



NORTHERN TERRITORY FOOTBALL LEAGUE BY-LAWS



2021-22 Edition

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1 Operation of by-laws

1.1 Operation

- 1.1.1 AFLNT is responsible for the conduct of the premier competition in the Northern Territory, known as NTFL. These by-laws are designed to provide direction for the administration of all grades of NTFL Competitions.
- 1.1.2 These by-laws apply to NTFL Competitions and are to be read in conjunction with the AFLNT Rules and Regulations.
- 1.1.3 In the event of any inconsistency between the AFLNT Rules and Regulations and these by-laws, these by-laws will prevail.

1.2 Amendments to 2020-21 Edition of NTFL by-laws

- 1.2.1 AFLNT has made the following amendments to the NTFL by-laws for the operation of the Northern Territory Football League:

- (a) NTFL By-Law 3.7 Competition Finals
- (b) NTFL By-Law 3.8
- (c) NTFL By-Law 3.9.1; Under 12 Modified Rules
- (d) NTFL By-Law 3.10.1 & 3.10.2; Under 14 Girls Modified Rules
- (e) NTFL By-Law 3.11: Tier 1 Players
- (f) NTFL By-Law 3.11.14; Player Points System
- (g) NTFL By-Law 3.12.7(a)(b)(c); Fly-In Players
- (h) NTFL By-Law 3.15.4, 3.15.5, 3.15.7; NTFL Approved Apparel
- (i) NTFL By-Law 3.15.8 NTFL Approved Apparel (DELETED)
- (j) NTFL By-Law 3.16; E-Points (Environment Points)
- (k) NTFL By-Law 3.8 Competition Drawn Finals Matches
- (l) NTFL By-Law 5.2 Player Eligibility – NTFL Finals Matches
- (m) NTFL By-Law 6.2.4 Match Day Permits

2 Definition

In these by-laws, unless a contrary meaning is required by the context, definitions are as listed in the AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

3 Football Operations

3.1 Match – Team Sheets

- 3.1.1 AFLNT and Clubs are to provide visiting clubs with access to computers and printers where practical when managing AFLNT sanctioned matches. However, it is the responsibility of each Club to ensure a printed team sheet that includes all Player names and numbers for each of that Club's teams is submitted within the required timelines.

3.2 Competitions

- 3.2.1 A season of Minor Round matches followed by a Major Round shall be played in accordance with the schedule of matches determined by AFLNT.
- 3.2.2 The schedule will be distributed to Clubs prior to the commencement of the season.
- 3.2.3 Other than in circumstances approved by AFLNT, the schedule will not be varied once distributed.

3.3 Competition - Footballs

- 3.3.1 A minimum of three new footballs are to be available for the commencement of each Men's Premier League match.
- 3.3.2 Size 3 footballs are to be used for Under 14 Girls matches.

3.4 Competition – Playing Numbers

- 3.4.1 Teams competing in the NTFL shall have no more than the following maximum number of Players per team:
 - (a) Men's Premier league:
22 (18 on field + 4 interchange)
 - (b) Senior Men (other than Premier League):
24 (18 on field + 6 interchange)
 - (c) Senior Women (including Premier League):
20 (16 on field + 4 interchange)
 - (d) Youth Boys (U14 to U18):
24 (18 on field + 6 interchange)
 - (e) Youth Girls (U14 to U18):
22 (16 on field + 6 interchange)
 - (f) Junior (Under 12):
20 (15 on field + 5 interchange)

3.5 Competition – Forfeiture

- 3.5.1 A Premier League team shall forfeit a match if it is unable or fails, refuses or neglects to complete a match that has already commenced, regardless of the point in time in which the match was stopped.

3.6 Competition – Consequences of Forfeiture

- 3.6.1 Where a Club forfeits a Men's Premier League match, all other senior grade teams representing that Club will be deemed to have forfeited any match that Club has been scheduled to play in during the same round of matches,

regardless of whether the match has been completed prior to that Men's Premier League Team forfeiting their match, and

3.6.2 Where a Club forfeits a Men's Premier League match, that Club will be fined the sum of \$10,000.00 regardless of whether the AFLNT Football Operations Department was notified within any timelines determined in the AFLNT Rules & Regulations or these by-laws.

(a) Where a Men's Premier League match is deemed to be a forfeit due to a breach of player eligibility rules, player points rules or fly-in player rules, this fine will apply.

3.7 Competition – Finals

3.7.1 NTFL Finals matches must be played in accordance with the AFLNT Finals Schedule which can be found in the AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

(a) All Senior Men's, Women's Premier League and Under 18 Boys & Girls Competitions will play the AFLNT Final Five (4 Weeks) Finals Series at the completion of the Minor Rounds.

(b) All other Senior Women's grades will play the AFLNT Final Four (3 weeks) Finals Series at the completion of the Minor Rounds.

(c) All other junior competitions will play the following:

- i. Junior competitions will play the AFLNT Final Four (3 weeks) Final Series.
- ii. Junior competitions may play an E Point Plate Finals Series; design will be dependant on the number of teams in the competition.

(d) Finals formats will ultimately be determined by the NTFL and subject to any unforeseen circumstances that may impact competitions.

3.8 Competition – Drawn Finals Matches

3.8.1 In any Men's or Women's Senior or Under 18 Finals Match where the scores are tied at the end of full time, the following rules apply;

3.8.2 At the conclusion of full time there will be a five (5) minute interval during which time the coaching staff may address the Players.

3.8.3 The teams will then change ends from the final quarter and play five (5) minutes.

3.8.4 At the conclusion of this period there will be a three (3) minute interval during which time the coaching staff may not address the Players.

3.8.5 At the conclusion of the three (3) minute interval the teams will again change ends and play for a further period of five (5) minutes.

3.8.6 At the conclusion of the second five (5) minute period;

- (a) The team with the highest score will be declared the winner.
- (b) If the scores are still tied there will be a three (3) minute interval during which time the coaching staff may not address the Players.
- (c) At the conclusion of the three (3) minute interval the teams will again change ends and play until a score is registered at which time the game will end and the team with the highest score will be declared the winner.

3.9 Rules – Under 12 Modified Rules

3.9.1 Mercy Rule:

- (a) If a winning team's margin exceeds 60 points (10 goals) the team will only be credited with a maximum of 60 points (10 goals) winning margin.
- (b) The Goal Umpires are to inform the Field Umpire at quarter time, half time or three quarter time, where the score differential between the teams equals or exceeds sixty (60) points. No matter when the Mercy Rule is applied the end score will only be sixty (60) points difference. The Field Umpire will instruct the Goal Umpires to cease further scoring for the remainder of the match.

3.9.2 Player Numbers Rule:

- (a) Where one team has more Players than their opposition, teams may loan Players to their opposition to 'even up' the sides for home and away matches so that all junior participants are given the greatest opportunity to participate.
- (b) If a team has 'borrowed' Players, it is that team's responsibility to complete a Match Day Permit on AFL PlayHQ for the loaned Player(s).

3.10 Rules – Under 14 Girls Modified Rules

3.10.1 Under 14 Girls Modified Rules 3.10.1 In acknowledgement of the Under 14 Girls competition being skill development grades, the following special rules will apply:

- (a) The ball must be thrown up at all ruck contests.
- (b) The umpire must identify one Player from each opposing side to contest the ruck and only those nominated can contest the throw-up.
- (c) Players are allowed to bounce the ball twice before they must dispose to another Player.
- (d) Handballing to themselves or taking a third bounce must be penalised as "holding the ball".
- (e) Players may not deliberately kick the ball off the ground at any time.
- (f) An accidental kick off the ground will not be penalised and a "play on" call will result.
- (g) When the ball goes out of bounds, the field umpire will conduct a "ball up" 15 metres inside the boundary line.

- (h) Where the 50-metre rule applied under offences within the Laws of Australian Football a distance of 25 metres will be substituted.
- (i) No Player shall be deliberately slung, dumped or thrown to the ground in any tackle. A free kick shall be awarded against the Player who contravenes this rule.

3.10.2 If a winning team's margin exceeds 60 points (10 goals) the team will only be accredited with a maximum of 60 points (10 goals) winning margin.

3.11 Rules - Player Points System

3.11.1 It is the responsibility of each Club to submit a squad of up to thirty (30) Players, including accurate Player names and uniform numbers, that their premier league team will be selected from by 8:30pm on the Thursday prior to each premier league match.

3.11.2 It is the responsibility of each Club to advise the AFLNT Football Operations Department when a Player is selected for their first Premier League match for that season.

3.11.3 Each Premier League Player will be given a Points Value by the Football Operations Department.

3.11.4 Each Club must select twenty two (22) Players from the squad submitted in accordance with these by-laws for each Premier League match and have those Players listed on the relevant team sheet sixty (60) minutes prior to the commencement of that Club's Premier League match.

(a) Where a Club's Senior Men's Division 1 Team and/or Under 18 Boys Team is scheduled to play the day before that Club's Men's Premier League Team, Players that have already participated in that Men's Division 1 Team or Under 18 Boys Team, may be included in the Men's Premier League Team should one of the twenty two (22) listed Players be a late withdrawal from the Premier League Team providing;

- i. The Player was listed in the squad submitted on the Thursday prior to the match in question;
- ii. The Player meets all eligibility criteria; and
- iii. The change is approved by the AFLNT Competitions Manager at least sixty (60) minutes before the Premier League Match is scheduled to be played.

3.11.5 Each team must comprise Players whose Total Points Value (TPV) does not exceed sixteen (16) points in any one Premier League Match.

(a) A Club which plays a team with a TPV greater than sixteen (16) Points will be deemed to have forfeited that match.

3.11.6 Players will receive a Points Value based on the following criteria:

(a) NTFL Player from another NTFL Club	4 points
(b) Tier 2 Players from States and Territories other than NT	3 points
(c) AFL Players	2 points
(d) Tier 1 Players ¹	2 points
(e) Returning Local Junior Club Player	2 points
(f) Returning Local Tiwi Junior	2 points
(g) AFLNT Affiliate League Players	0 points
(h) Local Club Player	0 points

3.11.7 Points will be allocated to Players on the basis of the Competition they played in during the season prior to that Player's recruitment by an NTFL Club.

3.11.8 Each Player's points value will decrease by one (1) point with every season played at that same NTFL Club.

(a) Seasons played prior to a Player playing for a different NTFL Club will not be considered under this by-law.

3.11.9 If a Player has played in the NTFL in the previous NTFL season, that season will take precedence over having played elsewhere in a Dry Season or winter competition, when assessing a Player's points value.

3.11.10 A Player who has played less than six (6) NTFL Premier League matches in the previous twelve (12) months will be allocated zero (0) points when transferring to another NTFL Club.

3.11.11 A Player who has not played competitive football in the previous twenty four (24) months will be allocated zero (0) points when transferring to a NTFL Club.

3.11.12 A local Club Player who is thirty (30) years of age or older on the 1st of January in the year the Competition commences and has played a minimum of one hundred (100) NTFL Premier League games for the Club he is registered with will be allocated two (2) points when transferring to another NTFL Club.

3.11.13 An AFL or Tier 1 Player returning to his NTFL Club at the completion of his AFL or Tier 1 career will be allocated zero (0) points.

3.11.14 Clubs will receive a points concession for the relocation of interstate players as follows.

(a) Any Player that relocates to the Northern Territory must meet the AFLNT Residency Test prior to participating in a Men's Premier League match.

(b) A Club may receive a concession for a maximum four (4) players under clause 3.11.14 **Error! Reference source not found.** in which that player will be allocated 1 point regardless of category.

¹ Tier 1 Players:

Players in the following Tier 1 Leagues: All Senior Grade, Reserve Grade and Under 18 teams directly comprising clubs of the following: South Australian National Football League; Victorian Football League; NAB League; West Australian Football League; and Tasmanian State League

- (c) Any relocated players above and beyond the maximum allowable four (4) players for concession under **Error! Reference source not found.** will attract the normal points value as per 3.11.6.

3.11.15 Definitions:

- (a) An AFL Player is a player recruited directly from an AFL Club.
- (b) A Tier 1 Player is a player recruited directly from a Tier 1 Club.
 - i. Any Player who is recruited from a Tier 2 Competition and has played six (6) or more games in a Tier 1 Competition in the season immediately prior to his recruitment will be deemed a Tier 1 Player.
- (c) A Local Club Player is:
 - i. Any Player who has played for the same NTFL Club for four (4) seasons without having played for another NTFL Club in the same time period;
 - ii. Any Player who has played junior football for the same NTFL Club without having played for another NTFL Club in the same time period;
 - iii. Any Player who has had transfer fees paid in full by the NTFL Club they are currently registered with prior to the implementation of these rules, provided that Player has not played for another NTFL Club since those transfer fees were paid; and
 - iv. Any Player who has previously been allocated a points value of zero under the former NTFC Player points deduction rule, provided that Player has not played for another NTFL Club since that allocation was applied. For the avoidance of doubt, this rule was introduced following the folding of the NTFC Men's NEAFL team.
- (d) Where a Club located in the Northern Territory is admitted to a Tier 2 Competition of another State, the Players of the Club located in the Northern Territory may be considered Local Club Players.
- (e) A Returning Junior Club Player is a player who is twenty one (21) years of age or younger on the 1st of January in the year that the Competition commences who is returning to the Club in which he has played a minimum of three (3) Junior seasons where he qualified for finals. To qualify under this classification, the player must have spent a maximum of two (2) seasons away from the Club. The following will apply;
 - i. Where the player played at least six (6) Men's Premier League match, the player will be allocated two (2) points when transferring to another NTFL Club.
 - ii. A Player who has played less than six (6) NTFL Premier League matches in the previous twelve (12) months will be allocated zero (0) points when transferring to another NTFL Club

- (f) A Returning Tiwi Local Junior is a player who is twenty one (21) years of age or younger on the 1st of January in the year that the Competition commences who having resided in Darwin for the purpose of Education is returning home to the Tiwi Islands. The following will apply:
 - i. Where the player played at least six (6) Men's Premier League match, the player will be allocated two (2) points when transferring from one NTFL Club to the Tiwi Bombers.
 - ii. A Player who has played less than six (6) NTFL Premier League matches in the previous twelve (12) months will be allocated zero (0) points when transferring from one NTFL Club to the Tiwi Bombers.

3.12 Rules – Fly-In Players

- 3.12.1 For the purpose of these by-laws and subject to rule **Error! Reference source not found.**, a Fly-In Player is defined as a player who has not established permanent residence in the Northern Territory before 31 December in the year the Competition commences.
 - (a) Any Player that relocates to the Northern Territory must meet the AFLNT Residency Test prior to participating in a Men's Premier League match.
 - (b) If a Player participates in a Men's Premier League or Division 1 match without meeting the AFLNT Residency Test, that player will be deemed a Fly-In Player and added to that Club's Fly-In Player List regardless of the date that match was played.
- 3.12.2 Each season, every Club with a Men's Premier League and/or Division 1 Team must submit a Fly-In Player List.
 - (a) The Fly-In Player List must be submitted no later than 8:30pm on the Thursday prior to the first Fly-In Player participating in a Men's Premier League and/or Division 1 match.
 - (b) The Fly-In Player List can consist of anywhere between one (1) and eight (8) Players when first submitted.
 - (c) The Fly-In Player List can be added to throughout the season.
- 3.12.3 Every Fly-In Player selected each round must be added to that Club's Fly-In Player List.
 - (a) A Player is to be added to the Fly-In Player List by notifying the AFLNT Football Operations Department in writing, no later than 8:30pm on the Thursday prior to that round.
 - (a) When a Men's Premier League and/ or Division 1 match is scheduled for any day other than Friday, Saturday or Sunday, Players must be added to the list by 8:30pm on the business day prior to the day that match is scheduled to be played.

- 3.12.4 Each Club's Fly-In Player List may consist of up to, but not exceed, eight (8) Fly-In Players in any one season.
- 3.12.5 Once a Player is added to a Club's Fly-In Player List, that Player cannot be removed from that list for the remainder of that season.
- 3.12.6 When a Club submits their Fly-In Player List in respect to each round, that Club is deemed to have made a declaration that all other Players selected for that match reside in the Northern Territory and meet the AFLNT Residency Test.
- 3.12.7 Clubs will have a total of two full season exemptions that must be lodged like all other Fly-In players for a person that would ordinarily reside in the Northern Territory but for them attending secondary school outside of the Northern Territory (Boarder).
- (a) In order to fall within this exception, the Boarder must be able to demonstrate that his parents or guardians have meet the requirements of the AFLNT Residency Test, and
 - (b) The Boarder must be able to provide a letter from the school in which they are enrolled, confirming their status as a Boarder at that school.
 - (c) The Boarder must have played a minimum of 50 games with the club that is applying for the exemption.
- 3.12.8 Where a Player relocates during the course of a NTFL season and no longer meets the AFLNT Residency Test, that Player will be re-classified as a Fly-In Player.
- 3.12.9 No more than three (3) Fly-In Players (in aggregate) are permitted to participate across a Club's Men's Premier League and/or Division 1 team(s) in any given round.
- (a) If a Club's Men's Premier League and/or Division 1 team(s) has more than three (3) Fly-In Players (in aggregate) participating in a round, the match(es) will be deemed to be forfeited by that team.
- 3.12.10 A Club must have no outstanding debt over thirty (30) days owing to AFL Northern Territory or an agreed upon payment plan in order to be permitted to play fly-in players. Club's that do not meet this criteria and play fly-in players will be deemed to have breached these by-laws.
- 3.12.11 Each Club's premier league/Division 1 squad must be submitted in accordance with these by-laws and must include all Fly-In Players selected for that match.
- (a) A Player must be added to a Club's Fly-In Player List before that Player can be named in the above mentioned squad for any Men's Premier League and/or Division 1 match.
 - (b) A Club may name more than three (3) Fly-In Players in the above mentioned squad provided no more than three (3) Fly-In Players participate in that round.
- 3.12.12 AFLNT reserves the right to make the final ruling on any Player(s) residency status, including by:

- (a) using the AFLNT Residency Test which can be found under Appendix 6 to these by-laws;
 - (b) having regard to a Player's particular circumstances.
- 3.12.13 AFLNT reserves the right to investigate breaches or suspected breaches of the Fly-In Player rules at its absolute discretion.
- 3.12.14 Where a Men's Premier League and/or Division 1 team breaches these Fly-In Player rules, that Club will be fined the sum of \$10,000.00.
- 3.12.15 Where a Men's Premier League and/or Division 1 team breaches these Fly-In Player Rules, that Club's Men's Premier League and/or Division 1 Coach will be suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches.
- 3.12.16 Where AFLNT determine that these by-laws have been breached, the penalty will be retrospectively back dated to include all matches affected by the breach of these by-laws.

3.13 Rules - TIO Stadium Lighting

- 3.13.1 The Football Operations Department may switch on flood lights during the progress of a match at their discretion

3.14 Scheduling – Run on Times

- 3.14.1 The AFLNT Football Operations Department may allocate specific run on times for Premier League matches and other matches of interest where it deems necessary.

3.15 Support Staff – NTFL Approved Apparel

- 3.15.1 Water carriers must wear the AFLNT approved pink 'Water Carrier' Bib.
- 3.15.2 Sports trainers must wear the AFLNT approved pink 'Trainer' apparel.
- 3.15.3 Team runners must wear the AFLNT approved purple 'Runner' apparel.
- 3.15.4 Premier League team runners must wear matching purple shorts.
- 3.15.5 Junior coaches must wear the AFLNT approved coach lanyard, which must be visible.
- 3.15.6 Senior coaches must wear their club polo shirt.
- 3.15.7 Senior and junior match day staff must wear their club polo shirt

3.16 E-Points (Environment Points)

- 3.16. The purpose of the E-Point system is to weight game day behaviour with the same importance as winning a match and reward teams for displaying positive game

day behaviour. The system deters players, coaches, and parents from engaging in negative game day behaviour prior to it taking place. The E-Point model is applied to all U12, U14 and U16 competitions.

3.16.1 A maximum of four E-Points will be awarded per team per game for each completed regular season match. The team's behaviour (including that of players, team officials, support staff or spectators) will determine if any of these E-Points will be deducted.

3.16.2 One E-Point will be deducted for every Yellow Card received by each participating team on game day.

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3.16.3 Two E-Points will be deducted for every Red Card received by each participating team on game day.

3.16.4 Two E-Points will be deducted from a team who has a player, parent/spectator or official who is issued a penalty with a base sanction of one match or more.

3.16.5 Up to four E-points may be deducted from a team for any inappropriate game day behaviour, or breach of Codes of Conduct. This is at the sole discretion of the NTFLL.

3.16.6 If any breach occurs during a break of play or after the final siren, the number of E-points deducted may be doubled with the inability to award a free kick and or 50m penalty.

3.16.7 As the E-Point is a reward-based system, E-Point allocations cannot be appealed.

4 Club Requirements

4.1 Licence Agreements

4.1 All Clubs participating in the Competition are required to sign a licence agreement AFLNT prior to the beginning of each season.

4.1.1 No Club shall be included in the program of Minor Round matches in any season unless it has entered into a licence agreement with AFLNT.

4.1.2 All Clubs must adhere and abide by the terms of the licence agreement.

4.2 Nominations – Teams

4.2.1 Clubs are required to nominate all teams they intend to enter into NTFL Competitions each season.

4.2.2 Team nominations are to be submitted in writing, to the AFLNT Football Operations Department prior to the 1st of September before the relevant season commences.

(a) Clubs may nominate a maximum of one (1) team to compete in each Senior Competition (one team per division).

(b) Clubs may nominate a maximum of two (2) teams to compete in each Junior Competition (Maximum of two teams per division).

4.2.3 Clubs may be asked to provide supporting evidence to confirm their capacity to field a team in a Competition.

4.2.4 A withdrawal of a team in a Competition will be dealt with in accordance with that Club's licence agreement.

4.3 Nominations – Club Coaches

4.3.1 Clubs are required to nominate all coaches (including assistant coaches) for all teams entered into any Competition each season.

4.3.2 Coach nominations are to be submitted in writing, to the AFLNT Football Operations Department prior to the 1st of September before the relevant season commences.

4.3.3 Clubs may be asked to provide supporting evidence to confirm their coaches are correctly accredited.

5 Player Eligibility

5.1 Player Eligibility – NTFL Finals Matches

5.1.1 NTFL amendments to the AFLNT Rules and Regulations:

(a) A Player is eligible to play a Men's Premier League finals match for a Club if that Player has played a minimum of four (4) Minor Round matches for that Club.

(b) A Player is eligible to play a Men's Division 1, Men's Division 2, U18 Boys and U18 Girls finals match for that team if that Player has played a minimum of four (4) Minor Round matches for that team.

- (c) A player who has qualified in a Senior or U18 grade is eligible to play finals at a higher grade, subject to the age and gender qualifications
- (d) A Player is eligible to play in a finals match for a team without having played the minimum number of Minor Round matches to qualify for that team, subject to the age and gender qualifications and provided:
 - i. That Player is eligible to play a finals match for at least one other team; and
 - ii. Both of these teams are playing in that same round of finals matches.
- (e) A Player who is deemed eligible to play in a finals match for a team and has participated in that match, will remain eligible to play for that team for the duration of that finals series

5.2 Player Eligibility – NTFL Finals Matches

5.2.1 NTFL amendments to the AFLNT Rules and Regulations:

- (a) A Player is eligible to play a Men’s Premier League or Women’s Premier League finals match for a Club if that Player has played a minimum of four (4) Minor Round matches for that Club.
- (b) A Player is eligible to play a Men’s Division 1, Men’s Division 2, U18 Boys and U18 Girls finals match for that team if that Player has played a minimum of four (4) Minor Round matches for that team.
- (c) A player who has qualified in a Senior or U18 grade is eligible to play finals at a higher grade, subject to the age and gender qualifications
- (d) A Player is eligible to play in a finals match for a team without having played the minimum number of Minor Round matches to qualify for that team, subject to the age and gender qualifications and provided:
 - i. That Player is eligible to play a finals match for at least one other team; and
 - ii. Both of these teams are playing in that same round of finals matches.
- (e) A Player who is deemed eligible to play in a finals match for a team and has participated in that match, will remain eligible to play for that team for the duration of that finals series

6 Transfers and Permits

6.1 NTFL Transfer Application Period

- 6.1.1 No transfer is to be lodged prior to 1 August in a given season.
- 6.1.2 No transfer shall be lodged after 30 November in a given season.

6.1.3 The above commencement and conclusion period is only applicable for transfers from one NTFL Club to another NTFL Club.

6.1.4 The use of Temporary Transfers for NTFL Club to NTFL Club Transfers is not permitted.

6.2 Interchange Agreements

6.2.1 Club Interchange Agreements

- (a) A Club may enter into an agreement with another NTFL Club at the discretion of the AFLNT Community Football Department.
- (b) A copy of the Club Interchange Agreement must be submitted to the AFLNT Community Football Department within ten (10) days of its execution.
- (c) All Club Interchange Agreements must be in place by 1 August in any given year.
- (d) Players entering into a Club Interchange Agreement will be deemed as participating in 'one club' in matters relating to finals eligibility.
- (e) Once a Club Interchange Agreement has been lodged with the AFLNT Community Football Department, it will be considered ongoing unless revoked by AFLNT.
- (f) Once the Club Interchange Agreement is in place, a Permit must be initiated by the Destination Club by logging into AFL FootyWeb and submitting a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit Application when moving a Player from one Club to another.
- (g) Any Club found to have breached these by-laws will be deemed to have played an ineligible Player and will be dealt with in accordance with the AFLNT by-laws.

6.2.2 Senior Grade Division 2 Interchange Agreements

- (a) A Club may enter into a Senior Grade Division 2 Interchange Agreement with another NTFL Club at the discretion of the AFLNT Community Football Department.
- (b) A copy of the Senior Grade Division 2 Interchange Agreement must be submitted to the AFLNT Community Football Department within ten (10) days of its execution.

- (c) A Senior Grade Division 2 Interchange Agreement may be entered into at any time during a season at the discretion of the AFLNT Community Football Department.
- (d) Players entering into a Senior Grade Division 2 Interchange Agreement must meet all finals eligibility requirements in accordance with the NTFL and AFLNT by-laws.
- (e) Once a Senior Grade Division 2 Interchange Agreement has been lodged with the AFLNT Community Football Department, it will be considered ongoing until the completion of that season, unless revoked by AFLNT.
- (f) Senior Grade Division 2 Interchange Agreements are not to be used to allow a Player to play in any Grade or Division other than Senior Grade Division 2 with the Club in which the agreement was entered into (the Destination Club).
- (g) Once the Senior Grade Division 2 Agreement is in place, a Permit must be initiated by the Destination Club by logging into AFL PlayHQ and submitting a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit Application when moving a Player from one Club to another.
- (h) Any Club found to have breached these by-laws will be deemed to have played an ineligible Player and will be dealt with in accordance with the AFLNT by-laws.

6.2.3 Player Interchange Agreements

- (a) A Player registered with a Club may enter into an agreement with another Club at the discretion of the AFLNT Community Football Department.
- (b) A copy of the Player Interchange Agreement must be submitted to the AFLNT Community Football Department within ten (10) days of its execution.
- (c) A Player Interchange Agreement may be submitted at any time during the season.
- (d) A Player can only be included in one Player Interchange Agreement in any one season.
- (e) Players entering into a Player Interchange Agreement will be deemed as participating for 'one club' in matters relating to Player eligibility.
- (f) Once a Player Interchange Agreement has been lodged with the AFLNT Community Football Department, it will be considered valid until the conclusion of that season unless revoked by the AFLNT Community Football Department.

- (g) Player Interchange Agreements are not to be used to allow a Player to play in a Grade or Division that would otherwise be available to that Player should he remain at his original Club.
- (h) Once the Player Interchange Agreement is in place, a Permit must be initiated by the Destination Club by logging into AFL PlayHQ and submitting a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit Application when players are moving from Club to Club.
- (i) Any Club found to have breached these by-laws will be deemed to have played an ineligible Player and will be dealt with in accordance with the AFLNT by-laws.
- (j) No more than two (2) Player Interchange Agreements are allowed between the same two Clubs in any one season.

6.2.4 Match Day Permits

- (a) NTFL amendments to the AFLNT Rules and Regulations:

In addition to Under 12 Competitions, Match Day Permits are available to the following competitions;

- i. Under 14 Girls, and
- ii. Division 2 Competitions (Junior and Senior).

7 Special Provision

7.1 NTFL Season

10.1.1 Unless otherwise determined by AFLNT, the NTFL Competitions will generally be conducted each year in the period of 1 October to 31 March.

10.1.2 Unless otherwise determined by AFLNT, the U12 to U16 junior grades will break for the whole end of year school holiday period.

7.2 Awards

10.2.1 Medals will be awarded for:

- (a) Grand Final Best Players;
- (b) Best and Fairest in each Grade except Under 12s;
- (c) Men's and Women's Most Valuable Player; and
- (d) Men's and Women's Leading Goal Kicker.

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Appendix 1 Grand Final Awards

1. Grand Final Best Player Awards:
 - (a) Men's Premier League Chaney Medal
 - (b) Women's Premier League Brenda Williams Medal
 - (c) Senior Men's Division 1 Clark Medal
 - (d) Senior Men's Division 2 Gear Medal
 - (e) Under 18 Boys Haritos Medal
 - (f) Under 18 Girls Sharon Knight Medal
 - (g) Under 16 Boys Div 1 Jeffrey Medal
 - (h) Under 16 Boys Div 2 Cooper Medal
 - (i) Under 15 Girls
 - (j) Under 14 Div 1 A.T. Shaw Medal
 - (k) Under 14 Div 2 Damaso Medal
 - (l) Under 12 Div 1 Atkinson Medal
 - (m) Under 12 Div 2 Deslandes Medal

2. Grand Final Premiership Coach Awards:
 - (a) Men's Premier League KJ Taylor Medal
 - (b) Women's Premier League

Appendix 2 Grand Final Best Player Conditions

1. Men's and Women's Premier League
 - (a) A panel of three (3) members will be appointed by AFLNT.
 - (b) Each member of the panel will award votes to the Players they judge to be the best and fairest Players participating in that match:
 - i. Five votes will be awarded to the best Player,
 - ii. Four votes will be awarded to the second best Player,
 - iii. Three votes will be awarded to the third best Player,
 - iv. Two votes will be awarded to the fourth best Player, and
 - v. One vote will be awarded to the fifth best Player.
 - (c) All votes will be collated and the Player with the most votes will be declared the winner.
 - (d) In the case of a tie, a count back will take place and the winner will be declared on the basis of the most 'five votes'. In the case that the result is still tied, the winner will be declared on the basis of the most 'four votes' and so forth.
2. All other Grades
 - (a) At the conclusion of the match, the field umpires shall collectively award votes to the Player they judge to be the best and fairest Player participating in that match:

Appendix 3 Best & Fairest Awards

1. Best & Fairest Awards:
 - (a) Men's Premier League Nichols Medal
 - (b) Women's Premier League Gwynne Medal
 - (c) Senior Men's Division 1 Mitch Lee Medal
 - (d) Senior Men's Division 2 Lancaster Medal
 - (e) Under 18 Boys Abala Medal
 - (f) Under 18 Girls
 - (g) Under 16 Boys Div 1 Hickman Medal
 - (h) Under 16 Boys Div 2 Leverence Medal
 - (i) Under 15 Girls Sharyn Smith Medal
 - (j) Under 14 Div 1 Gundersen Medal
 - (k) Under 14 Div 2 Lewfatt Medal
 - (l) Under 12 Div 1 Not Applicable
 - (m) Under 12 Div 2 Not Applicable
2. Goal Kicking Awards:
 - (a) Men's Premier League Dennis Dunn Medal
 - (b) Women's Premier League

Appendix 4 Best & Fairest Conditions

1. At the conclusion of each match played during the home & away series, the field umpires shall collectively award votes to the Players they judge to be the best and fairest Players participating in that match:
 - (a) Three votes will be awarded to the best Player,
 - (b) Two votes will be awarded to the second best Player, and
 - (c) One vote will be awarded to the third best Player.
2. Once the votes have been cast, the field umpires must place the vote card in the envelope provided and hand the envelope to the Match Manager.
3. The envelopes will be opened at the Nichols Medal Event and counted by a panel appointed by the Chief Executive Officer.
 - (a) AFLNT reserve the right to count some or all votes for minor Competitions prior to the Nichols Medal Event.
4. Any Player who has been suspended by an AFLNT appointed tribunal (including the acceptance of a prescribed penalty) in respect to a charge or an offence against the laws of the game shall be ineligible to win a best and fairest award in that year, unless they have been suspended for the following reasons;
 - (a) Attempt to trip another person,
 - (b) Engaging in time wasting,
 - (c) Engaging in an act of staging,
 - (d) Engaging in a melee,
 - (e) Wrestling another person,
 - (f) Interfering with a Player kicking for goal,
 - (g) Intentionally shaking a goal or point post,
 - (h) Wearing prohibited boots, jewellery and equipment, and
 - (i) Refusing to play representative football.
5. Players who are suspended as a result of an incident which occurred whilst playing in a representative match will remain eligible to win the Nichols Medal.
6. The Nichols Medal count shall not commence until all offences reported during the home & away rounds have been finalised.
7. Where two or more Players in a Competition are tied on equal votes at the end of the count, each Player shall be declared joint winners and each Player will be awarded with a best & fairest medal.
8. For all junior games played in Wet Season during the day, and or when the Extreme Weather Policy has been enforced. Junior players are allowed to seek cover/shade during game breaks for the safety and wellbeing of the junior players.

Appendix 5 Most Valuable Player Award Conditions

1. The NTFL Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award is a prestigious award that identifies the NTFL Player most respected by their peers.
 - (a) At the completion of each Men's and Women's Premier League Match, the Coach and Captain are to jointly award votes to the five (5) most valuable Players in order of 1 to 5, with the most valuable Player receiving five (5) votes.
 - (b) Votes may be awarded to Players of either team.
 - (c) Clubs are to submit their votes via email to ntfooty@aflnt.com.au by 5pm on the first business day after the match has been completed.
 - (d) Players who have been suspended are eligible to win the MVP Award.
 - (e) The Player who receives the most votes will be declared the winner of the MVP Award.

Appendix 6 AFLNT Residency Test

1. What is your current address?
2. Can you produce:
 - (a) Two recent household documents/bills with your name and current address listed on those documents/bills; or
 - (b) Two recent employment documents with your name and current address listed on those documents; or
 - (c) One recent household document/bill and one recent employment document with your name and current address listed on those documents.
3. Are you and your Club president prepared to sign a Statutory Declaration and/or Affidavit to support your responses to these questions?

Appendix 7 NTFL Forms

FORM NUMBER	FORM TITLE
NTFL-01	3.11.16 Concession Application Form
NTFL-02	Club Coach & Team Manager Nomination Form
NTFL-03	Fly-In Submission Form
NTFL-04	Ground Availability & Fixture Requests Form
NTFL-05	Interchange Agreement Form
NTFL-06	Junior Core List Submission
NTFL-07	Junior Team Nomination Form
NTFL-08	Rule Review Request Form
NTFL-09	Senior & Under 18 Team Nomination Form
NTFL-10	Updated Office Bearers Form

Appendix 8 Fines & Penalties Table

The following is a summary of the fines & penalties applied under these competition by-laws.

Any Club found to be in breach of these by-laws or the AFLNT Rules & Regulations, unless otherwise stated, will be liable to a penalty as specified by the relevant law breached.

Law/Breach (NTFL By-Laws)	Base Penalty	Third Offence & Thereafter
3.4 Competition – Playing Numbers		
<i>Insufficient number of players to commence match as per 3.4</i>	Forfeiture	Forfeiture
	(as per R & R 3.13.2)	(as per R & R 3.13.2)
3.6 Competition – Consequences of Forfeiture		
<i>Forfeiture of a Men's Premier League team</i>	\$10,000.00	
	All other senior grades deemed to have forfeited	
3.11 Rules - Player Points System		
<i>Failure to submit squad of 30 as per 3.11.1</i>	\$100	\$200
<i>Failure to notify AFLNT of a player playing their first MPL match as per 3.11.2</i>	\$100	\$200
<i>Club plays a player outside the squad of 30 as per 3.11.4</i>	\$250	\$500
<i>Club plays a team with a TPV greater than sixteen (16) Points</i>	Forfeiture	Forfeiture
3.12 Rules – Fly-In Players		
<i>Failure to include a player on the fly-in player list prior to a match as per 3.12.3</i>	\$250	\$500
<i>Club exceeds to maximum allowable fly-in players for a season as per 3.12.4</i>	\$10,000	
<i>Club exceeds to maximum allowable fly-in players for a match as per 3.12.9</i>	Forfeiture	
Where a Men's Premier League team breaches these Fly-In Player rules, that Club will be fined the sum of \$10,000.00.		
Where a Men's Premier League team breaches these Fly-In Player Rules, that Club's Men's Premier League Coach will be suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches.		
Where AFLNT determine that these by-laws have been breached, the penalty will be retrospectively back dated to include all matches affected by the breach of these by-laws.		
5.1 Age and Gender Qualifications		
<i>Club found to have played a player in breach of the age and gender qualifications for a particular age group</i>	\$1,000	\$2,000
5.2 Player Eligibility – NTFL Finals Matches		
<i>Player plays in a finals match in breach of the eligibility requirements for that grade</i>	\$1,000	\$2,000
6.2.1 Club Interchange Agreements		
<i>Any Club found to have breached these by-laws will be deemed to have played an ineligible Player and will be dealt with in accordance with the AFLNT Rules & Regulations</i>		
6.2.2 Senior Grade Division 2 Interchange Agreements		

Any Club found to have breached these by-laws will be deemed to have played an ineligible Player and will be dealt with in accordance with the AFLNT Rules & Regulations

6.2.3 Player Interchange Agreements

Any Club found to have breached these by-laws will be deemed to have played an ineligible Player and will be dealt with in accordance with the AFLNT Rules & Regulations