INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT
AFL CANBERRA AND AFL SOUTH COAST
MARCH (2026)

1 Area Agreement

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

2 Administrative Processes

2.1 This agreement will remain in place until advised otherwise by the respective Community Football & Competition Managers of the participating Leagues.

2.2 Copies of the Interchange Agreement are to be located on relevant Leagues websites.

2.3 Clubs must use a 'Season Permit' via PlayHQ to lodge all player permit requests.

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

2.5 All permits made in line with this Interchange Agreement must be agreed to by:

a. The Player

b. The Player's registered Club

c. The receiving Club

d. Both Leagues

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 Local Conditions

3.1 All permits made under this agreement must be approved by the Community Football & Competition Manager (or delegate) of both Leagues via PlayHQ.

3.2 A Senior Player is only permitted to play with one (1) club on any weekend or round.

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

3.4 Clubs may field a maximum of:

a. Two (2) male players and

b. Two (2) female players on permit to their club per round.

3.5 Exemption may be granted for more than two (2) players to permit per round under exceptional circumstances. Clubs are to exhaust all options locally (e.g utilising junior-age eligible players) prior to requesting such an exception.

a. The approval process is at the discretion of the destination League.

3.6 Excluding Section 4, permits are only valid whilst both Leagues are still playing 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 an individual team bye in the AFL Canberra or AFL South Coast competition, no new permits will be issued unless approved by both Leagues under exceptional circumstances.

3.8 Excluding Section 4, 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 Finals Eligibility – AFL South Coast Junior Players permitting into AFL Canberra ONLY

4.1 This section applies to AFL South Coast Junior players permitting into AFL Canberra Competitions

4.2 Eligible Players

a. Must remain registered with their AFL South Coast Junior Club and

b. Must only be participating in the AFL South Coast Under-17s Competition

4.3 Applicable Grades

a. Boys Under-17s; and/or

b. Girls Under-16s; and/or

c. Men's & Women's Under-18s; and/or

d. Men's & Women's First Grade Competitions

4.4 Under exceptional circumstances, both Leagues may determine approval for another applicable grade upon application by the AFL Canberra Club

a. No approval will be granted for participation in an underage Competition Grade below Under-17s Boys or Under-16s Girls

4.5 Finals Participation in Both Competitions

a. Players may participate in AFL Canberra Finals only if they:

i. Have played a minimum of 50% of the Home & Away Season for their registered AFL South Coast Junior Team; and

ii. Met AFL Canberra finals eligibility requirements as set out in Appendix Two of the AFL Canberra Rules

iii. Are currently playing in the AFL South Coast Under-17s Competition (finals participation in AFL Canberra will not be approved for players participating in an alternate AFL South Coast Competition Grade)

iv. Must only have one (1) active Interchange Agreement Permit for the relevant season

4.6 Under Section 4, an AFL South Coast Junior Player cannot seek dispensation for AFL Canberra Finals. Dispensation can only be requested in relation to the Player's registered AFL South Coast local Under-17s 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 AFL South Coast Senior players into AFL Canberra. The existing Interchange Agreement as outlined in Section 3 remains in place for Senior Players.

5 Reported Players

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

6 Authorisation

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

6.2 Changes can be made to this Agreement from time to time as determined by the Leagues participating in the Interchange Agreement and/or AFL NSW/ACT. Any changes made will be communicated appropriately.