match in which the offence was detected.

3.9 Competition - Forfeitures

- 3.9.1 Clubs must notify AFLNT by 9am on the Friday of that scheduled round if that club is unable to field a team in any AFLNT administered competition and wishes to forfeit that match.
- 3.9.2 Where a club fails to notify the Football Operations Department as per these By-Laws, that club will incur the following match fee:
- (a) Senior Men's and Reserves: \$500
 - (b) All other grades: Double the allocated cost of umpire fees

3.10 Competition - Consequence of Forfeiture

- 3.10.1 Where a team forfeits a match AFLNT Rules & Regulations shall apply.

3.11 Competition – Consequence of Washed Out Matches

- 3.11.1 Where a match is deemed to be washed out, AFLNT Rules & Regulations shall apply.

3.14 Competition - Finals

- 3.14.1 The finals matches will be scheduled using the Finals Schedule as listed in the AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

3.15 Competition - Drawn Finals Matches

- 3.15.1 In any finals match where the scores are tied at the end of full time the AFLNT Rules & Regulations apply.

3.16 Scheduling

- 3.16.1 AFLNT will determine the schedule and fixture for all matches and reserve the right to reschedule matches as required.

3.17 Scheduling - Match Times and Duration

3.17.1 The duration of any match in which a team participates shall be:

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| (a) Senior Men: | 4 quarters of 23 minutes with no time on. |
| (b) Senior Women: | 4 quarters of 15 minutes with no time on. |
| (c) Senior Men Reserve Grade: | 4 quarters of 20 minutes with no time on. |
| (d) Country League: | 4 quarters of 20 minutes with no time on. |
| (e) Community Cup: | 4 quarters of 20 minutes with no time on. |
| (f) Under 18 Boys: | 4 quarters of 18 minutes with no time on. |
| (g) Under 15 Boys: | 4 quarters of 15 minutes with no time on. |

3.17.2 The AFLNT appointed match manager has discretionary authority to adjust match times and duration (other than Senior Men and Senior Women) to ensure Senior Men's and Senior Women's matches and other matches of interest commence on time.

3.18 Scheduling - Matches not Commenced or Incomplete

3.18.1 If a match cannot be commenced at the scheduled start time or having already commenced is unable to be completed within the time scheduled for that match for reasons other than a forfeit, AFLNT Rules & Regulations shall apply with the following exception:

- (a) The AFLNT appointed match manager has discretionary authority to adjust scheduled start times to accommodate unforeseen circumstances that may apply to teams traveling to or from remote localities from time to time.

3.19 Support Staff

3.19.1 CAFL Teams may appoint one (1) team runner only that can enter the field of play during a match that they are participating in.

- (a) All other rules regarding team runners apply in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

3.20 Rules – Send Off Rule

3.20.1 As per AFLNT Rules & Regulations

4 Club Requirements

4.1 Nominations - Teams

4.1.1 Clubs are required to nominate all teams they intend to enter in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.2 Nominations – Club Coaches

4.2.1 Clubs are required to nominate all coaches (including assistant coaches) for all teams entered in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.3 Nominations - Club Complaints Officer

4.3.1 Clubs shall appoint one or more Complaints Officers in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.4 Nomination – Club Tribunal Advocate

4.4.1 Clubs are required to nominate one or more Tribunal Advocates in accordance in the AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.5 Accreditation – Club Coaches

4.5.1 Coaches and assistant coaches who are not accredited at the commencement of a season are not permitted to coach a team in an AFLNT administered competition, as per AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.6 Player Registrations

4.6.1 Player registration is the sole responsibility of the Club, as per AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.7 Player & Club Cooperation

4.7.1 Players and officials must abide by the directions of an AFLNT appointed tribunal in accordance AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.8 Player & Club Officials - Change of Details

4.8.1 Clubs are permitted to change the details of a player or official in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.9 Club Colours, Uniforms and Logos

4.9.1 Each club must submit for AFLNT approval, the proposed design (including colours) of their playing uniform in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

5 Player Eligibility

5.1 Playing a Match

5.1.1 In determining how many matches a player has played for a club, a player on the team list and who is on the ground (including the interchange bench), in uniform, is deemed to have played that match.

5.2 Age and Gender Qualifications

5.2.1 Each participating player in Senior Men's Competition (including Reserves, Country League and Community Cup) must be:

- (a) at least 15 years of age at the time of playing; and
- (b) male.

5.2.2 Each participating player in the Senior Women's Competition must be:

- (a) at least 15 years of age at the time of playing; and
- (b) female

5.2.3 Each participating player in Under 18 Grade must be:

- (a) at least 14 years of age at the time of playing;
- (b) less than 18 years of age on 30 June of the previous season/year (For the 2019 Season, players must have been born on or after 1 July 2000);
- (c) male

5.2.4 Each participating player in Under 15 must be:

- (a) at least 12 years of age, based on 1 January each year;
- (b) less than 15 years of age on 30 June of the previous season/year. (For the 2019 Season, players must have been born on or after 1 July 2003 and before 31 December 2006);
- (c) male

5.3 Player Eligibility – All Matches

5.3.1 Player eligibility apply in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

5.4 Player Eligibility - Finals Matches

5.4.1 A player is eligible to play in a finals match for the Club with which they are registered, provided that player has played a minimum of three (3) home & away matches for that same Club; and the Senior team remains in the finals.

5.4.2 If the Senior team are not in the finals, a player is eligible to play in a finals match for the team with which they are registered, provided that player has played a minimum of three (3) home & away matches for that same team.

5.5 Unregistered, Overage or Ineligible Player

5.5.1 A club which permits an unregistered, overage or ineligible player to participate in a match will be deemed to have forfeited that match.

5.6 Player Eligibility Disputes

5.6.1 Disputes regarding player eligibility are not to be addressed by Match Managers on match day.

5.6.2 Any dispute regarding player eligibility will only be addressed once a complaint has been lodged in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

6 Transfers and Permits

6.1 As per AFLNT Rules & Regulations

6.2 Match Day Permits

6.2.1 Match Day Permits are not to be used in CAFL Competitions.

6.2.2 Where a Match Day Permit is used, the team initiating the Match Day Permit will be deemed to have forfeited that match.

6.3 Student Permits

6.3.1 Student Permits apply in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

6.4 Country League and Community Cup Permits

6.4.1 A player registered with a Country League or Community Cup Club, may enter into an agreement with a CAFL Club at the discretion of AFLNT.

6.4.2 A copy of the player permit must be submitted to the Football Operations Department within ten (10) days of its execution.

6.4.3 A Country League or Community Cup player may only be included in one (1) player permit at any given time.

6.4.4 Once a player permit has been lodged with the Football Operations Department, it will be considered valid unless revoked by AFLNT.

6.4.5 Once the agreement is in place, a permit must be initiated by the destination Club, by logging into FootyWeb and submitting a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit Application.

6.4.6 No more than twelve (12) player permits are allowed at any CAFL Club in any one season.

6.4.7 The Club may utilise these permit players at their own discretion on any given weekend, provided they do not exceed the twelve (12) player permits.

6.4.8 Any Club wishing to transfer a permitted player, must complete and lodge an Application to Transfer Permit form.

6.4.9 Any Club found to have breached these By-Laws will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and will be dealt with in accordance with AFLNT By-Laws.

7 Representative Teams

7.1 **As per AFLNT Rules & Regulations**

8 National Policies and Guidelines

8.1 **As per AFLNT Rules & Regulations**

9 Appeals, Complaints and Deferrals

9.1 **As per AFLNT Rules & Regulations**

10 Special Provision

10.1 Auditory Offences (Abuse)

10.1.1 In addition to grading classifiable offences in accordance with the State and Territory Tribunal Guidelines, in the case of Auditory Offences, the umpire may grade the offence in accordance with the following matrix:

Comments Were	Comments Directed	Conduct	Base Sanction	Early Plea
Loud (Could be heard more than 50 metres away)	At Umpire	Threat	Tribunal	N/A
		Abusive/Obscene	4 matches	3 matches
		Insulting	3 matches	2 matches
	At Another Person	Threat	Tribunal	N/A
		Abusive/Obscene	3 matches	2 matches
		Insulting	2 matches	1 match
Medium (Could be heard 10 to 50 metres away)	At Umpire	Threat	Tribunal	N/A
		Abusive/Obscene	3 matches	3 matches
		Insulting	2 matches	1 match
	At Another Person	Threat	3 matches	2 matches
		Abusive/Obscene	2 matches	1 match
		Insulting	1 match	Reprimand
Low (Could be heard less than 10 metres away)	At Umpire	Threat	Tribunal	N/A
		Abusive/Obscene	3 matches	2 matches
		Insulting	2 matches	1 match
	At Another Person	Threat	3 matches	2 matches
		Abusive/Obscene	2 matches	1 match
		Insulting	1 match	Reprimand
Threat/Obscene: If player unrepentant add 1 match to Base Sanction and Early Plea				
<p>Auditory Definitions:</p> <p>Threatening; displaying an intention to cause bodily harm or causing someone to feel vulnerable or at risk.</p> <p>Obscene/Abusive; extremely offensive, foul or disgusting</p> <p>Insulting; disrespectful or scornfully abusive</p>				