

## MEMORANDUM



<b>Date</b>	<b>1 March, 2019</b>
<b>To:</b>	<b>All Queensland Senior Clubs</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>Barry Gibson (State Manager – Senior Football)</b>
<b>CC:</b>	<b>AFLQ Executive Team, Bill Renner &amp; Richie Lyons, AFLQ Senior Football Operations Team.</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>2019 AFLQ Senior Community Competitions Rules &amp; Procedures</b>

Over the past three months we have undertaken a comprehensive review of the former AFLQ Senior Community Competitions Rules and Regulations and the AFLQ Reports and Tribunals document.

Following the review, both documents have now been incorporated into one new document – **AFLQ Senior Community Competitions Rules & Procedures**. They have been developed so they can be utilised for all senior competitions across the State.

In developing the new document, we focussed on ensuring the end user can easily navigate the document to find anything they may be looking. Similarly, click links have been added to the index, so the person accessing the document can simply click on a rule in the index and it will take you straight to that relevant paragraph. The language has also been simplified and all sanctions have been highlighted in red to provide clarity for penalties in the event of a breach.

The Rules and Procedures refer to *Reference Documents*, such documents along with the Rules and Procedures are located on the AFLQ website via the following page; <http://www.aflq.com.au/policies-rules-and-regulations/>

The Rules and Procedures will be provided to all clubs in soft copy, however the document will live on the AFLQ website.

Whilst there has been a lot of changes to the rules in respect to wording, location etc, all material amendments to the rules and procedures are outlined below.

**Whilst we have endeavoured to provide an overview of all major changes, it is the responsibility of clubs to familiarise themselves with the new rules and procedures.**

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<b>Rule</b>	<b>Description &amp; Detail</b>
1.4 (b) Amendment	<b>Amendments to AFLQ Rules and Procedures</b> Affiliate Leagues must now provide 8 weeks' notice for any local By-Law requests. It was previously 6 weeks.
4.9 (h) Amendment	<b>Timekeeper Duties</b> The timing for finals has changed in several competitions from 17 minutes plus time on to 15 minutes plus time on. Please review to see if this affects your competition.
4.12 (a) (vi) New Rule	<b>Interchange Stewards</b> The Home Club Interchange Steward may also act as the Umpire Escort. (The away team doesn't have to provide an umpire escort)
4.15 (a) (i) Amendment	<b>Runner Eligibility</b> The age to be a runner has been lowered from having turned 15 to having turned 14.
4.15 (c) (i) Amendment	<b>Number of Runners</b> Clubs can no longer use two (2) runners. They can only have only have one (1) runner.
4.15 (e) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) Amendment	<b>Runner Breaches</b> This rule has been overhauled in line with a move to one runner. All clubs should familiarise themselves with this rule.
4.16 (h) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) Amended	<b>Water Carrier Breaches</b> This rule has been overhauled. All clubs should familiarise themselves with this rule.
4.16 (b) Amendment	<b>Water Carriers &amp; Trainers</b> Penalty of 20 Units added for failing to adhere to requirement to have a qualified trainer.
4.18 (i) Amendment	<b>Club Umpires Minimum Age</b> Clubs can now seek exemption from the State Umpiring Manager to use a club appointed umpire who is no age eligible.
4.20 (a), (b) (c) (d) (e) Amendment	<b>Umpire Escorts</b> Various changes made to reflect that only the home club needs to supply an Umpire Escort.
4.25 (a) (i) Amendment	<b>Order Off Rule</b> QAFLW no longer has an order off rule in regard to red and yellow cards. They now have the same rules as the QAFL Seniors in respect to cards. QALFW clubs should familiarise themselves with the relevant rules.
4.25 (b) (v) New Rule	<b>Team Runner</b> If a runner receives a yellow card they cannot be replaced for the 15 minutes they are off the ground.
4.26 (d) Amendment	<b>Set Penalties – (National rule change)</b> A player who receives three (3) Reprimands in a 12-month period will receive an automatic one (1) week suspension. Previously it was two (2) Reprimands.
5.1	<b>Reports, Tribunals and Investigations</b>

New Rule	This is a new section that replaces rules previously covered in the AFLQ Report and Tribunals Document. This section is to be read in conjunction with the State and Territory Tribunal Guidelines. (Clubs should familiarise themselves with this section)
5.3 (c) Amendment	<b>Player Suspension - Prohibition on match day role</b> Any player under suspension cannot undertake a role on match day that requires them to be listed on the official team sheet. This includes all coaches under suspension. Previously coaches suspended for a playing offence could still coach, this has now changed.
5.3 (d) New Rule	<b>Player Suspension - Practice game while suspended</b> Clearly spelt out that a suspended player can play in an AFLQ sanctioned practice match while under suspension, but solely at the direction of AFLQ or Affiliate League.
5.4 (c) Amendment	<b>Player Suspension - No set penalty offered by umpires</b> QAFLW players can no longer be offered a set penalty. The report is referred directly to the MRP for review - same as QAFL Seniors.
5.5 (a) (ii) (A) Amendment	<b>Club Video Reviews (excludes QAFL Seniors &amp; QAFLW)</b> Clubs requesting a video review will now have their \$125 review fee refunded if a classifiable offence charge is laid.
5.7 (a) (b) (c) (d) New Rule	<b>QAFL and QAFLW Request Reviews</b> Clubs from both competitions can request a review of incidents at no cost by 9am on the first business day after match. Clubs should familiarise themselves with all paragraphs of this rule.
5.8 (b) (B) Amendment	<b>Investigations</b> Clubs requesting an investigation will now have their \$125 investigation fee refunded if a sanction is imposed as result of the investigation.
5.11 Amendment	<b>Charges / Disputes Against Clubs or Individuals</b> The word Individual added to the rule heading to correctly reflect the existing rule.
6.1(a) Amendment	<b>Football Record / Publicity for QAFL &amp; QAFLW</b> QAFLW now added to existing rule for QAFL
6.2 (b) Amendment	<b>Admission to Grounds</b> Maximum amount that can be charged (excluding finals) for Adults increased from \$5 to \$6 and Concession increased from \$2 to \$3
6.3 & 6.4 Amendment	<b>Club Sponsorship &amp; Club Uniforms</b> Both rules amended to reflect changes to AFLQ's preferred suppliers list. Black Chrome were removed and replaced by Beastwear.
6.6 (a) Amendment	<b>Coaches and Trainers Accreditation</b> Changes made to reflect new coach accreditation system. Clubs should familiarise themselves with the changes.
7.7 (b) Amendment	<b>Ground Lighting</b> Clubs no longer required to provide AFLQ with a lighting audit unless they are playing sanctioned night matches. However, clubs are encouraged to get an annual lighting audit for insurance purposes.

8.1 (d) (iii) New Rule	<b>Finals Eligibility - QAFL, QFA and Affiliate League competitions with reserves</b> In the event a player plays in a Senior and Reserve grade game for their club on the same weekend, only the Senior grade game shall count towards finals eligibility.
8.1 (f) (g) New Rule	<b>Finals Eligibility – QAFLW &amp; Development League – QWFA All Divisions</b> These are updated rules to reflect the introduction of the QAFLW Development League. All SEQ female women’s teams should familiarise themselves with these rules.
8.2 (a) Amendment	<b>Drawn Matches</b> Clarity added as to who kicks which direction to start extra time.
12.2 (a) Amendment	<b>Colts – Special Arrangements – Player Number Equalisation</b> Amendments to player equalisation and the 10-goal rule removed. Colts clubs should familiarise themselves with the entire rule.
12.3 (b) New Rule	<b>QAFLW &amp; All QFAW Divisions – Rule Modifications</b> There have been numerous changes including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting formations of 5-6-5</li> <li>• Competitions that don’t require boundary umpires</li> </ul> Clubs should familiarise themselves with the entire rule as other changes have been made.
12.3 (d) New Rule	<b>QAFLW &amp; All QFAW Divisions – Interchange Players</b> QAFLW & Development League can have a maximum of four (4) interchange players and all other senior women’s competitions can have a maximum of six (6) interchange players.
12.5 Amendment	<b>Gender Diversity</b> Rule name changed to reflect the AFL’s direction on Gender Diversity. The Transgender paragraph has now been removed and is now incorporated under Gender Diversity paragraph.
13.0 New Rule	<b>QAFL Players Points System &amp; Salary Cap</b> Changes made to reflect new rules implemented. All QAFL Clubs should ensure they fully understand the rules and supporting documentation.
14.0 New Rule	<b>QAFLW Club List and Player Movement Rules</b> All of section 14 should be read and understood by QAFLW clubs, as there has been significant changes in line with the incorporation of the QAFLW Development League.
15.0 Amendment	<b>Fines / Penalty Units System</b> The Table has been updated to reflect the changes in rules. Clubs should familiarise themselves with this section.
16.0 Amendment	<b>Reference Documents</b> Section updated to reflect all Reference Documents referred to in the Rules and Procedures document.