



AFL South East Region Policy By-Laws



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1 DEFINITIONS

Junior League, Club or Competition – AFL South East, for the purpose of interpretation of AFL Victoria Country Rules and Regulations, classify the following as Junior Leagues, Clubs or Competitions:

- South East Juniors
- Frankston & District Junior Football League
- Mornington Peninsula Junior Football League

Region – The hierarchical authority including but not limited to a Commission or Council, that:

- has designated governance responsibilities for the direction of football in a geographical location and
- is affiliated with AFL Victoria

Region Manager – The AFL Victoria employed Region Manager, for the AFL South East Region.

NCFPH – National Community Football Policy Handbook

2 AFL SOUTH EAST POLICY PANEL

The Region may appoint persons to a Policy Panel. The panel will be a minimum of three (3) members and will comprise:

- the AFLSE Senior Football Manager
- two (2) non-club affiliated independent members

3 PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM - AFL SOUTH EAST REGIONAL CONDITIONS

AFL South East affiliated leagues of the Region must comply with the provisions of the AFL Victoria Player Points System Policy (**the PPS Policy**), with all Region By laws developed under Section 3.4 of the Policy to be lodged and approved by the CCSP Advisory Panel.

3.1 Definition of a “Home Player” for AFL South East Leagues

- 3.1.1 If the player plays 40 or more games over a minimum of three (3) seasons, or if having played less than 40 games, has played the majority of their junior football, up to and including the highest grade of underage competition at the aligned junior club as set out below.

<i>Junior Clubs</i>	<i>Aligned Clubs</i>
Bonbeach YCW JFC	Bonbeach FNC
Chelsea JFC	Chelsea FNC
Crib Point JFC	Crib Point FNC
Devon Meadows JFC	Devon Meadows FNC
Dromana JFC	Dromana FNC
Edithvale-Aspendale JFC	Edithvale-Aspendale FNC
Frankston Rovers JFC	Frankston Bombers FNC
Frankston YCW JFC	Frankston YCW FNC
Hastings JFC	Hastings FNC



Karingal JFC	Karingal FNC
Langwarrin JFC	Langwarrin FNC
Mornington JFC	Mornington FNC
Mount Eliza JFC	Mt. Eliza FNC
Pearcedale Baxter JFC	Pearcedale FNC
Pines JFC	Pines FNC
Red Hill JFC	Red Hill FNC
Rosebud JFC	Rosebud FNC
Rye JFC	Rye FNC
Seaford JFC	Seaford FNC
Somerville JFC	Somerville FNC
Sorrento JFC	Sorrento FNC
Tyabb JFC	Tyabb FNC

3.1.2 For the avoidance of doubt clause 3.1.1 is not relevant for players on permit.

3.1.3 Senior MPFNL Clubs may make an application on an annual basis for a ruling from AFL South East to claim a “home player” from the stand-alone Junior clubs set out below. AFL South East shall at its absolute discretion determine the eligibility of any player to be a “home player”.

Stand-alone Juniors Clubs

Balnarring JFC (MPJFL)	Fountain Gate JFC (SEJ)
Beleura JFC (MPJFL)	Moorooduc JFC MPJFL
Berwick North JFC (SEJ)	Mount Martha JFC (MPJFL)
Carrum Downs JFC (F&DJFL)	Narre North Foxes JFC (SEJ)
Cardinia Tigers JFC (SEJ)	Parkmore JFC (SEJ)
Clyde JFC (SEJ)	

All clubs listed above need to be members of one of the following junior competitions:

- South East Juniors
- Frankston & District Junior Football League
- Mornington Peninsula Junior Football League

3.1.4 Senior MPFNL Clubs may only make application to AFL South East to claim a “home player” from the stand-alone Junior clubs if the Senior MPFNL Club is the first Senior Club, in any league, the player has registered at.



- 3.1.5 Where there is any difference or dispute as to whether a player is a “Home Player” then this will be determined by AFL South East in its absolute discretion. *Note: A player may have multiple “home clubs”.*

3.2 Point Deductions for Season of Service in Under 19 at MPFNL Clubs

- 3.2.1 AFL South East will approve a 1-point deduction for an Under 19 player in the MPFNL under the following circumstances:
- The player has played two (2) consecutive seasons for the same MPFNL Club in the Under 19 competition, and;
 - The player has played five (5) or more matches in each of the consecutive Under 19 seasons
- 3.2.2 Any further consecutive seasons that the player plays five (5) or more matches for the same MPFNL club in the Under 19 competition will earn a season of service deduction.
- 3.2.3 Any player who played five (5) or more matches for an amalgamated Under 19 team in the 2025 season will be credited with a season of service, in accordance with 3.2.1, at either club, provided a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is in place.
- 3.2.4 For the 2026 season, players who are unable to play Under 19 matches with their registered club and instead play on permit with an alternative club will be credited with a season of service, in accordance with 3.2.1, with their registered club, provided they play five (5) or more matches in total during the season.

3.3 Overage Permit Transfers

- 3.3.1 When a player is granted an overage permit within the MPFNL to play in the Under 19 competition, if they transfer within the MPFNL they will be classed as Category 3 - Transferred Junior Player, if the player has played more Under 19 matches than Reserve and/or Senior matches in the season they are transferring from.

3.4 Under 19 Competition Player Capping

- 3.4.1 Upon application to the region Policy Panel, under section 7.3 of the Player Points System Policy, players may be exempt from the additional 1 point allocation for
- playing against their immediate former club, or
 - transferring from a premier competition,
- When they move from one MPFNL Club to another due to not fitting inside their previous Club’s Under 19 Player Cap.



4 PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM – JURISDICTION OF AFL SOUTH EAST POLICY PANEL

4.1 Individual Player Point Re-Assessments

- 4.1.1 Clubs may make application in writing to the Policy Panel for reassessment of a player's points allocation within seven (7) days of the player's points being input by the club (into PlayHQ) pursuant to the AFL Victoria Player Points System framework. Clubs may request confirmation of players PPS allocation but should not do so until approximately 75% of their anticipated playing list is registered.
- 4.1.2 The application must address the matters set out in Clause 7.3 of the PPS Policy. Any supporting evidence should be submitted with the application.
- 4.1.3 The Policy Panel will consider the application as soon as practical upon receipt by the Policy Panel.
- 4.1.4 Decisions will be by majority vote of the Policy Panel.
- 4.1.5 The Policy Panel is not obliged to give reasons for its decision.
- 4.1.6 AFL South East will provide written notification to the Club within seven (7) days of the Policy Panel making its decision.

4.2 Total Team Points Assessment

- 4.2.1 The Region shall give notice of the allocation of total club points for each affiliated League for the following season by September 30th annually. The club points model can be found in Appendix 1.
- 4.2.2 Clubs may make application in writing to the Policy Panel for reassessment of their total club points allocation within 28 days of the Club's being notified pursuant to the PPS Policy.
- 4.2.3 The application must set out the Club's reasons for seeking reassessment and must particularly address the matters set out in Clause 8.2 of the Policy and be accompanied by all supporting evidence which the Club wants considered.
- 4.2.4 The Policy Panel will consider the application within 28 days of receipt by the Policy Panel.
- 4.2.5 Decisions will be by majority vote of the Policy Panel.
- 4.2.6 The Policy Panel is not obliged to give reasons for its decision.
- 4.2.7 AFL South East will provide written notification to the Club within seven (7) days of the Policy Panel making its decision.



5 PLAYER PAYMENT RULES – AFL SOUTH EAST REGIONAL CONDITIONS

AFL South East have adopted the Player Payment Rules as detailed on the MPFNL Website at www.mpfnl.com.au/football-rules-polices/

AFL South East affiliated leagues of the Region must comply with the provisions of the AFL Victoria Player Payment Rules, with all Region By Laws developed under Section 8(d) of the Policy to be lodged and approved by the CCSP Advisory Panel.

5.1 MPFNL Men's Football Player Payments

- 5.1.1 For the 2026 season, clubs shall not exceed the following Allowable Player Payments:
- Division 1: \$130,000
 - Division 2: \$120,000

5.2 MPFNL Women's Football Player Payments

- 5.2.1 Under section 8(d) of the Player Payment Rules, player payments to players within the MPFNL Women's Football Competition shall be exempt from the Allowable Player Payments and have a separate value for Allowable Player Payments.
- 5.2.2 Regardless of if clubs make player payments to their Women's Football Competition players, all clubs must comply with all AFL South East Player Payment Rules and Guidelines, including but not limited to;
- Player Declarations
 - APP Budget preparation and submission
 - APP Final preparation and submission
- 5.2.3 Each club within the Women's Football Competition will be limited to the value of the allowable player payment of their highest divisional team.
- 5.2.4 For the 2026 season, clubs shall not exceed the following allowable player payments:
- Division 1: \$12,000
 - Division 2: \$10,000
- 5.2.5 Where clubs have two (2) or more teams, players may have player declarations outlining differing payments depending on the team they play in.
- 5.2.6 No club within the MPFNL is obligated to make any payments to Women's Competition Players.



5.3 MPFNL Thirds Competition

- 5.3.1 Under Section 8(d) of the Player Payment Rules, any coach who registers as a player, only to participate in Thirds grade matches, shall have their Coaching Payment exempt from being included as player payments in the Allowed Player Payment Cap.
- 5.3.2 Should any coach play a Senior, Reserve, or Under 19 grade match, this exemption will not apply.

6 PLAYER PAYMENT RULES – JURISDICTION OF AFL SOUTH EAST POLICY PANEL

6.1 Allowable Player Payment variation under APP Rule 3(a)

The Region shall confirm the Allowable Player Payment cap for each affiliated League for the following season by August 31st annually or such other such date as determined by the Region.

- 6.1.1 By 30th November, a Club may make application in writing to the Policy Panel for an increase in the Allowable Player Payment Cap to apply to that Club for the upcoming season .
- 6.1.2 The application must set out the Club's reasons for seeking an increase in the Allowable Player Payment to apply to that Club and particularly should address the factors set out in Clause 3(a)(iv) of the Player Payment Rules and be accompanied by supporting evidence.
- 6.1.3 The Policy Panel will consider the application within 28 days of receipt by the Policy Panel.
- 6.1.4 Decisions will be by majority vote of the Policy Panel.
- 6.1.5 AFL South East will provide a written response to the Club notifying the decision of the Policy Panel and will give reasons for the decision.
- 6.1.6 The decision of the AFL South East Policy Panel is final.
- 6.1.7 Where an application for an increase in the Allowable Player Payment for the Club is granted, AFL South East will make this decision public.

6.2 Application Under APP Rule 8(d)

- 6.2.1 A Club may at any time make application in writing to the Policy Panel, for a ruling as to whether any payments, considerations, advantages or other benefits constitute a Player Payment, including their value, for the purpose of the Allowable Player Payment Rules.



- 6.2.2 The application must set out the Club's reasons for seeking the ruling and be accompanied by all supporting evidence which the Club wants considered.
- 6.2.3 The Policy Panel will consider the application after receipt, and any ruling of the Region must be forwarded to the AFL Victoria Football Operations Manager prior to any announcement or approval by the Region.
- 6.2.4 Decisions will be by majority vote of the Policy Panel.
- 6.2.5 The decision of the AFL South East Policy Panel is final.
- 6.2.6 Where an application for an increase in the Allowable Player Payment for a Club is granted, AFL South East may make this decision public.

6.3 Allowable Player Payments Integrity Reviews

- 6.3.1 The Policy Panel may initiate integrity reviews into possible breaches consistent with Rule 9 of the AFL South East Player Payment Rules.
- 6.3.2 Where an integrity review has occurred and charges are laid against a Club and or player(s), and the charge is found proven at a Hearing of the Disciplinary Committee, the Disciplinary Committee may order that the offending Club or player pay all or part of the costs of the investigation.

6.4 Non-Compliance Under APP Rule 4, 5, 6 or 7

- 6.4.1 The Policy Panel may apply a monetary sanction up to a maximum of \$15,000. In respect of a Player, in addition or alternatively to any monetary sanction, a suspension from playing a Match or Matches.

7 JURISDICTION OF AFL SOUTH EAST POLICY PANEL – ADDITIONAL MATTERS

- 7.1.1 In the absence of the relevant rule in competition By-Laws, the AFL South East Policy Panel may, in direct consultation with the MPFNL, and at the Regions absolute discretion, also consider and determine the following matters
- 7.1.2 Management Overage Permit applications – refer to section 4 of NCFPH.
- 7.1.3 Management of any Policy regulations or breaches under the NCFPH, including but not limited to potential Breaches of the Member Protection regulations (Section 9) and Social Media regulations (Section 10) – refer Section 23 of the NCFPH.



- 7.1.4 Management of the Match Review Regulations for Reportable Offences consistent with section 22.2(b) of the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook.
- 7.1.5 Ineligible Player breaches, Permit Breaches and Special Consideration Permit Applications – refer Clauses 1 and 2 of AFL Victoria Country Rules and Section 3 of the NCFPH.
- 7.1.6 Any matter referred to it by the AFL South East Region Manager, where provided for in the AFL South East By Laws.

8 VARIATION OF TIME

Notwithstanding any other provision of these By Laws, where any time limit is imposed for the doing of any act or thing or for any other purpose, the Region Manager may in their absolute discretion extend or bring forward the time within which a person may do any act or thing under these Rules.

9 APPEALS

Region appeals under these By Laws will be heard by the Region Council and must be conducted consistent with Section 26 of the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook.

Appeals that may be heard by the Region within these by Laws include

- Individual Player Points reassessment as per Section 4 of these by laws and consistent with Section 7.3 of the AFL Victoria Player Points System Policy.
- Additional Total Team points application as per Section 5 of these by laws and consistent with 8.3 AFL Victoria Player Points System Policy.
- Ineligible Player breaches as per Clause 1.1 of AFL Victoria Country Rules

Any appeal must detail relevant Grounds for appeal as specified at Section 26.1 (b) of the NCFPH and Section 13 of the AFL Victoria Player Points System, allowing an Appellant subject to a decision to appeal in respect of such a decision on one or more of the following grounds:

- a) Section 26.1(b)(i)(A) the decision was an error of law that had a material impact on the decision.
- b) Section 26.1(b)(i)(B) the decision was so unreasonable that no Controlling Body or Tribunal acting reasonably could have come to that decision having regard to the evidence before it.

9.1 AFL South East Region Conditions of Appeal

- 9.1.1 The appeal must be made by written submission to the Region Manager not later than 2:00pm on the second business day (business day in the state of Victoria) after the Region has notified the Club of the decision.
- 9.1.2 A sum of \$250 is received by the Region, which is non-refundable.
- 9.1.3 The Region Council shall consider the Appeal at the next scheduled meeting after receipt of the Appeal.



- 9.1.4 Decisions of the Region Council will be by simple majority vote of members.
- 9.1.5 The Region will provide written notification to the member club within seven (7) days of the Region making its decision.
- 9.1.6 The Region is not obliged to give reasons for its decision.
- 9.1.7 The decision of the Region is final.



APPENDIX 1

Player Point Cap Siding Scale

<i>Division</i>	<i>Previous Season Final Position</i>	<i>Season Points</i>
Division 1	1 st	42
	2 nd	42
	3 rd	42
	4 th	42
	5 th	42
	6 th	42
	7 th	42
	8 th	42
	9 th	42
	Division 2 Premier	42
Division 2	2 nd	42
	3 rd	42
	4 th	42
	5 th	42
	Division 1 Relegated	43
	6 th	43
	7 th	44
	8 th	44
	9 th	45
	10 th	45
	11 th	46
	12 th	46