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Champions IGA Central Victorian Football League 2024 Rules and Regulations

The Champions IGA Central Victorian Football League is managed by the CVFL Advisory Committee, a subcommittee of the AFL Central Victoria Commission.

Definitions and Interpretations

In the following rules and regulations, unless the contrary intention appears:

- AFL means the Australian Football League
- CVFL means the Central Victorian Football League
- The League means the Central Victorian Football League
- The Commission means the Central Victorian Australian Football Commission incorporated
- AFL CV means AFL Central Victoria administration
- Club means a football club which is a Club Member of the Champions IGA Central Victorian Football League Women pursuant to the Constitution
- Constitution refers to the AFL Central Victoria Commission constitution
- Competition Manager refers to the competition manager appointed by the Central Victorian Football League
- Player is a person eligible to play with a club pursuant to the rules
- Tribunal means the independent tribunal panel appointed by the Advisory Committee of the Champions IGA Central Victorian Football League and AFL CV
- Home & away means any game played prior to the commencement of the finals series
- Day means any day of the week except Saturday or Sunday
- Protesting club means the club which has lodged a protest or complaint against another club
- Opposing club means the club which has had a protest or complaint laid against them by another club
- Seniors means the Senior Divison of the Central Victoria Football League
- Under 18's means the Under 18 Division of the Central Victoria Football League
- National Handbook means National Community Football Policy Handbook



















These rules must be read in conjunction with:

- AFL Laws of Australian Football.
- National Community Football Policy Handbook as published each year or as amended by notification from the AFL from time to time.
- AFL Victoria Country Rules and Regulations as published each year in the AFL Victoria Country Handbook or as amended by notification from the AFL Victoria Country from time to time.
- 4. The Central Victorian Football Commission Constitution,
- In the case of any question arising as to the interpretation of these rules and regulations, the Advisory Committee shall determine the intention of the rule or regulation in question.

1. Special Circumstances / Provisions Clause

- (a) Where these rules and regulations are silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the CVFL is always maintained.
- (b) The Advisory Committee may, using reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary, or waive the requirements set out in these rules and regulations.
- (c) In the case where no penalty is expressly provided for and an infringement has occurred, the Advisory Committee can exercise discretion and impose any penalty that it considers appropriate.

2. Alterations to Regulations

(a) The rules and regulations may be altered or amended from time to time by the AFL Central Victoria Commission on advisement from the CVFL Advisory Committee.

3. Club Information/Fees

- a) Teams must lodge with the league a list of club office bearers by 31st December each year.
- $(b) \quad \text{The league will determine the age groups and divisions in accordance with the National Handbook.} \\$
 - The 2024 season will offer Seniors and Under 18's.
- (c) These league bylaws will cover both Seniors and Under 18's unless stipulated within the bylaw.
- (d) Clubs will pay an administration fee to the League during the current season. The fee structure will be provided prior to the league starting. An invoice will be issued by CVFL to clubs accompanied by a letter which will outline payment schedule. The full amount of each statement is to be paid in full no later than the prescribed date set by CVFL.
- (e) All clubs participating in Final series matches must be financial with the League before close of business on the Wednesday preceding the final round of home and away matches. If a participating club is not financial by this time, the Advisory Committee may, at its discretion, remove the team from their position in the Final Series matches and promote the next entitled financial team in their place to participate in the Final Series.

4. Meetings

- (a) The CVFL will convene (3) club representative meetings each season.
- (b) One (1) representative per club shall be required to attend these meetings as scheduled by the Advisory Committee. If a vote is required, each club shall have one (1) vote.
- (c) If a club is not represented at any League sanctioned meeting or function, then that club may incur a fine of \$50.00. A written or verbal apology for non-attendance at compulsory meetings of the League will not eliminate a fine for breach.

5. Uniforms

 (a) Club playing colours must be registered with the league at the start of the season, including jumper, shorts and socks.











- (b) Any alteration to the registered club colours must be approved by the Advisory Committee.
- (c) All items must comply with the Central Victorian Football League Uniform Policy.
- (d) If two clubs have the same jumper or similar and are drawn to compete against another, the away club must change its jumper, upon instruction from the Competition Manager.
- (e) In the event of teams whose colours are the same or similar meeting in finals, the club finishing higher on the ladder at the completion of the season will retain its jumper.
- (f) Section 9 Players Boots, Jewellery and Protective Equipment of the Laws of the Game will be used.
- (g) Players are required to keep their fingernails trimmed and smooth. Captains and Team Managers will be responsible for checking hands to ensure nails do not extend beyond the end of the finger.

6. Club Sponsors

- (a) Clubs are required to adhere to all conditions contained in any league sponsorship agreements as entered into by the Advisory Committee from time to time.
- (b) Clubs may not enter into sponsorship agreements with businesses associated with tobacco and/or tobacco related products.

7. Player Eligibility

- (a) Players of the CVFL must be of the female gender, the AFL Gender Diversity Policy within the National Handbook applies to league.
- (b) Players of the CVFL Seniors must be 18 years of age as of 1st January for the season in which they wish to register.
- (c) Players of the CVFL Under 18 must be Under 18 years of age as of 1st January for the season in which they wish to register.
- (d) Players of the CVFL Under 18 must be 16 years of age as of 1st January for the season in which they wish to register.
- (e) Underage or overage exemptions can be applied for to the Advisory Committee, applications must be made at least 4 days prior to the match. The Underage exemption will only be given where there will be no impact on the junior team numbers or under other special circumstances. The CVFL may revoke or re-assess an exemption at any stage.
- (f) The penalties for playing an unregistered or incorrectly permitted player are outlined in AFL Vic Country regulations.

8. Transfer of players

(a) Transfers of players from one club to another are governed by the rules of the National Handbook / AFL Victoria Country Rules.

9. Club Sustainability

(a) The Player Points System Policy is in place for the Seniors of the CVFL.

10. Registration of players and officials

Registration of players and officials is governed by AFL Victoria Country regulations.

- (a) Prior to being listed on a club's match day team sheet, all players and officials must be registered with that club by completing the online registration process.
- (b) Any player registered with any club affiliated with the CVFL shall not be eligible to play with another CVFL club unless she has first obtained a transfer from the club with which she is currently registered or unless she is granted an opposition permit under the Opposition Day Permit (Game Permit) procedure.
- (c) Any club official who may be required to enter the playing field or remain inside the playing arena while play is in progress must be registered with his or her club and must be listed on the relevant club's team sheet. A registered doctor is not required to be registered with the club on the day nor listed on the team sheet (AFL Vic Country regulation).











- (d) Registrations and re-registrations may occur anytime during the current season.
- (e) The penalty for playing an unregistered or ineligible football player will be as determined by AFL Victoria Country.

11. Permits

- (a) Players graduating from the BJFL competition to the CVFL must apply for a 'Transfer' as per regulation 2.8.
- (b) Please refer to the BJFL bylaws as well as the BJFL and CVFL Area Agreement.
- (c) Permit players cannot replace an eligible aged player in the team.

12. Competition Conditions - Home and Away Series

- (a) CVFL shall be responsible for the organisation of matches.
- (b) Days of play will be determined at the start of each season with clubs able to provide their preference. The default day of play will be Sundays.
- (c) In all matches, four (4) premiership points shall be awarded for a win, two (2) points for a draw and zero (0) points for a loss or a bye. In a competition where there is an uneven number of byes for competing teams, the League shall also prepare a match ratio which reflects the number of wins by each team against the number of matches played by each team.
- (d) The position of any teams' level on points shall be determined by total score for the team as a percentage of total score against the team.
- (e) Any variation to match starting times and/or match duration and/or change of venue must be requested in writing by the Wednesday prior to the match in question at the latest and this variation must be approved by the Competition Manager.
- (f) Any club failing to fulfil its engagement to play shall pay all umpires expenses relative to the said fixture plus an additional fine of \$400, unless a satisfactory reason is received by 5.00pm on the Monday following the failure to play the arranged match.

13. Number of players

- (a) On game day, the Senior and Under 18 team shall consist of a maximum of twenty-four (24) players with a maximum of eighteen (18) players from one team being permitted on the field at any time during a quarter.
- (b) The Under 18 team shall have no more than 24 players registered to the team.
- (c) The team must consist of a minimum of fourteen (14) players before play can commence and equalisation rules apply.

(d) Equalisation Rule

- . At the commencement of a season game (home & away), if a team has less than the maximum number of on field players the opposing team shall be limited to that number of players on the field. The alternative to playing with less than 18 is as follows:
- a. Teams may share players to allow all players the opportunity to play on the day this sharing system applies to a season game (home & away). Players loaned to any team on the day must be recorded on team sheet of team actually playing for on that day - clearly noting accordingly.
 - Note: players may be varied during the game at intervals only (not during play) and umpires must be notified preferably prior to game start, but at minimum at each interval.
- II. Team Managers, particularly the team that requires the Equalisation Rule to apply, must ensure that the process is organised as early as possible (during the week) and prior to the teams taking the field.











- III. Late arrivals should a player arrive late, that player may take the field at any time providing the following procedure is adhered to:
- The Team Manager shall inform the Officials of the other Team.
- The opposition team is to be informed when the players are ready to take the field that the playing number of each side are to be increased.
- Addition to the playing numbers on the field can only be made providing the numbers on the field remain equal for both teams.
- 4. Where a head count is conducted, and uneven playing numbers are evident the scores at the time of the head count shall be noted and the matter referred to the Advisory Committee for determination of the result of the match.
 - IV. Loss of players during the match due to injury or illness Should a player be removed from the field due to injury or illness and the team has no interchange players, as soon as practicable but no later than at the next quarter, teams should even the playing numbers. In this circumstance a player should be offered to the opposition to top up, if the team has players on the interchange or a player can be removed.
 - V. Opposition Day Permit (Game Permit) When players are loaned, the Team Manager of both teams shall note on the Team Sheet the number of players loaned. Players may be loaned on a quarter by quarter rotating basis or for the whole match as appropriate.
 - VI. Any dispute regarding this rule will be referred to CVFL Advisory Committee who will determine penalties, if any, to be applied.
 - VII. The Equalisation Rule is not to be applied in Finals.

14. Runners, Water Carriers, Trainers and Coaches

- (a) All officials must comply with the rules and regulations set our herein and as outlined in the AFL Victoria Country Handbook.
- (b) All on field volunteers should be a minimum of 12 years of age.
- (c) No person who is a registered player or an official of any club who is under disqualification or suspension by his or her home club or League shall act as an official runner or water carrier in any competition match.
- (d) All official runners, trainers, water carriers shall be listed on the official team sheet and shall be deemed officials of the club for the match. Registered doctors are not required to be registered as an official on the day or included on the official team sheet.

(e) Runners

- I. The number of runners per team permitted shall be one (1).
- The runner must wear the appropriate vest supplied by the League.
- III. The runner shall be allowed to transfer messages to the players from the coach. The runner shall not obstruct the play in any way. The runner must leave the field as soon as they have finished giving messages or instructions to a player.
- IV. No registered player signed on the said match day team sheet can be runner for that match.

(f) Trainers

- I. Each team must supply at least one qualified trainer per match.
- II. Must wear a white top and black or white tracksuit pants or black shorts.
- No registered player signed on the said match day team sheet can be trainer for that match.
- Trainers may assist players who are injured whilst on the ground. Trainers must stay off the field
 of play whilst not attending to their duties.











(g) Water carriers

- The maximum number of water carriers is two (2)
- II. Must wear the appropriate vest supplied by the League and either black tracksuit pants or black shorts. Where possible, they must be twelve (12) years of age or older.
- III. Water carriers shall be permitted to offer players a drink. Water carriers shall not obstruct the play in any way. Water carriers must stay off the field of play whilst not doing their duties. Water carriers must be positioned around the perimeter of the ground and not in the vicinity of the interchange/ coaches box.
- IV. No coaches, assistant coaches or team runners are allowed to be water carriers.

(h) Coaches

- All coaches are required to be accredited as per the National Handbook / AFL Victoria Country rules.
- II. During play coaches are to remain in the dedicated coach's box area.
- III. Coaches shall not act as a runner, trainer or water carrier in a match in which the team he/she coaches is participating.

15. Team sheets

- (a) Team sheets generated from PlayHQ are to be used as the official record of players and officials involved in a specific match.
- (b) The team sheets must include the names (family & first names) and jumper numbers of all players competing in the match.
- (c) The team sheet must also include the names of all officials (family and first names) who may be required to enter the playing field or remain inside the playing arena while play is in progress (runners, water carriers and trainers).
- (d) The team sheets must indicate the captain, coach and interchange players.
- (e) The team sheets must be signed by the team manager and a copy to be provided to the officiating central umpires no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the senior match. At the same time, a copy of the team sheets must be exchanged with the opposition team manager.
- (f) The team manager shall ensure that each player shall wear a jumper with a number that corresponds to the name and number on the team sheet.
- (g) A team must be provided to the Bendigo Advertiser in the correct format by 8.00pm on the Thursday prior to the game.
- (h) FINALS All clubs fielding teams in the Finals Series must lodge with CVFL a list as accurate as possible showing the number and name of all permitted players likely to participate in the finals match for inclusion in the record at least 6 days prior to the playing of the first finals series game.

16. Match Day requirements - Home and Away series

- (a) The home club shall supply the following documents for all home games:
 - One (1) Timekeeper Cards
 - II. Two (2) Goal Umpire Cards
 - III. One (1) Umpire Report Pad
- (b) The home club shall meet all expenses in relation to the match.
- (c) The home team shall supply two Sherrin match balls (size 4 leather) in good condition, red for day games and yellow for night games.
- (d) On the day of any official match arranged by the CVFL club officials must make a full inspection of the ground on which the match will be played prior to the match commencing. It is the responsibility of the home team to complete the official Inusrance checklist.











- (e) The home team shall clearly mark the ground to specifications as instructed by the Laws of Australian Football before play can commence. The substance used to mark grounds shall be one that meets health and safety requirements.
- (f) A white line shall be marked in front of the coach's boxes to indicate the area to which the coaches and club personal shall be confined. Such white line to be approximately one metre from the box and a minimum of 1.5m from the boundary line.
- (g) The home club is to ensure that the goal and behind posts are padded in accordance with AFL Laws of the Game.
- (h) The home team must supply a serviceable stretcher that is in a suitable position beside the boundary for the duration of the match before play can commence. Failure to do so may incur a \$100 fine.
- (i) In all matches, the home club shall be responsible for a scoreboard which shall be in operation throughout the whole game. The scoreboard must be clearly visible to the goal umpires who shall check its accuracy at the conclusion of each quarter.

17. 25m Penalty

(a) A 25m penalty shall replace the 50m penalty as referred to 19.5 of the AFL Laws of Game.

18. Match Day Results

- (a) The home club must enter all match details (including quarter by quarter scores, goal kickers, best players (both teams), and checking names on the team sheet) into the PlayHQ data base by 6:00pm on the day of the match or one hour after the match conclusion.
- (b) If match details are not entered correctly the club may receive a fine of \$100.
- (c) The away team is responsible to provide the home team with their match details including best players and goal kickers.
- (d) The match day paperwork you will need are:
 - I. Timekeeper Cards (league supplied),
 - II. Goal Umpire Cards (league Supplied).
 - III. Team Sheets (each team print multiple copies and give a copy to the Umpires to keep).
- (e) After the game, the Home Team Manager is required to:
 - I. Complete the results, players that participated, goals etc on PlayHQ,
 - II. Submit a Match day online form which has replaced the match day envelope,
 - III. The online form includes taking a photo of both team sheets and submitting them within the form
 - IV. The link needs to be submitted no later than 12pm on the Monday following the match.
- (f) Failure to do so may incur a fine of \$50.00

19. Match times

- (a) Unless agreed by both teams and umpires, play must commence no later 30 minutes after the scheduled start time. If play has not commenced by this time, the team responsible for the delay shall forfeit the match.
- (b) The games shall consist of four (4) quarters each of twenty (20) minutes duration.
- (c) Time on will be called for interruption of play due to injury as determined by the umpire. The umpire may, at their discretion indicate time on for any other reason.
- (d) Intervals between quarters shall be as follows: five (5) minutes between the 1st and 2nd quarters; ten (10) minutes between the 2nd and 3rd quarters; five (5) minutes between the 3rd and 4th quarters.











20. Time keepers

- (a) For the home and away and final series, each club shall provide one (1) time-keeper for each game.
- (b) The home club shall provide (1) time-keeper's card for each game.
- (c) Both timekeepers from each club shall sign the timekeepers card and submit to the League on completion of the game, clearly showing the appropriate details and their signature and their clubs.
- (d) Timekeepers will have attained the age of 18 years.
- (e) When a player or an official is ordered from the playing field, the runner or team manager shall report to the time keeper to acknowledge the time ordered off and when that person is able to be replaced or return to the field of play.

21. Competition Conditions - Finals series

- (a) At the completion of the rounds of home and away matches, the four (4) leading clubs shall compete in the major premiership series under league administration. The major premiership series shall consist of two semi-finals (week one: 1v2 and 3v4), a preliminary final (week two: loser of 1v2 v winner of 3v4) and the Grand Final (week three: winner of 1v2 v winner of preliminary final)
- (b) The CVFL shall exercise full control in relation to the arrangement of the times and places of the playing of the Finals Series matches.
- (c) It shall be the responsibility of the club whose venue has been allocated a final, to advise the CVFL if there is a problem, or likely to be a problem, with any playing surface or surroundings. The CVFL shall then determine if the venue is suitable for play.
- (d) The team placed highest on the ladder prior to the commencement of the Final Series shall use the home team rooms unless this is varied by CVFL.

22. Player Eligibility - Final series

During the current season:

- (a) A player must have played at least four (4) home and away games. For eligibility purposes, any player listed on the team sheet must be at the ground, dressed in football playing attire and ready to take the field if called upon.
- (b) Once an Under 18 player has played more than half of the Senior Games, they are ineligible to play finals in Under 18s.
- (c) A player is not permitted to play in two finals on the same weekend.
- (d) No player is allowed to play CVFL finals game on permit.
- (e) For purposes of finals eligibility, a player who has played more than twelve (12) home and away games for a club affiliated with a senior state league competition in that season will not be eligible to play finals within an AFL Victoria Country affiliated competition.
- (f) Long Term Injury Clause
 - A player who has missed ten (10) or more consecutive games through injury, provided medical documentation is forwarded to the league, may apply to the Advisory Committee to play in the finals series despite not being qualified.
 - II. All applications for use of this agreement must be directed through the Competition Manager.
 - III. There is no provision for players who miss consecutive matches due to suspension and/or unavailability.
 - IV. The Advisory Committee will make a ruling on the case once all documentation is received.











23. Drawn games - Finals series

In the event of any match ending in a draw during the finals series only, the following procedure will be followed:

- (a) Umpires consult to ensure that the scores are tied at the end of play.
- (b) The match then continues with 2 x 5 minute halves (teams change ends for the start of each half).
- (c) Coaches may only address the players, as a group, between the end of the full time and the start of the 2 x 5 minutes 'extra time' period.
- (d) Team change straight over after the first half of extra time has elapsed. If after the two halves of 'extra time' the match is still drawn, the First Score Rule will apply.
- (e) First Score Rule
 - I. After the goal umpires have consulted (at the conclusion of extra time), both teams remain in the positions they were in after the last period finished.
 - II. A ball up will commence in the centre square and time keepers will allow play to continue until the next score when they will sound the siren.
 - The team that scores first is the winner.

24. Umpires - General

- (a) CVFL will enter into a MOU with the BUA on behalf of all clubs.
- (b) All games to be officiated by a minimum of 2 field and 2 goal umpires.
- (c) The BUA shall appoint the field umpire(s) for each home and away and finals match.
- (d) The BUA shall appoint the goal and boundary umpires and an emergency umpire for finals matches.
- (e) In the event of a match not taking place because of a forfeit, the club giving the forfeit must pay all of the umpire fees.
- (f) All umpires, including club umpires, shall have the power to report players, clubs and officials in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football.

25. Umpires - Club

- (a) Where 2 club field umpires are required due to no appointment by the umpiring body or appointed umpire fails to attend; both clubs are to provide one each (unless agreed to by both clubs). When 1 club field umpire is required the home club is to provide (unless agreed to by both clubs). If at any stage only one field umpire is present the home club is to notify the league.
- (b) Teams must supply a goal and boundary umpire for each match. Umpires must be 14 years of age or over.
- (c) If a team fails to supply a boundary umpire, the field umpire shall throw the ball up 5 metres inside the boundary line to replace the throw in.
- (d) If a team fails to supply a goal umpire, the game shall not commence and the umpire shall direct the offending team's captain to appoint players from their team, who are on the ground, to fulfil these positions. Players who are instructed to fill the positions of goal umpire shall not take part in the match. If a team fails to comply with the request of the umpire to supply a goal umpire, that team shall forfeit the match.
- (e) The goal umpires shall record the scores on the cards provided by CVFL and check the scores on the cards between quarters and at the conclusion of the match, and then countersign each card. The score cards should then be provided to the home club secretary. If the scores are different and cannot be agreed upon or correct by the goal umpires, the scores shall be compared to the scores recorded by the timekeepers. If the matter still remains unresolved the matter shall be referred to the Advisory Committee for determination.











- (f) Club goal umpires shall be attired in traditional white coat. Clubs are also responsible for supplying goal umpires with a set of flags, a pen and goal umpire cards. Club boundary umpires shall, as a minimum, be attired in a white shirt and as far as practicable, in black shorts or pants (no denim). Any club not having its umpires so attired shall be fined for breach: \$50.00
- (g) At all matches the home club shall supply an escort for umpires who shall:
 - Escort the umpires onto the ground for commencement, from the ground at half time, onto the ground to commence the second half and at the completion of the game;
 - Remain in the centre of the ground with the umpires during quarter time and three-quarter time breaks;
 - III. Be over the age of 18 years.

26. Best & Fairest Voting

- (a) League best and fairest voting is to be done by the appointed field umpires via the relevant processes supplied by the league.
- (b) All best and fairest voting to be selected from the official players' team sheet on the day of playing. Players competing on an Opposition Day Permit are eligible for voting.
- (c) In the event of players receiving the same number of votes at the end of the home and away season, then each player shall be credited with the award and a count back system shall not be used to separate the players in question.
- (d) Any player who has been found guilty of any offence by the league's independent tribunal or who has accepted a set penalty for any offence shall be ineligible to receive any best and fairest award in any grade.
- (e) Voting in any league best and fairest award shall finish after the last home and away game.

27. Interleague

- (a) Each season the Advisory Committee will determine the League's participation in an interleague game.
- (b) Any player who without a reasonable excuse fails to make herself available for selection and /or fails to attend training for a representative match, shall, at the discretion of the Advisory Committee, not be permitted to play in the next home and away match in which her club is engaged, and may be subject to further sanction as decided by the Advisory Committee.

28. Independent Tribunal

- (a) AFL Central Victoria shall appoint a group of people to form its independent tribunal. The tribunal will consist of individuals charged with the responsibility of adjudicating on reported incidents or referred investigations in the CVFL.
- (b) The tribunal will sit under the guidelines set out by AFL Victoria Country (contained in the AFL Victoria Country Handbook) and the AFL Central Victoria tribunal guidelines document.

29. Reports

- (a) Umpires shall report to the CVFL any player or official who commits a Reportable Offence during a Match or on the day of a Match within the immediate proximity of the venue where the Match is conducted. Reports are to be made in accordance with the Laws of the Game / National Handbook.
- (b) The reporting procedure adopted by the AFLVC (as set out in the National Handbook) applies to Reports made by Umpires to the CVFL.
- (c) Boundary and Goal Umpires provided by Clubs in accordance with these By-Laws are not able to report a Player or Official.



30. Protests & Complaints

- (a) Any protest or complaint against any Club Official, Club Member, Player and/or Umpire must be lodged in writing to the Competition Manager or their designated representative by 5pm Tuesday following the match concerned.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the Competition Manager or their designated representative to inform any club of a protest and/or complaint lodged against any Club Official, Club Member and/or Player by another and ensuing action to be taken.
- (c) It shall be the duty of the Advisory Committee to inquire into and determine all protests, disputes and charges other than those referred to the Independent Tribunal.
- (d) Any player or club which feels aggrieved at the determination of the Advisory Committee, shall have the right of appeal to the League Independent Tribunal.
- (e) This procedure does not include requests for an investigation.

31. Investigations

- (a) The AFLVC Rules concerning unbecoming conduct apply to the BJFL and an independent investigation shall be carried out whenever a notice is lodged under the AFLVC Rules alleging any such conduct.
 - The If the investigation officer finds that there is no case to answer, or if the independent tribunal finds the person not guilty, then the cost of the investigation shall be borne by the club requesting the investigation.
 - ii. If there is a case to answer and that person is found guilty at a subsequent tribunal hearing or accepts the set penalty offered, then the cost of the investigation shall be borne by the club to which the guilty person is affiliated.
 - iii. If both clubs are found to be at fault, then the costs shall be shared between the two.

32. Penalties

- (a) In any instance where no penalty is expressly provided for in these by-laws, any breach of any by-law of the CVFL shall be dealt with by the Advisory Committee as it may think suitable and appropriate.
- (b) This penalty may include, but is not limited to:
 - Reversal of match result
 - A fine, which may be wholly or partly suspended
 - A censure
 - Referral to an investigation officer
 - Referral to mediation

33. Club Criticism

- (a) CVFL club officials, players and coaches shall refrain from public criticism of umpires and/or the CVFL.
- (b) Should clubs have concerns these should be communicated in writing on club letterhead and addressed to the Competition Manager.

















CVFLW PLAYER POINTS ASSESSMENT FLOWCHART

To assist in allocating points to players, the following flowchart has been developed to assess players based on their playing history prior to being recruited to a community club. After allocation, a season of service deduction may then be applied.





CLUB PLAYER POINTS ALLOCATIONS

The below table indicates a club's total player points for the maximum amount of 25 players per game.



CLUB	TOTAL PLAYER POINTS
SANDHURST	49
NORTH BENDIGO	49
WOORINEN	45
WHITE HILLS	49

Please note: Total point	ts reduce with	less pl	ayers	as ou	tlin	ed k	elov	N .
Total player points are allocated when a team has maximum player numbers on match day (24). For every player less, a point will be deducted from your available points allowance.								
WHITEHILLS	TOTAL NO							
SANDHURST	TOTAL No. OF PLAYERS	24 23	23 21	20 19	18	17	16 1	14
MARONG	MAXIMUM No. OF PLAYER POINTS	49 48	47 46	45 44	43	42	41 40	39
NORTH BENDIGO								





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TOTAL No. OF PLAYERS	24	23	23	21	20	19	18	1
MAXIMUM No. OF PLAYER POINTS	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	3

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conditions below (excluding be added to the players points allocation for each Should a player meet the additional point will home players), one condition met

6 Points

Played at least 1 AFLW game in any of the current or previous 3 seasons

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AFLW Player

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NO

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another community club and will be competing against their immediate former club. If transferring from

5 Points

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Played at least 5 senior games of VFLW, SANFL, WAWFL, QWFL, TSLW, SWPD or CWD in any of the current or previous 3 seasons

State League Player

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club located in a premier competition to a club in a non-premier competition (Not Transferred Junior, State League or Coates League Player). Premier Competitions are VAFA Is transferring from a Premier. ζ.

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If registered at 3 or more

different community clubs in the current or previous two (2) seasons.

3 Points 4 Points

Played at least 5 Coates League Girls games in any of the current or previous 3 seasons

Played 5 senior games in any of the previous 3 seasons

Player recruited from an U18s or younger competition & does not meet the Category I home club definition

For any player that does not meet any of the above categories will need to apply to the AFL Central Victoria points committee who will determine the appropriate categories and points. Where a player qualifies in more than one category based on their playing history in the previous 3 seasons, the category with the highest points will apply, hence the use of the flow chart

Community Player

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YES

Transferred Junior Player

Point

YES

Player who hasn't played competitive football in the previous 36 months

seasons, the category with the highest points will apply, hence the use (home players excluded).



Played 40 or more games over a minimum of 3 seasons at the club or aligned junior club up to and including U18 competitions Player who has played a minimum of 5 games in each of the consecutive seasons for the club or HOME PLAYER Definition: START HER

TAC Cup Player

he aligned junior club up to and including U18s

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NO

Player has played only at that club or aligned junior club

NO

Notes