



## Interchange Agreement

### Northern Football Netball League (NFNL) and AFL Victoria Country

Northern Football Netball League and AFL Victoria Country agree that registered players of a League may interchange between both Leagues in season 2024, subject to meeting the following conditions.

This agreement is only open to players who are either full-time students or fall under a family permit.

**Students:** A player residing away from their usual place of abode while attending a secondary/TAFE college, institution or university on a full time and continuous basis and playing in any competition may, during registered school holidays and registered semester vacations approved by the NFNL Operations Department and AFL Victoria Football Operations Department, receive a permit to play with the club with which the player was last registered before being transferred to their current club. If required by the NFNL Operations Department or AFL Victoria Football Operations Department, the player shall supply documentary evidence of their attendance at the said college, institute or university.

**Family Permit:** Where a player eligible to play in an under-age junior affiliated competition is in a situation where the parents have separated and have special custody arrangements, such players may be eligible to apply for a permit to play at a second or alternate club which is more than 100km away from their original club or upon approval of the NFNL Operations Department and AFL Victoria Football Operations Department.

#### Conditions of the Interchange Agreement:

Player(s) and clubs party to the Interchange Agreement concerned must abide by the conditions of this agreement as outlined below.

#### Student Permit Conditions:

- Prior to each match played the player shall obtain a Season Permit in PlayHQ
- This permit is valid only for the dates specified in the players' permit application.
- Clubs cannot play more than eight (8) players on a Permit on that day.
- The Interchange Agreement applies to home and away matches only, it does not apply to Finals Series matches. Players are not able to obtain a Permit for a Finals Series match.

- Players are only permitted to play on the permit during registered school holidays and registered semester vacations.
- A player shall not be permitted to play with an interchange club and a source club on the same day/weekend.
- Players who are reported for an on-field offence shall have the charge heard by the Independent Tribunal of the League within which the offence occurred and both Leagues shall apply the penalty.
- Players cannot obtain a Permit whilst under suspension.
- The student permit is only applicable for that year.

**Family Permit Conditions:**

- The verification and approval of a permit under this Clause will rest with the respective NFNL Operations Department and AFL Victoria Football Operations Department after lodgement of the Compassionate Permit Form, available on AFL Victoria's website.
- A player eligible under this permit may only participate in one game per weekend and may be eligible for finals providing they have qualified under the local provisions however they may only play in one finals series per weekend.
- Family Permit cannot be applied for or approved prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> in each year and is only applicable for that year.

This agreement cannot be altered unless agreed to by both parties. Either Party may terminate this agreement by notifying AFL Victoria.