



Interchange Agreement

Goulburn Valley League & Bendigo Junior Football League

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 Goulburn Valley League (GVL) & 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. 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) as per GVL by-laws, players are ineligible to play finals on permit.

LOCAL CONDITIONS:

1. AGREEMENT

- a) The Agreement shall remain valid and current unless altered and then endorsed a Regional Manager.
No alterations may be made to this agreement without approval from both leagues included.
- b) Where an Interchange Agreement exists between two leagues, players participating across both competitions must do so in accordance with any limits on the number of matches permitted under the arrangement.
For the purposes of these limits, all matches played for the secondary club will be counted, regardless of whether the player participates via permit or transfer.
Any breach of these participation limits will result in the club receiving a formal warning for a first offence. Subsequent breaches may result in the player being deemed ineligible in accordance with AFL Victoria Country Rules, with applicable penalties applied to the club.

2. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS

BJFL players are permitted to play in the GVL H&A U18 grade provided:

- Players are permitted a maximum of nine (9) permits to play in the GVL H&A Under 18.
- The total number of players on permits in any one game must not exceed six (6).
- BJFL are permitted to play in the GVL U18 on permit when their home club has a BYE (includes General League BYES).
- The GVL club's registered U18 players must be selected before permit players can receive endorsement to play.



3. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS

GVL players are permitted to play in the BJFL grade provided:

- Once a GVL Under 18 player has played in the Senior grade of the GVL, has represented the GVL at Under 18 level, or has played a AFL Talent League game during the current season, then that player is ineligible to apply for any further permits to play in the BJFL underage competition during the current season. This means that the player's initial permit application is no longer valid for the remainder of the season. (NOTE: the Senior grade does not include any Reserves games)
- The total number of players on permits in any one game must not exceed six (6).
- BJFL are permitted to play in the GVL U18 on permit when their home club has a BYE (includes General League BYES).

4. FINALS PERMITS & ELIGIBILITY

- NO permits are issued to play finals in either League.

5. GAMES PER DAY/WEEKEND

- Players are permitted to play TWO GAMES PER WEEKEND but only ONE (1) GAME PER DAY.

6. NUMBER OF PERMITS

- GVL U18 – Teams are only permitted six (6) permit players in any one match.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- Clubs are reminded to abide by local league by-laws that may be in place in regards to number of permits permitted arrangements i.e. overage/medical etc.

Signed on behalf of the Goulburn Valley League

Name: Brad Noonan

Date: 26/3/2026

Signature:

Signed on behalf of the Bendigo JFL

Name: Paul Colbert

Date: 30/3/26

Signature:

Signed on behalf of AFL GM

(Regional Manager)

Name: Shaun Connell

Date: 26/3/2026

Signature:

Signed on behalf of AFL Central Victoria

(Regional Manager)

Name: CAM TOMLINS

Date: 30-03-2026

Signature:

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

Name: Joel Lovett

Date:

Signature: