SOUTHERN NSW INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT

An agreement between AFL Riverina, Northern Riverina Football Netball League, and Hume Football Netball League.

1. Area Agreement

1.1. This agreement is signed pursuant to the 2025 AFL NSW/ACT Rules pertaining to Permits and in particular clause 11.4.2 – Local Interchange Agreements, where neighbouring leagues may enter into Interchange Agreements to enable the movement of players between such leagues other than as provided for in these Regulations. For Interchange Agreements to be binding, they must be in writing and formally adopted by each body and lodged with the AFL NSW/ACT via PlayHQ.

2. Agreement Conditions

2.1. That this agreement is in force for the current season only (2025), with the agreement to be signed off at the start of each season. Copies to be distributed to each league and club involved in the permit system.

2.2. That clubs will use a 'Local Interchange' permit in PlayHQ to lodge the player permits.

2.3. Players may be granted, by their club of origin, permission to play a maximum number of permits, (as detailed in table below) in the nominated football league home and away season.

League	Maximum Number of Permit per player in nominated League
AFL Riverina	12
Northern Riverina FNL	12
Hume FNL*	10

* Hume FNL maximum number of permits is set at 10 to provide consistency with their Interchange Agreement with AFL North East Border (AFL Victoria).

2.4. That a player or player/s involved utilizing this Interchange Agreement can only play with **ONE CLUB** on a permit for the duration of the 2025 season.

2.5. That this agreement is utilized for **JUNIOR PLAYERS ONLY** up to the age of 17. Permits cannot be utilized for players to play in a senior or reserve grade competition.

2.6. That the Clubs involved are agreeable to the player or players playing on the day in question. The club that the player is registered with has the right to refuse a permit to any player or players registered with them.

2.7. Players can only be registered with **ONE CLUB** to utilize the permit system.

2.8. That all available **CLUB REGISTERED** players must be selected before permit players can receive endorsement to play.

2.9. The player or players junior club must be notified and must give permission to the player or players to play under this agreement. It is the responsibility of both the player and parent or guardian to ensure permission is granted from the junior club.

2.10. Each team is only permitted to play a maximum of number of permit players in any team as per the table below:

League	Maximum Number of Permit Players in Team
AFL Riverina	5
Northern Riverina FNL	5
Hume FNL	5

2.11. Clubs may request additional permits for players when required and permission must be granted by the governing body. All requests for additional permit players must be in writing or electronic correspondence to the following league administrators:

- AFL Riverina – Luke Olsen on luke.olsen@afl.com.au
- Hume FNL – Dalton Wegener on humefl@bigpond.com
- Northern Riverina – Leanne Imrie on leanneimrie@bigpond.com

2.13 For a permitted player to be eligible to participate in Finals, the following applies:

(a) The player must meet the Finals eligibility criteria stipulated in the Rules of the league in which the player will be participating.

(b) The players club of origin will have priority of the player for finals should there be a clash in scheduling.

(c) All available club registered players must be selected before permit players can be selected to play. The only exception to this rule is where the age of club registered player/s (available for selection) is three (3) years or more below the competition underage cap. In this circumstance a permitted player may be prioritized for selection over the club registered player.

For Example:
Under 14 Competitions: A permitted player may have selection priority over a player whose age is 10 years or below as of the 31st of December of the year prior to the Competition Year.

2.14. Eligibility to qualify for finals must be relevant to the number games stipulated in the By-Laws of each of the leagues that are entering into this Interchange Agreement to allow the player/s concerned to play finals. The players club of origin will have priority of the player for finals.

2.15. That any club found to breach the conditions of this agreement will be subject to investigation and is liable to fine and/or lose of points in the relevant match (should they win) where evidence is proven they have breached the conditions of this agreement. The relevant action against the club will be the decision of the league's Competition Match Committee through consultation with the Southern NSW Community Football staff.

2.16. Southern NSW Community Football staff may regulate any matters not provided for in these By-Laws in its sole and absolute discretion.

3. Local Conditions

Please refer to below for each specific league special conditions:

Appendix A – AFL Riverina (page 4)

Appendix B – Hume FNL (page 5)

Appendix C – Northern Riverina (page 6)

4. Reported Players

4.14. A player playing on a permit that is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League in which the reportable offence was committed.

4.15. Any penalty that is imposed by the tribunal shall apply in all competitions.

Appendix A

5. AFL Riverina Local Conditions

5.1. That clubs will use a **DATA RANGED** local interchange permit in Play HQ to lodge the player permits.

5.2. That a junior player or players considered to be members of a parent club e.g., senior/junior affiliation will be required to complete the **DATE RANGED** local interchange permit before they play with the parent club between competitions under the AFL Riverina structure.

5.3. That this agreement is used by clubs that are considered the 'same club' within the AFL Riverina competition structure inclusive of Coolamon, Collingullie Glenfield Park, Griffith Swans, GGGM Lions, Leeton Whitton, Mangoplah CUE, Narrandera, Turvey Park, Wagga Tigers, Barellan, Coleambally, East Wagga Kooringal, Northern Jets, North Wagga, Marrar and Temora.

5.4. Any player that requests a permit to play with another club **NOT** considered coming from the 'same club' within the AFL Riverina competition structure must lodge a 'Local Interchange' permit under this agreement e.g., Wagga Swans (Wagga & DJFNL) to Coolamon (Riverina FNL), Temora (South West JFNL) to Turvey Park (Riverina FNL).

5.5. Players that have been granted a permit from their club of origin can only play ONE GAME on the DAY with the club they have been granted a permit to play within the Riverina Football Netball League and/or the Farrer Football Netball League.

5.6. The player, or players that are considered from the **ONE CLUB**, as identified in point 5.3 of this agreement, may play two games on the **ONE DAY** due to competition draws in the 2025 season that may result in same day football fixturing.

5.7. Players that have been granted a permit from their club of origin to play may only play ONE GAME on the DAY with the club they have been granted a permit to play with in any of the AFL Riverina competitions or the Hume Football Netball League competition.

5.8. Players being permitted to another club not considered as the 'same club' (refer point 5.4) must have played on permit, with their club of choice, prior to 30 June. No permits will be approved after 30 June to players considered not coming from the 'same club'.

5.9. Should a player transfer from his club of origin to another club, prior to 30 June, then the permits that that player has been granted prior to being transferred will be considered in the total number of permits under this agreement. (Refer to Local Conditions – 5.5)

5.10. A player that transfers from his club of origin to the club that he has been permitted to within the AFL Riverina competitions, can only be permitted back to his club of origin.

Any clubs requesting special circumstance considerations must apply in writing or via electronic communication to Community Football & Competitions Manager Luke Olsen on luke.olsen@afl.com.au

Appendix B

6. Hume FNL Local Conditions

6.1. If a team has at least 1 permit player, they shall not be allowed to have more than 20 players on the team sheet.

6.2. Permits shall not be issued to any player after 30th June unless they have played on an eligible permit with that team prior to the 30th of June.

6.3. Should a player transfer from his club of origin to the club that he is permitted to, prior to the 30th of June, then the permits that the player was granted prior to being transferred will be considered in the total number of permits under this agreement. (Refer to Local Conditions- 6.1)

6.4. Should a player transfer from his club of origin to another club, then be transferred back to his club of origin, the games player at the club he transferred to, will be considered in the total number of permits under this agreement.

6.5. Players that have been granted a permit from their club of origin to play may only play ONE GAME on the DAY with the club they have been granted a permit to play with in any of the AFL Riverina competitions or the Hume Football Netball League competition.

6.6. That the player or players involved are committed to play with the club in the other League on the day in question.

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Special circumstance decisions will be made in consultation with the two nominated Hume FNL Board representatives.

Appendix C

7. Northern Riverina FNL Local Conditions

7.1. That the club from which the player or players are being granted a permit will be required to complete a "Local Interchange" permit for each game that the player is participating in with the interchange club.

7.2. That the player or player/s involved are committed to play with the club in the other League on the day in question.

7.3. Should a player transfer from his club of origin to the club that he is permitted to, prior to the 30th June, then the permits that the player has been granted prior to being transferred will be considered in the total number of permits under this agreement. (Refer to Local Conditions – 7.1)

7.4. Northern Riverina Football Netball League players that have transferred to a South West Junior FNL or a Wagga and District JFNL club will be allowed to play two games on the one day, but only one game with the permit club and one game with their club of origin. Players cannot play two games with their club of origin and then a permit game on the same day or on consecutive days.

7.5. Where one club requires more than the stipulated 5 permits per game, they must apply to them for approval. These criteria will apply to players that have transferred from the Northern Riverina FNL due to a lack of competitive football in underage competitions and wish to return to the Northern Riverina FNL.

7.6. Permits shall not be issued to any player after 30th June unless they have played on an eligible permit with that team prior to 30th June.

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