



# AREA AGREEMENT



**This is an agreement between the BENDIGO JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE (BJFL) and the HEATHCOTE DISTRICT FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE (HDFNL)**

This agreement is signed pursuant to the AFL Victoria Country Rules and Regulations pertaining to clearances and permits and in particular clause 2.10 whereby an interchange of players between Clubs of the abovementioned Leagues may take place without clearance and is subject to any provisions contained within this agreement.

## **PROVIDED HOWEVER:**

- (i) That this Agreement is in force for the current season only.
- (ii) That the player(s) concerned are acquainted with AFL VC regulations 2.1 and 2.5 regarding one day permits to Major Leagues and eight (8) matches.
- (iii) That prior to each match played, the player shall obtain permission to do so from his parent club. The permit shall be completed online via the "type 2" selection as required under Regulation 2.1 of the AFL Victoria Country Rules and Regulations.
- (iv) With the exception of players of junior age competitions, players of any club having a bye will not be allowed to play with another club on that day, unless he has previously played with that club in the current season under this agreement. The club playing the player from the other League shall show his registered club on the match team sheet.  
***Players of under 18 competitions are not to be classified as players of junior age competitions.***
- (v) That this agreement cannot be altered unless agreed to by a Regional Manager.
- (vi) That in order for a player playing under such Area Permit to participate in a final's series in that season the player must have played a minimum of five (5) games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play in the finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements.

## **LOCAL CONDITIONS:**

Registered players must be given preference over any permit player.

Any player who has played District League Seniors shall not be eligible to play in any Junior League match on the same weekend.

No permits are issued for Senior or Reserve grade.

## **PERMIT PURPOSE STATEMENT**

A permit request should only be approved providing that at least one of two purposes is achieved:

- 1) A player is being permitted to a higher level of football being Junior or District player to a Major League in which case up to 22 players may appear on the team sheet or;
- 2) To ensure a team achieves a maximum number of 20 players in which case, if using a permit player, no more than 20 players may appear on the team sheet.

## **1. PERMIT CONDITIONS**

The following Permit condition shall apply to all AFL Central Victoria League Agreements:

- 1.1 If a team has at least 1 permit player, they shall not be allowed to have more than 20 players on the team sheet.
- 1.2 A maximum of 6 permit players shall be allowed on any one team sheet.
- 1.3 A player may play a maximum of 10 permits in total, including finals, in any one season.
- 1.4 Permits may be issued in more than 1 league.
- 1.5 Permit players shall only play in the one team on the one day.
- 1.6 AFL Victoria Country and League finals eligibility criteria shall apply.
- 1.7 **Once an underage player (including Under 18) has played in the Senior grade of the club he is registered with, then that player is ineligible to apply for any further permits to play in an underage competition during that season.**



## **2. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS**

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Permits between the BJFL and the HDFNL

2.1 Any player who plays major league seniors or reserves shall be ineligible to play in any junior league match on the same weekend.

## **3. FINALS PERMITS & ELIGIBILITY**

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Finals Permits between the BJFL and the HDFNL.

3.1 **BJFL** players are permitted to play **HDFNL** Finals provided that the player must have played at least 5 H&A games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements.

3.2 **HDFNL to BJFL:** No HDFNL players are permitted to play in the final's series of BJFL as per the BJFL By-Laws.

## **4. REPORTED PLAYERS**

A player playing on permit that is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League of which the offence was committed. Any penalty that is imposed shall apply in all competitions.

## **5. PERMIT BREACHES**

Any breach of Permit arrangements and agreements will be referred to AFL Victoria Country Rule 1.3 – Penalty for playing ineligible or unregistered players.

## **6. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Any clubs requesting special circumstance considerations must apply in writing to a WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country Region Manager annually, prior to June 30th. This agreement has been agreed to by the relevant major and junior leagues and will remain valid unless endorsed by a WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country Region Manager.