



AREA AGREEMENT



This is an agreement between the **LODDON VALLEY FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE (LVFNL)** and the **BENDIGO JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE (BJFL)**.

1. AREA AGREEMENT:

- 1.1** This agreement has been signed pursuant to the AFL Victorian Country Rules and Regulations pertaining to clearances and permits and, in particular, clause 2.5 – Area Agreements, whereby an interchange of players between Clubs of the above-mentioned Leagues may take place without clearance and is subject to any provisions contained within this agreement.
- 1.2** This agreement is not relevant for clubs that have developed an alignment endorsed by the AFL Central Victoria Commission.
- 1.3** This agreement is on-going until it is revoked by one of the football bodies involved.
- 1.4** This agreement is not relevant for clubs that are the one incorporated body but have teams affiliated with both the LVFNL and the BJFL. Note: All relevant League By-Laws are still applicable.

2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- 2.1** That this permit is in force for the current season only.
- 2.2** That the players involved desire to play with the club in the other League on the day in question.
- 2.3** That the two Clubs named in this agreement are agreeable to the players playing on the day in question.
- 2.4** That the players and clubs concerned are acquainted with AFL Vic Country Regulation 2.0 regarding permits.
- 2.5** Prior to each match the player shall obtain permission electronically from their parent Club using a season permit.
- 2.7** That all available Club registered players are selected before permit players can receive an endorsement to play.
- 2.8** The number of permit players **from** any one club be restricted to a maximum of **three (3)** on any one day for any one team.
- 2.9** A player may only play on permit with **one club during the current season**.

3. NUMBER OF PERMITS:

- 3.1** A LVFNL Under 18 / BJFL registered player may be granted a maximum of **eight (8)** area permits by their club to play in the LVFNL / BJFL during the home and away season, provided they meet any age requirements of the relevant leagues.
- 3.2** Once a LVFNL Under 18 player has played in the **Senior** grade of the LVFNL, has represented the LVFNL Under 18 level, or has played a **Coates Talent Cup** game during the current season, then that player is **ineligible** to apply for any further permits to play in the BJFL underage competition during the current season. This means that the player's initial permit application is no longer valid for the remainder of the season. (NOTE: the **Senior** grade **does not** include any Reserves games)
- 3.3** Permits can be issued if there are no more than **20 players listed (including permit players) on the LVNFL Under 18 / BJFL team sheet**.
- 3.4** A LVFNL Under 18 / BJFL registered players may play **two (2)** games per weekend but only **one (1)** per day.

4. NUMBER OF PERMIT PLAYERS

- 4.1** Each LVFNL team is only permitted to play a maximum of **eight (8)** permit players in any **one match**.
- 4.2** Each BJFL team is only permitted to play a maximum of **four (4)** permit players in any **one match**.

5. TRANSFERS

- 5.1 Transfers of players between the above-mentioned Leagues shall be administered consistent with Section 3 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook.
- 5.2 Match day permits are **not** subject to the same cut-off date as a transfer and may be applied for anytime during the home and away season.

6. REPORTED PLAYERS

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

7. FINALS.

Match day permits may be issued for BJFL players to play in the Under 18 competition of the LVFNL Finals series provided they have played **four (4)** games with the relevant LVFNL Club prior to 21st July of the current year.

If permit players are used in the finals series, then that club will be limited to a maximum of **four (4)** permit players for each finals game.

All permit players will require LVFNL & BJFL Board approval prior to playing their first finals game. BJFL players can only play in one finals division/age group/competition/league per year (if a player plays in a final in a different league, they will be ineligible from playing in the BJFL finals series). No permits will be issued for LVFNL players to participate in the BJFL finals series.