



AREA AGREEMENT

An Agreement between the North Gippsland FNL and Mid Gippsland FNL for the 2026 season

This agreement is signed pursuant to AFL Victoria Country rules and regulations pertaining to permits and in particular Clause 2.4 – Area Agreements, whereby an interchange of players between clubs of the abovementioned Leagues may take place without a transfer and is subject to any provisions contained within this agreement.

Area Agreements / Interchange Agreements are ongoing from year to year unless revoked by one of the football bodies parties to the agreement by advising AFL Victoria.

PROVIDED HOWEVER:

- (i) That this permit is in force for the current season only.
- (ii) Prior to each match the player shall obtain permission electronically from their parent club using a Season permit.
- (iii) Players of any club having a bye will not be allowed to play with another club on that day, unless they have previously played with that club in the current season under this agreement.
- (iv) The player from the other League shall show their registered club on the match team sheet.
- (v) Players of third 18 teams of Senior Grade/League competitions are not to be classified as players of Junior age competitions.
- (vi) A local interchange agreement can override clause (iii) to restrict junior players playing on permit when their club has a bye.
- (vii) That this agreement cannot be altered unless agreed to by the Region Manager.
- (viii) That in order for a player playing under such Area Permit to participate in a final's series in that season, the player must have played a minimum of five (5) matches in the team of the grade in which they have been selected to play in the finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements.

LOCAL CONDITIONS BETWEEN NORTH GIPPSLAND FNL AND MID GIPPSLAND FNL:

- a) This local Interchange Agreement overrides AFL Victoria Country rule (iii) listed above. Players from the Thirds/Under 18 grades are allowed to play on permit on bye weekends including before the start of either League's season.

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b) Players under this agreement must register with either the Mid Gippsland FNL or North Gippsland FNL and play on permit with only one Mid Gippsland club or North Gippsland League club.

AFL GIPPSLAND CONDITIONS:

1. Registered players must be given preference over any permit player.
2. Permits shall not be issued to any player after June 30th unless they have played on an eligible permit with that team prior to June 30th.
3. Players cannot obtain a permit whilst under suspension.
4. AFL Victoria Country and League finals eligibility criteria shall apply.
5. Player eligibility shall be the responsibility of the club playing the permit player.
6. Permits will be issued to a team to a total maximum of 22 players.

REPORTED PLAYERS

A player playing on permit that is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League of which the offence was committed. Any penalty that is imposed shall apply in all competitions.

PERMIT BREACHES

Permit breaches shall be addressed under AFL Victoria Country Rules ineligible player regulations - 1.1 - Penalty for playing ineligible or unregistered players.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Any clubs requesting special circumstance considerations must apply in writing to the AFL Gippsland Region Manager prior to June 30th annually.

This agreement has been agreed to by the relevant leagues/competitions and will remain valid unless revoked by the AFL Gippsland Region Manager.

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