

Interchange Agreement

Loddon Valley Football Netball League & Bendigo Junior Football league

This Interchange Agreement template is intended for use exclusively in situations where both football controlling bodies (Leagues) involved are AFL Victoria Country Affiliate Leagues. It is consistent with Clause 2.4 of the AFL Victoria Country Rules and Section 3.7(a) of the National Community Football Policy Handbook.

Executed Interchange Agreements must be submitted to AFL Victoria Football Operations Manager Joel Lovett – joel.lovett@afl.com.au for final approval within ten (10) calendar days of its execution, before being loaded into the competition management platform (PlayHQ).

An Agreement between the **Loddon Valley Football Netball League** and the **Bendigo Junior Football League**.

This agreement is signed pursuant to AFL Victoria Country rules and regulations pertaining to permits and in particular Clause 2.4 – Interchange (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.

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 on permit 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.

1. AGREEMENT

The Agreement shall remain valid and current unless altered and then endorsed by a Region Manager. No alterations may be made to their agreement without approval from both leagues included.

2. LOCAL CONDITIONS:

- 2.1 That the player in question completes a permit request via the competition management system.
- 2.2 That all available Club registered players are selected before permit players can receive an endorsement to play.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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, 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 (Interleague), or has played a **Coates Talent League** 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 **18 players listed (including permit players) on the LVNFL Under 18 team sheet** and no more than **20 players listed (including permit players) on the 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

Any player seeking a formal transfer must follow regulations and deadlines outlined in the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook.

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 31st July of the current year.

All permit players will require LVFNL 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.

8. PERMIT BREACHES

Any breach of Permit arrangements and agreements will be referred to the AFL Victoria Country Rule 1.1 – Penalty for playing ineligible or unregistered players.