

**Allowable Player Payment  
Best Practice – Club Module  
For Season 2025**

# Best Practices - Club Module

## Introduction

AFL Victoria believes it is in the best interests of both Players and Clubs to ensure that any arrangements between Players and Clubs in community football are transparent, certain, enforceable and fair.

The purpose of the **Best Practice – Club Module** is to set out a non-exhaustive list of matters that AFL Victoria recommends both Clubs and Players consider when determining the arrangements for the provision of playing services under the Allowable Player Payment Rule.

# Player Payment Regulations - Integrity Program

## The CCSP – PPR Integrity Program aims to:

- Support Community Clubs, Metropolitan Leagues and Regions with the management and administration of their reporting obligations as prescribed under the CCSP – Player Payment Rules (PPR) through clarifying the process.
- Ensure Community Clubs, Metropolitan Leagues and Regions are compliant with the PPR through the lodgment of key documents throughout the course of the Football Year and as defined under rule 4 of the PPR.
- Ensure Metropolitan Leagues and Regions are mitigating the risk to their respective Community Clubs through the completion of the CCSP - Integrity Review Process.
- Ensuring Players are educated on their obligations when receiving a benefit to play football and the regulations applicable to Players
- Provide governing bodies with learnings on how and where the development of the CCSP can be enhanced.

# Player Payment Regulations - Integrity Program

## Integrity Program Focus Areas :

- The Integrity Program focuses on
  - Increased compliance checking at League and Region Level to mitigate risks to clubs of being in breach
  - Inconsistencies in Player Declarations in current and previous seasons
  - Anomalies in Player Declarations and Spot Checking of Player/Club arrangements
  - Coaching arrangements for Playing, Non-Playing and Co-Coaches
  - Ongoing education requirements to ensure clubs are compliant and Players are informed of their obligations.
- Through Mid-Season Compliance Checks, the early detection of omissions or errors provides opportunity for corrective action to be taken and minimises the risk of breaches.

# Player Payment Regulations - Integrity Program

## Practices, Protocols and Timeframes:

- Training and education to be made available to all Clubs during the preseason
- **Aspirational, by July 30<sup>th</sup>, every Club to be reviewed for Player Payment Rule (Allowable Player Payment) Compliant as per lodgment requirements**
- Monitoring to be undertaken by Metropolitan Leagues and Country Regions or AFL Victoria\*
- Monitoring to be undertaken between April and July 30<sup>th</sup> annually
- All Grand Finalists be reviewed under agreement by AFL Victoria, on behalf of Metropolitan Leagues and Country Regions, by December 15<sup>th</sup> annually.

# **Allowable Player Payment**

## Player Declaration Forms

# Best Practices – Player Declarations

1. Any agreement or arrangement between a Player and a Club to providing a playing services should be set out in writing and signed by the both the Player and an authorised representative of the Club on the the correct template **Player Declaration Form**.
2. Any agreement or arrangement for the provision of playing services by a Player to a Club should be between the Club and the individual Player, rather than a company or trust associated with the Player.
3. Any amendments to an agreement or arrangement should be set out in writing and signed by the Player and an authorised representative of the Club, using the **Player Declaration Form**.
4. Clubs should seek to avoid paying ‘sign on’ fees or other upfront incentives to a Player.
5. All payments to a Player in relation to a particular Season should be paid shortly before, during or shortly after that Season.
6. All payments made to a Player (as a benefit) must be declared using the **Player Declaration Form**.

# Best Practices – Player Declaration

**Standard Player Declaration**

This Standard Player Declaration is established under Section 5 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook ('the Handbook'). It is to be used where a Club and Player wish to, or are required to, enter into an arrangement in relation to the Player's participation at the Club. A Club must provide a copy of each Player's current Standard Player Declaration upon request by a State Football Body.

**PART A NAME, CLUB & LEAGUE**

This Declaration is made by: \_\_\_\_\_ ('the Player')

Of: \_\_\_\_\_ Football Club ('the Club')

An affiliated club of the: \_\_\_\_\_ Football League ('the League')

Affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_ ('State Football Body')

**PART B VALIDITY PERIOD**

Valid until (date): \_\_\_\_\_

**PART C PLAYER PAYMENTS (strike through where not applicable)**

Per senior match won: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per senior match lost or drawn: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Per non-senior match won: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per non-senior match lost or drawn: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Incentives: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Coaching (if applicable): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other payments: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Deductions from match pay: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual subs: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Social functions: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date for Payment: Weekly:  Monthly:  Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

**PART D ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (strike through where not applicable)**

Note: It is the responsibility of the Player to satisfy themselves that these acknowledgements are true and correct. Players are encouraged to obtain their own tax advice in respect of the payments they receive in connection with AFL football.

I volunteer in the football and other Club activities as a hobby or pastime:

Any services I provide to the Club are provided as a hobby or pastime:

I do not rely on the above payments (if applicable) for my regular personal income:

I have (if applicable) submitted a 'statement by a supplier' to the Club (available at <https://www.ato.gov.au/forms/statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-abbv>):

**PART E SIGNED**

By signing this Declaration, the Player and Club confirm they will comply with all applicable rules, regulations and policies including this Handbook and applicable State Football Body rules and regulations.

By the Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If the Player is under the age of 18:

By parent or legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Club: President  Secretary  Treasurer  For \_\_\_\_\_

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Affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_ ('State Football Body')

### PART B VALIDITY PERIOD

Valid until (date): \_\_\_\_\_

### PART C PLAYER PAYMENTS (strike through where not applicable)

Per senior match won:	\$ _____	Per senior match lost or drawn:	\$ _____
Per non-senior match won:	\$ _____	Per non-senior match lost or drawn:	\$ _____
Incentives:	\$ _____	for	_____
Coaching (if applicable):	\$ _____	for	_____
Accommodation Payment:	\$ _____	Transportation Payment:	\$ _____
Other payments:	\$ _____	for	_____
Deductions from match pay:	Annual subs: \$ _____	Social functions:	\$ _____
	Club property: \$ _____	Other:	\$ _____
Date for Payment:	Weekly: <input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly: <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe): _____



# Best Practices – Player Declaration (continued)

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This Declaration is made by: \_\_\_\_\_ ('the Player')

Of: \_\_\_\_\_ Football Club ('the Club')

An affiliated club of the: \_\_\_\_\_ Football League ('the League')

Affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_ ('State Football Body')

**PART B VALIDITY PERIOD**

Valid until (date): \_\_\_\_\_

**PART C PLAYER PAYMENTS (strike through where not applicable)**

Per senior match won: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per senior match lost or drawn: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Per non-senior match won: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Per non-senior match lost or drawn: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Incentives: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Coaching (if applicable): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual subs: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Social functions: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other payments: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Club property: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deductions from match pay: \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly:  Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Date for Payment: Weekly:  Monthly:  Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

**PART D ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (strike through where not applicable)**

**Note:** It is the responsibility of the Player to satisfy themselves that these acknowledgements are true and correct. Players are encouraged to obtain their own tax advice in respect of the payments they receive in connection with AFL football.

I volunteer in the football and other Club activities as a hobby or pastime:

Any services I provide to the Club are provided as a hobby or pastime:

I do not rely on the above payments (if applicable) for my regular personal income:

I have (if applicable) submitted a 'statement by a supplier' to the Club (available at <https://www.ato.gov.au/forms/statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-abn/>):

**PART E SIGNED**

By signing this Declaration, the Player and Club confirm they will comply with all applicable rules, regulations and policies including this Handbook and applicable State Football Body rules and regulations.

By the Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If the Player is under the age of 18**

By parent or legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Club: President:  Secretary:  Treasurer:  Football Manager:

## PART D ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (strike through where not applicable)

**Note:** It is the responsibility of the Player to satisfy themselves that these acknowledgements are true and correct. Players are encouraged to obtain their own tax advice in respect of the payments they receive in connection with AFL football.

I volunteer in the football and other Club activities as a hobby or pastime:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any services I provide to the Club are provided as a hobby or pastime:	<input type="checkbox"/>
I do not rely on the above payments (if applicable) for my regular personal income:	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have (if applicable) submitted a 'statement by a supplier' to the Club (available at <a href="https://www.ato.gov.au/forms/statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-abn/">https://www.ato.gov.au/forms/statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-abn/</a> ):	<input type="checkbox"/>

## PART E SIGNED

By signing this Declaration, the Player and Club confirm they will comply with all applicable rules, regulations and policies including this Handbook and applicable State Football Body rules and regulations.

By the Player:	_____	Date:	_____
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### If the Player is under the age of 18

By parent or legal guardian:	_____	Date:	_____
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For the Club:	_____	Date:	_____
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Position in Club:	President:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Football Manager:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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# Alternate Player Declaration 2025 season only

**STANDARD PLAYER DECLARATION (Rule 4(a))**

**NAME, CLUB AND LEAGUE**  
 This Declaration is made by: ..... ('the Player')  
 Of: ..... Football Club ('the Club')  
 An affiliated club of the: ..... Football Netball League ('the League')  
 Affiliated with: ..... ('State Football Body')

**VALIDITY PERIOD**  
 Valid until: ..... / ..... / .....

**PLAYER PAYMENTS**  
 For Home and Away matches (strike through where not applicable)  
 Per senior match won: \$ ..... Per senior match lost or drawn: \$ .....  
 Per non-senior match won: \$ ..... Per non-senior match lost or drawn: \$ .....  
 Incentives: \$ ..... for ..... Detail: .....  
 Deductions from match pay: Annual subs: \$ ..... Detail: .....  
 Social functions: \$ ..... Detail: .....  
 Club property: \$ ..... Detail: .....  
 Other: \$ ..... for ..... Detail: .....  
 \$ ..... for .....  
 Weekly  Monthly  Other (describe): .....

**COACHING (if applicable):**  
 Other payments: \$ ..... for .....

**DATE FOR PAYMENT**  
 Weekly  Monthly  Other (describe): .....

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**  
 I volunteer in the football and other Club activities as a hobby or pastime.  
 Any services I provide to the Club are provided as a hobby or pastime.  
 I do not rely on the above payments (if applicable) for my regular personal income.  
 I have (if applicable) submitted a 'statement by a supplier' to the Club  
 Available at <https://www.ato.gov.au/forms/statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-abn/>

(Note: It is the responsibility of the Player to satisfy themselves that the above acknowledgements are true and correct. Players are encouraged to obtain their own tax advice in respect of the payments they receive in connection with AFL football.)

By signing this Declaration, Player and Club confirm they will comply with all applicable rules, regulations and policies including the National Player Transfer Regulations, National Deregistration Policy and applicable State Football Body rules.

**SIGNED** By the Player: ..... Date: ..... / ..... / .....  
 By parent or legal guardian (where Player is under 18 years of age) ..... Date: ..... / ..... / .....  
 For the Club: ..... Date: ..... / ..... / .....  
 Position: President | Secretary | Treasurer | Football Manager (delete inapplicable titles)

**STANDARD PLAYER DECLARATION (Rule 4(a))**

**NAME, CLUB AND LEAGUE**  
 This Declaration is made by: ..... ('the Player')  
 Of: ..... Football Club ('the Club')  
 An affiliated club of the: ..... Football Netball League ('the League')  
 Affiliated with: ..... ('State Football Body')

**VALIDITY PERIOD**  
 Valid until: ..... / ..... / .....

**PLAYER PAYMENTS**  
 For Home and Away matches (strike through where not applicable)  
 Per senior match won: \$ ..... Per senior match lost or drawn: \$ .....  
 Per non-senior match won: \$ ..... Per non-senior match lost or drawn: \$ .....  
 Incentives: \$ ..... for ..... Detail: .....  
 Deductions from match pay: Annual subs: \$ ..... Detail: .....  
 Social functions: \$ ..... Detail: .....  
 Club property: \$ ..... Detail: .....  
 Other: \$ ..... Detail: .....  
 Coaching (if applicable): \$ ..... for .....  
 Other payments: \$ ..... for .....

**DATE FOR PAYMENT**  
 Weekly  Monthly  Other (describe): .....

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**  
 (strike through where not applicable)