

CCSP- Player Payment Rule

Club Management Module

Player Payment Guidelines– Key Changes for the 2026 season

Coaching Deductions- Where a Player coaches any open age team, (other than the Club's Senior Team) or the oldest underage team at the Club, any coaching payment, to a maximum of \$3000 may be excluded from the clubs APP cap.

This provision does not apply to any Co Coaching arrangement of a team.

Where **any coach who is also a player for the same club is injured** during the season and unable to participate in matches, a club may seek a ruling under 8(d) as to the Player Payment that may be included in the calculation of the Club's Allowable Player Payments.

Awards / Incentives - Non-cash benefits **donated to the club by the entity supplying the benefit, (and not purchased by the club or an associate of the club)** and provided by a Club to Players up to a maximum value of \$300 per round per Club, and to a maximum of \$100 per round for any one Player of the Club, may be treated as not being a Player Payment.

Best Practice - Recommendations

Recommendations:

- Any agreement or arrangement between a Player and a Club to provide playing services should be set out in writing and signed by the both the Player and an authorised representative of the Club.
- 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, associate or trust associated with the Player.
- 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.
- Clubs should seek to avoid paying 'sign on' fees or other upfront incentives to a Player.
- All payments to a Player in relation to a particular Season should be paid shortly before, during or shortly after that Season.

Full Detail of Allowable Player Payments Policies available at play.afl - Player Payments website [link](#)

Being Compliant

- Using the correct **Player Declaration Form**.
- Enter all Declared Players into the **Club Player Payment Budget** and ensure the amount per game corresponds to the relevant **Club Player Declaration** amount.
- Ensure the number of games player is equal to the number of players allowed on a timesheet multiplied by the number of rounds (21 players x 18 H&A games = 378 Total games).
- Players not receiving any benefits **MUST** be accounted for within the **Club Player Payment Budget Game Tally**:
 - 21 players x 18 H&A games = 378 Total games
 - 15 declared players x 18 games = 270 Total game equals
 - Remaining 108 games for players with no benefit **MUST** be identified in budget at \$0.

Being Compliant (continued)

- Ensure any deductions applied are permissible deductions (Coaching / 8(d) rulings) – seek advice when in doubt noting:
 - There is no loophole for multiple coaching arrangements
 - Assistant coaches are not entitled to any deductions
- When in doubt of what should be included or excluded as an exemption, seek advice or seek a ruling in advance under clause 8(d) from the relevant governing body (i.e., Metropolitan League or Country Region).
- Clubs may engage additional players who, where receiving a benefit, **MUST** sign a **Player Declaration** and it **MUST** be lodged in the AFL Document Portal within 7 days of their first game.
- **Player Declaration** amounts **MUST** correlate exactly to the **Club Player Payment Budget** amounts.
- The **Club Player Payment Budget** must include the gross amount of Player Payments received, ie amount per game earned (not the amount paid following any club deductions).

Being Compliant (continued)

- Club related expenses for the player **MUST** be included in calculations of the Total Player Payments and recorded on the **Club Player Payment Budget** template, including:
 - Memberships, Function costs, Annual Subs, Apparel etc. are considered a benefit to the player and **MUST** be included within the Total Player Payment Calculations.
- Lodge all **Player Declarations and Club Player Payment Budget** within **14 days** of first scheduled game within the AFL Document Portal.
- Any Additional Player Declarations signed **during season** lodged within 7 days .
- Lodge the final **Club Player Payment Budget by 31 October** with the AFL Document Portal.
- When in doubt of what should be included or excluded on the Club Player Payment Budget, seek advice or seek a ruling in advance under clause 8(d) from relevant governing body.

Player Declaration

STANDARD PLAYER DECLARATION

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

PART A PARTIES & VALIDITY PERIOD

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')

Valid until (date): _____

PART B PLAYER MATCH PAYMENTS (strike through where not applicable)

GRADE	PER MATCH RATE (where no rate variation)	OR	IF RATE VARIES ON MATCH RESULT	
			Rate per Win	Rate per Loss or Draw
Senior (1 st Grade):	\$ _____		\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Grade (e.g. Reserves):	\$ _____		\$ _____	\$ _____

Date for Payment: _____ Weekly: Monthly: Other (describe): _____

PART C OTHER PLAYER PAYMENTS or DEDUCTIONS (strike through where not applicable)

Incentives: \$ _____ for _____ Transportation payment: \$ _____

Coaching (if applicable): \$ _____ for _____

Accommodation payment: \$ _____ for _____ Social functions: \$ _____

Other payments: \$ _____ for _____ Other: \$ _____

Refer to the relevant Controlling Body or State Football Body Player Payment Rules / Policy to ensure compliance with what payments must be declared.

Deductions from payments: Annual subs: \$ _____ Club property: \$ _____

PART D ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (strike through where not applicable)

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/state-statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-abnr/>)

PART E SIGNED (By signing this Declaration, the Player and Club confirm they will comply with all applicable rules, regulations and policies including the Policy Handbook and applicable Controlling Body and/or State Football Body policy, rules and regulations)

By the Player: _____ Date: _____

By parent or legal guardian: _____ Date: _____

For the Club: _____ Date: _____

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

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GRADE	PER MATCH RATE (where no rate variation)	OR	IF RATE VARIES ON MATCH RESULT	
			Rate per Win	Rate per Loss or Draw
Senior (1 st Grade):	\$ _____		\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Grade (e.g. Reserves):	\$ _____		\$ _____	\$ _____

Date for Payment: _____ Weekly: Monthly: Other (describe): _____

Player Declaration (continued)

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PART A PARTIES & VALIDITY PERIOD

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 Of: _____ Football Club ("the Club")
 An affiliated club of the: _____ Football League ("the League")
 Affiliated with: _____ ("State Football Body")
 Valid until, (date): _____

PART B PLAYER MATCH PAYMENTS (strike through where not applicable)

GRADE	PER MATCH RATE (where no rate variation)	IF RATE VARIES ON MATCH RESULT	
		Rate per Win	Rate per Loss or Draw
Senior (1 st Grade):	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Grade (e.g. Reserves):	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Date for Payment: Weekly: Monthly: Other (describe): _____

PART C OTHER PLAYER PAYMENTS or DEDUCTIONS (strike through where not applicable)

Incentives: \$ _____ for _____
 Coaching (if applicable): \$ _____ for _____
 Accommodation payment: \$ _____ for _____
 Other payments: \$ _____ for _____
Refer to the relevant Controlling Body or State Football Body Player Payment Rules / Policy to ensure compliance with what payments must be declared.

Deductions from payments: Annual subs: \$ _____ Club property: \$ _____
 Social functions: \$ _____
 Other: \$ _____

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 should obtain their own tax advice relating to payments received 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 the Policy Handbook and applicable Controlling Body and/or State Football Body policy, rules and regulations)

By the Player: _____ Date: _____

By parent or legal guardian: _____ Date: _____
(if Player under the age of 18)

For the Club: _____ Date: _____

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

PART D ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (strike through where not applicable)

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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 https://www.ato.gov.au/forms/statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-abn/):	<input type="checkbox"/>

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By the Player:	_____	Date:	_____
By parent or legal guardian: (if Player under the age of 18)	_____	Date:	_____
For the Club:	_____	Date:	_____
Position in Club:	President: <input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary: <input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer: <input type="checkbox"/> Football Manager: <input type="checkbox"/>

Alternate Player Declaration 2026 season only - pre Nov 2025 version

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

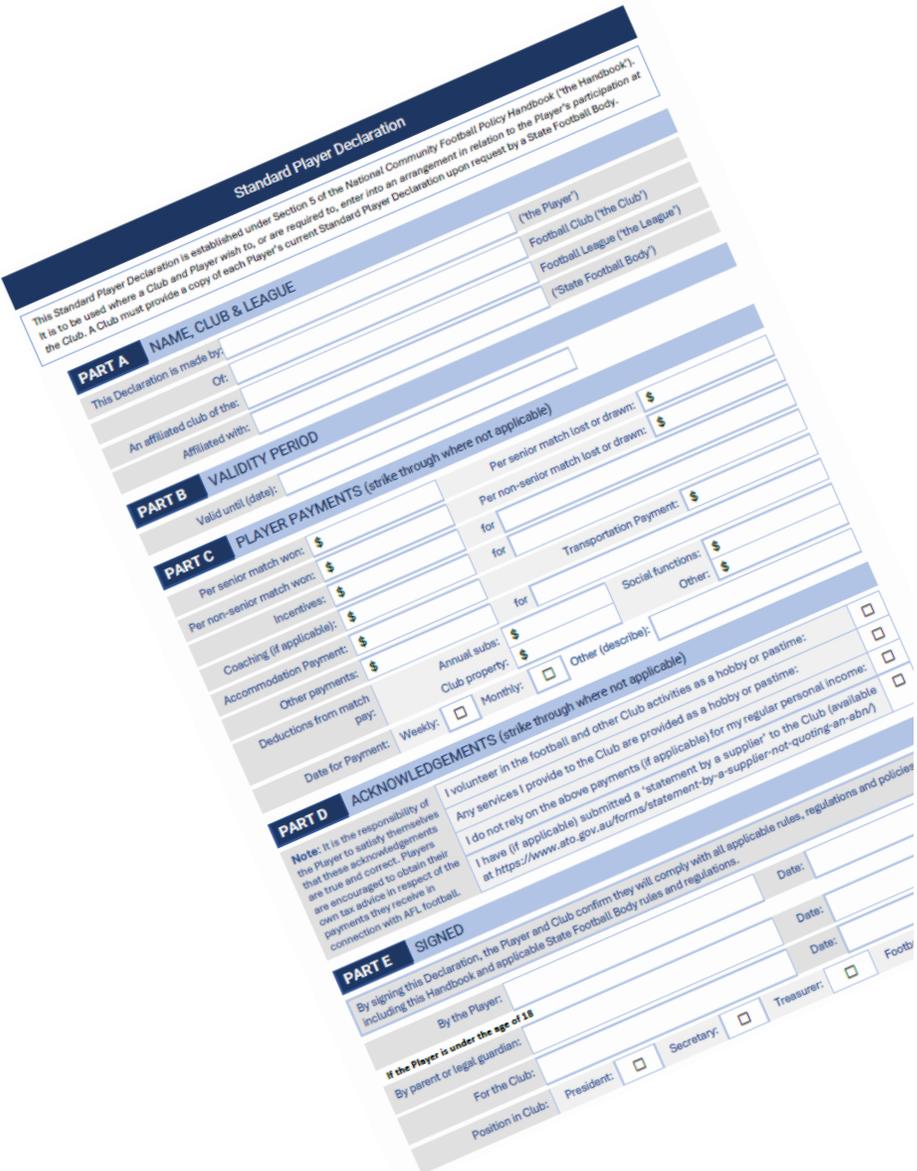
This Declaration is made by:		('the Player')
Of:		Football Club ('the Club')
An affiliated club of the:		Football League ('the League')
Affiliated with:		('State Football Body')

PART B VALIDITY PERIOD

Valid until (date):	
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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):





STANDARD PLAYER DECLARATION

CORRECT COMPLETION FOR THE 2026 SEASON

[LINK TO STANDARD PLAYER DECLARATION](#)

Standard Player Declaration

The Standard Player Declaration is contained under Section 4 of the National Community Football (Soccer) Handbook (the Handbook). It is to be used where a Club and Player enter into an arrangement in relation to the Player's participation at the Club. It is not to be completed by a Player's parent or guardian. Players' names on Standard Player Declarations may only be used by a State Football Body.

PART A NAME, CLUB & LEAGUE	
This Declaration is made by: <input type="text"/> (The Player)	
CC: <input type="text"/>	Football Club (The Club): <input type="text"/>
AFL State: <input type="text"/>	Football League (The League): <input type="text"/>
AFL Body: <input type="text"/>	(State Football Body): <input type="text"/>

PLAYERS FULL LEGAL NAME ←

LEAGUE NAME ←

CLUB NAME →

"AFL VICTORIA" →

PART B VALIDITY PERIOD	
Valid until (date): <input type="text"/>	

FOOTBALL YEAR ENDS 31 OCTOBER ←

PART C PLAYER PAYMENTS (strike through where not applicable)			
Terrace match award: \$ <input type="text"/>	Per senior match lost or drawn: \$ <input type="text"/>	Terrace match lost or drawn: \$ <input type="text"/>	Per non-senior match lost or drawn: \$ <input type="text"/>
Per non-senior match won: \$ <input type="text"/>	Per senior match lost or drawn: \$ <input type="text"/>	Per non-senior match lost or drawn: \$ <input type="text"/>	Per senior match lost or drawn: \$ <input type="text"/>
Incentive: \$ <input type="text"/>	for: <input type="text"/>	Incentive: \$ <input type="text"/>	for: <input type="text"/>
Coaching (if applicable): \$ <input type="text"/>	for: <input type="text"/>	Coaching (if applicable): \$ <input type="text"/>	for: <input type="text"/>
Commercial Payment: \$ <input type="text"/>	for: <input type="text"/>	Commercial Payment: \$ <input type="text"/>	for: <input type="text"/>
Other payments: \$ <input type="text"/>	for: <input type="text"/>	Other payments: \$ <input type="text"/>	for: <input type="text"/>
Deductions from match payments: \$ <input type="text"/>	Annual sum: \$ <input type="text"/>	Social functions: \$ <input type="text"/>	Other: \$ <input type="text"/>
PPV: \$ <input type="text"/>	Club property: \$ <input type="text"/>	Other: \$ <input type="text"/>	Other: \$ <input type="text"/>
Date for Payment: Weekly: <input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly: <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe): <input type="text"/>	

AMOUNT PER SENIOR MATCH WON ←

AMOUNT PER NON SENIOR MATCH WON ←

INCENTIVE PAYMENTS (PROVIDE DETAILS) ←

ACCOMODATION PAYMENTS ←

OTHER PAYMENTS (PROVIDE DETAILS) ←

AMOUNT PER SENIOR MATCH LOST OR DRAWN →

AMOUNT NON SENIOR MATCH LOST OR DRAWN →

COACHING PAYMENTS (PROVIDE DETAILS) →

TRANSPORT PAYMENTS →

CLUB TO PLAYER PAYMENT SCHEDULE →

PART D ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (strike through where not applicable)	
I hold it to be the responsibility of the Player to notify their club that they have acknowledged the above payments to which they are entitled. Player will be required to advise if any payments are received in respect of payments they receive in connection with AFL football.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I warrant that the football and other Club activities are to be played or performed. Any monies provided to the Club are provided to a club by or for me.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I do not rely on the above payments (if applicable) for my regular personal needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have, if applicable, signed the appropriate form of agreement to the Club (available at http://www.afl.vic.gov.au/football/standard-player-declaration/standard-player-declaration).	<input type="checkbox"/>

ANY DEDUCTIONS FROM MATCH PAYMENTS (INCLUDED IN TOTAL PLAYER PAYMENTS) ←

PLAYER MUST TICK TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND/OR STRIKE THROUGH WHERE NOT APPLICABLE →

PART E SIGNCE	
By signing this Declaration, the Player and Club confirm they are complying with all applicable rules, regulations and policies including this Handbook and applicable State Football Body governing rules.	
By the Player: <input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>
If the Player is under the age of 18	
By parent or legal guardian: <input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>
For the Club: <input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>
Position in Club: President: <input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary: <input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer: <input type="checkbox"/>	Football Manager: <input type="checkbox"/>

PLAYER MUST SIGN AND DATE THE DECLARATION ←

CLUB MUST SIGN AND DATE THE DECLARATION ←

IF PLAYER IS UNDER 18 PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST ALSO SIGN AND DATE →

CLUB MUST TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX →

THIS IS THE STANDARD PLAYER DECLARATION WHICH MUST BE USED FOR ALL PLAYERS RECEIVING A BENEFIT FOR THE 2026 SEASON
ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETE AND THE DECLARATION UPLOADED TO THE [AFL COMMUNITY DOCUMENT PORTAL](#)
ALL INFORMATION ON THE DECLARATION MUST MATCH THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN THE CLUBS PLAYER PAYMENT DECLARATION

Club Player Payment Budget / Final Declaration

(Insert Name) FOOTBALL CLUB - PLAYER PAYMENTS (Rule 4 (b) & (c))
20xx PLAYER PAYMENTS -CLUB BUDGET / FINAL DECLARATION

Players Enter Total Number of Players Per Senior Match (For example 20, 21 or 22 players)	0	Enter Your Clubs Allowable Player Payment Cap	\$0
Rounds Enter Total Number of Fixtured Home and Away Rounds for your Senior Team (excluding byes)	0		
Players x Rounds = Total Matches Total number of senior home and away matches (For example 22 players x 18 rounds = 396)	0		
		> Download a Standard Player Declaration	

Total H& A
Matches
calculated

PLAYERS WITH A DECLARATION

	DECLARED PLAYERS		SENIORS			NON SENIOR			TOTAL MATCH PAYMENTS \$
	Surname	First name	No. Of Games	Rate \$	Amount \$	No. Of Games	Rate \$	Amount \$	SUB TOTAL
1					\$0			\$0	\$0
2					\$0			\$0	\$0
3					\$0			\$0	\$0
4					\$0			\$0	\$0
5					\$0			\$0	\$0
6					\$0			\$0	\$0
7					\$0			\$0	\$0
8					\$0			\$0	\$0
9					\$0			\$0	\$0
10					\$0			\$0	\$0
11					\$0			\$0	\$0
12					\$0			\$0	\$0
13					\$0			\$0	\$0
14					\$0			\$0	\$0
15					\$0			\$0	\$0

Formula
cells
locked

50 Rows
listed for
players

Club Player Payment Budget / Final Declaration (cont.)

PLAYERS THAT PLAY A SENIOR MATCH BUT DO NOT RECEIVE ANY PAYMENT (NOT RESERVES)			SENIORS
	Surname	First name	No. Of Games
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			
TOTAL MATCHES CHECK			
Total number of senior home and away matches (forecast/actual)			0
			Total Matches Equals

Cross checks to total
H&A matches

Club Player Payment Budget / Final Declaration (cont.)

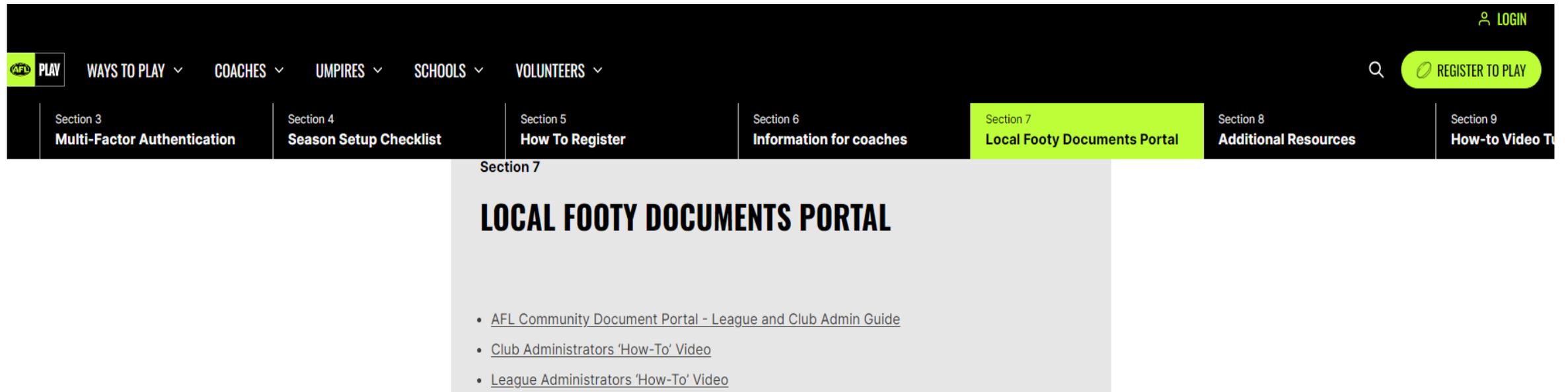
MATCH AWARDS - DETAIL THE TOTAL OF ALL CASH AWARDS AND ANY NON CASH AWARDS THAT EXCEED \$300 PER ROUND FOR ENTIRE CLUB OR \$100 PER ROUND PER PLAYER							
SENIORS				NON SENIOR			
	No. Of Games	Rate \$	Amount \$	No. Of Games	Rate \$	Amount \$	TOTAL \$
Cash			\$0			\$0	\$0
Non Cash			\$0			\$0	\$0
OTHER PLAYER PAYMENTS							
	Surname	First Name	Detail of other Player Payments (e.g. incentives for best and fairest)	AMOUNT \$			
1				\$0			
2				\$0			
3				\$0			
4				\$0			
5				\$0			
ANY OTHER PAYMENTS TO A PLAYER (OR THEIR ASSOCIATES) IN RESPECT OF COACHING, EMPLOYMENT, PROVISION OF SERVICE OR OTHERWISE.							
	Surname	First Name	Detail of Arrangements	AMOUNT \$			
1				\$0			
2				\$0			
3				\$0			
4				\$0			
5				\$0			
Detail of arrangements to be attached as necessary and consistent with Rule 4 (b)(i)(C) and Rule 4 (c)(i)(D)							
EXEMPT PAYMENTS TO PLAYERS, APPROVED UNDER AN 8(d) RULING OR COACH EXEMPTIONS DETAILED IN THE PLAYER PAYMENT GUIDELINES. A DROP DOWN BOX HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS THIS MUST BE A PLAYER LISTED ELSEWHERE IN THIS DECLARATION.							
	Surname	First Name	Detail of Arrangements	AMOUNT \$			
1				\$0			
2				\$0			
3				\$0			
4				\$0			
5				\$0			

Cannot claim an exempt payment if player payment is not listed

Lodging of Documents – Play HQ & AFL Document Portal

A [Community Football Documents Portal](#) has been developed for League and Club Administrators to store their respective Clubs Allowable Player Payment documents.

Only people who have been provided access to the portal at Metropolitan League or Country Region level (and who have a current PlayHQ account) will be able to access the AFL Document Portal.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the AFL Play website. The bar is dark with white text. On the left, there is an 'AFL PLAY' logo. To its right are several menu items: 'WAYS TO PLAY', 'COACHES', 'UMPIRES', 'SCHOOLS', and 'VOLUNTEERS', each with a downward arrow. On the right side of the bar, there is a search icon, a 'REGISTER TO PLAY' button, and a 'LOGIN' link with a person icon. Below the navigation bar, a horizontal menu lists sections 3 through 9. Section 7, 'Local Footy Documents Portal', is highlighted in a bright green color. Below this menu, a grey box displays the title 'LOCAL FOOTY DOCUMENTS PORTAL' and a list of three links: 'AFL Community Document Portal - League and Club Admin Guide', 'Club Administrators 'How-To' Video', and 'League Administrators 'How-To' Video'.

Section 3
Multi-Factor Authentication

Section 4
Season Setup Checklist

Section 5
How To Register

Section 6
Information for coaches

Section 7
Local Footy Documents Portal

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Additional Resources

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LOCAL FOOTY DOCUMENTS PORTAL

- [AFL Community Document Portal - League and Club Admin Guide](#)
- [Club Administrators 'How-To' Video](#)
- [League Administrators 'How-To' Video](#)

Access – Play HQ and AFL Document Portal

To gain access to the Play HQ or the AFL Document Portal, Clubs should contact their Metropolitan League or Country Region representatives.

Links:

- [Play HQ](#)
- AFL Document Portal - <https://cfdp.web.afl.com.au/Login>
- Resources - <https://play.afl/learning-resource/playhq#article-7>

Questions

CCSP- Player Points System

Club Management Module

Player Points System – What a club needs to do...

- Allocate a point category for all players expected to play in the clubs' Senior team at the time they were recruited at the club.
- Once a player is assessed by a club, they will only need to be amended if they are multi point players (more than 1 Point) and their point value reduces when player achieves a Season of Service deduction.
 - Season of Service applies where a Senior player plays a minimum of 5 senior and/or Reserves games in a season.
 - If a player is still eligible for an underage competition, a season of Service deduction only applies where a player plays a minimum of 5 Senior (not Reserves) games.
- Any new player that transfers to a club and is expected to play in the clubs Senior team needs to be assessed based on their playing history and achievement (as detailed in Play HQ).
- Each week, the senior team is selected using the Play HQ will ensure the selected team and player points allocations does not exceed the Total Team points allowed.
- All detail available at play.afl Player Points System website [link](#)

The player points system looks to allocate recruited and existing players a certain number of points based upon their playing history and achievements....

PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM – CATAGORIES AND DEFINITIONS

Category 6	6 points	AFL Player	Played at least one AFL game in any of the current or previous 3 seasons.
Category 5	5 points	State League Tier 1 - VFL, WAFL, SANFL	Played at least 5 senior games of VFL, WAFL or SANFL in any of the current or previous 3 seasons
Category 4	4 points	Talent League (Previously Coates)	Played at least 5 Talent League games in any of the current or previous 3 seasons
		State League Tier 2 - TSL	Played at least 5 senior games in any of the current or previous 3 seasons
Category 3	3 points	Senior Community Player	Played the same or more senior than reserves games in total over the current and previous 3 seasons. Also includes Interstate Community Leagues including NTFL.
		Transferred Junior	Player recruited from an U19's or younger competition and does not meet the Category 1 home club definition
Category 2	2 points	Development Community Player	Played more reserves games than senior games in total, over the current and previous three (3) Seasons at community football level
Category 1	1 point	Home Player	Played 40 or more games over a minimum 3 seasons * (See Clause 5.2.1 for 2020 and 2021 seasons) at that club or aligned junior club up to and including U17 competitions
			Where the player pathway from junior to senior clubs' football in an area is otherwise restrictive, a Metropolitan League or Regions in country areas have adopted By Law clauses which align specific junior and senior clubs to create a player pathway. All By Laws clauses must be approved by AFL Victoria following endorsement by the CCSP Advisory Panel.
			Player who has played a minimum of 5 games in each of the 5 consecutive seasons for the club or the aligned junior club up to and including Under 19's
			Player who has only played at that club or aligned junior club.
			Player who hasn't played Competitive football in the previous 36 months.

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Additional Penalty Player Points	Additional 1 point	If transferring from another community club and will be competing against their immediate former club (does not include Category 2 Development Community Player) Metropolitan Leagues and Regions may increase this to an additional 2 penalty points subject to approval by AFL Victoria.
	Additional 1 point	Is transferring from a club located in a premier competition to a club in a non-premier competition (does not apply to Category 3 – Transferred Junior Player, Category 5 – State League or Category 4 –Talent League player)
	Additional 1 point	If registered at three (3) or more different Community Clubs in the current or previous two (2) seasons. Does not include players moving on permit (e.g. VFL, Talent League, NTFL or Local Interchange Agreement) as detailed in clause 6.5. (This clause shall not include any season where the player has played solely in an underage competition)
Deductions for Player Points	Deduct 1 point	For each season of service to the club (minimum 5 senior or reserves games per season), even if not in consecutive years, until the player reaches 1 point Note: if the player is eligible for underage football at that club, it must play 5 senior games to meet the criteria for a year of service. * See clause 7.1 for 2020 and 2021 season

Note: Metropolitan Leagues and Region may reassess an individual players points classification where it is deemed inappropriate based on playing history

Note: Where a player qualifies in more than one category based on their playing history in the previous 3 seasons, the category with the highest points will apply, hence the use of the flow chart. (Home players are excluded).

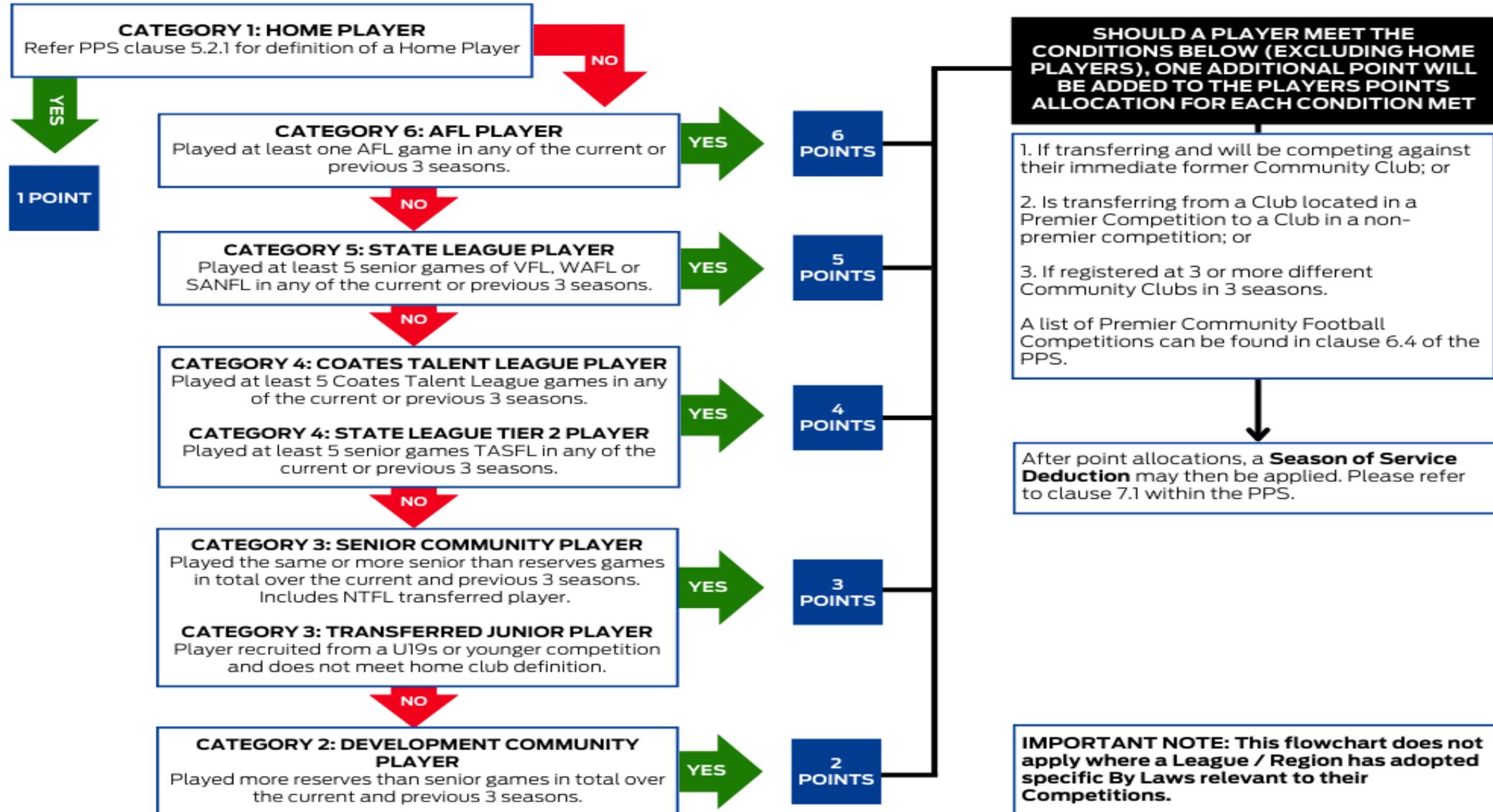
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Definition of Junior Aligned Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where seniors and juniors exist under the same constitution, or • Where there is a memorandum of understanding in place between standalone senior and junior clubs that is approved by a Metropolitan League or Region and AFL Victoria or • Where the player pathway from junior to senior clubs' football in an area is otherwise restrictive, a Metropolitan League or Regions in country areas have adopted By Law clauses which align specific junior and senior clubs to create a player pathway. <p>All MOU's and By Law clauses must be approved by Metropolitan Leagues or Regions in country areas to ensure appropriate player pathways exist and approved by AFL Victoria following endorsement by the CCSP Advisory Panel.</p>
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Premier Community Competitions *																	
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The player points system looks to allocate recruited and existing players a certain amount of points based upon their playing history and achievements....

To assist in allocating points to players, the flow chart has been developed to assess players based on their playing history prior to registering with their current Community Club.



Questions

Allowable Player Payment

How to Manage Coach Payments

General Information on Coaches

The Player Payment Guidelines allow for the exclusion of certain parts of payments to coaches from Player Payments where:

- (a) all payments to the coach have been specifically detailed in the Player Declaration and the Declarations lodged by the Club under Rule 4(a);**
- (b) the relevant playing coach or other team coach holds a current AFL Coaching Accreditation;**
and
- (c) the relevant playing coach or other team coach is specifically identified on the team sheet for the relevant Match to which the payment applies.**

Any amount not excluded from the calculation of the Club's Player Payments will be included in the calculation of the Club's Player Payments.

Non-Playing Coach Payments

Payments made to Non-playing coaches and non-playing coaching staff are not a Player Payment and are not included in the calculation of a Club's Player Payments.

Should a Non-Playing coach that is paid be required or chooses to play games at any level during the season, the **club must seek a ruling under 8(d) from their governing body** to determine what if any payments shall be included in the Player Payment Calculations.

Should a ruling not be received, the coach shall be considered a Playing Coach, and the relevant Player Payment Calculations shall apply.

Playing Coach Payments

Coaching Only Payment

If the playing coach is paid for coaching, regardless of the number of games played, this payment should be listed as a **Coaching fee** on the Player Declaration.

Example:

A playing coach receives \$20,000 for coaching and \$0 per match. The declaration should state:

- Coaching Fee: \$20,000
- Match Payment: \$0

Exclusion from Player Payment Calculation

The total coaching payment and match payments are combined to determine the amount that can be **excluded** from the club's Player Payment calculation.

Clubs can exclude **50% of the combined payments**, up to a maximum of \$20,000.

- Exclusion: \$10,000

Playing Coach Payments (cont)

Coaching and Match Payments

If the playing coach is paid for both coaching and playing matches, each payment must be listed separately in the relevant sections of the Player Declaration.

Example:

A playing coach receives \$20,000 for coaching and \$200 per match. The declaration should state:

- Coaching Fee: \$20,000
- Match Payment: \$200 x 18 games = \$3,600
- Combined: \$23,600

Exclusion from Player Payment Calculation

The total coaching payment and match payments are combined to determine the amount that can be **excluded** from the club's Player Payment calculation.

Clubs can exclude **50% of the combined payments**, up to a maximum of \$20,000.

- Exclusion: \$11,800

Playing Co-Coach Payments

Playing Co-Coaching Only Payment

Where a Club appoints two coaches of the Club's Senior Team who are both Players (in a co-coach arrangement), the amount paid to the coaches for coaching and Playing is combined for the purposes of calculations.

Example - Two playing co-coaches are paid:

- Coaching and playing fee (combined) : \$15,000 each

Exclusion from Player Payment Calculation

The total coaching payment and match payments are combined to determine the amount that can be **excluded** from the club's Player Payment calculation.

- \$7,500 per coach (total of \$15,000) would not be a Player Payment and would not be included in the calculation of the Club's Player Payments.
- Clubs can exclude **50% of the combined coaching / playing payments**, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per co-coach.

Playing and Non Playing Co-Coaches

Co-Coaching Only Payment

Where a Club appoints one Non-Playing coach and one Playing coach to the senior team, the amount paid to the Playing coach and excluded from Player Payment calculations shall be no more 50% of their total remuneration, to a maximum of \$10,000.

Example - Non-Playing and Playing co-coaches are paid:

- Non-Playing Coaching fee: \$15,000 each (not included)
- Playing Coach Coaching fee: \$15,000 plus \$5,000 match payments (Total \$20,000)

Exclusion from Player Payment Calculation

The total coaching payment and match payments are combined to determine the amount that can be **excluded** from the club's Player Payment calculation. (50% to a maximum of \$10,000)

- \$10,000 of Playing Coach payments would not be a Player Payment and would not be included in the calculation of the Club's Player Payments.
- **Exclusion: \$10,000**

Players Coaching other Teams

Players Coaching Other Team Payment

Where a Player coaches any open age team, (other than the Club's Senior Team) or the oldest under age team at the Club (e.g. Under 19, Under 18 or Under 17 team), the payment to the Player for coaching this team must be specifically identified in the Player Declaration, and any payment, to a maximum of \$3000, will not be considered a Player Payment and may be excluded in the calculation of the Club's Player Payments.

Example - Player Coaches Under 19 team:

- Other Team Coaching fee: \$5,000
- Player Payments: \$100 per game x 18 games = \$1,800
- Combined: \$6,800

Exclusion from Player Payment Calculation

- \$3,000 of coaching payment would not be a Player Payment and would not be included in the calculation of the Club's Player Payments.
- Clubs can exclude a maximum of \$3,000 total for coaching payments of other teams.

Players Coaching other Teams (cont)

Players Coaching Other Team Payment

Where a Player coaches any open age team, (other than the Club's Senior Team) or the oldest under age team at the Club (e.g. Under 19, Under 18 or Under 17 team), the payment to the Player for coaching this team must be specifically identified in the Player Declaration, and any payment, to a maximum of \$3000, will not be considered a Player Payment and may be excluded in the calculation of the Club's Player Payments.

Example - Player Coaches Under 19 team:

- Other Team Coaching fee: \$2,000
- Player Payments: \$100 per game x 18 games = \$1,800
- Combined: \$3,800

Exclusion from Player Payment Calculation

- The \$2,000 coaching payment would not be a Player Payment and would not be included in the calculation of the Club's Player Payments.
- Clubs can only exclude the coaching payment up to a maximum of \$3,000

Assistant Coach Payments

Assistant Coaching Payment

All payments to Players in relation to services to the Club as an assistant coach will be a Player Payment and included in the calculation of the Club's Player Payments.

Example:

A playing Assistant coach receives \$10,000 for Assisting coaching and \$200 per match. The calculations would be:

- Assistant Coaching Fee: \$10,000
- Match Payment: \$200 x 18 games = \$3,600
- Combined: \$13,600

- **Total to be included in Player Payment calculations: \$13,600 (100%)**

Questions