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The Championship is conducted under the control of the Australian Football League.

It is the responsibility of each League and Team to ensure that all appointed officials are fully conversant with the contents of these Match Arrangements and Regulations.

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AFL Championship Manager

1. GENERAL

1.1 Definitions

In these Match Arrangements and Regulations unless the contrary intention appears: -

“AFL” means the Australian Football League [ACN 004 115 211].

“FFAC” means the AFL’s Female Football Advisory Committee which is AFL and State Game Development personnel present at Championships.

“Championship” means the AFL Youth Girls National Championship.

“Championship Manager” means the person appointed in accordance with Regulation 33.2.

“Coach” means a person nominated and appointed to a Team in accordance with Regulation 9.

“Complaint” means a complaint made by a person or Team under Regulation 34.

“Contravention of these Match Arrangements and Regulations” has the same meaning as in Regulation 34.1(b).

“Host State” is the State/Territory Game Development department that has been chosen by the FFAC and AFL where the Official Staging of the event will occur in that year.

“Interchange Steward” has the same meaning as in the Laws of Australian Football.

“Laws of Australian Football” means any laws of the game of Australian Football adopted by the AFL.

“League” means a State, Territory or other Football League which has or intends to enter a Team to participate in the Competition.

“Liaison Officer” means the person appointed in accordance with Regulation 13.

“Match” means any football match between or directly or indirectly involving any Team including without limitation any practice Match, trial Match or exhibition Match.

“Player” means a person eligible and selected to play for a Team competing in the Championship.

“Reportable Offence” means a reportable offence under the Laws of Australian Football.

“Secretary of the Tribunal” means the person appointed in accordance with Regulation 38.3(a).

“Sponsor of the Championship” means a person, corporation or entity that has entered into any contract, arrangement, agreement or understanding with the AFL.

“Team” means a Team competing in the Championship.

“Team Member” includes without limitation all Players, Coaches, runners, trainers, Managers, officials or any person performing any duties (paid or unpaid) for or on behalf of a Team.

“Team Manager” means the person appointed in accordance with Regulation 12.

“Tribunal” mean those persons appointed to the Tribunal in accordance with Regulation 38.

“Umpire” includes a field, boundary, goal and emergency Umpire.

1.2 Construction and Amendment of Regulations

- (a) The AFL shall interpret all provisions contained in these Match Arrangements and Regulations and any interpretation or application by the AFL of any of the provisions contained in these Regulations shall be final and binding on every person bound by these Match Arrangements and Regulations.
- (b) The AFL may from time to time amend these Match Arrangements or Regulations or make such further or other Match Arrangements and Regulations as in its absolute discretion deems fit, and/or after consulting with the FFAC.

1.3 Delegation

The AFL may from time to time appoint a person or persons to exercise any of the powers hereby conferred upon the AFL and in each such case a reference to the AFL contained in these Match Arrangements and Regulations shall be a reference to such person or persons so appointed. Unless otherwise directed by the AFL, the person appointed as delegate for the purpose of these Match Arrangements and Regulations shall be the Championship Manager.

2. ENTRY INTO CHAMPIONSHIP AND COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

2.1 Application

Each League affiliated to the AFL or such other bodies approved by the AFL may apply to participate in the Championship by lodging with the AFL an application in the form attached as Appendix I no later than 3 months before commencement date in each year of the Championship. (In 2015 = no later than February 6)

This application must include a colour visual of the Team's onfield apparel (jumper, front and back, shorts and socks) enabling the AFL to confirm Umpire apparel and any modifications required by team/s to ensure clear kits for ease of umpiring and All Australian selection.

2.2 AFL to Determine

As soon as practicable after receiving an application under Regulation 2.1, the AFL shall advise the applicant whether it is able to compete in the Championship.

2.3 Bound to Regulations and Other Regulations

Each Team, Team Member and the League or other body entering the Team is deemed to be bound by and shall comply with:

- (a) these Match Arrangements and Regulations;
- (b) the Laws of Australian Football; and
- (c) any resolutions, determinations, rules or regulations made by AFL in relation thereto.

- (d) Where a team incurs fines at or leading up to a Championship, these shall be invoiced to their state body by the AFL at the conclusion of the Championships. (see Appendix XV11)

2.4 Selection of Host State

The Host State shall be chosen by the FFAC, and the AFL advised no later than December in the year prior to the Championship. Any state expressing an interest in hosting the Championships must complete the AFL's Championship Tender document before the decision is made.

Where there is more than one state or territory expressing an interest in conducting the Championships a Selection Panel shall be nominated by the AFL to determine the Host state for each Championship in the year preceding the Championship. The Host state shall be determined through a tender process with the Selection Panel making a recommendation to the AFL as to who the Host State should be.

3. DATE OF CHAMPIONSHIP

The AFL shall determine the dates of the Championship after consideration of other championship scheduling and receipt of advice from the Host State. It is preferred that the Championship be at the same time of year each time it is held.

4. VENUES

4.1 Determined by the AFL

All matches shall be played at venues determined by the AFL after receiving advice from Host State.

4.2 AFL Venues

All matches shall be played at the best available venues as determined by the AFL.

In 2015 this will be at Bendigo Stadium, Rushton Park, corner of Dower and Clarice Streets, Mandurah. Rushton Park is the home of the Peel Thunderbirds who compete in the Western Australian Women's Football League.

5. FORMAT

5.1 Determination

The format of the Championships shall be determined upon the number of teams entered and determined by the AFL.

5.2 Division and Pools

In 2015 fixtures will be confirmed once team applications have been received but likely:

Pool A: Q, Vic Country, Vic Metro and WA;

Pool B: NSWACT, NT/Tas, SA and Woomeras.

A draft set of fixtures will be sent to all nominees before a final decision is made. As such the final fixtures may be changed at the discretion of the Championship Manager:

6. MATCH PROGRAM

6.1 Program

The program of matches shall be determined by the AFL.

Day 1 May 3	Welcome Ceremony
Day 2 May 4	W v NSWACT, Vic C v Q, SA v TD, WA v Vic Metro
Day 3 May 5	TD v W, Vic C v Vic M, NSWACT v SA, Q v WA
Day 4 May 6	Rest Day
Day 5 May 7	NSWACT v TD, Vic Metro v Q, SA v W, WA v Vic C
Day 6 May 8	Finals: fixtures based on final win/loss and percentage results.

6.2 Opening Round

The opening round shall operate as far as practical on a rotation basis.

6.3 Period between Matches

There shall be at least one rest day during the tournament for each team and not more than one 60 minute match per day for each team.

7. MATCH CONDITIONS

7.1 Length of Quarters

Each quarter shall be of 15 minutes duration. The Championship Manager may in his/her absolute discretion alter the duration of each quarter.

7.2 Intervals

(a) Unless otherwise determined, the duration of intervals from the siren to conclude one quarter to the siren notifying the commencement of the next, shall be:

- Quarter-time 5 minutes
- Half-time 12 minutes
- Three-quarter time 7 minutes

- (b) Timekeepers shall sound the siren when the umpire panel makes it's way onto the playing surface (1 blast), at two (2) minutes (2 blasts), and one (1) minute (1 blast) and then when the umpire raises the ball above their head to commence play (1 blast) prior to the due commencement time for each quarter. The Championship Manager may in his/her absolute discretion alter the duration of intervals between each quarter.
- (c) In the event that a stretcher enters the field of play or an ambulance is required, the time clock will be stopped. Time will restart when the umpire holds the ball aloft and blows their whistle to recommence play.

7.3 Commencement Times

- (a) The commencement time of matches shall be determined by AFL in consultation with the Host State, taking into consideration local climatic conditions and the availability of venues. Likely to be: 10.30am, 12.15pm, 2.10pm and 4.00pm.
- (b) Each Team shall:
 - (i) enter the playing arena at least five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled commencement time of a match;
 - (ii) be ready to play at the scheduled commencement time of a match; and
 - (iii) be ready to play at the commencement time of each quarter.

7.4 Timekeepers

- (a) Timekeepers for all matches are appointed by the Host State in consultation with the Championship Manager.

All timekeepers follow the instructions of the Championship Manager (as amended from time to time) as set out in Appendix V.

- (b) To ensure no drawn matches round robin matches, during the final quarter of each game an official AFL supplied scorer shall sit with the Timekeeper so that if drawn at the end of last quarter game continues until one team scores (golden score). Extra time to be played should Finals be a draw at the end of the 4 quarters such that 5 minute interval after 4th quarter and then play 5 minutes each way with 3 minute break to get result.

7.5 Breach of Timing Requirements

Where a Team contravenes or fails to comply with Regulation 7.3(b), after a 5 minute warning the Team shall forfeit the match and therefore lose all associated points for that match. If it is late a second time during the tournament it will lose all points and percentage in total awarded at that time in the tournament. If a third breach occurs the Championship Manager in consultation with FFAC shall determine any further penalty.

Comment [AU1]: Is this possible during a Champs and who is the FFAC given these people may not be in attendance at the Champs?

7.6 Points for Matches

For all Matches played in the Round Robin format:

- (a) four (4) points shall be awarded to the winner;
- (b) percentage shall be calculated for each Team based on the proportion of points scored for and against each Team.

7.7 Drawn Matches

There will be no drawn matches. See 7.4 c)

7.8 Winner of Tournament

The winner of the U18 Youth Girls National Championship will be the team that is leading at the final siren of the Championship 1 v 2 final for both Pool A and B (refer to drawn matches 7.7).

8. TEAM COMPOSITION

8.1 Squad

- (a) Each League or other body participating in the Championship shall provide the AFL, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the first scheduled playing day of the Championship a list of up to thirty five (35) players as attached at Appendix VI which contains the playing number allocated to each Player within the squad plus captain (C) and vice captain (VC).
- (b) Teams can name more than one captain and vice captain to suit their leadership needs. However at official events such as the Welcome Ceremony, and at coin toss, they must provide one captain only.

8.2 Final Team Selection

- (a) Each League or other body shall provide the AFL a final Team selection of a twenty seven (27) players no later than seven (7) days before the first scheduled playing day of the Championship (refer Team Sheet attached at Appendix VII).
- (b) This final Team of 27 players should be entered on Fox Sport Pulse at to enable the necessary Player Permits to be sought.
- (c) Match Day Team Lists should name twenty four (24) players per game. Five (5) Team Lists must be provided to the Championship Manager prior to each game according to Regulation 15.

Comment [AU2]: Appendix VI refers to 25 players only. Have updated to be 27 to align with this Regulation.

8.3 Compulsory Attendance

Unless injured, ill or sent home by representing State, all attending players shall:

- (a) attend all days of the Championship; and
- (b) attend and take part in all official functions and events including the closing ceremony of the Championship, unless permission is granted by the Championship manager.

8.4 Player Substitution

- (a) A player who is initially selected in accordance with Regulation 8.1 shall play in a guernsey bearing the number allocated to her under Regulation 8.2(a).
- (b) Where the Championship Manager is satisfied that there is exceptional and compelling circumstances, the Championship Manager may authorise a Team to replace or substitute a player with a player not initially selected under Regulation 8.1

Eligibility - Age

- (a) Players under 18 years of age and over 14 years of age as at 1 January in the year of the Championship shall be eligible to participate in the Championship.
- (b) Each Team Manager must enter all players on to Fox Sport Pulse to ensure they are in accordance with the age eligibility.
- (c) Each Team Manager must have a State generated parent/ guardian permission form signed by the legal guardian of all players selected in a Team.
- (d) Players who are temporarily boarding in a state other than their usual state of residency/birth can apply to represent the state they are boarding in if they fail to make the final team in their state of origin and so long as they are registered players in an affiliated competition.
- (e) Where the Woomeras, Northern Territory and Tasmania enter a team in the Championships in their own right, they may seek concessions for four (4) players to participate in their team who will turn 19 years of age in the year of the Championships. Seeking concessions means requesting in writing to the AFL Manager and describing the player's build, skill level and leadership qualities with explanation as to why the player would enhance the team.
- (f) If Northern Territory do not participate in their own right and neither do Tasmania, any players who can participate in South Australia's selection trials may apply to participate for South Australia should they be selected. If they are Aboriginal and have not been selected in the SA team they will be eligible for the Woomeras.
- (g) If Tasmania do not enter a team in their own right and neither do Northern Territory, then any players who can participate in Victoria's Country selection trials may apply to participate for Victoria Country should they be selected.

- (h) Any player from Papua New Guinea may apply to participate for Queensland should they be selected from the Queensland State Youth Girls Championships.
- (i) Should a State wish to include a 13 year old player they may apply for dispensation in writing to the AFL Championship Manager to include a younger player and include validation based on for example the player's size, skill level and emotional maturity.

8.6 Selection Based on League Registration

The basis of selection of a player shall be that player's State or Official Club registration in that year of the Championship except as provided in Regulation 8.5(d - h). The player must also have played at least three (3) matches in an affiliated competition in the current year to be eligible for State team selection.

8.7 Suspended Within Local Competition

A player under suspension in that player's local competition during the period of the championship shall be ineligible for selection or to participate in the Championship.

9. COACH

9.1 Appointment

Each team competing shall appoint a person to be the Coach of the Team competing in the Championship.

9.2 Eligibility

A person shall only be eligible for appointment as a Coach of a Team if that person:

- (a) has been nominated by a League or other body competing in the Championship;
- (b) the nomination is lodged with AFL no later than ninety (90) days prior to the first scheduled playing day of the Championship in the form attached as Appendix III; and
- (c) is a minimum Level One AFL Accredited Coach but highly desirable to be a Level 2.

9.3 Deemed Acceptance of Regulations

In completing and lodging the nomination form and by participating in the Championship, a Coach is deemed to have agreed to:

- (a) observe the requirements of these Match Arrangements and Regulations and any directions of the Championship Manager;
- (b) attend any meeting called by the Championship Manager; and

- (c) act and address Players and umpires in accordance with the Code of Ethics contained in Regulation 30 (see Appendix XV1)
- (d) adherence and implementation of the trial Coaching Philosophy (as adopted from the male 16s and U18s competitions)

Comment [AU3]: Regulation 30 should be an Appendices for a Championships Code of Conduct?

10. OFFICIAL RUNNER AND WATER CARRIERS

- (a) Each Team may appoint one (1) person to be its Official Runner, who shall wear their team shorts or track pants with a fluoro yellow shirt or vest marked with the state and Runner on the back of the shirt. Text should be clearly visible for umpires and officials to see from a distance and no more than 6 cm in height in capital letters. Runners are to wear running shoes or football boots. No other footwear shall be permitted.
- (b) The Official Runner shall be the sole conveyor of a Coach's instructions and subject to adhering to the directions of the field umpire may enter and exit the playing field at any point.
- (c) Up to four (4) water carriers are permitted for each Team and shall wear their team's shorts or track pants with a fluoro orange vest identifying their state and that they are Water Carrier/s. This text should be clearly identifiable on the back of the vest and visible to match officials from a distance being no more than 6 cm in height and in capital letters.

Comment [AU4]: Unless an actual soze in cm can be included here?

11. TRAINERS

- (a) Each Team must appoint at least one (1) person to be its Official Trainer, who shall wear their team's shorts or track pants with a white shirt or top with their state and the word "Trainer" or "Medical" identified on the back of the shirt. A Trainer may wear runners or football boots. No other footwear shall be permitted. The Team Trainer must be in attendance at all matches in the Championships in which the team participates.
- (b) The Team Trainer must have at least a level two first aid and /or level one sport first aid trainer certificate and be nominated no later than thirty (30) days prior to the first scheduled playing day of the Championship, via the form attached as Appendix II.
- (c) In completing and lodging the nomination form and by participating in the Championship, a trainer is deemed to have agreed to observe the requirements of these Match Arrangements and Regulations and any directions of the Championship Manager.

12. TEAM MANAGER

- (a) Each League or other body participating in the Championship shall appoint a person to be the Team Manager of the team.

Each League or other body participating in the Championship shall notify the AFL in writing no later than thirty (30) days prior to the first scheduled playing day of the Championship the contact details of the appointed Team Manager (refer Appendix IV)

- (b) In completing and lodging the nomination form and by participating in the Championship, a manager is deemed to have agreed to observe the requirements of these Match Arrangements and Regulations and any directions of the Championship Manager.

13. LIAISON OFFICER

The Host State shall appoint a Liaison Officer from Game Development as soon as practicable after receiving advise that they will host the National Championships. The Liaison Officer shall co-ordinate match and venue arrangements in accordance with these Match Arrangements and Regulations and the directions of the Championship Manager and FFAC.

The Liaison Officer becomes the conduit between the AFL Championship Manager, Host State and State teams.

14. LAWS OF THE GAME

14.1 Laws to Apply

Unless otherwise provided in these Match Arrangements and Regulations, matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football.

14.2 Order-Off

Comment [AU5]: Add in penalty for a player who refuses to leave the playing surface

The Order Off law contained in the Laws of Australian Football shall apply as follows:

(a) **Red Card**

A Player ordered from the field for the remainder of the match under Law 20.2 of the Laws of Australian Football shall be shown a ***Red Card***.

(b) **Yellow Card**

A Player shall be shown a ***Yellow Card*** and ordered from the field for a ten (10) minute period of match playing time for all other reportable offences prescribed in the Laws of Australian Football other than the reportable offences listed in Law 20.2.

The Interchange Steward shall be responsible for administering the 10 minute period. The Player need not be reported to be ordered from the field.

(c) Players ordered off the field may **NOT** be replaced.

14.3 40 metre penalty

In order to provide an adequate deterrent and penalty commensurate with talented Youth Girls' skill development, umpires will invoke a 40m penalty rather than a 50m (as in the Laws of Australian Football).

14.4 Coaching Philosophy

This will be introduced as a trial for 2015. See Appendix XIX for a full explanation.

- (a) Five (5) forwards to play inside their attacking half at all stoppages (2 Inside Forward 50) *Note: Defenders must also abide by the same principle though not necessarily man on man.* "Stoppage" means, centre ball up, field ball up, boundary throw in and kick in after a point.
- (b) No "Tagging/Run With" players whose sole purpose is to prevent an opposition player gaining possession are permitted at any time.
- (c) **No rolling zone or press is permitted at any time.** Once the ball is in general play it's important to encourage players to be responsible for their opponent, therefore creating more one on one football.

Rationale behind this implementation includes:

- (a) Skill development stage of Youth Girls allows for more space to execute skills

- (b) Player welfare and
- (c) To alleviate congestion allowing more one on one contests.

Consequences for veering from this philosophy:

- (i) There is no 'in game' penalty. The Championships Manager, once made aware of any infringement /s, will approach the Head Coach as soon as an infringement is identified by a member of the umpire panel, Umpire Coach, AFL Umpire Manager, AFL Manager or Championship Manager.
- (ii) The Championship Manager reminds coaching personnel of the Coaching Philosophy and warns them of the need to adopt philosophy
- (iii) If Head Coach continues to breach the philosophy the coach may be removed from the Championships.
- (iv) Umpires continue to pay free kicks (as per Laws of Australian Football) against players who block, hold or push an opponent when there is no intention to play the ball.

15. TEAM SHEETS AND MATCH RESULTS

- (a) Each Team Manager shall complete five (5) copies of the Team Sheets and hand to the Championship Manager no later than twenty (20) minutes prior to the commencement of each match in the form attached as Appendix VII or the Fox Sports Pulse team sheet.

Where a team fails to provide the correct number of team sheets they shall be fined \$100 per Team Sheet that is missing. This shall be imposed per day that the required Team sheets remain outstanding to the Championship Manager. There shall be no leniency for a first offence during a Championship.

- (b) Each team is responsible for providing their own team sheets during the Championships. These sheets are to be updated for each game with all players listed and jumper numbers correct.
- (c) Upon completion of the match, each Team Manager shall complete and lodge with the Game Day Manager a Match Result Sheet in the form attached as Appendix VIII. Full names, jumper number and main playing position are minimum requirements. Coaches must list their best players by position with their best in position 1 and their 6th best in position 6.
- (d) Where a team provides incorrect information they will incur a penalty as per Appendix XX.

16. PLAYERS UNIFORMS

16.1 Guernsey, socks and shorts

Each Team shall:

- (a) no later than ninety (90) days before commencement of the Championships, provide to the Championship Manager a a colour visual copy, for approval, the official playing uniform that the Team proposes to wear;
- (b) make any modifications or adjustments to the uniform as may be required by Championship Manager;
- (c) only wear the uniform approved by the Championship Manager during the Championship; and
- (d) ensure that:
 - (i) the guernsey displays the number allocated to each Player of the Team on the back; and
 - (ii) the number displayed on each guernsey is of the type and size determined and directed from time to time by the Championship Manager (front right breast 10cm number and back 28cm number) and;
 - (iii) For 2015 only the official 100 Years of Female Football logo shall be affixed to the right breast of Guernseys underneath the number. The version your State uses can be determined by you based on the suite of logos that the AFL will provide.
 - (iv) The state or team logo is affixed to the left breast of the Guernsey.

16.2.1 Skins

Where players are wearing under garments such as skins, all players wearing these should have the same colour. Teams who contravene this will be asked to remove the players' skins or roll them so they are not visible.

16.3 Gloves

Gloves can be worn.

16.4 Head scarf (hijab)

Where a player's cultural background calls for the wearing of a full head scarf then this should be the same colour as the team skins where practicable. Teams should seek the consent of the Championship Manager if the colour should differ.

17. UMPIRES

17.1 Selection and Instruction of Field Umpires

The selection and instruction of all field umpires for the Championship shall be made at the direction of the AFL Umpire Manager or delegated official.17.2

- (a) The AFL Umpire Manager, in consultation with the Host State shall, appoint a panel of field umpires from AFL affiliates, or affiliates of AFL affiliates.
- (b) Unless otherwise determined by the AFL Umpire Manager, three field umpires shall officiate at each match.

- (c) All field umpires shall be accredited under the AFL umpire accreditation program and required to lodge an umpire nomination form attached as Appendix XII, ninety (90) days prior to the competition.
- (d) Field umpires shall participate in a live – in coaching program and as such will not be reimbursed for their umpiring appointments. Boundary & Goal umpires may also be eligible for this program as advised by the AFL.

The live in program is for emerging star umpires and is part of the Umpire Talent Pathway. The AFL will cover the costs of one field umpire per competing state and invite states to cover costs for further umpires of any discipline. The AFL will also cover costs for an Umpire Manager to provide daily feedback and develop a learning program for those in the live in program. States are encouraged to particularly view favourably their best female talents.

17.3 Boundary and Goal Umpires

Should Boundary and Goal Umpires not be eligible for the live-in coaching program then the Host State shall appoint boundary and goal umpires to officiate at the competition in the event that competing teams cannot provide their own.

17.4 Match Appointment

- (a) The Host State shall co-ordinate the appointments and general arrangements under the direction of the Championship Manager.
- (b) The Host State Umpire's Development Manager shall coordinate appointments and general arrangements under the discretion of the Championship Manager.
- (c) An Umpire Coach/Development Manager shall be named as the Emergency Umpire for all matches, thus allowing them the power to officiate as required

18. SUPPLY AND SELECTION OF FOOTBALLS

The AFL shall supply first grade size 4 red leather footballs to be used in the day matches and yellow footballs for twilight, light affected or night games at the Championship.

Comment [AU6]: Removed this to avoid confusion around it being a Women's size football which is 4.5

19. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

19.1 Travel to the Championships

The AFL will meet flight costs for travelling teams based on a group reservation of 27 players (as per the Rules and Regulations) and up to 9 staff. Additional staff will be at the cost of the State.

19.2 Ground Travel

Arrangements for ground transport for each Team shall be the responsibility of the Team concerned unless otherwise indicated by the Host state or AFL.

20. ACCOMMODATION

- (a) Reservations and payment of accommodation costs shall be the responsibility of each Team. To assist each Team, the Host State shall obtain and provide at least one (1) quotation to Teams with respect to accommodation within a reasonable time before the commencement of the Championship.
- (b) Each Team shall arrange accommodation commensurate with the requirements to prepare its team at this level of competition.

21. COSTS

21.1 The AFL will pay for the following venue and match arrangement costs up to a maximum limit to be determined by the Championship Manager:

- (a) Ground Hire;
- (b) Umpires, umpires uniforms and Grand Final panel medallions;
- (c) A garment for key volunteers (e.g. interchange stewards, championships Liaison Officer)
- (d) Ambulance access;
- (e) Official Functions subsidy;
- (f) Winners medallions and cups
- (g) All Australian jumpers;
- (h) Insurance premiums of the insurance policies taken out by the AFL in accordance with Clause 39.2;
- (i) Footballs;
- (j) Records (event programs) for players and coaching staff only;
- (k) Stretcher, neck brace and ice for soft tissue injuries only
- (l) Official photographer;
- (m) Filming; and
- (m) Other items approved by the Championship Manager

Any costs in excess of the maximum limit determined by the Championship Manager shall be the responsibility of the Host State and may with the approval of FFAC be shared equally and paid for by the Teams competing in the Championship.

21.2 States may be charged a nominal registration fee, for functions or any extras, and will be responsible for their own:

- (a) uniforms;
- (b) accommodation;
- (c) meals;
- (d) ice for match drinks;
- (e) ground transport;

- (f) flights/travel over the allocated travel budget;
- (g) team photos
- (h) medical supplies including rehab items; and
- (i) staff (coach, manager, trainer etc.)

22. EXCLUSION OF PAYMENTS BY AFL

The AFL shall not pay for timekeepers and officials fees, telephone, stationery, unauthorised entertainment or other forms of expenditure not previously identified and approved in writing by the AFL.

23. SPONSORSHIP

23.1 AFL to Obtain

The AFL shall endeavour to obtain a Sponsor or Sponsors for the Championship.

23.2 No Conflict

A League or Team participating in the Championship shall not enter into any contract, arrangement, agreement or understanding with any person, corporation or entity for the supply, endorsement, approval or sponsorship of goods or services of the type provided by or associated with the Sponsor or Sponsors of the Championship, without ensuring it has no conflict with Championship sponsors or the AFL.

23.3 Consent of Championship Manager

A State Team competing in the Championships shall not:

- (a) enter into any contract, arrangement, agreement or understanding with any person, corporation or entity for the supply, endorsement, approval or sponsorship of goods or services unless it has informed the AFL and obtained approval from the AFL.
- (b) without the prior written consent of AFL, display or promote any name, trade mark, logo or advertising on any item of clothing worn or used by a Player before, during or after a match.

24. ADMISSION INTO VENUES

24.1 Championship Manager to Determine

The Championship Manager in conjunction with FFAC and the Host State shall determine whether admission charges will be payable for entrance into a venue and what charges, if any, shall apply.

24.2 Admission Passes

The Host State will issue each Team Manager with forty (40) admission passes for free entry into the venue at which a match is to be played where admission will be charged.

25. ALLOCATION OF PLAYERS' CHANGING ROOMS

The first named team in the match program shall be allocated the "Home" rooms and the second named the "Visitors".

26. OFFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

An official Championship Program will be published online by the AFL for teams and spectators to download. The Host State may make Team Lists available to spectators.

27. OFFICIAL WELCOME TO CHAMPIONSHIP CEREMONY OR FUNCTION

27.1 Host State to Organise

The AFL and Host State will collaboratively organise an official Welcome to Championship ceremony with possibly a function. Welcome Ceremony format will be determined by the Host in partnership with the AFL. The cost of attendance at the official Championship function shall be determined by the Championship Manager.

27.2 Compulsory Attendance

Teams, an official party or parties must attend all official Championship functions and may be responsible for payment of the applicable fee to attend any functions.

27.3 Other Functions

Attendance at any other functions arranged by the Host State or Championship Sponsor or Sponsors shall be by invitation only.

28. CLOSING CEREMONY

28.1 Time and Format

The Championship Manager shall determine the time and format of the closing ceremonies of the Championships.

28.2 Uniform

Each competing Team shall attend the Closing Ceremony and wear the designated uniform as previously approved by the AFL.

28.3 Organisation

The Championship Manager shall organise the Closing Ceremony in liaison with the Host State.

29. MEETINGS

Competing Teams are required to ensure the attendance of Coaches, Team Managers and other designated personnel at meetings convened by the Championship Manager.

30. CODE OF ETHICS

Each Team and Team Member shall:

- (a) participate in the Championship in the true spirit of the Game so that the Championship will be a credit to the game of Australian Football and those who participate in it; and
- (b) not engage in conduct which is unbecoming or prejudicial to the interests of Australian Football or the Championship.
- (c) abide by the Code of Conduct as per Appendix XV1

31. TROPHIES AND AWARDS

31.1 Types of Awards

The following trophies and awards shall be awarded:

AFL Championship Cup Pool A winner
AFL Championship Shield Pool B - winner
Player of the Championship Medal Pools A and B - winners
Player of the Championship Grand Final Pools A and B – receives game ball
Player of other finals– receives game ball

Leading goal kicker Pools A and B – receives a match ball
 Championship Medals Pools A and B – Winners including winning coach
 Grand Final Umpires Panel Pool A only
 Umpire of the Championship (to be selected from the live in umpires program)
 All-Australian Jumper

31.2 Voting

Votes to decide the Player of the Championship medal are to be awarded on a three-two-one basis by the official field umpires to each game, six to one coach's best players list and All Australian panel and collated at the end of the Championships.

The All Australian panel will also select the best players in each of the finals games.

32. AFL YOUTH GIRLS ALL AUSTRALIAN TEAM

32.1 Panel Appointment

The AFL shall appoint a minimum of five people to a panel to be known as AFL Youth Girls All Australian Team Selection Panel ("the Selection Panel").

Where possible, the panel shall be chaired by a Game Development staff member based in the host state/territory. The other four positions can be filled either from nominees from the other competing state/territories, with each state or territory having no more than one person on the Selection Panel and AFL High Performance personnel if the Host state fails to convene a local panel.

The Selection Panel members chosen from the states and territories shall have a minimum 3 years experience within football.

The Selection Panel during the Championships shall:

- (a) view matches as directed by the AFL Youth Girls Championship Manager. They shall attend a minimum of two matches for each of the teams competing in the National Championships as well as the finals.
- (b) consult with each of the state team's coaching staff and team management.

Following the conclusion of the Championship, the Selection Panel shall select twenty four (24) players by position.

32.2 Guidelines for Selection Panel

The following guidelines will apply:

Members of the All Australian Team may be selected from any State/Territory represented at the Championships.

To enhance fairness, equity and as an aid to selection the selection panel has requested that State Coaching Panels and Team Management contribute to the process as follows:

Before the commencement of the National Championships each State Coaching Panel /Team Management Group is requested to list 6 - 8 players and their usual position from their playing list whom they recommend would be the main contenders for All Australian selection. A format for this is attached and should be submitted to Championship Manager seven days (7) before the National Championship commencement date.

The selection shall take into consideration:

- (a) performance of players in the round robin games of the Championship
- (b) conduct both on and off the field and sportsmanship of the players during the Championships
- (c) advice from State/Territory Coaching Panels and Team Management as to off field conduct, game performances, players performance and attitude during representative team training and in their home league.
- (d) If a player is reported and found guilty during the Championships they will be ineligible for selection.
- (e) If a player is found to have breached the Code of Conduct (both on or off the field) over the duration of the Championships they will be ineligible for selection.
- (f) Performance in the Grand Final will only be considered if the selection is close
- (g) Eighteen players will be selected for a particular position plus 4 interchange players.
- (h) Age will not be a factor for the All-Australian team. However total squad will consider age in terms of emerging players.

Following each game coaches will be asked to provide up to six (6) names of their own team's best players. The top ranked player will receive 6 votes, the 2nd 5 votes etc. These names together with the Umpire panel's top 3 players from each game (who will receive 3, 2, and 1 votes) will be collated by the Championship Manager to help decide the All Australian Team of twenty four (24) players.

The panel may select the team based on a State team's final position in the Championships eg it is recommended the top placed team have 7 players selected, 2nd placed 5, 3rd 4, 4th 3, 5th 2 and 6th 1 player. However this may not be practicable and therefore should be considered a team of the best 24 positional players at the Championships not as a representative team.

Comment [AU7]: Allows for flexibility for the selection panel and not bound to select exactly those players from each state.

32.3 Awards for Selection

The players selected in the AFL Youth Girls All Australian Team shall receive a numbered jumper post Championships during the Closing ceremony.

33. CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER

33.1 Administration of Championship

The Championship Manager shall be responsible for administering the Championship.

33.2 Appointment

The AFL, General Manager Game Development, shall appoint the AFL Championship Manager.

33.3 Duties

Without limitation, the Championship Manager shall:

- (a) investigate and determine any protests, disputes or complaints made in relation to the interpretation or application of these Match Arrangements and Regulations or the general conduct of the Championship;
- (b) perform any other function or duty as prescribed in these Match Arrangements and Regulations including final medical decisions regarding a player's welfare;
- (c) perform any function or duty as directed from time to time by the AFL;
- (d) interpret any provision contained in these Match Arrangements or Regulations; and
- (e) interpret and provide any rulings with respect to the Laws of Australian Football.

33.4 Conduct Unbecoming or Prejudicial

Where the Championship Manager is of the opinion that a Team or Team Member has engaged in conduct which is unbecoming or prejudicial to the interests of Australian Football or the Championship, whether on the basis of an investigation, complaint or otherwise, the Championship Manager may deal with any such matter in such manner as the Championship Manager in his or her absolute discretion thinks fit.

34. COMPLAINTS

34.1 Person or Team May Make Complaint

- (a) A person or Team who is directly affected by an act or omission that may constitute a Contravention of these Match Arrangements and Regulations may lodge a Complaint with the Championship Manager.
- (b) A "Contravention of these Match Arrangements and Regulations" means a contravention of these Match Arrangements and Regulations but does not include acts or omissions that may constitute a Reportable Offence.

34.2 Notice of Complaint

A Complaint under Regulation 34.1 shall be made by lodging with the Championship Manager, a duly completed Notice of Complaint in the form attached as Appendix IX.

34.3 Time for Making Complaint

- (a) A Complaint shall be lodged within the following times:
 - (i) where the Complaint relates to an incident during a match, no later than 2 hours after the completion of the match; or
 - (ii) where the Complaint arises at any other time, as soon as possible after the person lodging the Complaint becomes aware of the facts forming the basis of the Complaint provided the complaint is made before the completion of the Championship.
- (b) Notwithstanding Regulation 34.3(a), the Championship Manager may investigate a Complaint made outside the prescribed times if, in the opinion of the Championship Manager, it would be unjust if the Complaint was not investigated.
- (c) Once a Complaint has been lodged with the Championship Manager it may not be withdrawn.

34.4 Championship Manager to Investigate

Upon receiving a Notice of Complaint, the Championship Manager shall investigate and determine the matter in accordance with Regulation 35.

35. INVESTIGATIONS

35.1 Power to Investigate

The Championship Manager may investigate and determine any matter that he or she considers relevant to whether or not a person has engaged in conduct that constitutes a Contravention of these Match Arrangements and Regulations.

35.2 Basis for Investigation

Without limiting the powers and discretions conferred upon the Championship Manager in Regulation 35.1, the Championship Manager may investigate any matter:

- (a) of his or her own motion;
- (b) on the basis of a Complaint made by a person under Regulation 34; or
- (c) referred to him, or her by an umpire.

35.3 Co-operation

For the purposes of conducting an Investigation under this Regulation, a person shall:

- (a) upon receiving a request to do so, appear before the Championship Manager;
- (b) fully co-operate with the Championship Manager;
- (c) fully and truthfully answer any questions asked by the Championship Manager;
- (d) provide any document in his, her or its possession or control requested by the Championship Manager; and
- (e) not make any false or misleading statements or make a statement calculated to or which is likely to mislead.

35.4 Failure to Co-operate

A person, who, in the opinion of the Championship Manager, fails to fully observe and comply with Regulation 35.3, shall:

- (a) be deemed to have been involved in conduct which is unbecoming or prejudicial to the interests of Australian Football and the Championship; and
- (b) be dealt with by the Championship Manager in such manner as the Championship Manager in his or her absolute discretion thinks fit

35.5 Procedure and Regulations for Investigation

Subject to the further matters set out in this Regulation 35, the Championship Manager may regulate any Investigation commenced by him or her in such manner as he or she thinks fit.

35.6 Conduct of Investigation

The Investigation by the Championship Manager shall be:

- (a) inquisitorial in nature;
- (b) conducted with as little formality and technicality and with as much expedition as the proper consideration of the matter permits; and
- (c) be conducted and concluded as soon as practicable.

35.7 Rules of Evidence

The Championship Manager is not bound by the rules of evidence or by practices and procedures applicable to persons exercising a judicial capacity in a court of record, but may inform himself or herself as to any matter in any such manner as he or she thinks fit.

35.8 Natural Justice and Other Obligations

Where the Championship Manager commences an Investigation, the Championship Manager shall:

- (a) inform the person of the Investigation and the alleged contravention or complaint being investigated;
- (b) provide any person whose interests will be directly and adversely affected by any decision, an opportunity to be heard;

- (c) hear and determine the matter in an unbiased manner; and
- (d) make a decision that a reasonable person could honestly arrive at.

35.9 Standard of Proof

The Championship Manager shall decide to his or her reasonable satisfaction whether a person has engaged in conduct constituting a Contravention of these Match Arrangements and Regulations.

35.10 Onus of Proof

No person appearing before or assisting the Championship Manager shall bear an onus of establishing that a person has or has not engaged in conduct constituting a Contravention of these Match Arrangements and Regulations.

35.11 Decision and Penalty

At the conclusion of the Investigation, the Championship Manager may impose such penalties and make such orders and give such directions in each case as he or she in his or her absolute discretion thinks fit.

35.12 Hearing on Penalty

Where the Championship Manager determines that a person has engaged in conduct constituting a Contravention of these Match Arrangements and Regulations and before considering any penalty, the Championship Manager shall provide that person an opportunity to be heard on the question of penalty.

35.13 No Reasons

The Championship Manager shall not be obliged to give reasons for any decision made by him or her under this Regulation 35.

35.14 Appeal

Regulation 36 of these Match Arrangements and Regulations shall apply to a decision of the Championship Manager made under Regulations 33.4, 35.4, 35.11 and 37.12 but to no other decision made by the Championship Manager under these Match Arrangements and Regulations.

36. APPEAL FROM DECISION OF CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER

36.1 Appeal from Decision of Championship Manager

This Regulation prescribes the procedures for an appeal by a person in respect of a decision of the Championship Manager made under Regulations 33.4, 35.4, 35.11 and 37.12.

36.2 Person May Appeal

An aggrieved person may appeal to the Tribunal in respect of a decision made by the Championship Manager under Regulations 33.4, 35.4, 35.11 and 37.12 provided the appeal is brought no later than 12.00 p.m. on the day after which the decision of the Championship Manager was made.

36.3 Notice of Appeal by Person

An appeal under Regulation 36.2 shall be brought by lodging with the Secretary of the Tribunal a completed Notice of Appeal in the form attached as Appendix X and shall be accompanied by an appeal fee of Fifty dollars (\$50.00), which sum may be refunded in whole or in part in the absolute discretion of the Tribunal.

36.4 Time for Hearing of Appeal

- (a) Upon receipt of a Notice of Appeal, the Secretary of the Tribunal shall:
 - (i) as soon as practicable fix a date, time and place for the hearing of the appeal; and
 - (ii) advise all parties interested in the appeal in writing of those particulars;
- (b) The Secretary of the Tribunal or the Tribunal may vary the date; time and place specified under Regulation 36.4(a) and upon doing so shall immediately provide all parties interested in the appeal notice of any such variation.

36.5 New Hearing

- (a) Subject to Regulations 36.5(b) and 36.6, the Tribunal shall deal with the appeal as a new hearing.
- (b) The Tribunal may have regard to the record of the Investigation conducted by the Championship Manager, including a record of any evidence given to the Championship Manager.

36.6 Onus and Standard on Appeal

On the hearing of an appeal, the appellant shall bear the onus of showing on the balance of probabilities, that the relief sought should be granted.

36.7 Power of Tribunal

The Tribunal may confirm, reverse or modify any decision of the Championship Manager the subject of the appeal and make such orders and give such directions as it thinks fit.

36.8 Procedure and Evidence

Subject to the provisions contained in this Regulation 36, in hearing and determining an appeal, the procedures set out in Appendix XI shall apply to an appeal heard by the Tribunal.

37. REPORTABLE OFFENCE AND REPORTING PROCEDURE

37.1 Obligation on Umpires to Report

Where a person is involved in an incident that may constitute a Reportable Offence, the Umpire shall report that person with such Reportable Offence and the matter will be referred to the Tribunal for hearing and determination.

37.2 Reports by Umpire during Course of Match

- (a) Where an Umpire reports a person during the course of a Match, the Umpire shall inform the person of the report:
 - (i) at the time of the incident; or
 - (ii) before the commencement of the next quarter; or
 - (iii) where the incident occurs in the final quarter, as soon as practicable after the completion of the Match.
- (b) An Umpire may inform the captain, acting captain or Team Manager of a Team of a report where it is impractical to inform the person who has been reported.

37.3 Completion by Umpire of Notice of Report during Match

- (a) As soon as practicable after the completion of the Match, the Umpire shall complete a Notice of Report in a form prescribed by the Championship Manager from time to time.
- (b) After the completion of a Match, the Team Manager of each Team shall attend the Umpire's room, at which time one of the field Umpires shall hand two copies of the Notice of Report to each Team Manager. Receipt by the Team Manager of the two Notices of Report under this Regulation shall be deemed to be notice of the report to both the Team and the reported person.
- (c) A Team and any reported person shall forfeit any entitlement to receive the Notice of Report where the Team Manager of a Team fails to attend the Umpire's room in accordance with Regulation 37.3(b).
- (d) Where an Umpire completes a Notice of Report under Regulation 37.3(a), the Umpire shall:
 - (i) lodge a copy of the Notice with the Secretary of the Tribunal (AFL Championship Manager) no later than 1 hour after the completion of the Match; and
 - (ii) retain a copy of the Notice for the Umpire's attendance at the Tribunal.

37.4 Video Reporting by Umpires

Comment [AU8]: May teams lodge a Citation based on video evidence in relation to a match incident?

- (a) Upon viewing a video recording of a Match in which a field Umpire has officiated, where a person is involved in an incident that may constitute a Reportable Offence, the field Umpire shall:
 - (i) report that person by completing a Notice of Report in the form prescribed by the Championship Manager from time to time; and
 - (ii) lodge a copy of the Notice of Report with the Secretary of the Tribunal (AFL Championship Manager)
- (b) A person may be reported on the basis of a video recording regardless of the source of the video.
- (c) A field Umpire shall report a person under Regulation 37.4(b) by no later than 6 hours after the completion of the Match, unless, in the opinion of the Championship Manager, it will be unjust if the report could not be made outside the prescribed time.

37.5 Method of Umpire Lodging Notice of Report

- (a) The Notice of Report may be lodged to the Secretary of the Tribunal (AFL Championship Manager) by:
 - (i) Hand delivery; or
 - (ii) Verbally or
 - (iii) Email message
- (b) Where the Notice of Report is lodged with the Championship Manager under Regulation 37.5(a), the Championship Manager shall provide the Notice of Report to the Secretary of the Tribunal as soon as practicable.

37.6 Notice for Investigation

Where a field Umpire is unable to make a report of an incident under Regulation 37.4 but the circumstances of that or any other incident warrant further investigation, the Umpire shall refer the incident or matter to the AFL Championship Manager.

37.8 Withdrawal of Report

An Umpire may, with the consent of the AFL Championship Manager, withdraw any Notice of Report prior to a hearing of the matter by the Tribunal.

37.9 Report and Investigation by Championship Manager

- (a) It is the purpose and intention of Regulation 37 that Reportable Offences undetected during a Match but reviewed by field Umpires under Regulation 37.4 shall be reported by the field Umpires as part of their duties and responsibilities in officiating a Match. The powers conferred upon the Championship Manager under Regulation 37 are not intended to remove or in

any way derogate from the duties and responsibilities of field Umpires to make reports under Regulation 37.4.

- (b) If the Championship Manager is of the opinion that a person may have committed a Reportable Offence, whether on the basis of an investigation, video evidence or otherwise, the Championship Manager may report such person by completing a Notice of Report in the form as prescribed by him or her from time to time and refer the matter to the Secretary of the Tribunal for hearing and determination by the Tribunal. The Secretary shall as soon as practicable notify the person of the Notice of Report in accordance with Regulation 37.13.

37.10 Power to Investigate

- (a) The Championship Manager may investigate any matter that he or she considers relevant to whether or not a person may have committed a Reportable Offence.
- (b) Without limiting the powers and discretions conferred upon the Championship Manager in Regulation 37.10(a), he or she may investigate any matter:
 - (i) of his or her own motion; or
 - (ii) on the basis of video evidence;
 - (iii) upon the matter being referred to him or her by a field Umpire; or
 - (iv) Upon the written request of a Team Manager provided such request is received by no later than 10.00pm on the day of the Match in which the Team has participated.
- (c) The Championship Manager may investigate a matter under Regulation 37.10(a) outside the prescribed time for the receipt of a written request of a Team Manager under Regulation 37.10(b) (IV) if, in the opinion of the Championship Manager, it would be unjust if the matter was not investigated.

37.11 Co-operation

For the purpose of conducting an investigation under this Regulation 37, a person shall upon request by the Championship Manager:

- (a) fully co-operate with the Championship Manager;
- (b) truthfully answer any questions asked by the Championship Manager; and
- (c) provide any document in that person's possession or control requested by the Championship Manager.

37.12 Failure to Co-operate

A person who fails to observe and comply with Regulation 37.11 or who provides any information which is in any respect false or misleading or likely to mislead, shall be deemed to have been involved in conduct which is unbecoming or prejudicial to the interests of Australian Football and the Championships and shall be dealt with by the

Championship Manager in such manner as the Championship Manager in his or her absolute discretion sees fit.

37.13 Notification of Report and Obligation to Attend

- (a) Upon the lodgement of or the making of a Notice of Report under this Regulation 37, the Secretary of the Tribunal shall as soon as practicable:
 - (i) give notice to the reported person by providing the Notice of Report to that person's Team;
 - (ii) fix the date, time and place for a hearing of the report by the Tribunal and advise all parties interested in the matter of those particulars; and
 - (iii) provide a copy of the Notice of Report to the Tribunal.
- (b) The Secretary of the Tribunal or the Tribunal may vary the date; time and place specified under Regulation 37.13(a) (ii) and upon doing so shall immediately provide all parties interested in the matter written notice of any such variation.
- (c) Where a reported person fails to attend before the Tribunal, the Tribunal may still hear and determine the Notice of Report in that person's absence.

37.14 Relationship to Laws of Australian Football.

Regulation 37 shall be read in conjunction with the Laws of Australian Football but to the extent of any inconsistency, the regulations contained in this Regulation 37 shall prevail.

38. TRIBUNAL

38.1 Appointment

The Championship Manager shall for the duration of the championship appoint persons to a disciplinary Tribunal to be known as the Tribunal.

38.2 Members of Tribunal

The Tribunal shall consist of at least three (3) persons who in the opinion of the Championship Manager possess knowledge of Australian Football, and are not members of or directly associated with a competing team.

38.3 Secretary of Tribunal

- (a) The AFL Championship Manager shall be the Secretary of the Tribunal. Where this is not possible they shall appoint a suitable person for the role.
- (b) The Secretary of the Tribunal shall:

- (i) perform any function prescribed in these Match Arrangements and regulations;
- (ii) assist the Tribunal in the efficient and proper running of matters coming before it; and
- (iii) perform other functions as directed from time to time by the Tribunal.

38.4 Composition of Tribunal for Hearing

For the purpose of hearing and determining any matter coming before the Tribunal, three members who shall appoint a Chair from their number shall constitute the Tribunal.

38.5 Jurisdiction of Tribunal

The Tribunal may hear and determine:

- (a) a report made by an umpire or the Championship Manager that a person has committed a reportable offence under the Laws of Australian Football;
- (b) an appeal in respect of a decision of the Championship Manager lodged under Regulation 36; and
- (c) any other matter referred to the Tribunal by FFAC, the AFL or the Championship Manager, or under these Match Arrangements and Regulations.

38.6 Powers and Procedures

Subject to the further procedures set out in Appendix XI, the Tribunal may regulate any proceedings brought before it in such manner as it thinks fit.

38.7 Persons Attending by Telephone

Without limitation to the power of the Tribunal to regulate proceedings under Regulation 38.6, the Tribunal may at its discretion allow a relevant person to attend some or all of the hearing by telephone.

39. INSURANCE

39.1 Public Risk Insurance

The AFL shall include the competition in its Public Risk Insurance policies.

39.2 Players, Coaches Trainers, Umpires & Officials

Each competing team shall pay insurance premiums and costs associated with injuries to its players, coaches and umpires, not covered under the AFL's Public Risk Policy. To claim expenses incurred for injuries sustained at the Championships participant should complete a local Claim Form and identify themselves under the "Representative" heading.

39.3 Travel

Competing teams shall be responsible to arrange their own travel insurance for items not covered by the AFL's insurance policy. Check with your State Talent Manager for clarification..

40. MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY

All Players, Coaches, Trainers, Umpires and Officials must comply with the AFL Member Protection Policy date September 2012

40.1 Concussion and Injury Guidelines

In the best practice management of concussion in AFL the critical element remains the welfare of the player both in the short and long term. Management of head injury is difficult for non-medical personnel. In the early stages of injury it is unclear whether you are dealing with a concussion or there is a more severe underlying structural head injury.

Therefore all players with concussion or suspected concussion need urgent medical assessment from trained practitioners.

In addition to the Member Protection Policy, the AFL Concussion Policy is to be followed in the event of a player receiving a suspected concussion. The AFL appointed doctor or medical practitioner will attend to the injured player and shall decide whether the player can be safely removed from the field either by support, stretcher or if an ambulance is required.

If an ambulance is required, play will cease and teams will be asked to leave the field returning to their changerooms. Once the ambulance has left the field, teams will be able to re-enter the field and conduct a 5 minute warm up before recommencing play where the ball was at the time of the injury being sustained.

When an ambulance is required the time clock will be stopped. Time will restart when the umpire holds the ball aloft and blows the whistle to recommence play.

Should there be some uncertainty regarding the type of injury sustained the AFL appointed medical practitioner and/or the Championship Manager will make the final call regarding whether the player can re-enter the play or not.

If the player is involved in an incident has sustained a concussion then the following guidelines will be implemented before the player can participate in the remaining Championship games:

- When there has been a suspected concussion and the player has been supported from the ground, the AFL appointed medical practitioner will provide medical intervention. A player with any neurological symptoms or signs, video features of concussion and/or any evidence of a disturbance of mental state or cognitive function following trauma, can be considered to have concussion and must not return to play;

The AFL appointed medical practitioner and/or the Championship Manager will make the final call regarding whether the player can re-enter the play or not if they have not been considered concussed.

- The player must be taken to hospital. Where the hospital deems the player has suffered a concussion despite no apparent unconsciousness or amnesia, automatically the player will be unable to participate for the duration of the Championships as a player.
- When there has been any period of unconsciousness however short, or any amnesia, the player should not continue with the game or the Championship. When unconscious or amnesic for less than 5 minutes, the player should not resume sporting activity for two weeks and should seek follow up medical advice on return to their state.
- Sideline video review by AFL appointed Doctor of the relevant on-field incident as a part of the clinical assessment will be used
- The extensive SCAT3 assessment to determine whether a player is fit to return to play cannot take place for a minimum of 10 minutes after the on-field incident;
- Where there is any suspicion of concussion, the player requires further evaluation including video footage review and assessment of symptoms, orientation, balance and cognitive function (SCAT3) prior to a final determination;
- If a player is cleared of a concussion following assessment, they can be allowed to return to play, but should be monitored for the duration of the game as concussion symptoms are dynamic and can evolve over time.
- It is the responsibility of team management to ensure that in the case of players U18 years, the parents are notified of any injuries and encouraged to take their daughter for scans on arrival home to ensure there has been no permanent damage sustained and to get medical clearance for them to resume playing in their local club/school team.

Players over 18 years must also provide a medical clearance to their local league before they can participate.



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(Regulation 2.1, 16.1 (a))

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

The
(Body)

Hereby applies to participate in the Championship to be played
.....(Venue) in(year)

TEAM/S ENTRY

a) We wish to enter the following Team to be known as

b) Playing apparel: We have provided colour artwork with our application identifying the colour and style of our guernsey, shorts, socks and skins.

(Note: Any sponsors logos should also be submitted as part of your application.)

TEAM CONTACT:

MOBILE:

EMAIL:

We have read and accept to be bound by the Championship's Match Arrangements and Regulations

SIGNED for and on behalf of **Signed**
(Body)

POSITION: **DATE:**

TEAM CONTACT: **DATE:**



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(Regulation 11 (a))

TRAINERS NOMINATION

The
(Body)

Hereby nominates
(Trainer)

In accordance with Clause 11 (a) of the Championship's Match Arrangements and Regulations, the team trainer must have at least a level two first aid and/or level one sport first aid trainer certificate.

NOMINEE DETAILS

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

DATE OF BIRTH:

ACCREDITATION DETAILS:

	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OBTAINED</u>
FIRST AID
SPORTS TRAINER

We certify that the above information is correct and confirm that at all times during the Championships, we will have an appropriate First Aid Kit readily available.

SIGNED: **NAME:**
POSITION: **TRAINER:**
 **DATE:**



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(Regulation 9.2)

COACH NOMINATION

The
(Body)

Hereby nominates
(Coach)

To coach its team in the(year) YOUTH GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

NOMINEE DETAILS

ADDRESS:.....

TELEPHONE: (mobile)

EMAIL:.....

COACH ACCREDITATION

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OBTAINED</u>
ONE
TWO
THREE

In accordance with Clause 9.2 (c) of the Championship's Match Arrangements and Regulations, the team's head coach must have at least a level one AFL coach accreditation.

CODE OF ETHICS

We acknowledge that the Championship is to be played in a spirit that provides the best opportunity for each player to develop and display her skills in the interest of the game. In this regard, we accept that instructing a player to apply essentially negative tactics is not in her best interests.

We have read and accept to be bound by the Championship's Match Arrangements and Regulations

SIGNED:..... **SIGNED:**

By the Nominee: For and on behalf of (Body)

..... POSITION:.....

DATE:..... DATE:



AFL YOUTH GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
(Regulation 12)

TEAM MANAGER NOMINATION

The
(Body)

Hereby advises that
(Team Manager)

Will be the team manager for the(year) YOUTH GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

NOMINEE DETAILS

ADDRESS:.....

TELEPHONE: (mobile)

EMAIL:.....

We have read and accept to be bound by the Championship's Rules and Regulations

SIGNED:..... **SIGNED:**

By the Team Manager: For and on behalf of (Body)

..... POSITION:.....

DATE:..... DATE:



AFL YOUTH GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
(Regulations 7.1 – 7.4)

MATCH TIMING ARRANGEMENTS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TIME KEEPERS

LENGTH OF QUARTER

It is confirmed that the length of quarters unless otherwise determined by the Championship Manager shall be 15 minutes NO TIME ON unless a stretcher or ambulance enters the field of play.

LENGTH OF INTERVALS

- Quarter time – 5 minutes
- Half time – 12 minutes
- Three Quarter time – 7 minutes

Time keepers shall sound the siren:

- immediately the umpire panels enters the playing surface (1 blast)
- at two (2) minutes with two (2) blasts
- one (1) minute with one (1) blast and
- when the central umpire raises the ball above their head for the first centre ruck contest one (1 blast) prior to commencement of each quarter.

NO DRAWN MATCHES

There will be no drawn matches during the Round Robin. Where scores are level at the conclusion of match time in the final quarter, timekeepers shall not sound siren until another score (regardless of whether goal or behind) is registered.

For Round Robin matches, the Championship Manager shall appoint an official scorer who shall have sole authority for determining match scores during the final quarter. They shall sit with the timekeeper/s during this period.

FINALS MATCHES

In the event of a drawn final, teams shall play extra time such that 5 minutes each way with a 5 minute break immediately after the 4th quarter and a 3 minute quarter time break to rotate ends until such time as a result is achieved.



AFL YOUTH GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: FINAL SQUAD LIST (Regulation 8.1) State team:.....

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FINALTEAM SHEET

TEAM

[illegible][illegible]**OFFICIAL RUNNER:**

HEAD TRAINER:.....

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(Signature)

MATCH DAY TEAM LISTS ARE TO BE CREATED IN FOX SPORTPULSE NO LATER THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF CHAMPIONSHIPS



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(Regulation 15(c))

MATCH RESULT SHEET

MATCH:

DATE:

TEAM:

FINAL SCORE:

GOAL KICKERS:

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BEST PLAYERS:

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MAIN PLAYING POSITION:

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TEAM MANAGER:



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(Regulation 31.2)

BEST & FAIREST VOTING

DATE

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GAME #

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TEAMS

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VOTES	PLAYER	NUMBER	STATE
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Official Match Field Umpires to Sign:



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(Regulation 34.2)

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

To: Championship Manager

I,
Of
(Person or Team lodging the Complaint to complete) hereby request that the Championship Manager investigate the following (set out all material facts and circumstances forming the basis of the conduct alleged to constitute a Contravention of the Match Arrangements and Regulations including full particulars of the persons involved - attach further details if space is insufficient):

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Lodged with the Championship Manager at:..... (time)

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Complainant (Person or Team lodging Complaint to complete – if Complaint lodged by Team then the name of the person signing the Complaint on behalf of the Team should be clearly stated.)

Dated:

Received by the Championship Manager at:.....(time)

.....
Championship Manager



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(Regulation 36.3)

NOTICE OF APPEAL

To: The Chairperson
The Tribunal

I,
Of
GIVE NOTICE that I appeal to the Tribunal the decision of the Championship Manager made under Regulation 35.11, details of which are set out below. Enclosed with this Notice of Appeal is the appeal fee in the sum of \$50.00 as required under Regulation 36.3 of these Match Arrangements and Regulations? The Championship Manager on (date) decided that (provide details of decision):

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Appellant

Dated:

Received by the Chairperson on(date) at.....(time)

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Secretary



AFL YOUTH GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
(Regulations 36.8 and 38.6)

TRIBUNAL

1. Purpose

This document prescribes the procedures for a matter coming before the Tribunal under the Match Arrangements and Regulations.

2. Conduct of Matter

The matter before the Tribunal shall be:

- (a) inquisitorial in nature; and
- (b) conducted with as little formality and technicality and with as much expedition as a proper consideration of the matter permits.

3. Natural Justice and Other Obligations

At any hearing before the Tribunal, the Tribunal shall:

- (a) provide any person whose interests may be directly or adversely affected by its decision an opportunity to be heard;
- (b) hear and determine the matter before it in an unbiased manner; and
- (c) make a decision that a reasonable body could honestly arrive at.

4. Rules of Evidence

The Tribunal is not bound by the rules of evidence or by practices and procedures applicable to courts of record, but may inform itself as to any matter in any such manner as it thinks fit.

5. Onus of Proof

No person appearing before the Tribunal shall bear an onus of establishing that a person has or has not engaged in the alleged conduct.

6. Standard of Proof

The Tribunal shall decide on the balance of probabilities whether a person has or has not engaged in the alleged conduct.

7. Decisions

- (a) At the conclusion of its hearing, the Tribunal may make such determinations, impose such penalties, make such orders and give such directions in each case as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit.
- (b) Without limiting the general discretion of the Tribunal under Regulation 7(a) contained in this Annexure, the Tribunal may impose a penalty on a Player beyond the duration of the Championship so that the Player is unable to compete in her local competition for the period of suspension.
- (c) The question before the Tribunal must be decided according to the opinion of a majority of members constituting the Tribunal.

8. Penalty

The Tribunal may have regard to any matters which it considers relevant to the question of penalty and without limitation may consider:

- (a) the seriousness of the reportable offence or matter sustained against the person;
- (b) the injury sustained and effect upon the person against whom the reportable offence has been committed;
- (c) the prior record of reportable offences or conduct committed by the person; and
- (d) the code of ethics contained in Regulation 30 of these Match Arrangements and Regulations.

9. Hearing on Penalty

Where a matter is sustained against the person and before imposing a penalty, the Tribunal shall provide a person a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the question of penalty.

10. No Reasons

The Tribunal will provide a brief report to the FFAC so that teams may develop in an informed way.

11. Questions of Law and Fact

In the hearing and determination of a matter, the Tribunal shall decide all questions of law and fact and without limitation shall determine:

- (a) the meaning of any words relevant to a reportable offence under the Laws of Australian Football; and
- (b) the meaning of any words contained in these Match Arrangements and Regulations.

12. Determination of Tribunal - Final and Binding

Any determination made by the Tribunal shall be final and binding and a person shall not be entitled to appeal any determination of the Tribunal.

13. Representation

- (a) At any hearing before the Tribunal, a person may:
 - (i) represent himself or herself; or
 - (ii) be represented by another person provided that person is not a legal practitioner.

- (b) For the purposes of this Regulation, a legal practitioner means a person duly qualified to be admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria or a person with equivalent qualifications in any other State or Territory of Australia.

14. Validity of Hearing

- (a) Where there is any procedural irregularity in the manner in which a matter has been brought before the Tribunal, the Tribunal may still hear and determine the matter unless it is of the opinion that the irregularity has caused or may cause injustice if the matter was heard.
- (b) Subject to Regulations 3 and 9 of this Appendix, any procedure or requirement regulating the function of the Tribunal is directory in nature and a decision of the Tribunal is not invalid by reason of that procedure or requirement not being fulfilled.



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LIVE IN UMPIRES PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

The
(Body)

Hereby nominatesas a (choose 1 and tick the box)

☐ Field ☐ Boundary ☐ Goal umpire

To officiate in the AFL YOUTH GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOMINEE DETAILS

ADDRESS:.....

SUBURB/TOWN: POSTCODE:

TELEPHONE: (B).....(M).....

EMAIL:

UMPIRE ACCREDITATION

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OBTAINED</u>
ONE <input type="checkbox"/>
TWO <input type="checkbox"/>
THREE <input type="checkbox"/>

DOB/...../.....

SUMMARY OF UMPIRING EXPERIENCE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
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In nominating the above we confirm that whilst officiating in the Championship the umpire will be covered under the Workcover Policy.

We have read and accept to be bound by the Championship's Match Arrangements and Regulations

SIGNED: **SIGNED:**
By the Nominee: for and on behalf of (Body)

POSITION: **DATE:**



AFL YOUTH GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MANAGEMENT OF CONCUSSION

Intro:

Decisions regarding return to play after concussive injuries should only be made by a medical officer.

The Guidelines

These concussion guidelines have been published by the AFL as a Position Statement on the Management of Concussion in Australian Football. It is based on guidelines developed by the AFL Medical Officers' Association which incorporate research that has been funded by the AFL Research Board and which was undertaken by Dr Michael Makdissi and Assoc Prof Paul McCrory.

In the best practice management of concussion in football, the critical element is the welfare of the player in the short and long term. These guidelines should be adhered to at all times. Decisions regarding return to play after a concussive injury (a disturbance of brain function) should only be made by a medical officer with experience in concussive injuries.

Decisions in this area will be made by the AFL appointed Doctor or medical officer in attendance..

The key components of management of concussion include:

- a) Suspecting the diagnosis in any player with symptoms such as confusion or headache after a knock to the head;**
- b) Referring the player for immediate medical evaluation; and**
- c) Ensuring the player has received medical clearance before allowing that player to return to a the Championships**

It is critical that the basic principles of return to play decisions are followed to ensure that a concussed player is fully recovered before being allowed to do so.

All players with **concussion** or **suspected concussion** need an urgent medical assessment (with a registered medical doctor). This assessment can be provided by a medical doctor present at the venue, local general practice or hospital emergency department.

A player with suspected concussion must be withdrawn from playing or training until fully evaluated by a medical practitioner and cleared to play.

A concussed player must not be allowed to return to play before having a medical clearance.

It is important that concussion is managed correctly and that players do not return to play or training until they are fully recovered.

Download concussion management resources:

<http://www.aflcommunityclub.com.au/index.php?id=66>



AFL YOUTH GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

PLAYERS TO CONSIDER FOR ALL AUSTRALIAN SELECTION

Before the commencement of the National Championships each State Coaching Panel /Team Management Group has been requested to select 6 – 8 players from their playing list whom they recommend would be the main contenders for All Australian and National selection.

STATE: _____

PLAYERS:

	JUMPER #	FIRST NAME	FAMILY NAME	MAIN PLAYING POSITION
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Please submit this form to jan.cooper@afl.com.au no later than seven (7) days before the commencement of the Championships



AFL YOUTH GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

APPENDIX XV1

PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

It is the aim of the AFL to ensure that any competition it organises is conducted in a manner as professional and with appropriate conduct as is possible. With these aims the AFL would like to promote the following Code of Conduct and establish standards of behaviour for all competing footballers, officials and where possible, supporters, at National Championships.

The following is in addition to any State sanctioned Code of Conduct that may be implemented by state teams.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play by the rules – the Championship rules and the laws of the game.
- Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement
- Act respectfully toward the officials and players of your own and opposing teams.
- Respect and follow the directions of coaching staff, match and Championship officials.
- Treat all players with respect, as you would want them to treat you.
- Act respectfully towards match officials at all times. Abusive language is unacceptable and will be carded if an official hears any.
- Avoid individual or collective behaviour, which may reasonably be held by spectators to be offensive.
- Avoid all acts likely to incite spectators to violence or disorder.
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the AFL.
- Do not make or post inappropriate comments of players, states, officials or the Championship using information technology which, if said in person during the playing of a game would result in disciplinary action being taken. Information technology includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter and blogs).
- Do not use remarks based on race, religion, colour, gender, sexual orientation, preference or identity, special ability or disability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your coach, team-mates, State and family that are let down with such remarks
- Abide by the Rules & Regulations of the Championship and your State.
- Respect the facilities and equipment of the Championship venues.

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

- Set a good example and display the utmost honesty and integrity in all dealings.
- Teach fair play and good sportsmanship
- Never place the value of winning above that of instilling the highest possible ideals and character.
- Be reasonable in demands, setting goals and expectations at an attainable level.
- Maintain a current knowledge of the rules of the game.
- Teach and interpret the laws of the game to the players.
- Never ridicule players.

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
- Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual as well as team skill
- Ensure that all players understand the importance of regular attendance at training and positive attitude at training and that team selection throughout the season, including the finals, may be influenced by their training attendance and attitude.
- Ensure that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention and that doctor's orders are strictly adhered to.
- Endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development and of factors relating to the welfare of my players.
- Display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practice fair play.
- Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
- Abide by the Rules & Regulations of the Championship.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.
- Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Championship officials.
- Do not make or post inappropriate comments of players, teams and Championship officials using information technology which, if said in person during the playing of a game would result in disciplinary action being taken. Information technology includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter and blogs).

PARENTS & SUPPORTERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation, but don't force it.
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses. Supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires, administrators and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticise umpires.
- Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect. Respect the facilities and equipment of the venues.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Abusive language is unacceptable.
- Do not make or post inappropriate comments of players, Championship officials, volunteers, or your State using information technology which, if said in person during the playing of a game would result in disciplinary action being taken. Information technology includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter and blogs).

ADMINISTRATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Involve others in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the Championships
- Create pathways for people to participate and develop through the sport not just as players but also as coaches, umpires and administrators.
- Ensure equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability level of the participants.
- Establish that qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and specific skill technique provide adequate supervision.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Assist all participants in Australian Football to know and understand the rules.
- Set a conduct example for others to follow.
- Make it clear that abusing people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Championship managers.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
- Ensure on and off the field behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Ensure all parents, coaches, sponsors, administrators, officials, medical staff and players, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.
- Abide by the Rules & Regulations of the Championships. “Do not make or post inappropriate comments of players teams, Championship officials, or Championship management using information technology which, if said in person during the playing of a game would result in disciplinary action being taken. Information technology includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter and blogs).

OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules.
- Be honest in your assessment of situations.
- Be consistent and courteous in calling all infractions.
- Condemn deliberate penalties as being unsporting and promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour.
- The health and safety of the players must be the most important reason to be weighed in during the decision making process.
- Use common sense to ensure the ‘spirit of the game’ for players is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules.
- Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.
- Ensure you remain up to date with any rule changes and/or interpretation of rules as laid down by the AFL
- Seek continual self-improvement through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable. “Do not make or post inappropriate comments of players, teams, Championship officials, or management using information technology which, if said in person during the playing of a game would result in disciplinary action being taken. Information technology includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter and blogs).

Code of Conduct Guidelines and Disciplinary Procedures

The Championship Code of Conduct is in place to assist in ensuring the safety and enjoyment of all players, officials and supporters in particular it relates to their conduct and behaviour. Teams are required to ensure that all members receive a copy of the Code of Conduct in addition to any they implement themselves for State purposes.

1. Discipline

The Code of Conduct is meant to be used in conjunction with the Championship Rules and Regulations and each State's own Code of Conduct.

Any player, official or supporter bringing the game into disrepute, irrespective of the cause, shall be entitled to one warning for what would be considered a 'Level 1' breach. Further such indiscretions or a more serious violation that warrants a stronger response or remedy commensurate with the seriousness of the breach of the Code of Conduct shall be dealt with in the following manner:

A 'complaint' may be made by:

- a) An authorised team or Championship official or by the AFL appointed Championship Manager/s
- b) The Championship Manager must receive the Complaint as per the Rules and Regulations operating at the time of the Championship (see section 34).
- c) All other processes in respect to Conduct Unbecoming or Prejudicial will be handled according to the Rules and Regulations.

2. Breaches

2.1 Minor breaches such as wearing incorrect apparel, being late for meetings etc should be dealt with by the Championship Manager and at the determination of the Management team and FFAC members present.

2.2 First time breaches considered minor may incur a verbal warning and counselling.

2.3 Repeat minor breaches may incur monetary forfeiture of an amount no greater than \$100 for each breach.

2.4 More serious breaches such as abusive language use, of physical intimidation etc will invoke a monetary fine (as decided by the Championship Management team, Tribunal and/or the present FFAC members.). For example the use of physical intimidation or verbal coercion by a coach with respect to an official may incur a forfeiture of up to \$200 or a loss of premiership points to the team and immediate game suspension, whichever is deemed the most appropriate based on the severity of the breach and whether the breach is part of a persistent behaviour and whether the offence occurred due to mitigating circumstances.

2.5 If there is a breach of the AFL's Vilification and Discrimination Policy then after an incident:

- a) a complaint can be made verbally or in writing to the Championship Manager.
- b) The Championship Manager will investigate the complaint including informing the alleged person (respondent) about the complaint against them and allowing time to respond and obtaining statements from any witnesses.
- c) If both parties agree then an informal resolution can be enacted such as an apology or retraction.
- d) If no agreement then a conciliation process should follow. This process should be conducted by an independent person in this case the Tribunal appointed to the Championships.
- e) If no resolution then the complaint remains unresolved due to insufficient evidence. If successful then the Tribunal can take further action against the respondent.

2.6 Persistent serious breaches that are public and bring the AFL or Championships in to disrepute will incur expulsion from the Championships and be at the discretion of the Tribunal.

2.7 State teams would be expected to support any Tribunal decision by implementing their own sanctions and disciplinary measures as per their own Code of Conduct.

3. Forfeitures

Any monetary forfeitures will be put back into the game and the acquittal of fines will be decided by the FFAC members present. For example where the furthest travelling team contains players who have had to travel great distances to make their state team, they may receive a small reimbursement to off set their family's impost.

The following is indicative of the form of response that may occur:

Breach	Description	Remedy	Referred
Level 1	Minor Indiscretion	Individuals name recorded; counselling, mediation or apology if appropriate; official warning	Usually Not
Level 2	More serious infraction or repetition	Suspended sentence for the team or individual, or suspension from the Championships, a fine; counselling, mediation or apology as necessary	Yes
Level 3	Serious Infraction or 'third strike' (third Level 1 or second Level 2	Any of the above; OR potential suspension or removal from the Championships of an individual; fines and/or loss of competition points to a team	Yes

Indiscretions may be accounted for partly by an individual and partly by the team in which they are related to. As such penalties may potentially be apportioned to either an individual or team or shared. Teams may be held partially responsible for the conduct of members and non-member supporters.

4. Promoting the Code of Conduct

All travelling members and supporters must be given a copy of the Championship Code of Conduct.

All players must be given a copy to accompany their State Code of Conduct.

All coaches must be given a copy to accompany their State Code of Conduct and sign

All officials must be given a copy to accompany their State Code of Conduct

When a player and/state team official signs their State Code of Conduct they are accepting the Championship Code of Conduct.

A copy of each Championships Rules and Regulations is available on the AFL web site

A copy of the Championship Code of Conduct will be in a prominent position in the following locations:

- on kiosk wall, in front of canteen;
- in the home and visitors change rooms; and
- at entrances to public toilets.

5. Code of Conduct Sign-Off

Players, officials and parents of Under 18 players are expected to sign off on the following key statements regarding behaviour and expectations involved supporting the Code of Conduct as part of the implementation of each State's Code of Conduct at the Championships:

- I hereby agree that I am bound by the rules, by-laws and policies of the State team and the AFL Championship as amended from time to time
- I acknowledge that my failure to adhere to these rules may result in deregistration
- I declare that this information is true and correct.
- I have received and understand my responsibilities under the State's and Championship's Code of Conduct.

I agree to abide by the Code of Conduct as stipulated by my
State Position: Date:



APPENDIX XV11

AFL YOUTH GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

AFL SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

1. Purpose and scope

This policy sets out the AFL's expectations for the personal and professional use of social media.

Recognising that commonly held perceptions of social media are likely to change from time to time, social media for the purpose of this policy is specifically not limited to certain digital platforms. The AFL considers each of the following platforms / internet programs / digital interfaces as social media for the purposes of this policy:

- External and internal social networking sites (eg Facebook, Twitter, Bebo, LinkedIn, Mysite and Yammer);
- Video and photo sharing websites (eg Flickr, YouTube);
- Micro blogging sites (Twitter);
- Weblogs, including corporate blogs, personal blogs or blogs hosted by traditional media publications (eg 'comments', or 'your say' feature on theage.com.au);
- Forums and discussion boards (eg Whirlpool, Yahoo! Groups or Google Groups);
- Online encyclopaedias (eg Wikipedia);
- Instant messaging (including SMS);
- Vod and podcasting; and
- Any other website that allows individual users or companies to use simple publishing tools.

2. Application

This policy applies to the following:

- All AFL employees and contractors including probation, permanent, part time, casual, fixed term;
- Students, graduates and others on work experience or undertaking voluntary work;
- Any other person who is notified that his policy applies to them;
- Any officially accredited person not covered above to represent the AFL in social media (collectively Applicable Persons or you)

For the avoidance of doubt, this policy also applies to any personal use of social media by an Applicable Person.

3. Background

The AFL embraces social media as a valuable and important tool to engage and connect with our fans, customers, community and other relevant stakeholders. With the rapid growth and application of social media the AFL recognises the need to have a policy that ensures Applicable Persons who use social media, either in work or personal capacity, have guidance.



APPENDIX XV111

AFL YOUTH GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

COACHING PHILOSOPHY

1. Guiding Principles

“To provide an environment that best develops and showcases each individual’s talents regardless of shape or size.”
This will be introduced as a trial for 2015.

- (a) Five (5) forwards to play inside their attacking half at all stoppages (2 Inside Forward 50) Note:
Defenders must also abide by the same principle though not necessarily man on man. “Stoppage” means, centre ball up, field ball up, boundary throw in and kick in after a point.
- (b) No “Tagging/Run With” players whose sole purpose is to prevent an opposition player gaining possession are permitted at any time.
- (c) No rolling zone or press is permitted at any time. Once the ball is in general play it’s important to encourage players to be responsible for their opponent, therefore creating more one on one football.

2. Rationale behind this implementation includes:

- i. Skill development stage of Youth Girls allows for more space to execute skills
- ii. Player welfare and
- iii. To alleviate congestion allowing more one on one contests.

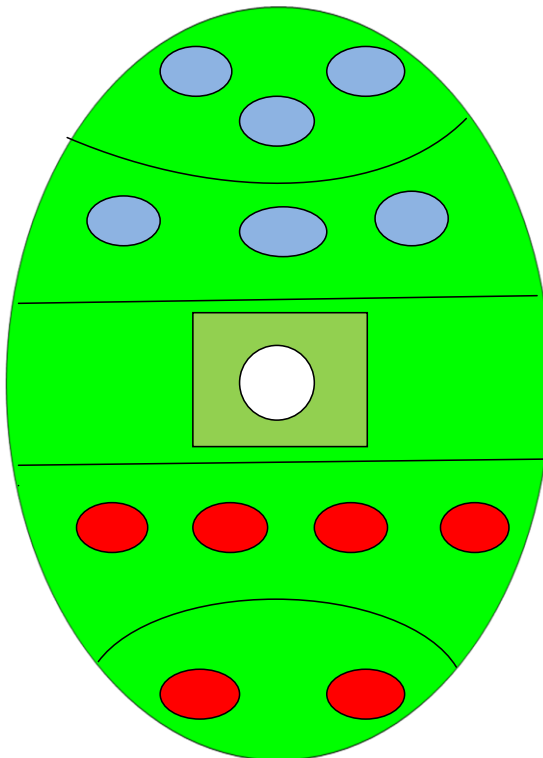
3. Consequences for veering from this philosophy:

- (a) In game:
There is no ‘in game’ penalty. The Championship Manager, once made aware of any infringement /s, will approach the Head Coach as soon as an infringement is identified. The determination of the infringement will be made by a member of the Championship Match Committee including a field umpire, Umpires Coach, AFL Umpire Manager or AFL Championship Manager.
- (b) Post game penalty:
1ST Offence – The State Talent Manager and Coach will be requested to appear in front of the Championship Manager, AFL Manager and AFL Umpire Manager to explain their actions.
2ND Offence – The coach shall receive a suspension (length to be determined by the Championship Committee)
3RD Offence – The coach shall be suspended from coaching at the Championships indefinitely.

4. Centre Bounce setup

- All **6 Forwards** are to start behind the line of the centre square. Wingmen are the only players to start around the sides of the square.
- Minimum of **2 forwards** are to start inside Forward 50.
- **Defenders must abide by the same principle** (Note: They don't necessarily have to play man on man however they must start behind the back of the Centre Square and must also have **2 Inside Defensive 50**)

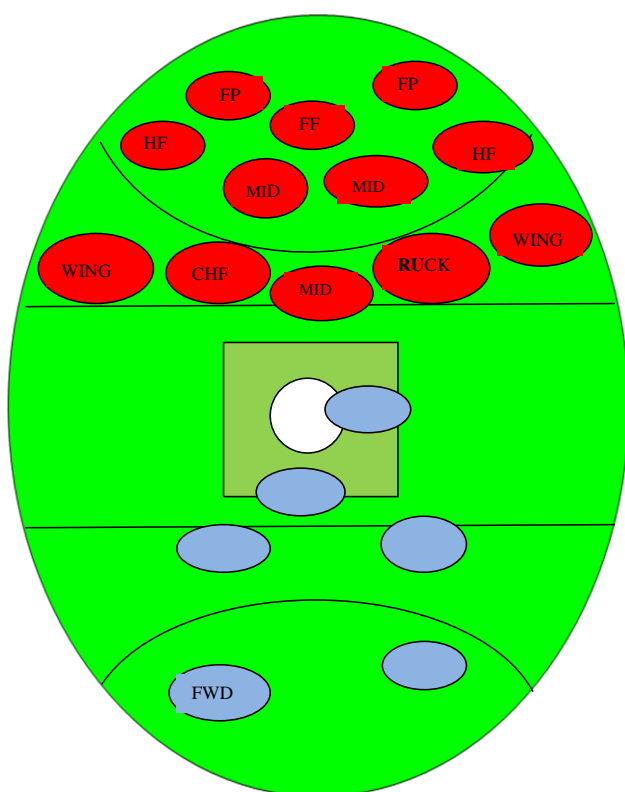
Possible centre bounce setup



5. Kick ins (Slow play)

- Maximum of **13 players** allowed in the Zone.
- The team Kicking In must have minimum of **5 Forwards** within their attacking half (minimum of 2 players inside forward 50) until the ball is brought into play.
- **Defenders must abide by the same principle** (Note: They don't necessarily have to play man on man however they must start minimum **5 Defenders** inside their defensive half and must also have 2 Inside Defensive 50).

Possible set up for kick in

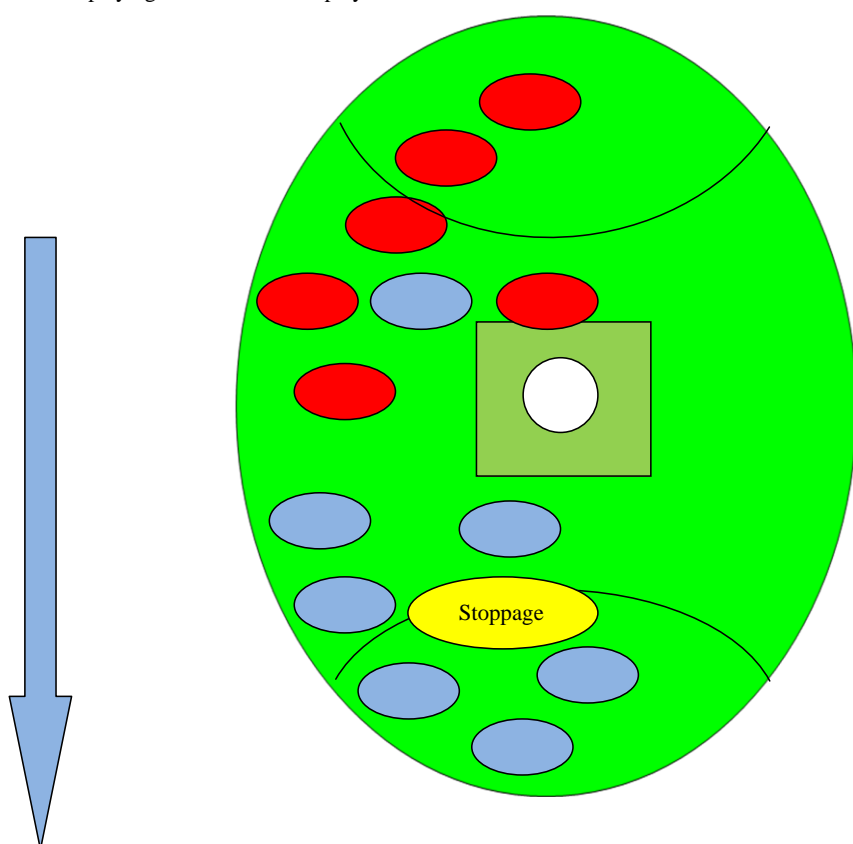


6. Plus one set up

- Coaches can designate a player permitted to position herself a kick behind the ball in general play.
- No player is permitted to start/set-up as the loose player in defence at any time.
- Should a player such as the centre wish to play the traditional defensive role this is allowed, however this player is not at any stage permitted to play loose in Defensive 50.
- Should an opposition forward roll up to the contest, it is the defenders right to not follow and remain in a defensive position providing it is not Inside 50.

“Plus one” set up (General Play)

Note: Ruck playing a kick behind the play.





APPENDIX X1X

AFL YOUTH GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

FINES INCURRED FOR BREACHES OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

BREACH	FINE	COMMENT
Team nomination	\$50	90 days prior
16.1 Failure to provide colour visual of apparel	\$50	90 days prior
Incorrect positioning of numbers & logos	\$50	
Inability to provide possible sponsor logo	\$50	
Coach, live in Umpire nominations	\$50 each	90 days prior
Team Manager, trainer nominations	\$50 each	30 days prior
7.5 Timing of team to re-enter ground	\$500	3 rd breach of team entering ground
8.1 Initial Squad of 35 with jumper numbers, C and VC	\$50	30 days prior
8.2 c) Final team on Fox Sports Pulse	\$50	7 days prior. Will be made public
8.2 d) Daily Team Sheet x 5	\$50	1 each required for you, opposition, umpires, interchange and championship manager
15 b) Player numbers etc on Team Sheet	\$50 per incorrect item	Failure to provide all the required information will result in penalty per incorrect or missing item
32.2 All Australian nominations	\$50	7 days prior
Late entry of Match Results Sheet	\$50	
Not adhering to Daily Run Sheet 2 nd breach	\$50	Warning provided first.
Non compliance with apparel on game day	\$50 each	For every person and item
Incorrect positioning in respect to match day markings eg interchange, dug out, people in coach box etc	\$50 each	2 nd breach
Code of Conduct	\$100 up	Depending on number breach and severity level eg social media breach = delete offending comment, apologise, and if level 1 comment, provide warning, level 2 \$100 etc
Names attending Welcome to Championships, Closing or other event requests	\$50	for every name omitted or late

All fines incurred will be invoiced to the state's Game Development department at the conclusion of the Nationals.

Fines will be used to provide travel equalisation for those teams travelling the farthest to attend Nationals.