



Goldfields Football League (inc.)

RULES

1. This body shall be called the Goldfields Football League Incorporated (GFL) and the members thereof shall be all Australian Football Clubs admitted to the League, and also all persons elected as life members of the League.

INTERPRETATION

2. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-

“**Club**” means a club which is a member of the League.

“**Commissioners**” means the Board of Commissioners acting as such.

“**Football**” means the Australian National Game of Football.

“**Junior**” shall mean all that underage football played under the direct control of the League.

“**League**” means the Goldfields Football League (G.F.L).

“**Year**” means calendar year.

“**The Laws**” means the Laws of Football as adopted by The Australian Football League.

“**Official**” includes but is not limited to an officer, coach, assistant coach, trainer, runner, employee or any person performing any duties (paid or unpaid) for or on behalf of the Club.

Words defined in the Interpretation Act as from time to time amended shall have the same meanings in these Rules.

OFFICE AND PLACE OF BUSINESS

3. The office and principal place of business of the League shall be at GFL House at the Sir Richard Moore Sports Centre.
4. The objects for which the League is established are to promote, control, manage and encourage the game of football and in particular, but without limiting, the generality of the foregoing for that purpose :-
 - (a) To promote, control, manage and encourage football matches and competitions in the Goldfields region.
 - (b) To determine the terms and conditions upon which persons may play football for Clubs or upon which Clubs may take part in matches.
 - (c) To arrange matches with other leagues and to select and control all representative teams.



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- (d) To frame and administer laws relating to football and to take such action as may be necessary to achieve uniformity in such laws.
- (e) To raise money by subscription or otherwise from Clubs or the members thereof.
- (f) To render assistance, financial or otherwise, to Clubs.
- (g) To recognise the services of, or assist financially or otherwise, present or past players and administrators of football.
- (h) To hear and determine and settle all questions and disputes on any matter relating to football.
- (i) To hear and inquire into any allegation, complaint or charge which may be made or laid against any Club or member, player or Official of a Club or umpire or official of the League involving a breach of the rules of the League or the laws.
- (j) To inflict fines or other penalties (by way of suspension, expulsion or otherwise) for any breach of the rules of the League or the laws on any Club or member, Official or player of any Club or any umpire, member or Official of the League.
- (k) To grant, suspend, exclude or forfeit the right of a Club to membership of the League, but the right of a Club to membership of the League shall not be forfeited without the approval of all other Clubs in the League.
- (l) To control the activities of players, coaches and umpires in any activity associated with football.
- (m) To invest and deal with the money of the League not immediately required for any of its objects in such manner as may from time to time be thought fit.
- (n) To enter into any arrangement with any government or authority whether supreme municipal, local or otherwise that may seem conducive to any of the League's objects and to apply for and obtain from any such government or authority any rights, privileges or concessions which the League may think it desirable to obtain and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
- (o) To appoint, employ, remove or suspend such secretaries, managers and other persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the League.
- (p) To establish and support or aid in the establishment or support of associations and institutions, funds, trusts and conveniences calculated to benefit employees or past employees of the League or players, coaches or umpires or dependents of any such persons and to grant pensions and allowances to any such persons or dependents and to make payments towards insurances to provide any benefits as aforesaid.
- (q) To establish, maintain and conduct a headquarters for the purpose of providing social facilities for members of the League and other persons interested in football.



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- (r) To sell, improve, manage, let, dispose of or turn to account all or any part of the real or personal property of the League.
- (s) To take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not for any one or more of the objects of the League.
- (t) To make donations for patriotic or charitable purposes.
- (u) To render assistance, financial or otherwise, to any organisation promoting the interests of any form of sport.
- (v) To acquire, establish, print and publish newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets or other literary work that the League may think desirable.
- (w) To control the use of any publication by the League and to take such action as may be necessary from time to time to protect the rights of the League in respect thereof.
- (x) To delegate all or any of its powers to any committee or committees or to any board or tribunal appointed by the League.
- (y) To grant leases or licences in respect of liquor or other rights at properties under the control of the League.
- (z) To promote, manage, encourage, foster and develop any sport or sporting activity and to do all such acts and things as are incidental or subsidiary to all or any of the above objects.

COMMISSIONERS

5. The business of the League shall be managed by a Board of Commissioners, consisting of a minimum of five and a maximum of eight members with specific portfolios, but with the discretion to second additional persons as the board sees fit. The board shall elect from within its ranks a chairman and a vice-chairman and shall determine the length of tenure of each to provide a staggered representation.
6. The duties of the chairman shall be to preside at all meetings of the Commissioners and at all other meetings at which his attendance is by these rules required and to see that such meetings are conducted in a proper manner. He may at his discretion and shall at the requisition of three Commissioners call special meetings of the Commissioners. Commissioners, the chairman and vice-chairman may vote on any matter and, where necessary, the chairman is also to have a casting vote. In the absence of the chairman, a vice-chairman shall preside at all such meetings as aforesaid and may thereat exercise all rights and duties vested in the chairman in relation thereto. If the chairman and vice-chairman are absent the meeting shall appoint a chairman from among those present and entitled to an ordinary vote. A chairman so appointed shall have no casting vote, but may exercise his ordinary vote.

DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS



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7. The management and control of the affairs of the League are vested in the Commissioners who, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall have the following powers and duties:-
- (a) To appoint and dismiss and fix salary and terms and conditions of employment of such employees as the Commissioners may from time to time determine and to delegate to any person so appointed any of its powers or duties.
 - (b) To appoint committees composed of such persons as the Commissioners may think fit to investigate any matter in any way relating to the affairs of the League or to perform such duties as Commissioners may determine and subject to these rules the Commissioners may regulate the proceedings of all such committees.
 - (c) To ensure that minutes are kept of all meetings of the Commissioners and of such other meetings as the Commissioners may from time to time determine.
 - (d) To liaise with Clubs on a regular formal basis.
 - (e) To keep a correct account of all moneys and other assets belonging to the League; to ensure that all moneys received by the League are banked in a bank approved by the Commissioners; and to authorise persons to sign cheques on any such bank account and endorse cheques and other documents on behalf of the League.
 - (f) To maintain proper books of account for the League and balance them for the purposes of annual audit and also whenever so decided by the Commissioners to prepare and submit annual accounts to the auditors and on request, make available to member clubs.
 - (g) To invest moneys of the League not immediately required for the purposes thereof in any form of investment thought appropriate by the Commissioners and from time to time to vary or realise such investments.
 - (h) To sell any real or personal property of the League, whether for cash or on terms and by auction or by private contract; to exchange any real or personal property of the League for any other property and to buy or take on exchange or otherwise acquire any real or personal property for the League and do any such thing on such terms and conditions as the Commissioners may think fit.
 - (i) To borrow money for the League and give security therefore by mortgage or charge over any property of the League.
 - (j) To make and give receipts, releases and other discharges for money payable to the League or any other claims or demands of the League.
 - (k) To enter into all such negotiations and contracts and execute and do all such acts, deeds and things as the Commissioners may consider desirable for the proper performance of their duties.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMISSIONERS



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8. The Commissioners shall meet at such times and places as they shall from time to time determine. They may adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit.
9. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes and a determination by a majority of Commissioners shall for all purposes be deemed a determination of the Commissioners.
10. A Commissioner shall not vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract with the league in which he has an interest or any matter arising thereout and if he does so vote his vote shall not be counted.
11. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Commissioners may from time to time be fixed by the Commissioners and unless so fixed shall be four.
12. The continuing Commissioners may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body.
13. A resolution in writing at any time signed by all the then Commissioners shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Commissioners duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more Commissioners.
14. Subject hereto and to other determination by the Commissioners, a committee may determine its own procedure and may elect a chairman of its meetings. If no such chairman is elected or if at any meeting the chairman is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
15. A committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and in the case of an equality of votes the motion shall fail unless the chairman is the chairman or a vice-chairman in which case the chairman may vote to resolve the deadlock.

VALIDATION

16. All acts done by a meeting of Commissioners or of a committee or by any person acting as a Commissioner shall, notwithstanding any defect in the constitution of the meeting or the appointment of the person acting as aforesaid, be valid if ratified by the Commissioners.

GENERAL SECRETARY

17. The Commissioners shall appoint a General Secretary of the League. The General Secretary shall carry out such duties as are specified in these Rules or determined by the Commissioners and subject thereto he will be responsible to the Commissioners for the proper performance of their duties by all other employees of the League and for advice to the Commissioners as to the best means of administering and promoting the affairs of the League.

LEAGUE OFFICIALS



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- 18.** The Commissioners shall appoint officials of the League who shall carry out such duties as are specified by the Rules or determined by the Commissioners. In the performance of their duties they shall be under the control of and shall comply with, the directions of the General Secretary.

LIFE MEMBERS

- 19.** The Commissioners may award life membership to one or more recipients each year. A life member shall be elected by secret ballot which must be carried by a two thirds majority of Commissioners present at the meeting. Notice of nomination for life membership shall be given to Commissioners 14 days prior to such meeting.

TRIBUNALS

- 20 (i)** There shall be a Charges Tribunal and a Protests and Disputes Tribunal as the Commissioners shall from time to time appoint.
- (a) Each Tribunal shall be constituted by five persons (three to form a quorum), the chairman of which is to be a Justice of the Peace or a suitably qualified person determined by the Commissioners.
- (b) A person who holds office of any kind in the League - except those without voting rights - and a person who holds office of any kind in a Club shall not be eligible for appointment.
- 20 (ii)** The Tribunals shall exercise the following functions and their decisions shall be final:-
- (a) Hear all charges in respect of offences under the Laws or under these Rules.
- (b) Hear all protests and all disputes and charges against players and officials and any other matters referred to it by the Commissioners.
- (c) Re-open or re-hear any matter previously dealt with as they see fit. Any application to re-open any matter previously dealt with by the Tribunal must be lodged with the League within seven days of that determination.
- (d) Hear and determine any matter referred or lodged pursuant to these Rules or the Laws.
- (e) Impose such penalties authorised by these Rules and Laws as it deems fit.
- 20 (iii)** The General Secretary shall in all cases be satisfied that the relevant rules have been complied with before submitting any matter for the hearing and determination of the Tribunal.
- (a) The Tribunal shall meet to consider any matter at any time convenient to it.
- (b) The Tribunal meeting may be adjourned to another time.



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- (c) Any League appointed umpire who lodges a charge against any player or Official of a Club shall attend at the Tribunal hearing of that charge.
- (d) Any player or Official of any Club against whom a charge has been lodged shall attend at the Tribunal hearing of the charge.
- (e) Any player or Official of any Club against whom an offence has been allegedly committed in respect of which a charge has been lodged shall attend the Tribunal hearing of that charge.
- (f) Any person referred to in paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of this rule may be excused from attendance by the Tribunal but only if exceptional circumstances can be established to require such excuse.
- (g) The Tribunal may, of its own motion or at the request of any party to a matter before it, require the attendance at a Tribunal hearing of any player or Official of a Club or any umpire.
- (h) Any person required to attend at a Tribunal hearing shall give evidence if required by the Tribunal to do so.
- (i) A player or Official of any club who appears before a Tribunal as a result of a charge made against him pursuant to the Laws or the Rules shall, unless the Tribunal directs otherwise, be accompanied and may be represented at the hearing by a representative of his or her Club.
- (j) An umpire preferring a charge under the Laws or these Rules against a player or an Official of any Club shall, unless the tribunal directs otherwise, be accompanied and may be represented at the hearing by a representative of the GFL Umpires' Association.
- (k) A player or Official of any Club or umpire against whom an offence is alleged to have been committed and the offence is the subject of a charge shall, unless the Tribunal directs otherwise, be accompanied and may be represented at the hearing of the charge by a representative of his Club or the GFL Umpires' Association as the case may be.
- (l) In any other proceeding before a Tribunal a person required to appear may be accompanied and represented at the proceeding by a representative of his Club or the organisation to which he belongs.
- (m) In any of the cases referred to in paragraphs (c), (d), (e), (j), (k) and (l) of this rule the representative of the Club, association or organisation shall not be a legal practitioner.
- (n) A Tribunal may for its purposes rely on such evidence as it thinks fit and in particular may admit statutory declarations and other writings as well as verbal evidence. It may proceed in the absence of any person.
- (o) Any person who, required by these Rules to attend a hearing of a Tribunal, fails to attend as required and does not show good cause for such failure: or



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Any person who as required by these Rules attends a hearing of a Tribunal but refuses to answer any question in the course of the hearing and does not show good cause for such refusal: or

Any person who as required by these Rules attends at a hearing of a Tribunal and in the course of giving evidence at the hearing wilfully endeavours to mislead the Tribunal: or

Any person who attends at a hearing of a Tribunal and acts in an unseemly manner:

shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct and shall thereupon be liable to suspension or disqualification as a player or Official or both or to a fine not exceeding \$500 as the Tribunal may determine.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

21. (a) The Commission may by resolution from time to time declare any acts or omissions by players or Officials to be offences under these Rules and may also declare the penalty for such offences.
- (b) Any player or Official who acts or conducts themselves in a manner prejudicial to the good order, management, control and administration of football commits an offence under these Rules and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$500 or, in the case of a player, disqualified from playing during such term as the Commission deems fit or, in the case of an Official, disqualified from acting as an Official in any capacity either permanently or during such time as the Commission deems fit.
- (c) Where no specific penalty is prescribed in respect of any offence under these Rules or under the Laws of the game, the Commission may impose a fine not exceeding \$1000 and/or disqualification.
- (d) While any fine imposed on a player or Official under these Rules remains unpaid the player or Official shall not be eligible to play or officiate in any capacity in any match conducted pursuant to the Rules. Any such unpaid fine is the ultimate responsibility of the player's or Official's Club.
- (e) No persons, players excluded, other than qualified first-aid men and four Officials including trainers of each competing Club shall be permitted inside the playing arena, fence or on the playing area during the progress of a match. It shall be an offence to exceed this limit.

CHARGES BY UMPIRES

22. Umpires preferring charges against players shall do so in accordance with and shall otherwise comply with the Laws of Australian Football.
23. Umpires may also prefer charges against Clubs or against coaches or other Officials of any Club in respect of matters arising out of or in the course of any game and in relation thereto shall so far as possible follow the same procedure as in the case of charges against players.



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OTHER PROTESTS AND CHARGES

24. Any Club may prefer a protest or charge against any other Club, player or Official of another Club by written notice to the General Secretary of the League and to the Club, player, Official or member concerned.
25. Any Club making any protest or charge against another Club or player or Official of another Club, or reporting any infringement of these Rules or the Laws shall forward the same with particulars in writing to the General Secretary together with the sum of \$100 within three days after the date upon which the occurrence complained of took place (the day of the occurrence shall count as one of such three days). Any protest or charge under this rule shall be referred to the Commissioners and be considered by them at the meeting of the Commissioners next following the date upon which such protest or charge was received by the General Secretary. The Commissioners may dismiss any such protest or charge if they consider it frivolous or vexatious but otherwise they shall refer it to the Tribunal for determination. The said sum of \$100 shall be forfeited to the League upon dismissal by the Commissioners or if it be decided by the Tribunal that the protest or charge was frivolous or groundless but shall be refunded if the protest or charge is upheld or the Tribunal so directs.
26. The General Secretary, upon receiving from any Club a protest or charge against another Club, player or Official of another Club shall give notice thereof and of the particulars to such Club within 24 hours.

PERMIT COMMITTEE

27. There shall be a Permit Committee which shall consist of the Board of Commissioners of the League. The committee shall exercise the following functions:-
 - (a) Grant or refuse a permit to any player.
 - (b) Hear and determine any questions relating to the right or qualification of any person to play with any particular Club.
 - (c) Such other business as may be delegated from time to time by the Commissioners.

AUDITORS

28. Each year the Commissioners shall appoint an auditor or auditors at such remuneration (to be paid from league funds) as they determine. The auditors shall examine the books, accounts, receipts and other financial records of the League for the year in which they are appointed and compare the same with the annual accounts submitted by the Commissioners. The auditors shall no later than April 30 in the year following that in which they were appointed, prepare and send to the Commissioners a report as to the accuracy of the accounts and the financial position of the League. The auditors, finding any deficiency in money or goods, shall report the same immediately to the Commissioners.

ALTERATION OF RULES



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29. These Rules shall not be altered, repealed or added to except upon a resolution carried by a 75 percent majority of the Commissioners at a meeting whereof fourteen (14) days notice together with a copy of any proposed alteration or new rule has been given.

DISSOLUTION

30. The League shall be deemed to have been dissolved if and when a resolution in favour of dissolution shall be carried by a 75 percent majority of the Commissioners specially called for the purpose of considering such dissolution.
31. If upon the winding up of the League there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members, but shall be given or transferred to another association incorporated under the Act which has similar objects and which association shall be determined by resolution of the members.

AFFILIATION

32. In the absence of domestic Rules within the GFL Rules, the League shall subscribe to and be bound by the Rules of the West Australian Country Football League or, alternatively, the WA Football League and AFL.
33. In all league competitions the Laws of Australian Football as adopted by the Australian Football League, shall be complied with by the Clubs playing in such competitions.

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF FOOTBALL

34. Any Australian Rules Football club which shall desire to become a member of the GFL shall send an application in writing to the General Secretary together with a nomination fee of \$500.00. Such application shall be signed by the secretary of the applicant Club and shall state the district proposed to be represented by such Club.
35. Such application shall be dealt with at the next meeting of the Commissioners and if the club is admitted as a member of the League such club and all members thereof shall in all respects be bound by and conform to these Rules.
36. Every club admitted to the GFL, in addition to playing a team in the league competition, shall also enter a team to play in the reserve competition and, unless specifically exempted by the Commissioners, also a team in the colts competition.

COLOURS

37. The colours of the Goldfields Football League shall be predominantly Blue and Gold.
38. Every Club upon admission to the League shall apply for and obtain permission of the Commissioners to use the colours, uniform and design under which the Club proposes to play



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and the same when approved by the League shall be registered by the General Secretary of the League.

39. Any Club desiring to vary or alter its colours, uniform or design shall first apply for and obtain the permission of the Commissioners to make such variation or alteration and when approved the same shall be registered by the General Secretary of the League provided always that notice of such change of colours or alteration of design is given to the League not later than November 1 in the preceding year to that in which such change is to be effected.
40. Registration of such colours, uniform and design by Clubs shall give such Clubs the exclusive right to such colour, uniform and design as against any other Club subsequently attempting to register the same colours, uniform and design.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS

41. A player shall mean any person who applies for and has been granted a permit by the Permit Committee to play with a Club which is a member of the League.
42. A player who becomes bound to a Club shall not be eligible (in the absence of a clearance) for a permit to play for any other Club.
43. A person not bound to a Club shall be eligible for a permit to play with any Club provided always:-
 - (a) That if he shall have previously played anywhere in Australia outside Western Australia he shall in all respects comply with the Interstate Clearance and Permit Regulations of the Australian Football League as well as these rules; and
 - (b) That if such person shall have previously played with a GFL Club he must obtain a clearance from that Club.
44. A player who has played in the GFL Junior Council competition with a Club affiliated with this League after attaining 14 years of age shall be bound to the Club with whom he first played after attaining that age.

PERMITS

45. Any person who desires to play with any Club in the league, reserves or colts competitions must first apply for and be granted a permit by the Permit Committee before he is eligible to play with such Club.
46. Should a player be granted a clearance to play with a Club he must first apply for and be granted a permit by the Permit Committee before he is eligible to play with such Club.
47. No permit shall be granted:-
 - (a) On an interstate clearance or a clearance from a club affiliated with the WAFL received by or notified to the League after June 30 in each year.



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- (b) On any other clearance unless the clearance application was lodged with the General Secretary of the League by June 30 in each year.
 - (c) To a person coming from a club not affiliated with the WAFL after June 30 in each year.
48. Should a person be granted a permit to play with a GFL Club and thereafter not play for such Club during that calendar year then such permit shall automatically expire on December 31 of that year.
49. A permit to play shall be subject to review by the Permit Committee at any time.
50. If any person being otherwise duly qualified under these Rules shall desire to play with the Club to which he is bound prior to a permit having being granted to him then, provided his Club obtains an interim permit from the General Secretary, such person shall be eligible to play with his Club until the next meeting of the Permit Committee which shall deal with his application.

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

51. The General Secretary of the League shall keep a register of all players to whom permits have been granted.

CLEARANCES

52. A player who desires to play with another Club must first obtain a clearance from his original Club.
53. A player who has been cleared by his Club to a Club outside this League who subsequently desires to return and play with a Club, other than his former Club, shall be required to obtain a clearance from his former Club as well as from the Club outside this League.
54. The clearance and permit regulations of the Australian Football League shall apply to all interstate clearances and applications for a clearance interstate shall be made and dealt with in accordance with such regulations.
55. All applications for clearances and permits and the grant or refusal of clearances or permits shall be made on the prescribed forms.
56. Applications for clearances from a Club shall be made by forwarding the required form to the General Secretary of the League who, after recording particulars and the date of receipt, will forward the form to the Club from whom the clearance is sought. The decision of the Club shall be recorded on the form as soon as possible and the form then returned to the General Secretary of the League. If the clearance is approved the General Secretary will then register the person as a player of the Club to which he has been cleared, but no such registration shall be effected in any year except on a clearance application which was lodged with the General Secretary of the League before the July 1 in that year.
57. If after February 1 in any year a player seeking a clearance to another Club within the GFL has not had his application responded to within 10 days, his intended Club shall inform the General



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Secretary who shall advise the player's original Club that it has two days in which to finalise the matter, otherwise the application will be granted and a permit issued.

58. Where a clearance application lodged with a Club outside the GFL has not been responded to within 14 days, that club's parent league will be advised by the GFL that it has been claimed and a permit issued by the GFL.

APPEALS

59. (a) A player who desires to transfer from one Club to another Club within the GFL shall, after having two applications refused within a period of four months, be entitled to appeal to the GFL Protests and Disputes Tribunal.
- (b) An appeal to the Tribunal shall be made in writing and lodged with the General Secretary of the League within 10 days after the date upon which the second or (if more than two applications have been made) the last application for such clearance has been refused. Such notice of appeal shall have annexed to it a further clearance application completed by the player. A copy of the appeal shall be delivered to the Club from which he is seeking a clearance within two days of receipt.
- (c) The Tribunal shall hear any such appeal within a period of 10 days after such appeal has been received or within such further period of time as the Tribunal chairman may direct.
- (d) The player making the appeal and the two Clubs involved shall be the parties to the appeal. No person who is a legal practitioner shall be party to an appeal
60. (a) The Tribunal may grant or refuse a clearance to the player appealing to it, and in reaching its decision shall consider and take into account all the circumstances and matters relevant to the application.
- (b) After two clearance applications have been refused, a Club to which the clearance is sought can lodge an appeal, together with a \$250 bond, for determination by the Protests and Disputes Tribunal.
- (c) A Club from which a clearance is sought must lodge within seven days of being notified of a third application and subsequent appeal, a \$250 bond with the League.
- (d) Each Club must submit in writing, at least 24 hours before the scheduled hearing, its submission for consideration by the Tribunal. Verbal evidence will also be invited.
- (e) The Tribunal is empowered to grant a clearance conditional on a transfer fee being paid to the Club from which a clearance is sought (to a maximum of \$5000 and taking into account the player's service and ability).
- (f) The Tribunal is empowered to forfeit all or part of the \$250 bond lodged by the Clubs in dispute should it consider such penalties are warranted.



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- (g) The player seeking a clearance to submit a statutory declaration indicating what, if any, remuneration he has received from his existing Club or will receive from his intended Club.
 - (h) In the event of the Tribunal granting a conditional clearance, the GFL Permit Committee shall not issue a permit until the conditions imposed have been fulfilled.
 - (i) The Tribunal's decision is final and not subject to appeal.
61. The Tribunal shall not grant a clearance to any player who has played with his *original GFL Club or other Clubs outside the GFL in open age competition for less than five years in total* other than in the following circumstances:
- (a) He has been appointed senior league coach of the Club to which a clearance is being sought and this position is not available to the appellant at his original Club.
 - (b) The Tribunal is of the opinion that an irretrievable breakdown has occurred in the relationship between the player - including colts - and his Club and it would be intolerable for him to continue with that Club.
 - (c) The player is not a regular league grade player with the Club from whom a clearance is sought and, because of this, the Tribunal considers it unreasonable for such clearance application to be rejected.

GFL JUNIOR COUNCIL

The GFL Junior Council shall at all times remain under the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners.

RULES

The Commissioners may make such Rules and by-laws as they see fit.

GFL BY-LAWS

- 1 (a) No Club which is a member of the League shall play any match without the sanction of the Commissioners.
- 1 (b) Any Club forfeiting a match will be fined \$250; in the event of a Club forfeiting a second or subsequent match in the same grade in the same year will be fined \$500.
- 1 (c) Where a team forfeits a match, the full match premiership points shall be awarded to the team receiving the forfeit. The team receiving the forfeit shall be credited with the average number of points scored against the forfeiting team in that season up to the date of the forfeit and debited with the average number of points scored by the forfeiting team up to the date of the forfeit. The forfeiting team shall be debited with the average number of points scored against it up to the date of the forfeit and credited with the average number of points it has scored up to that date.



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- 1 (d) No Club shall abstain from playing any match without first obtaining the permission of the Commissioners.
- 2 (a) A fixtures committee shall arrange and submit for the approval of the Commissioners the program of the qualifying series to be played by the Clubs in each year. The draw and venues for the finals shall be determined by the Commissioners.
- 2 (b) With the exception of the league grand final, all finals with tied scores at the completion of scheduled time, shall be determined as follows:-
 - (i) Play shall continue for two 5-minute periods, with time on.
 - (ii) If after (i) above, an outright result has still not been achieved, play shall continue until the first score has been recorded.
- 2 (c) Where a match result is altered on a protest the team winning the protest shall be awarded the full premiership points. Points scored "for and against" in such match will be recorded as usual for both teams.

RESERVE GRADE RULES

- (a)
 - (i) In the event of a league match being postponed or adjourned for any reason whatsoever the players who played in the last league grade match prior to such postponement or adjournment shall not be eligible to play in any reserve grade matches during such postponement or adjournment.
 - (ii) When the championship season consists of only three qualifying series, the required number of games to qualify for the reserves grade finals shall be three; with four or more qualifying series, the required number of games shall be five.
- (b) No league grade player shall be eligible to play in the reserve grade finals unless he complies with the following:-
 - (i) In the event of his Club's league grade side still competing in the league grade finals then he must have played at least Three (3) qualifying games in the reserve grade team in that year.
 - (ii) In the event of his Club's league grade side having been eliminated from the league grade finals (whether eliminated at the conclusion of the qualifying games or subsequently) then he must have played at least Five (5) games in the reserve grade team in that year up to and including the date of the league team's elimination.
 - (iii) The provisions of sub-section (i) and (ii) above are subject to the provisions of clause (c) in these reserve grade rules.
- (c) In the event that one Club shall have both its league and reserve grade teams playing on the same day in any finals then the provisions of clause (b) of these reserve grade rules do



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not apply, provided that any league grade player in the reserves side of such Club shall have played a total of at least Three (3) games during that year in either the league or reserve grade teams, and no player can play in both the league and the reserve grade teams on the same day during the finals.

COLTS RULES

Any player registered with John Paul College in the Goldfields Football League Junior council shall be permitted - on applying for and being granted a special seasonal permit - to play colts or senior grade football with that senior club in that particular season, after which the player is again free to join any club of his choice.

- (a) No player shall be eligible to play colts grade football unless the player is under Nineteen (19) years on December 31 in that year.
- (b) There shall be no restrictions whatsoever to prevent players eligible under clause (a) of these colts grade rules to play in the colts grade competition from transferring to the league and reserve grade sides of the same Club and returning to play in the colts grade competition in either qualifying or finals fixtures.
- (c) In colts grade matches played in both the qualifying and finals rounds of matches the number of players comprising a team shall be Twenty five (25) players.