INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT

AFL SOUTH COAST AND AFL SYDNEY

An agreement between AFL Sydney and AFL South Coast for the movement of players between leagues.

1.0 Area Agreement

1.1 This Agreement is made pursuant to the *AFL Sydney and AFL South Coast Rules* and the National Community Football Policy Handbook (Clause 3.7 – Interchange Agreements).

2.0 Administrative Processes

2.1 This Agreement will remain in place until advised otherwise by the respective Competition Managers of the participating Leagues.

2.2 Copies of this Interchange Agreement will be published on the relevant League websites.

2.3 Clubs must utilise a 'Season Permit' via PlayHQ to lodge all player permits.

2.4 Players may only be registered with one (1) club to utilise the permit system.

2.5 All permits must be agreed to by:

- The Player;
- The registered Club;
- The receiving Club.

2.6 This Agreement is entered into in good faith to provide development opportunities for Players and not for the purpose of strengthening team performance.

3.0 Local Conditions

3.1 All permits must be approved by the Community Football and Competition Manager (or delegate) of both Leagues through PlayHQ.

3.2 A Senior Player may only play for one (1) Club on any given weekend or round.

3.3 A Player may only be granted a permit to one (1) AFL Sydney or AFL South Coast Club per season.

3.4 AFL Sydney Clubs may field a maximum of:

- Two (2) male players and
- Two (2) female players on permit to their Club per round.

3.5 Exceptions to player limits may be considered by the Competition Management Committee (CMC) under exceptional circumstances. Clubs must demonstrate that all local options (including underage players) have been exhausted prior to requesting an exemption.

3.6 Excluding Section 4.0, all permits are only valid while both competitions are conducting home

and away matches. Permits are not permitted once either competition has commenced finals.

3.7 In the event of a full-round bye or individual team bye in either competition, no new permits will be issued unless approved by both Leagues under exceptional circumstances.

3.8 Excluding Section 4.0, matches played under permit do not count toward finals eligibility in either competition unless the player is permanently transferred to the receiving club.

4.0 Finals Eligibility – South Coast Junior Players Permitting into AFL Sydney Seniors ONLY

4.1 This section applies strictly to South Coast Junior players permitting into AFL Sydney Senior competitions.

4.2 Eligible Players:

- Must remain registered with their South Coast Junior club; and
- Must only be participating in the South Coast Under 17's Competition; and
- May permit into AFL Sydney Senior competitions only.

4.3 Applicable Grades:

- Permits are restricted to:
    - Men's & Women's Premier Division; and/or
    - Men's Under 19.5 Division One; and/or
    - Women's Under 20's; and/or
    - For non-Premier Division Clubs, the highest senior grade available at the Club

4.4 Under exceptional circumstances, the CMC may determine approval for another applicable grade upon application by the AFL Sydney Senior Club.

4.5 Finals Participation in Both Competitions:

- Players may participate in finals in AFL Sydney Seniors only if they:
    - Have played a minimum of 50% of the Home and Away Season for their registered South Coast Junior team; and
    - Met AFL Sydney Senior finals eligibility requirements as set out in Appendix Two of the AFL Sydney Rules
    - Are currently playing in the AFL South Coast Under 17's Competition (finals participation will not be granted for other South Coast Junior competitions)
    - Must only have one active Interchange Agreement Permit for the relevant season

4.6 Under section 4.0, a South Coast Junior player cannot seek dispensation for AFL Sydney Senior finals. Dispensation may therefore only be requested in relation to the Player's registered local junior competition.

4.7 Where finals matches in both competitions are scheduled on the same day, the player must participate in the registered Junior Club's scheduled finals match.

4.8 Finals for players on permit via this interchange agreement is not permitted for South Coast Senior players into AFL Sydney Seniors. Existing Interchange Agreements remain in place for Senior players.

5.0 Reported Players

5.1 A report against a Player on Permit will be reviewed by the Match Review Panel (MRP) within the Competition they were reported in. Any penalty that is imposed by the MRP or Tribunal shall apply in all competitions as per *AFL South Coast Rule 30.3.*

6.0 Authorisation

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

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