

PLAYER INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT
AFL CANBERRA CLUBS AND CLUB ALIGNMENTS
APPENDIX F – AFL CANBERRA 2020 BY LAWS

A player registered with an AFL Canberra Club may play with another AFL Canberra Club (in the same league) as long as they have an approved alliance that is registered with AFL Canberra. The alliance may cover matters of mutual assistance including promotion and relegation of players between the two clubs for all matches, coaching assistance and sponsorship arrangements.

Below is a list of approved AFL Canberra alignments:

a) Ainslie Tricolours (Senior Grades)

- i) Ainslie (Community Grades: Men's Third and Fourth Grade, Women's Second Grade)
- ii) ANU (Community Grades: Men's Third and Fourth Grade, Women's Second Grade)
- iii) Yass (Community Grade – Men's Fourth Grade)

Any ANU player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Ainslie for the opportunity. Any excess ANU players should be made available for Ainslie and vice-versa.

Any Yass player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Ainslie for the opportunity. Any excess Yass players should be made available for Ainslie (Fourth Grade).

b) Belconnen Magpies (Senior Grades)

- i) Belconnen (Community Grades: Men's Third and Fourth Grade, Women's Second Grade)
- ii) Cootamundra (Community Grades – Men's Third Grade, and Second Grade Women's)

Any Cootamundra player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Belconnen for the opportunity. Any excess Cootamundra players should be made available for Belconnen (Senior Grades).

Any excess Belconnen players should be made available for Cootamundra (Community Grades).

c) Eastlake Demons (Senior Grades)

- i) Woden (Community Grades: Men's Third and Fourth Grade, Women's Second Grade)

Any Woden player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Eastlake for the opportunity. Any excess Eastlake players should be made available for Woden.

d) Gungahlin Jets (Senior Grades)

- i) Batemans Bay (Community Grades: Men's Third and Fourth Grade, Women's Second Grade)
- ii) Goulburn (Community Grade – Men's Fourth Grade)

Any Batemans Bay player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Gungahlin for the opportunity. Any excess Batemans Bay players should be made available for Gungahlin and vice-versa.

Any Goulburn player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Gungahlin for the opportunity. Any excess Goulburn players should be made available for Batemans Bay (Community Grades).

e) Queanbeyan Tigers (Senior Grades)

- i) Queanbeyan (Community Grades – Women's Second Grade)
- ii) Googong (Community Grades – Men's Third and Fourth Grade)
- iii) Southern Cats (Community Grade – Men's Fourth Grade)

Any Googong player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Queanbeyan for the opportunity. Any excess Googong players should be made available for Queanbeyan and vice-versa.

Any Southern Cats player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Queanbeyan for the opportunity. Any excess South Cats players should be made available for Googong (Community Grades).

f) Tuggeranong Valley AFC (Senior Grades)

- i) Tuggeranong (Community Grade – Men’s Third Grade, Women’s Second Grade)
- ii) Molonglo (Community Grades: Men’s Third and Fourth Grade, Women’s Second Grade)

Any Molonglo player that wishes to test themselves at a higher level should contact Tuggeranong for the opportunity. Any excess Molonglo players should be made available for Tuggeranong (Community Grades).

Any excess Tuggeranong players should be made available for Molonglo (Community Grades).

Below is a list of approved Junior to Senior alignments:

Ainslie Tricolours (Senior Club) – Ainslie Tricolours (Junior Club)
Belconnen Magpies (Senior Club) – Magpies Juniors (Junior Club)
Belconnen Magpies (Senior Club) – Belconnen Cats (Junior Club)
Eastlake Demons (Senior Club) – Eastlake Demons (Junior Club)
Gungahlin Jets (Senior Club) – Gungahlin Jets (Junior Club)
Queanbeyan Tigers (Senior Club) – Queanbeyan Tigers (Junior Club)
Tuggeranong Valley AFC (Senior Club) - Tuggeranong Valley AFC (Junior Club)
Tuggeranong Valley AFC (Senior Club) – Weston Creek Wildcats (Junior Club)

Marist College (Junior Club) is not aligned to any Senior AFL Canberra Club. If a player moves from Marist College to a Senior Club, that player's Player Point Allocation will be determined as per the *AFL NSW/ACT Player Points System Policy AFL Canberra, Riverina FNL, Farrer FNL & Hume FNL*, in the event that player plays First Grade Football for this Senior Club.

SportsTG (Footyweb) – Local Interchange Agreement

The Footyweb Permit System shall be the facility used to activate such interchanges (the lodgement of a Local Interchange Agreement)

There may be instances where Clubs still have excess players. In this instance, players can play for Clubs that they are not aligned to as long as the avenues listed above have occurred first. In this instance, the Footyweb Permit System shall be the facility used to activate such interchanges (the lodgement of a Match Day Permit) pending “Approval” from Football Operations.

Games played on a Match Day Permit do not count towards finals eligibility with either club.

The spirit of this By-Law is to allow a club with surplus player(s) on a given match day to give these player(s) a game of football with another club no more than one division lower than they normally participate. It is also designed to allow a player to trial with another club which is playing in a higher grade or division.

Student Permit

Subject to the below, a player who transfers to another club to attend an educational institution on a full-time and continuous basis may, during official semester vacations / school holidays, may receive a permit to play with his immediate former club subject to written endorsement from the current club, the former club and their respective leagues.

The permit application is to be endorsed by those outlined above prior to 1 July in a given year.

The permit period lasts until the player ceases his commitments at the educational institution and is subject to any relevant regulations of any of the parties, including participation in finals. Students must provide a school/university calendar which sets out the School Holiday Period for their institution.

Please note: Permits issued under shall apply to home and away matches only.

Matches played under such a permit will not be counted towards finals eligibility.

Players/clubs with a bye/forfeit in the higher grade

Where a club has a bye//forfeit in the AFL Canberra Competition, that club cannot play players in a lower grade that played in a higher grade in the previous week, unless otherwise determined by the Competition

Management Committee.

A player will be considered for selection in his clubs' lower grade team when their higher grade team has the bye/forfeit if:

- a) In the event that they did play in the higher grade the week before the designated bye/forfeit, if that player has played less than 50% of his total games played in the higher grade, they can be considered for selection in his clubs lower grade team
- b) In accordance with rule 1.5 a) a club shall not have more than two players who fall into this category.
- c) The player has played 50% or more of their games in a higher grade but is returning from injury where they have not played the previous three or more weeks.
- d) The player has played 50% or more of their games in a higher grade but is returning from suspension where they have missed two or more weeks.
- e) If a club uses a player in a lower grade that falls into any of the categories above, that player will be included in their clubs limit i.e. not more than three

In all cases, clubs must gain approval from AFL Canberra Football Operations prior to selecting a player subject to rule 1.5.

The spirit of this law is to allow clubs to play players in a lower grade who are either fringe higher grade players or to be able to bring players back through a lower grade who have missed a significant amount of football through injury or suspension.

Should clubs play a player who does not fit the above criteria, that player will be deemed an ineligible player. Refer to AFL NSW/ACT Regulations 4.6 – Unregistered or Ineligible Players

Player Loyalty and Pathway

To enable Clubs to become established and for existing Clubs to be guaranteed longevity the following restrictions apply to domestic transfers between AFL Canberra Clubs;

Clubs may only transfer a maximum of three (3) Players from any one AFL Canberra Club (Juniors and Seniors are considered separate in this instance); the following exemptions may be applied:

- › Pending approval from the player's former club, a club may request more than three (3) transfers. In circumstances where the former Club agrees to allow more than three (3) players, the approval of the Competition Management Committee must also be obtained by the Club prior to completing the transfer
- › Home Players returning to their original club are exempt from this rule, pending approval of the Competition Management Committee
- › Where a player has not played for 24 months, they will be excluded from the transfer limit
- › This applies to both the Senior and Junior Clubs

Please note: the above will not be applicable where the former Club does not field a team in the competition level the player is moving to, and the former Club has informed the League that they will not be fielding a team in the division