INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT

AFL NORTH COAST & AFL HUNTER CENTRAL COAST

An agreement between AFL North Coast and AFL Hunter Central Coast for the movement of players between leagues.

1.0 Area Agreement

1.1 This agreement is signed pursuant to the Section 3.7 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook and Rule 11.4 of the AFL NSW/ACT Rules.

2.0 Administrative Processes

2.1 This agreement is effective from the 2026 season and will remain in place until such time as advised otherwise by the respective Competition Managers of the participating Leagues. Copies of the Interchange Agreement are to be located on relevant Leagues websites.

2.2 The Destination Club (Permit Club) must use a 'Season Permit' on the PlayHQ competition management system to lodge the permit request.

2.3 The Player involved must desire to play with the Permit Club in the other League on the day in question.

2.4 The Clubs involved must be agreeable to the Players playing on the day in question.

2.5 A Player can only be registered with one (1) club to utilise the permit system.

2.6 This agreement is developed in good faith to provide players with additional development opportunities and not to improve team performance.

3.0 General Conditions

3.1 The permit of all players under this agreement must be approved by the Community Football & Competition Manager of both Leagues via PlayHQ.

3.2 A Senior player is only permitted to play with one (1) club on any weekend or round. Junior players playing in under age competitions only (Under 17's or below) are exempt from this condition.

3.3 A player may only be granted a permit to one (1) AFL North Coast or AFL Hunter Central Coast Club per season.

3.4 Clubs are only able to have a maximum of two (2) permit players per round.

3.5 Exemption may be granted for more than two (2) players to permit per round under exceptional circumstances. The approval process is at the discretion of the destination League. Clubs are to exhaust all options locally (e.g utilising underage players) prior to requesting such an exception.

3.6 Permits are only eligible whilst both Leagues are still playing home and away matches (for clarity, if one league has commenced finals and the other is still playing home and away matches, players with active permits will be ineligible to participate with the Permit Club).

3.7 In the event of a full round bye or an individual team bye in the AFL North Coast or AFL Hunter Central Coast competition, no new permits will be issued for players to play in the other league for the bye round unless approved by both leagues under exceptional circumstances.

3.8 Games played on permit do not count towards finals eligibility with either club unless the player is permanently transferred to the Permit Club. Where this occurs, all games played on permit will count towards Finals eligibility for the Permit Club.

4.0 Reported Players

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

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

5.0 Authorisation

5.1 This Agreement shall remain valid until such a time as either League or AFL NSW/ACT dissolves the Agreement.

5.2 Changes may be made to this Agreement with advice to be provided to each League at the time of the change taking place.