

## PART B – ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION

### 6. Eligibility

#### 6.1 General

6.1.1 No Player shall be eligible to play for a Member Club in any League Match:

- a. Who does not meet the FIDA eligibility criteria and deemed to be an Eligible Player or Allowed Player
- b. Who has not received an official exemption to participate in the League as an Exempt Player
- c. Who is not a duly registered playing member of that Member Club or the holder of a permit to play.
- d. Who is under any disqualification or who has not paid any fine imposed by the League or any other Football League.
- e. Unless they have obtained all required transfers and permits.
- f. Unless they have attained the age of fourteen (14) year old by April 1<sup>st</sup> during that person's first year of registration with the League.
- g. Unless they have provided the League with an annual medical clearance to participate as an over 40 player.

#### 6.2 Player Eligibility Criteria

##### 6.2.1 Eligible Players

A Player will be deemed as **ELIGIBLE (E)**, for the purposes of participation in FIDA, if:

- a. The participant meets the Sport Inclusion Australia (SIA, formerly AUSRAPID) classification, or can provide evidence of this classification in the past.

##### 6.2.2 Allowed Players

A Player will be classified as **ALLOWED (A)** for the purposes of participation in the FIDA Football League, they meet **ONE (1)** of the following requirements:

- a. Attended a Specialist School
- b. Proof of Disability Support Pension or NDIS registration under the category of Intellectual Disability.
- c. Registration with a Disability Service Provider under the category of Intellectual Disability.

If a player attended a Mainstream School with funded Educational Support under the category of Intellectual Disability in the *Program for Students with Disabilities* (PSD) or similar additional supporting documentation of their Intellectual Disability may be requested by the FIDA League as evidence.

##### 6.2.3 Exempt Players

A Club may seek an **EXEMPTION (X)** for a Player where a participant does not meet the above eligibility requirements but believes FIDA provides the most appropriate opportunity for them to participate in a suitable football program.

- a. Clubs **MUST** apply to the FIDA Permit Committee for an exemption to participate in the League.
- b. FIDA may request that the Player provide additional information, or be observed in participation, to determine if the Player is to be granted a FIDA Player Exemption to participate. This exemption may only be granted because of Disability and/or impairments restricting participation in other community football programs.
- c. All Clubs may be provided with a list of any Players who do not meet the requirements but are granted an **EXEMPTION (X)** to play by FIDA upon request.

FIDA Player Exemption may be revoked if FIDA believes the Player's ability and/or behaviour is not appropriate to participate within FIDA. For more information on submitting a **FIDA Player Exemption Form**, please contact the FIDA Management to discuss.

#### **6.2.4 Misrepresentations**

Any Player or Member Club representative who makes any misstatement or misrepresentation in applying for eligibility or exemption within FIDA may be dealt with by the Board.

### **7. Registration**

- 7.1 This regulation should be read in conjunction with the AFL's National Player Registration and Transfer Regulations.
- 7.2 A Player must complete their annual registration to the official FIDA database (PlayHQ) to be eligible to play in any fixtured Match approved by the League
- 7.3 Notwithstanding any of these Regulations, the League may withdraw the ability of a Player to play in the League and in that event, shall notify the Player's Member Club.
- 7.4 New registrations and Transfer Requests must be received by FIDA Management **before 12:00pm on the Friday** preceding that round of Matches.
- 7.5 New registrations and Transfer Requests **WILL NOT** be received on Match days

### **8. Local Interchange Permits**

- 8.1 All FIDA players MUST be registered with a FIDA club
- 8.2 Registered players may seek a local interchange permit with any mainstream league with which **FIDA has an interchange agreement to play football with a mainstream club.**
- 8.3 Players may not be permitted into a FIDA club from a mainstream club
  - 8.3.1 Players seeking to be permitted into FIDA under a local interchange permit may apply for an exemption under exceptional circumstances.
- 8.4 FIDA maintains the ability to cancel and/or review any player interchange permit throughout the season.

### **9. Assumption of Risk**

- 9.1 By signing the Official FIDA Registration Form (through PlayHQ) or having a parent/guardian or club representative complete registration on the players behalf, the Player acknowledges and agrees that:
  - 9.1.1 Australian Football is a vigorous body contact sport in which physical injury may occur from time to time.
  - 9.1.2 They are none-the-less desirous to playing Australian Football for the Club.
  - 9.1.3 They take upon themselves the risk (both physical and legal) of injury arising while training or participating in the game of Australian Football. This is inclusive of players participating within the League as Non-Tackle Players.
  - 9.1.4 All the information provided in the Official FIDA Registration Form is true and correct and does not seek to gain registration by omission of relevant information

### **10. Penalty for playing Non-Permitted Players**

- 10.1 Any Player, Member Club Official or Member Club Match Day Official who makes any misstatement or misrepresentation or omits any material particulars in the registration process may be dealt with by the Board or CEO. Penalty refers to FIDA By-Law 21.
- 10.2 Where it is found that a Member Club has allowed, whether knowingly or not, a Player, Coach or Official to play or officiate in any Matches where that Player, Coach or Official is:

- 10.2.1 not registered with the League.
- 10.2.2 not permitted to participate with that Member Club.
- 10.2.3 is under suspension.
- 10.2.4 not accredited.
- 10.3 shall be dealt with by the League as per FIDA By-Law 21.

## PART C – PLAYER POINTS & TRANSFERS

### 11. Objective of Player Points

- 11.1 The control of player movement has been identified as being a significant issue with regards to the equalisation and evenness of the league.
- 11.2 The player points policy aims at providing mechanisms that will assist in minimising the impact of player movement on the competitiveness of the competition, without contravening the National Transfer regulations.

### 12. Points Allocation

#### 12.1 Base Categories

Community Player	Any player participating in the FIDA Conferences that does not fit into any higher category	2 Points
Mainstream Player	Any player participating in the FIDA Conferences that is permitted into or out of the FIDA League to a mainstream football club via a Match Day or Local Interchange Permit	3 Points
State Representative Player	Players selected to represent any state at the AFL Open (formerly National Inclusion Carnival) within the last 5 years	4 Points

#### 12.2 Points Increases

- 12.2.1 Players may have their base category increased by one (1) point for each of the following criteria they meet.

All-Australian	A Player selected in the AFL Open All-Australian Team within the last 5 years
Direct Competition	A Player that transfers to a team in which they will compete against their previous team
Multi-Club Player	A Player that has been registered at 3 different clubs within the last 4 years

- 12.2.2 **Direct Competition Transfers:** A player that transfers to another club will not be considered in direct competition if at the time of their transfer the club they are transferring is not in direct competition, but later changes to the Grades and Fixtures means they will be in direct competition.

#### 12.3 Points Decreases

- 12.3.1 Players may have their final points allocation decreased by one (1) point for each of the following criteria they meet.

Country Conference	a. A player seeking to move from a FIDA Country Conference into the Metropolitan Conference
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