Community football clubs are the heart of our game, providing opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to participate, develop, and enjoy the sport. To ensure a safe, inclusive, and high-quality experience for all participants, it is essential that clubs operate to a consistent and achievable set of standards.

The **Club Standards** outlined in this document serve as a foundational framework to support clubs in delivering best practices across key areas such as governance, safety, facilities, coaching, and community engagement

The standards should be utilised to identify and prioritise areas for club development.

AFL Club Help resources are available to assist in numerous areas of club development including Governance, strategic planning, volunteer management, fundraising to name a few. Follow the link here for more information - Toyota AFL Club Help - Play AFL

| Governance | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Does the club have a clear purpose and vision statement? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club utilise and maintain a strategic plan which includes club goals and performance targets? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Is the club incorporated? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Was the club's most recent Annual General Meeting conducted in accordance with the club's constitution/rules i.e. timeframes and provision of financial reports? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Has the club been operating in accordance with AFL and League policies, rules and regulations? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the committee/board meet at least monthly? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Has the club's constitution been reviewed in the last 3 years? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Are the club's Board/Committee roles clearly defined? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Do the club's Board/Committee roles include the following as a minimum? | ☐ | ☐ |
| President | ☐ | ☐ |
| Vice-President | ☐ | ☐ |
| Secretary | ☐ | ☐ |
| Director Finance/Treasurer | ☐ | ☐ |
| Football Director/Operations (Senior club applicable) | ☐ | ☐ |
| Youth Teams Coordinator (Junior Club applicable) | ☐ | ☐ |
| Child Safety Officer | ☐ | ☐ |

| Governance Cont. | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| Sponsorship/Marketing | ☐ | ☐ |
| Volunteer coordinator | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club have required subcommittees established? Juniors, events, fundraising etc? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Is the club fully integrated with male and female teams operating under one legal entity, the same name, logo and colours? | ☐ | ☐ |

| Finance | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Does the club use a financial software package such as xero or myob? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Has the club prepared annual financial statements for the most recent financial year including a balance sheet, profit and loss statement and statement of cash flow? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Has the club provided a copy of its most recent financial statement to its affiliated League/s? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Has the club made all required payments to its affiliated League as of 31st October? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Is the club financially viable (achieves annual profits) and has diverse income streams? | ☐ | ☐ |

| Women & Girls | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Is your club a signatory of the AFL Women & Girls Charter? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Is the club nominating women & girls for leadership and further education opportunities? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does your committee/board have female representation? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club provide women & girls with opportunities to take up head coach, assistant coach, co-coaching or coach coordinator roles? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club have an equal scheduling policy in place for venue/equipment access across all teams? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club participate in all competitions and age groups available within the League(s) it is affiliated with? | ☐ | ☐ |

| Policies & Procedures | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Does the club utilise the AFL Policy handbook? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club have specific code of conduct documents for each group of participants within the club? | ☐ | ☐ |

| National Risk Protection Program | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Has the club communicated to players the personal insurance coverage in the event of an injury? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Have the players been advised about further income protection insurance coverage? | ☐ | ☐ |

| Medical | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Does the club's provision of medical personnel meet minimum standards outlined in Part D (Health & Safety) of the National Community Football Policy Handbook? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Are the club trainers and other volunteers aware of the game day concussion protocols and procedures? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club have an Automated External Defibrillator on site? | ☐ | ☐ |

| Game Day | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Does the club utilise live scoring via PlayHQ for all home matches? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does your club fill all game day roles such umpire escort, timekeeper, match manager etc.? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does your club have a dedicated steward that maintains required equipment? | ☐ | ☐ |

| Coaching | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Does the club have a Board/Committee member (portfolio) responsible for the appointment, oversight, communication with all management of coaches? E.g. Football Director? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Do all club coaches have the appropriate level of qualification? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Do all club coaches hold a current and valid working with vulnerable people card? | ☐ | ☐ |

| Coaching Cont. | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Have all club coaches signed a current coaches code of conduct? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Are All coaches registered within the coach.afl website? | ☐ | ☐ |

| Child & Youth Safeguarding | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • The club is operating in compliance with Child & Youth Safeguarding legislation including having: | | |
| • Appointed a Child Safety Officer? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Adopted a Child & Youth Safeguarding policy? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Completed the club safeguarding checklist to identify potential gaps within the club? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Is Child Safety a standard agenda item for all/Board/Committee meetings? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • A Working with Vulnerable People register for relevant club personnel which is current? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Have committee members and volunteers completed the Sports Australia safeguarding training at a minimum? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Posted the Child & Youth Safeguarding statement in a public place or via social media? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Club CSO posters on display in public areas around the club? | ☐ | ☐ |

| Volunteers | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Does the club have a volunteer coordinator? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Are all club volunteers registered in PlayHQ? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Has the club implemented a volunteer action plan? (AFL Tasmania template available) | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club have a volunteer reward and recognition program or practices? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Are club players required to volunteer when not playing or training? | ☐ | ☐ |

| Facilities | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Does the club have a home ground or grounds available that meet home game requirements including finals? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Are the club's facilities safe and hygienic? | ☐ | ☐ |

| Facilities Cont. | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Appropriate safety considerations have been implemented? i.e. wet floor signs purchased, | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Are the change rooms suitable for all users i.e. lockable toilet and shower cubicles, wheelchair access etc. | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Do the club facilities have sanitary bins on site? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Are the club facilities safe to access for all users? E.g. sufficient safety lighting, sealed paths, disability parking etc. | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club take advantage of grant funding opportunities such as the Telstra football country grant? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club's home venue ground lighting meet AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines be 100 Lux (Local)? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the Club's home ground playing field size meet AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines being 165m x 135m (Local)? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the Club's home venue Changerooms (Players & Umpires) meet AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines being: | | |
| • Player Changeroom: 2 x 45m2 – 55m2 | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Trainers Rooms: Optional 2 x 10m2 | ☐ | ☐ |
| • First Aid/Medical Room: Optional 15m2 | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Doctors Room: Optional 10m2 | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Umpires Room: 20m2 x 25m2 | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the clubs home venue scoreboard meet AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines being Electronic or Manual (Local)? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the Club's home venue coaches' boxes meet AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines being Forms Part of the Bench (Local)? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club's home venue Interchange Benches meet AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines being: | | |
| • Players: 4.8m Long x 1.2m Wide (seat 8 people) (Local)? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Umpire/Officials: 1.8m Long x 1.2m Wide (seat 3 people) (Local)? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club's home venue Timekeeping Facilities meet AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines being 10m2? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club's home venue Game Siren meet AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines being installed and operated in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football (Section 10) | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Do the club's home venue goal posts meet AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines being: | | |

| Facilities Cont. | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Goal Posts 9m | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Points Posts 6m | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club's home venue perimeter (boundary) fences meet AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines being 900mm high with chain link-in fill or similar and allow minimum run-off distance from the playing field boundary line, and adequate gate access for maintenance and emergency vehicles, players and officials and clearly signed? | ☐ | ☐ |

| Mental Health & Wellbeing | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Does the club have a wellbeing officer? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Is the club a signatory of the AFL Mental Health Fitness Charter? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does your club engage with mental health workshop facilitators such Ahead of the Game (Junior) or Tackle Your Feelings? (Senior) | ☐ | ☐ |

| Participation | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| • Does the club participate in all competitions/age groups available within the League/s the club is affiliated? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Junior participation (if applicable) | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club participate in all League age groups (no gaps)? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club host an Auskick Centre? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Is the club's Auskick participation increasing year on year? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club's Auskick Program offer a girl's specific session/group? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club offer a Superkick program for children aged 8–12? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Is there a clear pathway from Auskick/Superkick to junior football for girls? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club offer a girls-only session or group as part of its Auskick/Superkick Program? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club have a process to transition Auskick/Superkick participants into junior teams? | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Does the club track or support retention of players across all age groups? | ☐ | ☐ |

Thank you for completing the AFL Tasmania, Club Standard document.