



AREA AGREEMENT

Gippsland League and Mid Gippsland FNL

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 party 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.
- (iv) 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. The club playing the player from the other League shall show their registered club on the match team sheet. Players of third 18 teams of Senior Grade competitions are not to be classified as players of Junior age competitions.
- (v) A local interchange agreement can override clause
- (iv) to restrict junior players playing on permit when their club has a bye.
- (vi) That this agreement cannot be altered unless agreed to by the Region Manager.
- (vii) That in order for a player playing under such Area Permit to participate in a finals 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 GIPPSLAND LEAGUE AND MID GIPPSLAND FNL:

Registered players must be given preference over any permit player.

- a) Any player who has played District League Seniors shall not be eligible to play in any Junior Matches in the Gippsland League on the same weekend.
- b) This local Interchange Agreement overrides AFL Victoria Country rule (iv) listed above. Players from the Fourths/Under 16 and Thirds/Under 18 grades are allowed to play on permit on bye weekends including before the start of either League's season.
- c) Players under this agreement must register with either the Mid Gippsland FNL or Gippsland League and play on permit with only one Mid Gippsland club or one Gippsland League club.

PERMIT PURPOSE STATEMENT:

A permit request should **only** be approved providing that at least one of two purposes is achieved:

- 1) A player is being permitted to a higher level of football being Junior or District player to a Major League in which case up to 24 players (fourths) or 22 players (thirds) may appear on the team sheet. Or
- 2) To ensure a team achieves a maximum number of players as per the Leagues By-Laws

1. PERMIT CONDITIONS

The following Permit condition shall apply to all AFL Gippsland League Agreements:

- 1.1 If a team has at least 1 permit player, they shall not be allowed to have more than 24 players (fourths) or 22 players (thirds) on the team sheet.

- 1.2 A maximum of 4 permit players shall be allowed on any one team sheet.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Permit players shall only play in the one team on the one day.
- 1.5 AFL Victoria Country and League finals eligibility criteria shall apply.

2. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Permits between the Gippsland League and the Mid Gippsland FNL.

- 2.1 Any player who plays major league seniors or reserves shall be ineligible to play in any junior league match on the same weekend.

3. 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.

4. PERMIT BREACHES

Any breach of Permit arrangements and agreements will be referred to AFL Victoria Country Rule 1.3 Penalty for playing ineligible or unregistered players.

5. 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 major and junior/district leagues and will remain valid unless revoked by the AFLG Region Manager.

Signed on behalf of the Gippsland League

Signed on behalf of the Mid Gippsland FNL

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Dated: 6/4/2023

Date **06/04/2023**

Signed on behalf of AFL Victoria Country

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Date 14 / 04 / 2023