



# **Goldfields Football League (inc.)**

## **1. TRAINERS/WATER CARRIERS PROCEDURES**

- 1.1 All trainers are requested to remain behind the Boundary Line while the game is in progress and enter the playing arena only when there is a clear break in play away from the player/s.
- 1.2 Trainers/water carriers are not to remain on the playing arena even though there is a clear break in play.
- 1.3 The obvious exception is where a player is injured and requires the attention of the trainer/water carrier.
- 1.4 Trainers entering the playing arena for the purpose of attending an injured player must not interfere with the play in any way and must vacate the arena as soon as possible.
- 1.5 Trainers must not stand inside the 50m arc during a point kick in when they are treating a player. Should treatment be necessary during a point kick in the trainer should notify the Umpire before the kick in occurs. A free kick may be given if permission is not received and the trainer is deemed to be interfering with play.

## **2. TRAINERS, WATER CARRIERS, CLUB DOCTORS AND PHYSIOTHERAPISTS**

### **2.1 Water Carriers**

- 2.1.1 Appointed water carriers to be at least 16 years of age.
- 2.1.2 Vests will be supplied by the GFL for the Water Carriers to wear. The home team water carrier will wear lime green and away team will wear an orange vest.
- 2.1.3 All water carriers must be included on the team sheet.

### **2.2 Sports Trainers**

- 2.2.1 A maximum of ten (10) water carriers/sports trainers are permitted to officiate during any official GFL match.
- 2.2.2 Sports Trainers need to be identified by wearing Club trainers' shirts and jackets
- 2.2.3 Club coloured jackets may also be worn.
- 2.2.4 Black or white trousers or black or white shorts are the accepted uniform. Coloured trousers are not permitted. Shoes are to be predominantly white shoes.

### **2.3 Club Doctors and Physiotherapists**

- 2.3.1 Doctors and Physiotherapists can choose to wear the approved Sports Trainer uniform if they wish but will make up the number of 12 permitted out onto the playing arena.

## **3. PERSONNEL ON PLAYING ARENA**

- 3.1 At grounds which have coaches' boxes or dugouts, the Doctor, interchange players, club runner, team manager, trainers and water carriers must use the facility provided. This person need not use the interchange area if they wish to enter the arena, during the progress of the game. Trainers and water carriers may position themselves at intervals around the boundary line, provided they do not interfere with the functions of other officials involved in the running of the match.



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3.2 At grounds that do not have coaches' boxes or dugouts, the abovementioned personnel shall be seated between the boundary line and the fence at least 10 metres from the interchange area.

3.3 Other personnel included on the official team sheet are not permitted onto the arena, whilst the game is in progress.

## **4. OFFICIAL RUNNER**

4.1 Each Club shall be entitled to use two (2) runners in each grade of the GFL competition.

### **Runners Obligations**

4.1.1 The runner's role is solely to deliver messages from the coaching staff to players on the playing arena.

4.1.2 The runner must immediately vacate the playing arena once the message has been delivered.

4.1.3 The runner must not interfere with the course of play. This includes standing in and filling a space at set plays.

4.1.4 The runner is not permitted to coach or remain on the field barracking and will be asked to leave.

If the runner fails to immediately respond to any request relating to points 1-4 above then a free kick may be awarded against his team at the spot of the infringement or where the ball is at that time, whichever is the greater penalty.

4.1.5 Only one runner from each team will be permitted entry to the playing arena at any one time. The exception to this rule is for the Colts competition where both runners may be on the field at one time.

4.1.6 A runner must wear the required attire, as specified by the GFL from time to time. The home team runner must wear a lime green vest and the away team runner must wear an orange vest.

4.1.7 A runner must not engage in physical contact that may cause injury to any player, official or umpire or initiate physical contact of any nature while on the playing arena. Runners shall be reported by the umpires for infringements of this nature. The GFL Tribunal shall then determine any penalty that should be imposed. Any penalties incurred by a player acting as a runner shall be viewed as penalties against a player in regard to the competition medals for fair play.

4.1.8 If a runner uses foul or abusive language, a free kick may be awarded against his team at the spot of the infringement or where the ball is at that time or whichever is the greater penalty.

**A suspended player, Club General Manager, Football Manager or nominated coach may not act as a club runner, trainer or water carrier.**



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## **5. SMOKING**

Coaches, support staff, players and club officials are banned from smoking whilst inside the perimeter fence at all GFL fixtured games. Smoking is also banned from all changerooms used by the GFL.