



SCHEDULE SEVEN

1. Outer East Football Netball Allowable Player Payments Rule

OEFN have adopted the AFL Victoria Allowable Player Payment Rule. OEFN affiliated leagues and clubs must comply with the provisions of the Rule.

2.1 Jurisdiction of Outer East Football Netball Board – Allowable Player Payment variation under APP Rule 3(a)

- 2.1.1** Within 60 days of being made notified by the OEFN Board of the Allowable Player Payments for any Football Year a Club may make application in writing to the OEFN CEO for an increase in the Allowable Player Payment to apply to that Club.
- 2.1.2** The application must set out the Club's reasons for seeking an increase in the Allowable Player Payment to apply to that Club and particularly should address the factors set out in Clause 3(a)(iv) of the Allowable Player Payment Rules and be accompanied by supporting evidence. OEFN Board will consider the application within 28 days of receipt by the OEFN CEO.
- 2.1.3** Decisions of the OEFN Board will be by majority vote.
- 2.1.4** OEFN will provide a written response to the Club notifying the decision of the OEFN and will give reasons for the decision.
- 2.1.5** The decision of the OEFN Board is final.
- 2.1.6** Where an application for an increase in the Allowable Player Payment for the Club is granted, OEFN will make this decision public.

2.2 Jurisdiction of Outer East Football Netball Board –Travel & Accommodation

Consideration variation under APP Rule 8(d)

- 2.2.1** A Club may at any time make application for a ruling as to whether any payments, considerations, advantages or other benefits constitute Player Payments and as to their value for the purpose of the Allowable Player Payment Rules.
- 2.2.2** The application must set out the Club's reasons for seeking the ruling and be accompanied by all supporting evidence which the Club wants considered.
- 2.2.3** OEFN Board will consider the application within 28 days of receipt by the OEFN CEO .
- 2.2.4** The ruling will be made public.

2.3 Jurisdiction of Outer East Football Netball Board

- 2.3.1 Clubs may make application in writing to the OEFN CEO for consideration of any other matters relevant to the Allowable Player Payments Rules at any time.
- 2.3.2 The application must set out the Club's reasons for seeking consideration and be accompanied by all supporting evidence which the Club wants considered.
- 2.3.3 OEFN Board will consider the application within 28 days of receipt by the OEFN CEO.
- 2.3.4 Where a variation is permitted, OEFN shall publish the variations.

2.4 OEFN Allowable Player Payments Rule Investigations

The OEFN may initiate investigations into possible breaches of the Allowable Player Payment Rules.

- 2.4.1 OEFN CEO may initiate Allowable Player Payment Investigations following:
 - 2.4.1.1 Voluntary disclosure by a Club;
 - 2.4.1.2 Assessment of a Club's Allowable Player Payment Budget declaration;
 - 2.4.1.3 Assessment of a Player or Players' Contracts;
 - 2.4.1.4 Assessment of a Club's Allowable Player Payment Budget declaration and Player Contracts;
 - 2.4.1.5 Assessment of the evidence provided of an alleged Allowable Player Payment breach by an affiliated club or league initiated under 2.6, OEFN Alleged Allowable Player Payment Breach Investigation Request.
- 2.4.2 The OEFN Board may randomly select Clubs for investigation without any allegation of possible breaches of the Allowable Player Payment Rules for the purpose of checking for compliance with the Allowable Player Payment Rules.

2.5 OEFN Alleged Allowable Player Payment Breach Investigation Request

- 2.5.1 An OEFN member Club or League may lodge a notice in writing with OEFN CEO outlining the particulars of an alleged breach in the Allowable Player Payment Rule by an OEFN Club or Player.
- 2.5.2 The affiliated club or league lodging the notice must provide supporting evidence of the alleged breach.
- 2.5.3 A sum of \$2,500 must accompany the notice which shall be fully refundable by the OEFN Board should the allegation not be deemed frivolous or vexatious. If the allegation is deemed frivolous or vexatious, the OEFN Board may refund all or part of the sum in their absolute discretion.
- 2.5.4 OEFN CEO shall refer the allegation and its evidence to the OEFN Board within 7 days of receipt.
- 2.5.5 The OEFN Board shall determine if the allegation is to be referred to an Investigation. The decision of the OEFN Board will be final and binding.



2.5.6 Where an Investigation has occurred and charges are laid against a Club and or player(s) and the charge is found proven at a Hearing of the Disciplinary Committee, the Disciplinary Committee may order that the offending Club or player pay all or part of the costs of the investigation.

2.6 Coaching fees for underage teams

2.6.1 OEFN may determine at its absolute discretion whether coaching fees for a player of an open age team who is appointed coach of an underage team are to be included in the club's player payments.

2.6.2 Where a league does not have a full complement of underage teams, all coaching fees of an open age player for coaching an underage team shall be included in the calculation of the Player Payments.

2.6.3 Clubs may apply to the OEFN Board for exemptions to 2.6.1 under 2.3 Jurisdiction of Outer East Football Netball Board