

## JUNIOR AREA AGREEMENT

An Agreement between the Maryborough Castlemaine District Football Netball League and the **Central Highlands Football League** for the 2026 Season and beyond.

This agreement is in place to assist a team which is experiencing player shortages in junior teams only.

This agreement is signed pursuant to AFL Victoria Country rules and regulations pertaining to permits and in particular Clause 2.5 – 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 parties to the agreement by advising AFL Victoria.

**This agreement includes permits for all junior grades as outlined by each league CHFL and MCDFNL.**

### PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY:

1. That the players involved desire to play with the Club on the date(s) requested.
2. That the Clubs involved are agreeable to the players playing on the day in question and have agreed to the permit via Play HQ.
3. That the players concerned are aware of the AFL VC regulations Rule 2.0 regarding Permits.
4. All players must be registered correctly with the club they are playing for prior to taking the field.
5. Unless otherwise stated in League By-Laws, permit players will not be able to play finals. Both leagues do not allow players to play finals via a permit arrangement.
6. Unless otherwise stated in League By-Laws, that the number of players played by any club under this agreement on any one day be restricted to six (6) permit players with a maximum of three (3) coming from any one club.
7. That a player may play two games per weekend but only one game per day under this agreement. A player's registered club has the option to authorise or refuse any permit application and clubs may only play a player on permit when both clubs have authorised the permit.
8. That a player from any League may play with more than one club from another League but only one match per day
9. That a player having played the maximum number of (8) eight matches with a club under this agreement shall need to obtain a full clearance before he/she is able to continue to play with that club. Any clearance application of a player who has played the maximum number of permit games must be approved by the Regional



Commission of the players registered club and clearance regulations as outlined in the AFL Victoria Country handbook must apply.

10. Players playing on permit are not eligible for any League Awards (best players)
11. Once a player is selected and plays their first interleague game in the current season, they will become ineligible from that time to permit between the leagues. Up until the first game of interleague players may permit between leagues. In the event the player is selected, but doesn't play due to injury, illness, or extenuating circumstances, they will be deemed ineligible for permit for the remainder of the season.
12. That prior to commencement of the first match to be played, the players permit club or league shall submit a request online via Play HQ, a game day permit must be entered with the (one) specific date the player wishes to play. Failure to do so could see the club penalised under AFL VC Rule 1.1 (ineligible player). It is the responsibility of the club seeking the permit to have the permit completed by all parties.
13. All permits shall be transacted via Play HQ using the online permits system. No paper form is required by any permit requested by either league.
14. Any player reported whilst on permit shall face the independent tribunal of the League in which the alleged offence was committed. Any penalty imposed will apply to all AFL VC competitions.
15. The club requesting the permit must also be fully aware of the conditions contained within the Area Agreement and any of the local league By-Laws pertaining to the conditions within the Area Agreement.

Local League Conditions: Items that are outside of the above and specific to the leagues involved.

### **MCDFNL**

- MCDFNL does not allow players through an interchange agreement to play finals.
- MCDFNL Clubs would refer to dot point 6 where a maximum of 6 players (3 from one club) can play on permit up to a maximum of 22 players listed on the game sheet.

### **Central Highlands FL**

- CHFL does not allow players through an interchange agreement to play finals.  
CHFL Clubs would refer to dot point 6 where a maximum of 6 players (3 from one club) can play on permit up to a maximum of 22 players listed on the game sheet. Exceeding 22 players would result in the below fines schedule being applied.



Failure to comply with the conditions of this permit agreement shall result in a penalty. A fine of \$100 for the first offence shall be issued to the offending club, any further breaches will be charged at \$250 per offence which is the maximum penalty allowed by AFL Vic. The fine shall be paid to the league the player participated in.

**CHFL-** Ineligible players will be fined under AFL Victoria Country rule 1.3

Date: 07/04/2026

Signed for the MCDFNL:

Name: Ben Connell

Role: MCDFNL Competitions Manager

Signed by:



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Date: 07/04/2026

Signed for the Central Highlands FL:

Name: Matt Newton

Role: CHFL Administrator



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Date: 07/04/2026

Signed for AFL Goldfields:

Name: Jason Muldoon

Role: Region Manager - Goldfields

