Under 18 Competition Guidelines

Commencing a game:

- Under the AFL regulations, the Controlling Body may vary the number of Players required to commence a game to be played for premiership points (AFL Laws of the Game Rule 5.1 & 5.2).
- For the LVFNL Under 18 competitions, a team must field between twelve (12) and sixteen (16) players to start a match.
- If both teams have more than sixteen (16) available players, they may agree to play with a maximum of eighteen (18) players on the field at any one time, with no more than four (4) Interchange Players.
- However, if this number falls below twelve (12) for any reason, be it a sendoff or an injury, and the injured player is off the field for a period of more than 5 minutes, then the game is forfeited and the 4 premiership points will be awarded to the opposing team. For percentage calculations the score at the time of forfeit shall be recorded.
- If both teams agree, the game can continue but the final result as being a forfeit shall stand.

Equalisation:

- All teams should be equal in numbers on the field to commence the game.
- The LVFNL believes that all junior players who want to play, should have the opportunity to play as much as possible. With this in mind it is important that any short fall on the field is to be made up with the use of "Game Permits" from the opposition club.
- This ensures that most players will be on the field and one team will not have an excess of interchange players waiting to take the field.

Permits:

- The LVFNL has developed area agreements with Bendigo Football Netball League, Bendigo Junior Football League, Heathcote & District Football League, North Central Football League, Central Murray Football Netball League, Central Highlands Football League and Maryborough Castlemaine Football Netball League.
- These agreements allow players to play with a LVFNL Club on permit for the day under strict guidelines. The onus is on the club to be aware of the terms and conditions of the area agreements.
- LVFNL Clubs have agreed to allow permits players from the LVFNL club which has the scheduled bye to play with another LVFNL under 18 team which may require permit players on that day.
- In terms of restrictions on playing numbers, etc., these permit players are to be considered as similar to permit players from another league. Consequently only 20 players (including permit players) can be listed on the team sheet.

Individual League Awards:

- Permit Players are ineligible to win LVFNL awards.
- Players that are permitted from a LVFNL club which has the scheduled bye to another LVFNL club are not eligible to receive League best and fairest votes for the club they played with on Permit. Any votes awarded will not be added to his home club vote tally.
- Any goals kicked by a player from a LVFNL club who has the scheduled bye while on permit to another LVFNL club will have goals recorded with the club they played with on permit. These goals will not be added to his home clubs season goal tally.

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- In the Under 18 Competition during the Home & Away Season, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposition if a player kicks the ball over the boundary line, whether on the full or not. If the ball is knocked or taken over the boundary line (not by foot) or if in dispute or uncertain then the central umpire conducts a ball up 5m in from the boundary line where the ball went out. No player can have a direct kick for goal under this rule, except if the ball was kicked out on the full.