



Interchange Agreement NCFL & BJFL

This Interchange Agreement template is intended for use exclusively in situations where both football controlling bodies (Leagues) involved are AFL Victoria Country Affiliate Leagues. It is consistent with Clause 2.4 of the AFL Victoria Country Rules and Section 3.7(a) of the National Community Football Policy Handbook.

Executed Interchange Agreements must be submitted to AFL Victoria Football Operations Manager Joel Lovett – joel.lovett@afl.com.au for final approval within ten (10) calendar days of its execution, before being loaded into the competition management platform (PlayHQ).

An Agreement between the **North Central Football League (NCFL)** and the **Bendigo Junior Football League (BJFL)**.

This agreement is signed pursuant to AFL Victoria Country rules and regulations pertaining to permits and in particular Clause 2.4 – Interchange (Area) Agreements, whereby an interchange of players between clubs of the abovementioned Leagues may take place without a transfer and is subject to any provisions contained within this agreement.

Interchange Agreements are ongoing from year to year unless revoked by one of the football bodies party to the agreement by advising AFL Victoria.

PROVIDED HOWEVER:

- (i) That this permit is in force for the current season only.
- (ii) Prior to each match the player shall obtain permission electronically from their parent club using a Season permit.
- (iv) Players of any club having a bye will not be allowed to play with another club on that day unless they have previously played with that club in the current season under this agreement (unless otherwise stipulated in this agreement). The club playing the player from the other League shall show their registered club on the match team sheet. Players of third 18 teams of Senior Grade competitions are not to be classified as players of Junior age competitions.
- (v) A local interchange agreement can override clause (iv) to restrict junior players playing on permit when their club has a bye
- (vi) That this agreement cannot be altered unless agreed to by the Region Manager.
- (vii) That for a player playing under such Area Permit to participate in a finals series in that season the player must meet the eligibility criteria as stipulated in section 4 of this agreement, relevant to the team of the grade in which they have been selected to play in the finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements.

LOCAL CONDITIONS:

1. AGREEMENT

The Agreement shall remain valid and current unless altered and then endorsed by a Region Manager. No alterations may be made to this agreement without approval from both leagues included.

2. TYPES OF PERMITS

A 'Season Permit' maybe lodged for the entire home and away season, however eligibility of games permitted to be played under this agreement are listed in 'Player Permits'

3. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS

3.1 NCFL or BJFL registered players may be granted a maximum of **eight (8)** area permits by their club to play in the NCFL third 18 teams (or below) or BJFL competitions during the home and away season, provided they meet any relevant age requirements

3.2 All available Club registered players must be selected before permit players can receive an endorsement to play.

3.3 A player may only play on permit with one club during the current season.

3.4 The NCFL will allow BJFL players with a league/club bye to play with a club within the NCFL third 18 competition (or below) without firstly playing with the club prior to the players club bye (*this overrides section (iv) of this agreement*)



3.5 Once a NCFL third 18 team (or below) player has played in the Senior grade of the NCFL, has represented the NCFL at third 18 league level, or has played a Coates Talent League (or equivalent) game during the current season, then that player is ineligible to apply for any further permits to play in the BJFL competition during the current season. This means that the player's initial season permit application is revoked for the remainder of the season.

(NOTE: the Senior grade does not include any Reserves games)

3.6 Permits can be issued if there are no more than 20 players listed (including permit players) on the NCFL third 18 team (or below) or BJFL team sheet.

4. FINALS PERMITS & ELIGIBILITY

4.1 **NCFL:** That in order for a player playing under such interchange agreement to participate in a final's series in that season the player must have played a minimum of **eight (8)** matches on permit

4.2 **BJFL:** Permit players are **not allowed** to play BJFL finals and should any BJFL registered player participate in any NCFL Finals series, they will become immediately ineligible to continue to participate in the BJFL Finals series.

5. GAMES PER DAY/WEEKEND

5.1 Players ARE permitted to play **two (2)** home and away games per weekend but only **one (1)** game per day, provided club registered players are selected before permit players can receive endorsement to play.

5.2 Players under this agreement can only play **one (1)** final in any one weekend.

6. NUMBER OF PERMITS

6.1 **NCFL** third 18 teams (or below) are only permitted a maximum of **six (6)** permit players in any one match

6.2 **BJFL** teams are only permitted a maximum of **four (4)** permit players in any one match

6.3 The number of permit players from any one club be restricted to a maximum of **three (3)** on any one day for any one team.

7. TRANSFERS

Any player seeking a formal transfer must follow regulations and deadlines outlined in the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook.

8. 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.

9. PERMIT BREACHES

Any breach of Permit arrangements and agreements will be referred to the **AFL Victoria Country Rule 1.1** – Penalty for playing ineligible or unregistered players

Signed on behalf of the North Central FL

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Date: *4/4/2025*
Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Signed on behalf of AFL Central Victoria
(Region Manager)

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Date: *07/04/2025*
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Signed on behalf of the Bendigo Junior FL

Name: *Paul Colbert*
Date: *7/4/25*
Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Signed & approved on behalf of AFL Victoria (Football
Operations Manager)

Name: *Joel Lovett*
Date: *09.04.25*
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