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***By-Laws***

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# LEAGUE AFFILIATION

* 1. The Great Southern Football League (GSFL) is an affiliated member to Country Football Western Australia (CFWA) and is bound by the CFWA’s Rules and Regulations for the management of Country Football Competitions. This includes the use of the CFWA’s Match Day Paperwork processes.
  2. TheGSFL utilises the Australian Football League’s (AFL) Annual Laws document to set the rulings for its competitions.

# RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall in all respects be responsible for and have control of the following:

* 1. The development of specific rules (by-laws) and policy for governing the Association, outside of the CFWA.
  2. The setting and prescription of all entrance fees for Association matches.
  3. The football season shall commence on such date and continue for such period as the Directors shall from time to time decide.
  4. Make determinations regarding the eligibility of players within the Association.
  5. Handle all protests, tribunals and disputes for the Association.
  6. Organise and participate in all representative opportunities as deemed appropriated by the Association.
  7. Establish sub-committees to handle opportunities, situations and projects as it deems relevant.
  8. Ensure all Affiliated Clubs are covered under the AFL’s Club Insurance Policy. The Association accepts no responsibility for the loss of wages, medical expenses, time off work or any other relevant cost due to injury sustained by a person whilst playing or training for a club or Association.
  9. The Directors may from time to time make, give, amend, alter, revise, rescind, revoke or repeal directions, or instruction to members, clubs, officials, or other person under the control of the League for the control or further control, development, discipline, behaviour, safety, advancement, enhancement, sponsorship, publicity, and general well-being of players of the game of football, officials, members, members of clubs, children, spectators and the general public, and any matters or things generally relating thereto, and may further direct that any wilful alleged breach, disobedience, neglect or disregard of any such direction or instruction shall be referred to the Protests and Disputes Tribunal for adjudication and penalty as may be necessary.
  10. At such times as it may be desirable or convenient to restrict the geographical area in which football is played, the Directors may define and delineate districts and the boundaries thereof and may alter or vary such districts or add new districts.
  11. The League shall control all grounds through appointed officers from each club who shall be known as ‘Ground Managers’ and who will be responsible for the employment and control of all match officials and the proper conduct of the match and all matters relating thereto.
  12. The League shall appoint a committee of three to select all League representative sides, and shall also appoint the Coach, Captain, Vice-Captain, Manager and Officials. The manager so appointed shall have power to report players for breaches of rules.
  13. The League shall in all respects be responsible for and have control of the following matters and things:­
      1. The setting and prescription of all entrance fees payable by members of the public to a club's home matches.
      2. The setting and prescription of all entrance fees payable by members of the public to finals matches.
      3. The receipt of all entrance fees payable by members of the public to finals matches, inter-League or inter Association matches and demonstration matches, provided that the League may in its absolute discretion enter into and become a party to any contract or special arrangement with any person or association or other League for the division of such entrance fees.
      4. Payments by way of remuneration or salary or otherwise to coaches, players, runners or officials in respect of any inter ­League or inter Association matches.
      5. Payments by way of remuneration or salary or otherwise to field umpires, boundary umpires or goal umpires rendering service in respect of finals' matches, and inter League or inter Association matches.
      6. Payment of all income tax or other government (whether federal, state or local) levies received from clubs or due in respect of any payment made by the League by way of salary or remuneration or otherwise.
      7. The amounts to be paid by way of remuneration to all field umpires, boundary umpires of goal umpires in any match and to all such umpires and officials employed by the League in respect of any match, inter League or inter Association match, or any other event organised and controlled by the League.

1. **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CLUB**
   1. Every Club upon admission to the League shall apply for and obtain permission of the Directors to use the colours uniform and design under which the Club proposes to play and the same when approved by the League shall be registered by the General Manager of the League.
      1. Any club desiring to vary or alter its colours, uniform or design shall first apply for and obtain the permission of the Directors to make such variation or alteration and when approved the same shall be registered by the General Manager of the League provided always that notice of such change of colours or alteration of design is given to the League not later than the first day of November in the preceding year to that in which such change is to be effected.
      2. Registration of such colours, uniform and design by Clubs shall give such Clubs the exclusive right to such colours uniform and design against any other club subsequently attempting to register the same colours in uniform and design.
   2. Each Club shall in all respects but subject to any direction given to it by the League, be responsible for, and have control of payments and receipts and all financial matters and things relating to or concerning all:
      1. Home and away football matches, including all practice matches, all qualifying round matches, all finals matches and all inter-League matches,
      2. Payments by way of remuneration or salary or otherwise to coaches, players, runners or any official,
      3. Payments by way or remuneration or salary or otherwise to field umpires, boundary umpires or goal umpires rendering service to a home club in respect of any home match or game.
      4. Payment of all income tax or other government (whether federal, state or local) taxes or levies to the League.
      5. Receipts of all public entrance fees to the grounds for home matches
      6. Payments of all rents of grounds and club premises used by a club for home matches
      7. Such other receipts and payments as the League may from time to time declare to be the responsibility of a Club or Clubs.

# PERMIT / PLAYER POINTS VALUE COMMITTEE

* 1. The Permit / PPV Committee will comprise of the GSFL Board of Directors.
  2. The GSFL Board of Directors shall exercise the following functions:­
     1. Hear and determine all applications relating to the transfer of a player from one club to another club (whether in this League or any other League or Association).
     2. Hear any question relating to the right or qualifications of any person to play with any particular club.
     3. Hear and determine any challenge relating to the Player Point Value allocated by the League to a player to play in any League team with any particular club.
     4. Such other business as may be delegated from time to time by the Directors.
  3. The Committee may as it deems fit, delegate the performance of all or any of its functions to the Registrar of the League.
  4. For player transfers, refer to CFWA Rules and Regulations 2.7 and 2.8.

# MATCHES

* 1. No club which is a member of the League shall play any match without the sanction of the Directors.
  2. At all matches played in the League competition unless otherwise specially arranged a siren or other approved device shall be sounded at 5 minutes before the advertised starting time and the game shall be started at the advertised starting time and the siren or other approved device shall be again sounded at the proper time for the termination of the match.
  3. If any club is not ready to start to play within 10 minutes after the time fixed for the commencement of the game or to re-commence play within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the second quarter, such club shall forfeit the match unless the Directors shall be satisfied that the delay was unavoidable.
  4. In the event of any disagreement between the two timekeepers as to the length or variation of the time of any quarter such dispute shall in the case of the first or second quarters be reported to the field umpire at the half time interval and in the case of the third or fourth quarters it shall be reported at the conclusion of the game. The field umpire shall note such disagreement in his report to the League. Such report shall be referred to the next meeting of the Directors and in the event of a protest on the result of the match on the ground of an error in timekeeping a copy of the report will be made available to the Protests and Disputes Tribunal.
  5. Any club may protest the result of a match to the Protests and Disputes Tribunal on the ground that the result was affected by an error in timekeeping. The Protests and Disputes Tribunal may confirm the result of the match or may award it to the losing club. In the event of the Tribunal awarding the match to the losing club the total points scored by both teams shall stand and count in the general percentages.
  6. Where a team forfeits a match; the full match Premiership points shall be awarded to the team receiving the forfeit. The team receiving the forfeit shall be credited with the average number of points scored against the forfeiting team in that season up to the date of the forfeit and debited with the average number of points scored by the forfeiting team up to the date of the forfeit. The forfeiting team shall be debited with the average number of points scored against, it up to the date of the forfeit and credited with the average number of points it has scored up to that date.
  7. Where a match result is altered on a protest, the team winning the protest shall be awarded the full Premiership points. Points scored "for and against" in such match will be recorded as usual for both teams.
  8. No club shall abstain from playing any matches without first obtaining the permission of the Directors.

# PREMIERSHIP

* 1. The GSFL Operations Manager shall arrange and submit for the approval of the Directors the programme of Premiership matches to be played by the clubs in each year. Such programme shall consist of a Qualifying series and a Finals series.
  2. In the Qualifying round of matches each club will play against each of the other clubs as many matches as the programme will permit. Four points shall be counted for a win and two points for a draw. In the event of any club gaining the same number of points at the conclusion of the Qualifying round the position of such clubs shall be determined by the proportion of points kicked for and against.
  3. The Finals series of matches shall commence after the Qualifying series has been concluded; and shall consist of four matches to be played between the four clubs leading at the conclusion of the Qualifying series. The draw of such Finals round shall be as follows:

# FINALS

FINAL ROUND MATCHES

* 1. In all grades the format shall be:
     1. 1st SEMI FINAL (Elimination Final): The team qualifying in 3rd place to play the team qualifying in 4th place.
     2. 2nd SEMI FINAL (Qualifying Final): The team qualifying in 1st place to play the team qualifying in 2nd place.
     3. PRELIMINARY FINAL: The winner of the 1stSEMI FINAL shall meet the loser of the 2ndSEMI FINAL
     4. GRAND FINAL: The winner of the 2nd SEMI FINAL shall meet the winner of the PRELIMINARY FINAL.
  2. VENUES: Venues are determined by the placings / results in League matches.
     1. 1st Semi Final at home of League team qualifying in 3rd place.
     2. 2nd Semi Final at home of the League team qualifying in 1st place.
     3. Preliminary Final at home of the League team losing the 2nd Semi Final.
  3. GRAND FINAL will be held on rotation in the following order:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **MEN** | | **WOMEN** | |
| 2023 | Sounness | 2028 | McLean |
| 2024 | Retravision AL | 2023 | Retravision RO |
| 2025 | Tigerland | 2024 | Sounness |
| 2026 | McLean | 2025 | Collingwood |
| 2027 | Retravision RO | 2026 | Retravision AL |
| 2028 | Collingwood | 2027 | Tigerland |

The winner of such Grand Final match shall be the Premiers for that season. The League on a two-thirds majority under special circumstances shall have the right to change the venue of all or any of the final round games.

* 1. In the event of a drawn match in any Final round then a period of extra time shall be played to determine a winner. The extra time shall consist of 10 minutes plus time on, played in two halves of 5 minutes each way until a result is reached.
  2. At the conclusion of the season the position of the clubs shall be determined as follows:­
  3. The clubs playing off for the Premiership in the Grand Final shall be placed first and second respectively. The loser of the Preliminary Final shall be placed third. The loser of the First Semi Final shall be placed fourth. The other clubs shall be placed according to their relative positions on the Premiership list at the conclusion of the first round of matches.

# UMPIRES

* 1. The League shall exercise the function and discharge the duties of an Umpires Board and shall appoint an Umpires Adviser who shall be responsible for:
     1. Appoint and control all umpires for matches played under the jurisdiction of the League and fix the remuneration to be paid to such Umpires.
     2. Deal with all applications for the position of Umpire submitted to the League and select there from a panel of Umpires.
     3. Maintain a register of all umpires.
     4. Appoint an Umpires’ Advisor.
     5. Supervise, through the Umpires’ Advisor, the training and coaching of Umpires.
  2. No field umpire for matches played in League competitions shall be eligible to play with any club during the season for which he has received payment.
  3. An umpire must note any of the following on the match report:
     1. Use of a stretcher.
     2. Serious Injury or incident that stops play.
     3. Head count.
     4. Serious acts of misconduct (either on or off field) either witnessed or suspected.
     5. Melee(s).
     6. Poor spectator behaviour.
     7. Red/Yellow Cards.
     8. Timekeeper disputes.
  4. Field umpires shall lodge with the Ground Manager immediately after the match, a report in writing containing the following particulars:­
     1. The time when the match was commenced.
     2. The final scores and such other information as is required on the form of the umpire's report prescribed for same.
     3. Such other remarks and observations as the Umpire may think proper to report.
     4. The carrying out of the duties as to reporting players in accordance with the Laws of the game.
     5. Any dispute reported to him regarding the correctness of the time interval of any quarter or start or finish of any quarter.

1. **RESERVES, COLTS AND SIXTEENS COMPETITIONS**
   1. The League shall have the power to conduct a Reserves, Colts and Sixteens competition. The Colts and Sixteens shall be a restricted age competition. The age eligibility for the Colts and Sixteens shall be set by the League. The League may at their discretion, set guidelines or rules for the playing of over-age players.
      1. All Under 19 Colts and younger competitions sanctioned by the League are bound by the CFWA’s Junior Club Manual and Policies with the exception of the amendments outlined in the Colts & Sixteens By-Laws.
      2. Colts Cut-Off Date (2024 Season) – 30th June 2006 – player cannot turn 18 years of age on or before 30th June 2024.
      3. Sixteens Cut-Off Date (2024 Season) – 30th June 2008 – player cannot turn 16 years of age on or before 30th June 2024.
   2. **Over-Age Players - Requirements:**
      1. Colts Cut-Off Date (2024 Season) – 30th June 2005 – player cannot turn 19 years of age on or before 30th June 2024.
      2. Sixteens Cut-Off Date (2024 Season) – 30th of June 2007 – player cannot turn 17 years of age on or before 30th June 2024.
      3. Clubs are to make written application and complete an Over Age Player Application (Form OUA) to the League when seeking to play an overaged player in their Colts or Sixteens Teams.
      4. All applications for an Over Age Player (either Colts or Sixteens) lodged via Form OUA will be considered by the Board at the next monthly meeting of the Board. The decision will be provided to the Club in writing within 48 hours of the decision being made.
      5. The League reserves the right to withdraw approval for player(s) to continue to play as an overaged player in the Colts or Sixteens Competition.
      6. Reported: any over age player playing in the Colts or Sixteens Competition placed on report (Tribunal Charge) who accepts an automatic suspension or is found guilty of the charge will automatically be disqualified from continuing to participate in the Colts or Sixteens Competition for that season.
      7. Any overage player who receives 3 yellow cards or 2 red cards during the season will automatically be disqualified from continuing to participate in the Colts or Sixteens Competition for that season.
      8. Awards: All over age Colts and over age Sixteens players will be ineligible for all Awards.
      9. Umpire Voting: Umpires will allocate votes in normal manner and will not be required to identify Over Aged player/s from the playing group.
      10. The Number of Over Age players that are entitled to be listed on a Colts or Sixteens Team Sheet shall be restricted to a maximum of two (2) players. Unless approved otherwise by the League.
      11. League Game: Once an over aged player has played a GSFL League Game the player will no longer qualify to play in the Colts or Sixteens restricted Aged Competition for the remainder of the current season, including finals.
      12. New Player: Where a Club is seeking consideration for a NEW player application to play as an over aged player the Club must have the written application with the GSFL General Manager, 72 hours prior to start of the Colts or Sixteens game.
      13. Contravention of Overaged Player Regulations: The League will determine penalties that will apply where a club has been found to contravene the Rules & Regulations for playing an over aged Colts or Sixteens player.
      14. These Rules & Regulations for Over Aged Colts and Sixteens Players shall apply only for the current GSFL Season.
      15. Approved Overage players must:
          1. Be identified as such on the Team sheet.
          2. Are to start from the bench.
          3. Wear green arm band.
          4. Will be subject to review with respect to game domination.
          5. Are not to play to the exclusion of bona fide grade players.
          6. Underage wear white or other distinctive colour shorts.
   3. **Match times** will be determined by the League. Players are to remain on the ground during all breaks unless it is adjudged by the field umpires that it is not safe to do so.
      1. Sixteens will play four 18-minute quarters with no time on.
      2. Colts will play four 20-minute quarters with no time on.
   4. **The teams** shall consist of 12-18 players on the field of play at any one time and up to six (6) interchange players.
      1. In the Sixteens competition a greater number of interchange players may be agreed to by both competing clubs.
      2. Each team is to field the same number of players on the ground at any given time during the game. For example, if one team has 18 players (and no interchange players are available) on the field and a player is injured and unable to continue, then the opposing side must remove one player so that each team has an equal number of players on the ground.
         1. A team captain may not call for a player count until the injured player is replaced.
      3. If a player receives a red or yellow card then the opposition team does not have to remove a player to even up the playing numbers.
      4. No Sixteens player can play at Sixteens level and then at a higher level in the same round if there are other Sixteens players who have missed out playing a game during that round.
   5. A Colts or Sixteens team may apply to Permit player(s) from the opposing Colts or Sixteens Team where appropriate due to insufficient playing numbers, with the aim of ensuring all players are given the maximum available playing time.
      1. Where permits are implemented for the player to play the full match for the opposition team the Permit shall be by way of Game Day Permit which will appear as such on the team sheet ready to be handed to the officiating Ground Manager prior to the start of the Colts or Sixteens Game.
      2. While PlayHQ is incapable of managing quarter by quarter permits, players who are changing throughout the match are to be manually listed on the team sheet ready to be handed to the officiating Ground Manager prior to commencement of play.
      3. Where players are permitted under this rule, any votes received as such will be awarded to the player under their original club.
      4. Clubs who do not follow the rule of lending and borrowing players in the Colts or Sixteens competition may be subject to a fine of up to $500. If a Colts team cannot field a side for any home and away season game; the Coach that cannot field a full team is to contact the Coach of the opposing team to make arrangements to borrow players for the match no later than Friday evening of the round in question.

# PLAYER POINTS VALUE SYSTEM

HOW POINTS ARE ALLOCATED

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| **1 Point** | * Club of Origin player - A player’s Club of Origin is defined as the Club which is recognised to be their ‘primary development’ Club. Consideration of Club of Origin would be determined by the player’s parents’ residence, where he/she played junior football (and subsequent time spent there) and the Club that last cleared the player to the WAFL or another competition. Any transfers under the term ‘Club of Origin’ shall be subject to the approval of that League. * Hasn’t played anywhere for 3 or more full football seasons (36 months) |
| **2 Point** | * Senior Community – **Reserves / Colts** * A player who has played the above at an interstate equivalent * Non-aligned Juniors |
| **3 Point** | * Senior Community – **League** * WAFL - **Colts** * A player who has played the above at an interstate equivalent |
| **4 Point** | * WAFL – **Reserves** (10 or more games in a season in previous 5 years) * A player who has played the above at an interstate equivalent * Vic 1 Premier Divisions |
| **5 Point** | * WAFL – **League** * A player who has played the above at an interstate equivalent. This excludes the NTFL (If a CFWA player participates in the NTFL, in what is the CFWA off-season, and then returns to play with a CFWA club the following year, their points value does not change). |
| **6 Point** | * AFL – (1 game in previous 5 years) |

**Initial Allocation** - A player will be graded at the highest points value that they have achieved in the previous 5 years where they have played 5 or more games at that level in a season, unless they either:

* Haven’t played football for three seasons
* Received a PPV reduction through loyalty for their club

e.g. When allocating for the 2024 season, allocation based on highest level of playing experience in between 2019 – 2023 (inclusive) seasons where that player has played 5 or more games.

PLAYER POINTS REDUCTION – REWARDING LOYALTY

For players who are valued at more than 1 point and remain at the club will reduce by one point for each season, beginning in their third consecutive season at the club.

*(Example 1)*

A 5-point ex WAFL League player will reduce to a;

* 4-point player in his 3rd season
* 3-point player in his 4th season
* 2-point player in his 5th season

*(Example 2)*

A 3-point Senior Community League player will reduce to a;

* 2-point player in his 3rd season
* 1-point player in his 4th season

PLAYER POINTS REDUCTION – 5 YEARS SINCE HIGHEST LEVEL (NOT LOYALTY APPLICABLE)

A player will be graded at the highest points value that they have achieved in the previous 5 years where they have played 5 or more games at that level in a season.

*(Example)*

A 5-point WAFL League Player who last played 7 WAFL League games in season 2017 and has since played ‘A Grade PFL’ in 2018-22 would be valued a 5-point player if he transfers in during seasons 2018, 19, 20, 21, 22. If transferring in during season 2023 he will have a player points rating of 3 given in line with that of a PFL A Grade Player.

\*The player will also receive a points deduction for club loyalty should they remain at a particular club for three or more seasons. Club loyalty reductions are only applicable at the club that he receives them.

NUMBER OF POINTS PER CLUB

The number of points per club is to be set by the League at the end of the previous season. The League can set alternative PPV caps for each club to address inequities within the competition and to create as even a competition as possible.

When considering differing Player Points Budget allocations per club the league should take into consideration;

* Team performance in the season recently concluded.
* Team success/overall performance in previous five seasons.
* Community population size.

CHALLENGING A PLAYER’S POINT ALLOCATION

If a player disputes the League’s ruling, they can appeal through the Registrar to the GSFL Board of Directors who will make a final decision regarding the player’s Club of Origin claims.

IMPLEMENTATION - PlayHQ

A list of the "player points" for each player at a club who played senior grade (either league or reserves) in the previous/current season. The list will be updated as new players come to the club, or existing players play league for the first time.

Every player that is currently a member of, or transfers into, a club will be allocate a Player Point Value on their PlayHQ profile by a league administrator.

The league can ensure clubs do not exceed their Player Point ceiling by;

* Setting a team cap ceiling within the competition configuration.
* Modifying PlayHQ team sheets to include PPV that are unable to be submitted should a team list exceed their allocated amount.
* Add a minimum number of players allowed to prevent clubs playing with fewer numbers to maximise the points they can utilise (ie fit more players with higher points by playing one or two less players)

PENALTIES

If a club wins the game and is found to have exceeded the points limit;

* Loss of premiership points.
* Credited with "no score" and debited with the full score of their opponents.
* Fined $250.

Their opponents will receive the premiership points and credited and debited with the full scores as registered for the game.

If the club loses the game and is found to have exceeded the points limit:

* Fined $250
* Credited with "no score" and debited with the full score of their opponents.

Their opponents will be credited and debited with the full scores as registered for the game.

ADDITIONAL GSFL BY-LAWS ENDORSED BY CLUBS

1. GSFL has endorsed the amended CFWA PPV 6 Point Template.
2. In season 2024 Albany FC as 2023 premiers will have 30 points, plus 4 concessional points.
3. Railways FC as runners-up will have 31 points.
4. Royals, finishing third, will have 32 points.
5. Mount Barker, fourth, will have 34 points plus 10 concessional points.
6. North Albany FC will have 36 points.
7. Denmark-Walpole FC will have 38 points, plus 10 concessional points.
8. Any player transferring from Denmark Walpole or Mount Barker Football Clubs to any other GSFL affiliated football club including between those two clubs will attract a PPV of 4 with the exception of a player who qualifies for club of origin status attracting a PPV of 1.
9. The proposal will be reviewed and reassessed at the end of each season to ensure its success by all member clubs.
10. Decisions handed down from previous versions of these by-laws will not be eligible for retrospective review.

That all six teams within GSFL work together to remain competitive and viable to ensure the competition’s longevity.

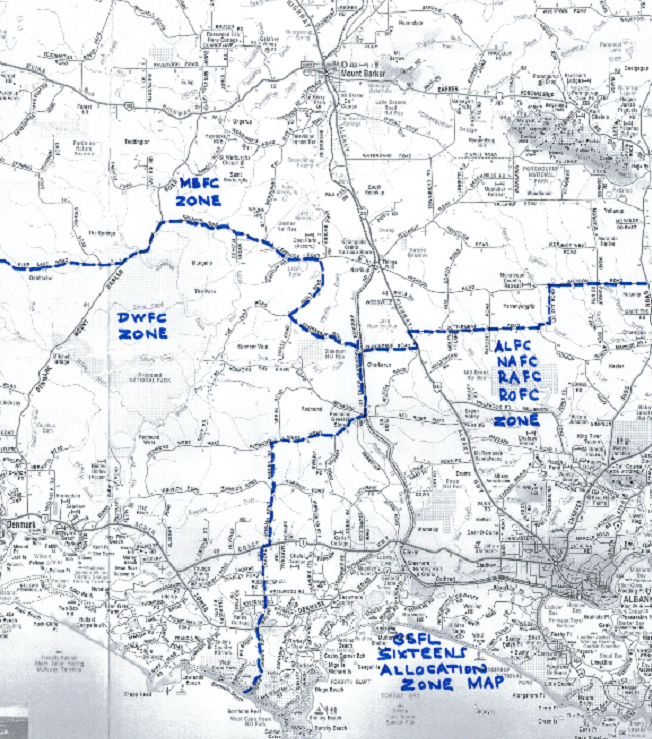
# GSFL FINALS ELIGIBILITY BY-LAWS

* 1. Refer CFWA Rules and Regulations 2.23 and sub-clauses.
  2. Semi Finals are to be deemed as one fixture, whether the 1st Semi-final and 2nd Semi-finals are on the same day, Saturday/Sunday of same weekend or split between different weekends.
  3. Clubs may appeal, in writing, to the League under extenuating circumstances.
     1. Any appeal is to be in the hands of the General Manager by noon on Tuesday preceding the intended finals match, giving Directors reasonable time to consider, collaborate and decide, eg:-
        1. Mid-season transferees transferred within CFWA By-Laws.
        2. Long term injuries – meaning 8 or more fixtured match dates.
     2. All appeals must be accompanied by documentation sufficient for Directors to make sound judgements.
     3. Submission by email is likely to be the most time effective method.
     4. Any GSFL decision on any appeal is final.

GSFL SIXTEENS COMPETITION ALLOCATION PROCESS (CAP)

ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

1. The Allocation Committee is comprised of two nominees from each member club and League appointed representatives. The committee may meet prior to the new allocation season to review players and rules. The League appointee will have a deciding vote where any committee decision is tied. Denmark-Walpole and Mount Barker may participate at their discretion. Any alterations are to be regarded as recommendations for League endorsement or otherwise.
   1. Prior to the first allocation meeting, SDJFA will be asked to provide PlayHQ details and initial ratings of those new season Year 9 players who qualify for allocation, ranging from 5 to 1 indicating their stage of football development in accordance with “Allocation Guide” hereunder. A committee comprising one representative from each club participating in the CAP, SDJFA and an independent chairperson will meet approximately one week prior to the CAP meeting, to review and finalise ratings. From and including 2022, ratings will be assessed by a committee comprising one representative from each participating club and SDJFA Under 14’s coaches with the resulting ratings list being provided immediately thereafter to the League.
   2. An initial letter of introduction and brief explanation of the CAP process will be sent to prospective players once names and ratings have been provided to the League by the SDJFA. Invitation letters will be sent via email to prospective players by the League mid-January to reach players by end of school holidays for return to League early February. First allocation meeting will be scheduled for mid-February with a copy of nomination forms to be issued to allocated club within a week following the meeting. Clubs are to contact allocated players and arrange online transfer through PlayHQ from SDJFA or elsewhere.
   3. Applications/submissions shall be accepted by the League weekly once the CAP meeting has been finalised. The first allocations will be finalised the Wednesday week, 12pm, after the CAP meeting. From there, applications/submissions submitted weekly Wednesday 12.01pm to the following Wednesday 12pm, through to June 30. Applications/submissions are allocated in chronological order of receipt by the League Registrar as per the CAP sequence. Clubs are to produce evidence of father/son, brother/sister, brother/brother and mother/son or anomalies for application. Club delegates are to vote on anomalies and if tied, the Chairperson has the final vote with the club making the application to abstain from voting.
   4. All players to be eligible for allocation must have been identified and rated prior to commencement of the first allocation round meeting. Those transferring in from a League other than the SDJFA within the appropriate transfer / registration By-Laws and Regulations will be available for allocation to the next club in the pick rotor until allocated.
   5. Definition:
      1. A Rookie player is a person who has not played AFL Rules at any level (previous season Year 5 and above) at any time prior to the CAP. Maximum 2 per team.
   6. The CAP will include the following:
      1. All players making application to join the CAP including new Club Sourced Rookies (CSR) rated 4 or 5 by the CAP committee prior to commencement of each CAP round.
   7. League Directives:
      1. Any directive from the League must be adhered to by the allocation committee.
   8. Allocations regarding Father/Son where either plays or has played at the preferred club are preferential picks with that club having first opportunity. In the case of Father/Son the Father must have played for a minimum of 60 Sixteens, Colts, Reserves or League games at the nominated club. Allocations regarding Mother/Son where either plays or has played at the preferred club are preferential picks with that club having first opportunity. In the case of Mother/Son, the mother must have played a minimum of 35 club games at the nominated club. Allocations regarding Sister/Brother Brother/Brother where either plays or has played at the preferred club are preferential picks with that club having first opportunity. In the case of Sister/Brother, the sister must have played a minimum of 25 club games at the nominated club. Official club records may be requested to verify number of games played until such time as the PlayHQ record covers all circumstances. Failure to provide such record before the CAP will result in Father/Son, Mother/Son, Brother/Brother or Sister/Brother qualifications being voided. Official club committee roles with minimum 5 years’ service may be considered by the League.
   9. The rating points allocation system is applied to any allocation player or players transferring between clubs which by age definition qualify to be eligible to play Sixteens.
   10. The balancing of points and player numbers are to be fair for all clubs with the objective of keeping the Sixteens competition even, rather than considering the immediate effect on other divisions. It is considered that other divisions will benefit over time. The League may at its own discretion, approve other priority picks.
   11. Clubs which have allocated players who play no games at all and aren’t replaced during the season will not be credited to the new season.
   12. Non-complying clubs or clubs which have not abided by the GSFL Sixteens Competition Allocation Process (CAP) may at the League’s discretion, receive penalties such as loss of match points from games in which they were proven to be non-compliant, and monetary fines of up to $500.
   13. A Zoning structure map forms part of these guidelines for reference during the allocation process to delineate the catchment boundaries between Denmark Walpole, Mount Barker and the Albany based clubs.



* 1. Player assessment - All players will be rated on a points system depending on their stage of development as footballers. Rating points are to be allocated on a 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis using the allocation guide. Ratings will be provided by the SDJFA or other Junior League should the player be transferring in.

ALLOCATION PROCESS

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| **ALLOCATION GUIDE** | |
| **5 Points** | A player who has good balls skills and can play in a prominent position on the field and can influence a game.  ***Complete footballer – has great skill and huge game impact*** |
| **4 Points** | A player who has good ball skills, can win the football and play in few difficult positions.  ***Good skills – overall skill is very good and does have reasonable game impact*** |
| **3 Points** | A player who has fair ball skills, good physical size with good agility.  ***Some impact – has some skills and can have some game impact*** |
| **2 Points** | Progressive ball skills, not midfield player at this stage, needs more intensive coaching.  ***Some ability – has some skills but little game impact*** |
| **1 Point** | Progressive player in early stages of ball skill development, needs intensive coaching, uncoordinated with ball skills.  ***Limited ability – lacks skills and has no game impact*** |

**Definitions:**

“Preference” pick is a player who has identified a preference for allocation under the Father / Son or Brother / Brother, Mother/Son or Sister/Brother rule.

“Priority” pick is a player listed without any preferential claim and selected in the order of priority determined by the Sixteens post finals reverse standing from the previous season. The League may at its discretion, approve other priority picks.

“Penalty” pick is a pick made by the receiving club in the order and position that the penalised club would normally take that pick.

First and Subsequent Rounds:

1. Father/Son, Brother/Brother, Mother/Son and Sister/Brother associations are identified and noted by clubs as preference picks and must be taken in CAP sequence.
2. Draw order will be in the reverse order of the previous season’s Sixteens finals series status. Fourth placed club has first pick with Premiership club having last pick.
3. Players rated 5 will be allocated first followed by those rated 4 and so on until the available list is exhausted.
4. Players may at any stage be selected from a lower rated group. Taking preference/priority picks from that group first (working in descending order 4, 3, 2 and 1) or they become open for selection by all other clubs. Example: A club has a 5 rated selection first that is not a preference/priority pick, the club selects a 3 rated player with no preference/priority to your club. All the allocated preference/priority pick player rated a 4 and 3 lose their preference/priority pick status and become open to selection for the other 3 participating clubs.
5. Clubs select their choice by rotation, one player at a time.
6. Clubs have preference/priority picks in the order of the provided listing.
7. Where a club bypasses its current preference / priority pick, the players so bypassed may be selected by the next club in draw order.
8. Clubs cannot pass on a pick.
9. Once the CAP is complete, it is recommended that any trades be lodged for approval by the league within 48 hours of the CAP meeting. Details of the CAP are not to be made public or discussed outside the delegates until after the 48 hours trade period has expired. A penalty of up to $1000 may be applied at the discretion of the League for any transgression of this rule.
10. New applications received and or submitted after the initial CAP will be allocated by application to the league based on the normal CAP sequence as per 11.9.
11. The Allocation Committee may meet twice prior to the night of the allocation meeting. Meeting schedules shall be over 2 weeks with the first meeting on the Monday the week preceding the assigned allocation meeting date. The second meeting on the Monday of the allocation meeting night. First meeting to: Verify players points rating from the SDJFA, committee to request evidence of Father/Son, Brother/Broher, Mother/Son or Sister/Brother at the second meeting for all applications, and clubs to present anomalies that can be considered for a vote at the second meeting.
12. Second meeting to: Clubs to produce evidence of Father/Son, Brother/Brother, Mother/Son or Sister/Brother at the second meeting for all applications, and club delegates to vote on anomalies and if tied, the Chairperson has the final vote with the club making the application, to abstain from voting.
13. Third meeting (CAP meeting, Thursday): Conduct player allocation as per player allocation process. (Note: Ensure meeting room is booked by GSFL Operations Manager).

# GSFL COLTS & SIXTEENS BY-LAWS

* 1. **PLAYER REGISTRATION**
     1. No player shall be eligible to take part in any match under the control of the League until a GSFL Sixteen’s Allocation Nomination form has been completed and submitted to the League by or on behalf of a player and the player has been allocated to a club by the League allocation committee.
     2. Any form signed, under this By-Law or any other League By-Law by a player who is under the age of 18 years must also be countersigned in approval by a Parent or Legal Guardian.
     3. Registered players under 18 years of age must only be contacted via parents or legal guardians. Clubs or individuals who violate this by-law should expect severe penalties including, but not limited to, loss of premiership points in any or all grades as decided by the GSFL Directors – suspension, loss of selections within the player allocation, and fines.
  2. **PLAYER ALLOCATION**
     1. Allocation to a club is for a minimum period of two (2) years.
     2. Transfer of players to another club within the League inside that two (2) year period may only be considered for approval by the League in special circumstances. Penalties as from time to time determined by the League may apply to the player’s club.
  3. **PLAYER ROTATION**
     1. In terms of equal opportunity (player rotation) permanent Sixteen’s players must play at least 50% of the match. This pertains to all matches, qualifying and finals.
  4. **GENERAL**
     1. All players under 18 years of age must have parental / legal guardian written and signed permission to play at any level before taking the field.
     2. All staff must have a current “Working with Children Check Certificate” (should they not be exempt), and all coaches are to be accredited.
     3. To clarify an issue which may arise from time to time the League may use the WAFC By-Laws and Policies covering Junior players for guidance in its decision.
     4. Each club must provide one Umpire for Sixteen's. Please contact the Umpire Coordinator for information regarding appropriate umpiring uniform.

# ADDITIONAL CLAUSES PERTAINING TO TRIBUNALS AND HOW THEY ARE MANAGED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CFWA TRIBUNAL POLICY MANUAL.

* 1. The chairperson or any current panellist will not accept or engage in any contact outside an actual hearing pertaining to any reported or matter likely to come before them.
  2. The League at its sole discretion may refer any or all matters to the Community Football Tribunal for it to investigate and hear.

# TRIBUNAL COMPOSITION (MAKE UP)

* 1. The Directors of the League Shall from time to time and as may be necessary appoint a Protests and Disputes Tribunal (hereinafter called “The Tribunal”) comprising not more than nineteen adult persons under the age of seventy-six (76) years.
  2. So far as possible, but without limiting the discretion of the said Board, the said persons shall be representative of the general public within the whole of the geographical area of the League.
  3. The said Directors shall appoint one of the members of the Tribunal to be the Chairperson thereof.
  4. The said Directors shall from time to time and as may be necessary appoint an adult person to be Secretary of the Tribunal. In default of such appointment, the Registrar of the League shall act as and perform the duties of the Secretary of the Tribunal. The Secretary or in lieu thereof, the Registrar may appoint adult persons to be assistant secretaries of the Tribunal. Inter alia, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Tribunal and the assistant Secretaries to notify, in writing, the Registrar of the League of all proceedings of the Tribunal, both at first instance and on appeal, and the decision or decisions thereof.
  5. The members of the Tribunal the Secretary and assistant Secretaries shall hold office for such period as the Directors of the League shall at the time of their respective appointment decide.
  6. The members of the Tribunal, the Secretary and assistant Secretaries shall, respectively, cease to hold office if any of them, as the case may be:­
     1. become bankrupt, or
     2. is found lunatic or becomes of unsound mind, or
     3. resigns his office in writing to the League, or
     4. dies, or
     5. by effluxion of time.
  7. No person who is serving permanently, temporarily, or casually as an officer or official, including any Director, committee member, coach, trainer, runner and any employee or sponsor in any capacity, of the League or any member Clubs thereof, shall be appointed a member of the Tribunal, and any member of the Tribunal appointed permanently, temporarily, or casually as such an officer or official shall thereupon ipso facto cease to be a member of the Tribunal.
  8. INDEPENDENCE
     1. Subject to the observance of the Laws and Rules of the Australian Football League (AFL) or its successors or any local rules prescribed by the League the Tribunal shall in all respects act independently of the Board of Directors of the League and in particular:-
     2. shall not be bound to obey, follow or pursue any policy, directive, order or request of the said Board, or
     3. shall not be bound to obey, follow or pursue any policy, directive, order or request of any Council, League, association, body corporate or person.
     4. and may exercise its powers, functions, and discretion in respect of any matter, thing, dispute or argument referred to it by the League, a member club of the League, any umpire, any player, any Director, officer or official of the League or a member club thereof without question, interference or influence. The decisions of the Tribunal shall be followed and obeyed by the League, any Director or official thereof, any umpire, any member club of the League, its Directors, members, players and officials and all persons over whom the League has any right or duty to impose conditions, conduct and standards of behaviour, both on and off the field of play of football
     5. The Tribunal shall also be entitled to exercise all its powers and functions, in relation to or over any function, game or event controlled, operated and overseen by the League in conjunction or liaison with any other League club, (not being a member of the League) association or person.
  9. The League has adopted the policy of engaging the Community Football Tribunal for all tribunals.

# PERMITS – MASTERS FOOTBALL

16.1 Players who are registered with Albany Vikings in the Masters WA Association be able to permit inbound on a Season Permit to play in the GSFL Reserves competition.

1. **GSFL WOMEN’S BY-LAWS**

**Out of Bounds**

17.1 When the ball goes out of bounds by hand or foot between the 50-metre arcs, the nearest opponent shall kick or handball the ball back into play. If there is any doubt as to which team last touched the ball before it went out of bounds, the umpire shall call for a ball-up 10-metres in from the boundary line.

17.1.1 When the ball goes out of bounds inside the 50-metre arc, and not out on the full by foot, the umpire shall call for a ball-up 10-metres in from the boundary line.

* 1. **Underage Players**
     1. Refer CFWA 2.4.
  2. **Player Numbers**
     1. The interchange bench is to have a maximum of six players.
  3. **Match Times**
     1. As from time-to-time determined by the League.
     2. A match shall consist of four 15-minute quarters, with no time-on.
     3. Quarter time breaks are five minutes and the half-time break is 10 minutes.
     4. Players are to stay on the ground during half-time breaks unless it is adjudged by the field umpires as not safe to do so.
  4. **Finals**
     1. Traditional final four format.
     2. First weekend of finals is a double-header at the ground of the team finishing first.
     3. First plays second in the second semi-final. Winner advances to the grand final. Loser goes to the preliminary final, to be held at their home ground.
     4. Third plays fourth in the first semi-final. Loser is out, winner advances to the preliminary final.
     5. Preliminary final winner advances to the grand final. Grand final will be held in cyclical order – see 6. – Grand Final host club.
     6. In the event of any drawn match in any final round, then a period of extra time shall be played to determine a winner. The extra time shall consist of 10 minutes plus time on, played in two halves of five minutes each way until a result is reached.
  5. **Grand Final Host Club**
     1. Sounness Park – 2024
     2. Collingwood Park – 2025
     3. Retravision Stadium (Albany FC) – 2026
     4. Tigerland – 2027
     5. McLean Park – 2028
     6. Retravision Stadium (Royals FC) – 2029
  6. **First Round Triple-Header (subject to venue availability)**
     1. McLean Park – 2024
     2. Tigerland – 2025
     3. Collingwood Park – 2026
     4. Sounness Park – 2027
     5. Retravision Stadium (Royals FC) – 2028
     6. Retravision Stadium (Albany FC) - 2029

1. Ends