JUNIORS HANDBOOK 2026

Juniors Handbook

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Mallee Park	U10	Jayden Roderick	0407 139 840	Maja Greenland	0429 616 635
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Marble Range	U10	Glen Schriber	0427 819 149	Adam Hage	0427 971 758
	U12	Michael Simpson	0428 359 910	Mandy Elson	0427 831 669
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	U17	Jeb Casanova	0427 691 991	Brad Greenfield	0428 184 969
Tasman Imperial	U10	Josh Frost	0433 700 131	Jess Frost	0447 080 050
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TERMS OF REFERENCE:
JUNIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ROLE/PURPOSE

The role of the Junior Advisory Committee is to arrange all junior football operational matters in liaison with the Port Lincoln Football Board of Management (Board) with the outcomes to be aligned with the Port Lincoln Football League Strategic Plan.

TERM

These Terms of Reference are effective from 22nd January 2026 and will be ongoing and dependent on the needs of the Port Lincoln Football League.

MEMBERSHIP

The Junior Advisory Committee will comprise:

- The Chairperson who will be the Port Lincoln Football League Board member with the Juniors portfolio.
- One member from each of the affiliated football clubs.
- The Juniors Development Officer (ex-officio)
- To be eligible to vote at the Junior Advisory Committee meetings, the following must be adhered to:
- The clubs are to be financially affiliated to the Port Lincoln Football League.
- The Secretary of each club must notify the Operations Manager in writing prior to the first meeting for the year of the appointment of its **Junior Football** delegate for the next football season.
- No club delegate will have the right to vote at any meeting of the Junior Advisory Committee unless a notification of his or her appointment, signed by the Secretary of the club which he or she represents, has been served on the Operations Manager.
- Each club must nominate an alternative person who may perform the role of the Juniors Delegate if the Juniors Delegate is unable to attend any meeting and that nominee will have all the powers of a Juniors Delegate.
- In the event of a club cancelling a Juniors Delegate appointment for any reason whatsoever, that club must make an application to the Operations Manager to declare the office vacant and must immediately elect or appoint another person to act as Juniors Delegate for the balance of the then current year.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Junior Advisory Committee is accountable to the Port Lincoln Football League Board and is to provide up-to-date information and recommendations to the Board while maintaining a focus on the agreed scope, outcomes, and benefits of the Strategic Plan.

There are some specific roles for the Junior Advisory Committee but not limited to the following:

- appointing Junior League inter-league coaches.
- appointing two Zone Delegates, one for Lincoln City and one for Lincoln Districts
- liaising with inter-league teams and officials regarding selection policies.
- appointing Juniors inter-league team officials.
- appointing Juniors grades selection panel for each team involved in an inter-league fixture (i.e. the appointed Coach for that age group & three other persons)
- making recommendations to the Board in relation to the appointment of a Junior Development Officer annually
- In liaison with the Umpires Panel, arrange all necessary umpires, timekeepers and so on for inter-league junior matches and finals.

- ensuring the Port Lincoln Football League Operations Manager has appropriate procedures regarding match day grounds safety inspections each match day for player and spectator safety purposes.

The membership of the group will commit to:

- attending all scheduled Junior Advisory Committee meetings
- sharing all communications and information across all the Junior Advisory Committee members and Port Lincoln Football League Board members
- Making recommendations for and continually reviewing the developed Strategic Plan.

Members of the Junior Advisory Committee will expect:

- That each member will be provided with complete, accurate and meaningful information in a timely manner.
- To be given reasonable time to make key decisions.
- To be alerted to potential risks and issues that could impact projects, as they arise.
- Open and honest discussions without resorting to any misleading assertions.

MEETINGS

All meetings will be chaired by the Port Lincoln Football League Board member with the Juniors portfolio, or the Juniors Development Officer in their absence.

Meeting agendas and minutes will be provided by the Operations Manager in consultation with the Chair. This includes:

- preparing agendas and supporting papers, and
- preparing meeting notes and information.

At all Junior Advisory Committee meetings:

- a meeting quorum will be four members, with the Chairperson also in attendance.
- only club delegate members present, personally or by proxy approved by the Board, shall be entitled to one vote.
- all votes shall be determined by a show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by at least four members.
- any member of the committee may call for a division.
- every ballot shall be taken as the Chairperson of the meeting directs.
- in the event of a tied vote the matter will be referred to the Board to make the decision.

Meetings will be held monthly and/or, when required, at a time convenient to Committee members.

Failure to attend a Juniors Meeting by a board-approved representative without an acceptable reason will incur a fine. The offending club will be automatically fined one hundred dollars ($100) in the first instance.

If required, subgroup meetings will be arranged outside of these times at a time convenient to subgroup members.

AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION OR VARIATION

This Terms of Reference may be amended, varied, or modified in writing after consultation with and agreement of the Port Lincoln Football League.

PORT LINCOLN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS PLAN 2026

JUNIORS

VISION

To build healthier and more connected lives through the enjoyment of football.

MISSION

The pursuit of excellence and success through continuous club wide improvement that is sustainable for future generations

VALUES

P Pursuit of **Excellence**

L Life long **participation** in sport

F Fitness, Friendship and **Fun** – on and off the field

L **Legacy** of outstanding players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and sponsors.

OPERATIONS PLAN

Objectives / Goals	Strategies/key actions	Responsibility	Time Frame	Key performance indicators
Foster and promote junior participation	Formulate a junior committee inclusive of the affiliate clubs	Juniors Chair Operations Manager	January	● Junior and junior Interleague Committees formulated with clear terms of reference ● Auskick activities in place and conducted throughout the minor round ● Age groupings and rules reviewed annually based on data to maximise participation and encourage equalisation in the age groupings. ● Annual budget in place to facilitate representative participation ● Representatives selected in the regional sides ● Interleague program planned and reviewed
	Work with relevant SANFL staff and the clubs on Auskick programs to create an entrance point to the age groupings and service existing age groups.	Junior Development Officer Operations Manager	Ongoing	
	Utilise modern technologies to promote fair play concepts in the sport including promotional campaigns	Operations Manager Junior Development Officer	Ongoing	
	Review modified rules applicable to some age groupings to promote participation and development based on collected data.	Junior Advisory Committee Operations Team Junior Development Officer	November	
	Develop an annual budget to accommodate participation in the Norwood and Kinlough Cups.	Junior Advisory Committee Operations Team Junior Development Officer Finance Committee	November	
	Support the regional Eyre Peninsula representatives and representative teams.	Board of Management Junior Advisory Committee Junior Development Officer	Ongoing	
	Formulate junior interleague structures inclusive of representatives from the participant clubs that form the Port Lincoln teams.	Juniors Chair Operations Manager	March	

OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Officials of all clubs are bound by the following Officials Code of Conduct:

- Involve others in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to Australian Football.
- 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.
- Appoint, train and develop qualified and competent coaches and officials
- 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 laws and 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, umpires, players, or any policy decisions of the club, the PLFL or AFL.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct towards any player, official, umpire or spectator. 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, officials, medical staff and players understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.
- Abide by the rules (including any requirements or restraints applying to any official role such as a Boundary or Goal Umpire).
- 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 fouls 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 during the decision-making process.
- Use common sense to ensure the “spirit of the game” for players is not lost when applying the rules and laws.
- Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.
- Ensure you remain up to date with any law changes and/or interpretation of laws.
- See continual self-improvement through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.
- Where acting as a Field, Boundary or Goal Umpire, act at all times in a professional manner, do not barrack or give support to a team, give advice or make comment to the players, other officials or spectators, and under no circumstances approach a Field Umpire, except in relation to your umpiring duties.

PARENTS & SUPPORTERS/SPECTATORS CODES OF CONDUCT

Parents and supporters/spectators are bound by the following 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/spectators are there to support, not downgrade.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires, officials and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time.
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match Officials, Umpires, Players or any policy decisions of the Club, or the PLFL.
- Never publicly criticise umpires, rather raise personal concerns with Club Officials in private.
- Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability. It is your coach, the players, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.
- Respect the facilities and equipment of your own and opposing Clubs.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal abuse or conduct toward any player, official, administrator, umpire or supporter/spectator. 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.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

For Parents & Caregivers

• I/We consent to the registration of my/our son/daughter with the PLFL.

• I/We acknowledge that I/we have been provided with, and understand, the Code of Conduct of the PLFL.

• I/We agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and agree to observe and obey this Code and all rulings made by the PLFL that relate to me/us, other family members and invited guests.

• I/We understand that the PLFL may withdraw or suspend my/our son(s)/daughter(s) registration to play in the PLFL should I/we fail to comply with the Code, the Rules and/or any rulings of the PLFL.

Players Code of Conduct

Players are bound by the following Code of Conduct:

• Play in accordance with the Laws of the Game;

• Never argue with an official. If a player disagrees with a decision, you should ask the Team Manager to raise the matter at an appropriate time;

• Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport and may be a breach of your state, league or national Member Protection Policy;

• Never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field;

• Work equally hard for you and your team. The team's performance will benefit, and so will yours;

• Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether they are made by your team or the opposition;

• Treat all participants as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor;

• Co-operate with your coaches, team-mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition;

• Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of your teammates, not to please anyone else.

• Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion;

• Do not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media. For more information, see the National Member Protection Policy;

• Be prepared to be responsible for your actions.

MATCH DAY CHECKLIST

This checklist is a basic pre-game inspection tool that helps to identify safety concerns and record your actions on match day.

DUTY OF CARE

Clubs owe a duty of care to players, spectators, and volunteers on match day. Insurance cover may not exist for clubs and/or officials who show deliberate negligence or disregard for these responsibilities.

SIGNING THE CHECKLIST

Some people view the formal nature of signing a document relating to risk and insurance as formidable. This is simply not the case and if a reasonable attempt to identify risks has been made then no concern is warranted. If reasonable care has been taken to provide a safe environment, then signing the checklist puts the club in a strong position to demonstrate it has complied with its duty of care.

- If the conditions are not safe … and can't be made safe for play, then it may be negligent to start playing. To play in these conditions is placing the club in a poor position to demonstrate any duty of care has been complied with.
- If something happens … and the checklist has been used properly and signed, the club remains in a strong position to demonstrate it has complied with its duty of care to provide a safe environment.
- If the checklist isn't signed … and play commences in what appears to be normal conditions and an accident occurs resulting in serious injury, the club is in a poor position to demonstrate it has complied with its duty of care.
- The basic message is … the club and its members, including the signatories, are in a better position if they complete and sign the checklist.

PROTECTING CLUB OFFICIALS

Legislation and insurance exist to protect club officials who complete the checklist, thereby demonstrating they have complied with their duty of care.

INSURANCE

An important part of your public liability insurance is that your club supports the use of match-day checklists. By addressing risk before matches commence, you can reduce your club's exposure to injuries and/or legal action. Recording your actions on the checklist may also assist in the defence of legal action against your club.

WHEN SHOULD THE CHECKLIST BE COMPLETED?

You should complete the checklist before the first match of the day. If conditions change, the checklist should be reviewed again (even if the checklist has been completed earlier). This can be done online using the above QR Code.

STORING COMPLETED CHECKLISTS

Marsh Insurance recommends original hard copy checklists are retained on file by the home club (or association where required) for a minimum of seven (7) years for future reference.

2026 MATCH TIMES

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Competition	Time Frame	Start	Latest Finish	Latest Finish	¼ & ¾ Time Break	Half Time Break
Schedule: all grades playing						
Under 10	48 minutes	7.55 am	8.43 am	4 x10 minutes	2 minutes	4 minutes
Under 12	56 minutes	8.50 am	9.50 am	4 x 12 minutes	2 minutes	4 minutes
Under 14	68 minutes	10.00 am	11:10 am	4 x 15 minutes	2 minutes	4 minutes
Under 17	91 minutes	11.20 am	12.51 pm	4 x 20 minutes	3 minutes	5 ½ minutes
Reserves	79 minutes	1.00pm	2.30 pm	4 x 17 minutes	3 minutes	5 ½ minutes
A Grade	-	2.40pm	-	4 x 20 minutes^	3 minutes	20 minutes

MATCH DAY OFFICIALS

Job Description 2026

ROLE

To ensure that the Port Lincoln Football and the clubs provide a safe environment for both players and spectators while adhering to and enforcing code of conduct and policies of the League.

CLUB REPONSIBILITIES

Each club is required to have an appropriate Match Day Official (MDO) at all games, which may necessitate the use of more than one MDO during a game day.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The MDO must:

- be a registered member of a Port Lincoln Football League club.
- be at least 18 years of age and be compliant with Working with Children Check requirements.
- be conversant with the League's codes of conduct for parents, players, coaches, and officials.
- be in a clear visible location and wear an MDO vest supplied by the League.
- introduce themselves and liaise with the other designated MDO from the other club.
- be listed on the appropriate team sheet.
- support the Umpires by
  - meeting umpires at the changerooms before a game and walk with them to the playing area.
  - meeting umpires at the boundary as they leave the ground at breaks or end of the game.
  - ensuring communication with the umpires is made at break times by making visual contact with the umpires at the breaks to see if they have any concerns.
  - ensuring unofficial persons are not in contact with the umpires in their changerooms and during the game.
  - **Under 8s only:** meeting the umpires before the game and at any breaks to ensure they know who to contact if there are any issues.
- be aware of the degree to which League rules can be enforced when dealing with club members and the public which includes:
  - approaching anyone using abusive and/or inappropriate language
  - approaching anyone demonstrating aggressive and/or threatening behaviour.
  - ensure that spectators are kept within the designated spectator areas.
  - ensure that alcohol is not consumed in the defined non-alcohol areas.
  - permitting only team captains to approach umpires during the breaks.
- contact the MDO of the other club if members of the other club are behaving inappropriately.
- If the issue is not resolved the MDO may contact the police in consultation with the other MDO and the Club Presidents and/or the Operations Manager.
- be aware and be able to initiate processes regarding the non-compliance of the above
- if there are any incidents, an MDO Incident Report Sheet must be completed and can be located in the umpires' folder.
- **if there are any incidents, the Operations Manager (0428 837 535) must be contacted as soon as practicable.**

Failure to comply with these requests may incur a minimum fine of one hundred ($100) dollars per infraction and for more wilful breaches of these requests a fine of five hundred ($500) dollars.

DESIRED KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES

Ideally the MDO is someone who:

- can communicate effectively and is able to work in a team environment.
- has a working knowledge of relevant policies including Child Protection Policies and Harassment Protection Policies and Codes of Conduct.
- has a working knowledge of the alcohol policies of the League.
- can successfully undertake appropriate conflict resolution processes.
- holds a current First Aid certificate.

ESSENTIAL ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

Club Field Umpires
- Working with Children Check

Club Goal Umpires
- Working with Children Check

Coaches
- Level 1 Coaching Accreditation
- Working with Children Check

Managers
- Working with Children Check

Runners
- Working with Children Check

Trainers
- Working with Children Check
- Level 1 Trainers Accreditation

Timekeepers
- N/A

Match Day Officials
- Working with Children Check

Bar Supervision
- Responsible Serving of Alcohol Accreditation (at least one person present)

Canteen Manager
- Working with Children Check
- Handling Food

2026 UNDER 8 PROCEDURES AND RULES

OVAL SET UP

- The first team on the fixture sets up cones and goals, marks out boundaries and zones, and supplies a match ball.
- Side boundary lines must be at least 5 metres from the fixed goal posts.
- Home sides are to supply field umpire and both sides a goal umpire.
- Both sides are to play same number of players.
- All coaches are to contact the opposing coach if they cannot field a team and/or discuss player numbers if less than twelve (12).
- Starting time: 5:30 pm for a 5:45 pm start.
- Teams will set up on the oval closest to the netball courts and hold additional matches on the main oval where necessary.
- The Operations Manager will turn the lights on remotely.
- First named home team to text the Operations Manager to have lights turned off.
- Team Lists must be completed on PlayHQ 15 minutes prior to match start time.
- Players are to have had their 6th Birthday by 1st January before they can play and be Under eight (8) on the 1st January.
- The Operations Manager is to be notified of cancellations due to weather.
- The Operations Manager will cancel matches if lightning is an issue, and all coaches will be notified.
- Please note: Games as per program with the home team listed first.

CONTACTS

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Operations Manager: Quinn Dutschke 0428 837 535

Club	Coach	Mobile	Manager	Mobile
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Lincoln South	Coen Taylor	0484 783 814	Gary Wilkins	0429 837 720
Mallee Park	Hippy Wanganeen	0477 056 326	Kym Johncock	0411 574 592
Marble Range	Thomas Wedd Peter Baldock	0429 080 817 0429 837 879	Thomas Wedd Peter Baldock	0429 080 817 0429 837 879
Tasman Imperial	Darren Stephens Joel Woolford	0427 973 323 0458 966 532	Jaime Bury Kelly Woolford	0428 582 509 0429 229 564
Wayback	Toby Rawson	0419 315 778		

RULES

1. Maximum of 15 players on oval (5 per third)
2. 10 minutes quarters
3. If lightning is visible, the match is to be stopped and players/officials to leave the ground – contact Operations Manager
4. Coaches to liaise with each other to call off the game due to extreme weather.
5. No Tackling to the ground or excessive bumps - free kick/warning
6. Contact front on in the back instant free kick
7. Wrapping arms around the player in possession of the ball is deemed holding the ball.
8. Only one (1) bounce is allowed before disposing of the ball.
9. Ten (10) steps or five (5) meters before bounce is required.
10. No kicking the ball off the ground.
11. A ball touched with two hands in the air is a mark/possession.
12. **Size 2** ball to be used.
13. No catching the ball in a ruck contest
14. Warn players who cross any third, frequent infringement, award a free kick.
15. No snatching the ball out of the hands of the player in possession. This gives the players a chance to have a kick or handball.
16. An **extra game** may be organised by clubs that have extra players; feel free to encourage your leftover players to join in

2026 UNDER 10 PROCEDURES AND RULES

PROCEDURES

- The first team on the fixture will supply a match ball.
- Teams are to supply appropriately attired field umpire and both sides a goal umpire.
- Both sides must have the same number of players on the ground.
- All coaches are to contact the opposing coach on the Thursday evening prior to a game if there are concerns about reduced player numbers.
- Team Lists to be completed on PlayHQ 15 minutes prior to match start time.
- Players are to be less than ten (10) years of age on 1st January.
- Match Day Officials must be appointed and named on the Team Sheet. (is this MDO or coaches etc)
- Any lightning that can be seen, play must be stopped – umpires are to liaise with the Operations Manager.

RULES

1. Teams may have a maximum of thirty (30) players on the team sheet with a maximum of eighteen (18) players on the playing.
2. Field Size, oval size be reduced by 25 metres in length at all ovals except Poole. Boundary suitably tapered and shaped, adjusted centre marked with a dot and zones identified by cones
3. Zones are to be employed with six (6) players in each Zone and two (2) coaches are permitted on the playing area.
4. After two (2) full rounds Zones will not be used and two (2) coaches will be permitted on the playing area.
5. Ten (10) minutes quarters. Half time: four (4) minutes; Quarter times: two (2) minutes).
6. No sling tackles.
7. Only one (1) bounce is allowed at least every ten (10) meters.
8. No kicking the ball off the ground.
9. Award a mark to any player that catches the ball on the full and shows control – any distance.
10. A size two (2) ball is to be used.
11. No catching the ball in a ruck contest.
12. No snatching the ball out of the hands of the player in possession, which gives the players a chance to have a kick or handball.
13. The Player Sharing by-law should be implemented.
14. The Fair Play Policy is to be invoked when a difference of sixty (60) points is reached.

2026 UNDER 12 PROCEDURES AND RULES

PROCEDURES

- Teams are to supply an appropriately attired field umpire and both sides a goal umpire
- Both sides to have the same number of players on the ground
- All coaches should contact the opposing coach on the Thursday evening prior to a game if there are concerns about reduced player numbers.
- Team Lists to be completed on PlayHQ 15 minutes prior to match start time
- Players must be Under 12 years at 1st January.
- Match Day Officials must be appointed and named on the Team Sheet.
- Any lightning that can be seen, play must be stopped – umpires are to liaise with the Operations Manager.

RULES

1. Teams may have a maximum of twenty-five (25) players with a maximum of eighteen (18) players on the field of play.
2. Coaches must remain on the sidelines during game time.
3. Twelve (12) minute quarters. Half time: four (4) minutes. Quarter times: two (2) minutes.
4. No sling tackles.
5. Marks awarded from kicks travelling at least 10 meters.
6. Bounce at least every fifteen (15) meters.
7. Size three (3) ball to be used.
8. The Player Sharing Bylaw should be implemented.
9. The Fair Play Policy is to be invoked when a difference of sixty (60) points is reached.

2026 UNDER 14 PROCEDURES AND RULES

PROCEDURES

- Both teams are to supply an appropriately attired field umpire and a goal umpire.
- Both sides to play the same number of players
- All coaches should contact the opposing coach on the Thursday evening prior to the game if there are concerns about reduced player numbers.
- Team Lists to be completed on PlayHQ 15 minutes prior to match start time.
- Players must be Under 14 years at 1st January.
- Match Day Officials must be appointed and named on the Team Sheet.
- Any lightning that can be seen, play must be stopped – the umpires are to liaise with the Operations Manager.

RULES

1. Teams may have a maximum of twenty-five (25) players with a maximum of eighteen (18) players on the playing surface.
2. Coaches must remain on the sidelines during game time.
3. Fifteen (15) minute quarters. Half time: four (4) minutes. Quarter times: two (2) minutes.
4. No sling tackles.
5. Bounce at least every fifteen (15) meters.
6. Size four (4) ball to be used.
7. The Player Sharing Bylaw should be implemented
8. The Fair Play policy is to be invoked when a difference of sixty (60) points is reached.

2026 UNDER 17 PROCEDURES AND RULES

PROCEDURES

- Game officials will be supplied by the Umpires Panel although there may be times clubs will be called upon to supply some officials. If this occurs, officials must be appropriately attired.
- Both teams need to supply a timekeeper.
- Both sides are to play the same number of players.
- All coaches should contact the opposing coach on Thursday evening prior to the game if there are concerns about reduced player numbers.
- Team Lists to be completed on PlayHQ 15 minutes prior to match start time
- Players must be Under 17 years old on 1st January.
- Match Day Officials must be appointed and named on the Team Sheet.
- Any lightning that can be seen – the umpires are to liaise with the Operations Manager.

RULES

1. Teams may have a maximum of twenty-three (23) players with a maximum of eighteen (18) players on the playing ground.
2. Coaches must remain on the sidelines during game time.
3. Twenty (20) minute quarters. Half time: five and a half (5½) minutes. Quarter times: three (3) minutes.
4. No sling tackles.
5. Bounce at least every fifteen (15) meters.
6. Size five (5) ball to be used.
7. The Player Sharing Bylaw should be implemented.
8. The Fair Play Policy is to be invoked when a difference of Sixty (60) points is reached.

LEAGUE BY-LAWS (pertaining to juniors)

3. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS

a) All clubs are expected to have their nominated representative(s) or proxy representative(s) at official committee meetings, functions and activities and failure to do so without an acceptable reason will incur a fine to any club not represented. Apologies for absence will not be accepted and any club failing to attend a meeting, function or activity may be fined accordingly with the offending club automatically fined one hundred dollars ($100) in the first instance for each required person not in attendance.

b) Failure of a club to be represented at the same committee, function or activity in the same calendar year may see the fine doubled to two hundred dollars ($200), a third offence to four hundred dollars ($400) and so on.

4. VOTING

d) Voting at Committee meetings

i. At all committee meetings of the League every delegate member present personally or by proxy approved by the Board, shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
ii. At every meeting of the League all votes shall be determined by a show of hands, unless a ballot is demanded by at least three (3) members. Any member of the committee may call for a division.
iii. Every ballot shall be taken in such manner as the Chairperson of the meeting directs.
iv. In the event of a tied vote the matter will be referred to the Board to make a decision.

8. PLAYERS REGISTRATION AND PERMITS TO PLAY

a) Every person desiring to play for a Club in this League shall, before being allowed to play, apply to obtain registration and a permit to play in accordance with By-Law 8(c) and By-Law 9(a), with the exception of all incoming clearances which have been duly endorsed by the Club and Association or League from which the clearance was sought, wherein such cases a permit shall be automatically granted by the Operations Manager, except in the instance of 8(e).

b) Every registration and permit to play, granted in accordance with By-Law 8 (a) shall remain in force until such person is granted a clearance by his Club and this League to play with another League Club in this League or another League, or until the Permit Committee revokes such registration and permit to play for any breach of the League's Constitution or By-Laws.

c) The Operations Manager shall maintain a register of the persons who have obtained registration and a permit to play through PlayHQ.

i) If proof of age of any player is required a birth certificate, statutory declaration or the registered full name and date of birth as recorded by the South Australian Education Department will be accepted.

d) No permit shall be granted to a player whose clearance has not been lodged on or before the thirtieth (30th) of June in any one season, unless permissible in accordance with the SANFL Community Football Rules and Regulations.

10. JUNIOR LEAGUE: PLAYERS QUALIFICATIONS

a) The age qualification for any junior grade shall apply from the first (1st) day of January in that season.

b) Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 17 grades shall come under the jurisdiction and organisation of the Port Lincoln Football League Junior Advisory Committee.

c) All players playing in any junior grade are to be within the three (3) year age bracket for that particular grade unless granted a permit under By-Law 15. E.g.: for a player to play in the Under 14 competition they must be eleven (11) years of age as of the first (1st) of January of that year.

11. IMPROPER REGISTRATION

a) A Player who has obtained a registration or permit to play by means of a false statement or without having the necessary qualifications shall be referred to the Independent Tribunal for a determination at the absolute discretion of the Commissioners.

b) A Club that has played a player found in breach of By-Law 11 (a) may be dealt with in accordance with By-Law 17.

12. REFUSAL OF CLEARANCE

a) A player that is refused a Clearance from any Club will be dealt with in accordance with SANFL Community Football Regulations.

13. RECRUITMENT GUIDELINES

a) No League club officer, servant or agent shall interview or train with a registered player of another League club who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, without in the first instance lodging a 'Permission to Interview' letter or form with the Secretary of the player's present club and the Operations Manager, using registered mail or e-mail.

i) Seven (7) days after the lodgement of the Permission to Interview letter the club is free to interview and commence training with the player, unless notification has been received, from his present club, advising that he has a valid contractual agreement with that club.

b) No League club officer, servant or agent of a League club, shall in any way offer or suggest inducement or encouragement to a registered player of another League club to violate or terminate his agreement with such club.

c) No official of any club can approach either a junior player or parent/guardian of a junior player under the age of 18yrs old, with the purpose of recruitment.

d) Any breach of By-Law 13 (a),(b), (c) or (d) shall be referred to the Tribunal for their deliberation and if proven, may censure, suspend, disqualify or impose a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars ($500) for a person and two thousand dollars ($2000) for a club.

15. PERMIT COMMITTEES

b) JUNIORS

The Junior Permit Committee shall meet as required and shall comprise of the Operations Manager, Junior Development Officer and at least one (1) Commissioner.

d) The Permit Committees shall have the power to grant, refuse, or revoke player's registrations and permits to play, and apply terms and conditions at their absolute discretion, providing the necessary documentation, in accordance with the League's By-Laws, has been previously lodged with the League.

16. PERMITS FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS

Over-age players

Dispensation to play over-age players in junior grades may be sought from time to time and granted by the Junior League Permit Committee provided the following guidelines have been fulfilled.

a) Permission to play over-aged players must be requested in writing on the appropriate form, by delegates of the Club concerned, to the Operations Manager.

b) Approval will be given on a full round of matches with any finals to be considered separately, except whereby the Permit committee may choose to revoke a permit during the full round formerly granted.

c) Permits for over-age players may apply to all grades under the jurisdiction of the Junior League.

d) Over-age players granted a permit shall not be eligible for any voting or trophy considerations in the age group for which they are permitted.

e) When re-applying for, or renewing a permit after a full round, a Club need only apply in writing unless requested otherwise by the Permit Committee

Under-age players

f) For the purpose of the Under 14 and Under 17 grades, under-age players born in the year immediately outside the 3-year 'age bracket' of the particular grade may apply to the League for a 'Playing Up Permit' on the prescribed form, providing they comply with the SANFL Duty of Care Policy. This application must be submitted and approved by the Operations Manager by 5.00 p.m. on the business day preceding the round of matches the player wishes to play.

g) If granted approval to play, the player must abide by all the rules of the League for the competition they are playing in and must be wearing clearly visible League endorsed socks, identifying the player as a permit holder.

h) Permits for under-age players will be in effect until the completion of that season unless revoked by the Permit Committee.

Permit Management

i) A record of all permit applications will be kept by the League.

j) Any player in breach of By-Law 15 will be deemed "Unqualified" subject to By-Law 17 and may have their permit revoked subject to By-Law 14 (c).

24. FORFEITURE OF MATCHES

a) No Club shall refuse to play under the Field Umpire appointed by the SANFL Inc. or the Port Lincoln Umpires Panel Appointment Board and no Club shall forfeit any match because of objections to the appointed umpire. A Club so refusing to play or forfeiting a match shall be suspended or expelled by this League, or otherwise dealt with as this League may determine.

b) Any player or players who refuse to play or take part in a match, resulting in the forfeiture of a match on account of objections to the appointed Umpire, may be dealt with by the Tribunal, as they deem fit.

c) A Club forfeiting a match for any reason shall notify the Operations Manager of its reasons for forfeiting by 8.00pm Thursday night preceding the match and this League may accept the explanation or deal with the Club so forfeiting or the players of such Club, as it may deem fit.

d) A Club receiving a forfeit approved by the League shall be credited with two (2) premiership match points (if applicable) plus five (5) goals or thirty (30) points for, and nil against.

e) If a team has 3 unnotified forfeits in any single season, that team loses all acquired competition points.

f) In each instance of an unnotified forfeit the Club will incur a $100 fine.

25. PREMIERSHIP PRECONDITIONS

a) In all matches, except the Under Ten (10) grade and Under Eight (8), two (2) points shall be counted for a win and one (1) for a draw for the purpose of a premiership table.

b) If at the conclusion of the minor round any two (2) or more Clubs have obtained an equal number of points, the position of such Clubs shall be determined by overall percentage based on the AFL percentage system.

c) The Club which occupies top position at the conclusion of the Minor Round shall be called the winners of the Minor Premiership.

d) At the conclusion of the Minor Round the third and fourth teams on the Premiership Table shall play the First Semi-Final, and the first and second teams shall play the Second Semi-Final. A Preliminary Final shall be played between the winners of the first Semi-final and the losers of the second Semi-Final. The Grand Final shall be played between the winners of the second Semi-Final and the winners of the Preliminary Final.

Tiebreak (Major Rounds only)

e) Should a tie be confirmed after the checking of goal cards and the time card in any of the matches played in the Major Round, an additional five (5) minutes each end shall be played, with a three (3) minute break between the match and extra time, including a coin toss to recommence the match. A one (1) minute break at half time of the tiebreak will occur with no spectators allowed onto the playing surface.

i) For the purpose of all Major Round matches, in the event of scores still being tied after the additional time has been played, the Timekeepers will not blow the siren until a score has been confirmed and that team will be declared the winner.

26. MAJOR ROUND - PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS

a) A player must have played in four (4) or more minor rounds for their current club in that season to qualify to play in that club's League major round matches.

b) A player must have played in four (4) or more Reserve minor rounds for their current club in that season to qualify to play in that club's Reserves major round matches unless the League and Reserves teams of that club are competing in major round matches on the same day. In this case any senior player not selected in the League grade team twenty-two (22) players shall be eligible for the Reserve grade team and shall be eligible to continue playing in the Reserve grade during the major round. If the player is subsequently promoted to the League side this eligibility shall be annulled, unless both senior teams are playing.

i) A player shall not be eligible for any subsequent Reserve grade major roundmatch if named in the League side on the day that team is eliminated.

c) A player must have played in three (3) or more minor rounds for their current Club in any grade in that season to qualify to play in that club's junior major round matches and meet player qualifications (By-Law 10).

d) A player may only play in the major rounds for the club they are registered to, unless they have received approval for a permit from a SANFL club.

e) A player who is prevented from qualifying, in any of the above, through injury sustained as a playing member in this League may apply to the Permit Committee for permission to participate in major round matches. The decision of the Permit Committee shall be final. All applications are to have a Doctor's Certificate attached.

i) Injury Permits on club letterhead are to be submitted no later than 5pm Monday following the last minorround game and accompanied by all relevant documents.

27. TEAM COMPOSITION

a) In every minor round match a list of the twenty-two (22) players (League & Reserves), twenty-three (23) players (Under 17), twenty-five (25) players (Under Fourteen and Under Twelve), and thirty (30) players (Under Ten) with their respective numbers, shall be exchanged by officials of the opposing Clubs and only the players mentioned in such list shall be qualified to play.

i) A copy of each list shall be available via PlayHQ to the Field Umpire and opposing club Team Manager no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the match.

ii) All players must wear distinguishing numbers for each match which must agree with those numbers shown on Official Team Sheet available to the Field Umpire before the start of each match.

iii) If during the course of a game a player number is destroyed it may be replaced with a distinguishing number which is not in conflict with others listed on the team sheet. The officiating field umpires and opposition are to be notified prior to the player resuming play.

b) For the major round, League and Reserves team lists shall consist of twenty-two (22) players, Under 17 team lists will consist with twenty-three (23), with Under 14 and Under 12 team lists to consist of 25 players.

c) If a junior grade side is unable to field eighteen (18) players, then whatever number they have available will be matched by the opposing team on the field, with the minimum amount set at twelve (12) registered players. This rule applies to minor round games only.

i) Excess players may be used as interchange men.

ii) It is a requirement that where possible clubs are to advise the opposition twenty-four (24) hours prior when a problem with numbers is anticipated and thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled match time the numbers shall be confirmed.

iii) If a junior side is unable to field eighteen (18) players, opposition excess players must be used to equalise and maximise the player numbers for both teams on the field.

iv) Where a team is unable to field eighteen (18) players, the opposition may have no more than seven (7) players as their interchange men, as excess players must be used to field the most players possible for both teams, up to eighteen (18).

v) For the purpose of junior football, the minimum number of existing registered club players required to constitute an official match is set at six (6). The remaining players required to meet the total minimum requirement must be received by the team on an approved clearance.

d) The Interchange player must be on the ground in uniform to play and must remain so ready until the conclusion of the match and must be identified on the team sheet.

e) The Interchange player who comply with By-Law 24 (d) shall for all purposes be deemed to have played in such match.

f) The Interchange player shall be available for use at the discretion of his Captain or Coach, as a substitute player at any time during the match providing that, if a player is used as an interchange the players concerned make their entrance and departure from the playing arena through the designated area otherwise they will not be permitted to take any further part in that particular game.

g) Team Sheets must be completed in compliance with these By-Laws and the Laws of the Game as set by the AFL (AFL Law 2026 5.3).

i) Any club that is found to have incorrectly completed or altered the listing of players on a Team Sheet after the commencement of a match and is found in breach of By-Law 26 (h) by the Operations Manager, will automatically be fined one hundred dollars ($100.00) for each match in which a breach occurs.

ii) This By-Law does not exclude any other infringements of the rules and regulations of the game, which are to be dealt with as separate matters.

28. PLAYER SHARING (formerly Player of the Day)

a) For the underage competition only, a player may play for the opposing side for any minor round match provided that:

i) The two coaches concerned have liaised concerning the proposal and obtained the consent of the affected player and their parent/guardian.

ii) In the event of a permitted player under this rule being reported, both clubs shall be required to provide adequate representation at any tribunal convened to hear any charges laid.

iii) The player plays for the opposing side for a minimum of two quarters, with swapping of players only permitted to occur at the start and half time of the match.

32. SEND - OFF RULE

The following procedure applies in all grades:

a) A player reported for any offence as defined in the AFL Laws of the Game or any other act of misconduct, if the Umpire is of the opinion that the act constituting misconduct is serious in nature, shall receive a red card and be ordered from the field with no further participation in the remainder of the match, with no replacement player allowed.

b) A player reported by an umpire for any Reportable Offence other than those listed in By-Law 31(a), shall receive a yellow card and be ordered from the field for ten (10) minutes, with no replacement player allowed.

c) A player who commits or threatens to commit an offence, whether verbal or physical, that in itself is not reportable but is considered by the Umpire to not be in the spirit of the game, may receive a yellow card and be ordered from the field for ten (10) minutes, with no replacement player allowed.

d) A player who receives two (2) yellow cards in a game, for any reason, shall receive a red card and be ordered from the field with no further participation in the remainder of the match, with no replacement player allowed.

e) A player who receives two (2) yellow cards under By-Law 31 (c), shall, in addition to the penalties applying under By-Law 31 (d), also be reported for misconduct.

f) Any player sent off must exit through the interchange gate. Failure to do so will result in that player forfeiting further participation in the match.

g) The reserve umpire is responsible for the keeping of time for players sent off for yellow card offence. Where there is no reserve umpire, the *time keepers* will be responsible for the keeping of time. Until directed back onto the field, the player must wait and re-enter through the interchange gate.

h) If a junior receives 1 yellow card penalty, it makes the player ineligible for further games on that day irrespective of whether player has been reported or not.

i) Time Keepers & Field Umpires to record the offender details on the prescribed form and submit same with time card to the umpire's room after the match.

j) A junior player who receives 3 yellow cards during any one season will be referred to the tribunal for misconduct, where the Commissioners may set terms and conditions on that player at their absolute discretion.

33. FAIR PLAY POLICY

All League competitions will adhere to the SANFL Fair Play Policy as set out in the SANFL Community Football Rules and Regulations, and the amendments to the Policy in Bylaws 33 (a), (b), (c), (d).

a) The SANFL Fair Play Policy will apply to the Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 17 grades.
    i) The scoreboard may be used in the Under 10 grade, however, as with all junior grades, must be wiped when the Fair Play Policy is implemented.

b) The SANFL Fair Play Policy will be implemented at the half or three-quarter time break once the margin reaches or passes sixty (60) points.

c) Goal scorers and Best & Fairest votes will cease to be recorded once the Fair Play Policy has been implemented.

d) Where the Operations Manager identifies that a Club has breached the SANFL Fair Play Policy and/or Bylaw 33, in the first instance, this will result in an automatic censure (per the SANFL Fair Play Policy penalty schedule). A Club identified to have committed a second or third offence will be referred to a hearing of the Independent Tribunal.
    i) When a club is found guilty by the Independent Tribunal, the Tribunal must apply penalties consistent with the Fair Play Policy penalty schedule.

34. LEAGUE SELECTION

a) Any player who has applied for and obtained registration and a permit to play is strongly encouraged to make themselves available for training and selection in any match arranged by the League.

b) Those players who are unavailable for selection must in the first instance communicate verbally or in writing with the Interleague Committee and the appointed Interleague Coach.

c) If a player is selected and does not turn up for a game without notifying the Team Manager, that player will be barred from playing in the following PLFL minor round.
    i) This will have no other implications on the barred player.
    ii) Where there are exceptional circumstances out of the players control, this penalty may be waived.

d) For the purposes of Under fifteen (15), Under seventeen (17) and Mortlock Shield Interleague fixtures the teams to represent Port Lincoln are:-
    i) Lincoln City: Tasman, Lincoln South & Wayback Football Clubs
    ii) Lincoln Districts: Mallee Park, Marble Range & Boston Football Clubs

e) Clubs are responsible for loss of income for their representative players arising from an Interleague fixture and clubs need to inform their representative players of what they are covered for under their club insurance.

f) Both Lincoln City and Lincoln Districts are to have a minimum of three (3) Under Twenty-one (21) players selected for the annual Mortlock Shield Carnival.

g) To be e ligible for selection for Under Fifteen (15), Under Seventeen (17) or Mortlock Shield Interleague Fixtures, a player must hold a valid registration and permit to play for a League Club.
    i) Other than players selected under marquee player rules as set by the carnival committee.
    ii) Players are eligible to play Interleague Fixtures for the League Club that they hold a full registration to, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

SANFL – FAIR PLAY POLICY

WHY FAIR PLAY MATTERS?

Fair Play keeps junior football enjoyable, safe, competitive, and centred on development. By reducing one-sided matches, it builds confidence, strengthens player retention, and creates an environment where every child can grow. Ultimately, it helps young players develop a lifelong love for the game.

KEY EXPECTATIONS

COACHES

- Prioritise player development over winning
- Act early to balance one-sided matches
- Rotate or share dominant players when required
- Promote respect, inclusion and positive behaviour

PARENT'S & SUPPORTERS

- Encourage effort, learning and enjoyment
- Avoid focusing only on scores or winning
- Model respectful sideline behaviour
- Support all players, officials and volunteers

Fair Play protects kids' confidence, enjoyment and future in football – together we create the best environment for young players.

Purpose

The SANFL Fair Play Policy ensures junior football is fun, safe, competitive, and focused on player development. It aims to reduce one-sided matches, improve retention, support skill growth, and foster a lifelong love of the game.
Across South Australia, large score margins and non-competitive games have been shown to reduce enjoyment, harm development, and increase drop-out rates for both winning and losing teams. Fair Play helps protect the long-term sustainability of community clubs and the future of football.

Why Fair Play Matters

- Promotes participation, enjoyment, and inclusion
- Supports better player development (skills, confidence, mindset)
- Reduces "win at all costs" attitudes
- Improves youth retention and sustainable club growth
- Encourages positive behaviour from coaches, parents, and supporters
- Builds safe, respectful, and fun environments
- Aligns with AFL Junior Football principles and SANFL Rules

Who it applies to?

- All SANFL Junior and Community Football competitions
- All Affiliated Leagues, Clubs, Coaches, Officials, Players, and Parents
- Applies to both male and female junior competitions

Fair Play is about protecting kids' love for football – ensuring every player has the chance to learn, improve, enjoy the game, and stay involved for life.

Participation, youth retention, and sustainable growth remain core SANFL priorities.

Non-Compliance Penalties

- Failure to apply the policy may result in:
- Censure or warning
- Fines (up to $1,000)
- Loss of premiership points
- Coach suspension

Key Policy Rules

Scoring & Results

- Non-Premiership Grades: No ladders, or published results
- Premiership Grades:
  - If margin exceeds 60 points, at Half Time or the next major break, the scoreboard stops displaying the score
- Scores are still recorded for awards and records

Coach & Club Responsibilities

- Player development comes before winning
- If a match becomes or is expected to be one-sided, Coaches must act
- Clubs must share dominant players when appropriate
- Coaches cannot opt out of Fair Play requirements

In-Game Fair Measures (If margain ⩾ 60 at HT)

- The trailing team may restart with the ball after goals
- Players hold positions until possession is cleared
- Applies in finals

Expectation for Leading Team

- Share or rotate dominant players
- Adjust player positions
- Set possession-based challenges instead of scoring freely
- Encourage skill growth (e.g., non-preferred hand/foot)

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