



CONSTITUTION OF WESTERN EYRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

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1 INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 Words importing singular include the plural and words importing plural include the singular where the text permits. "In writing" and "written" means and includes printing or other means of representing or reproducing words in visible form.

2 NAME

- 2.1 The name of the League shall be the Western Eyre Football League. (herein after referred to as "the League"). The official colours of the League shall be predominantly green, black & white.

3 OBJECT

- 3.1 To encourage and promote Australia Rules Football in the surrounding districts and foster inclusivity, diversity, respect and fairness of all cultures.
- 3.2 To affiliate with the South Australia Community Football League.
- 3.3 To act for its members in all matters pertaining to Football

4 POWERS OF THE LEAGUE

The League shall have all powers conferred by Section 25 of the Associations Incorporations Act 1985 ('the Act')

5 MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 The League shall consist of:
- All officers of the League
 - All bonafide members of Affiliated Clubs
 - All Life Members
 - All elected or appointed members of Committees of the League
- 5.2 The Clubs of the League may consist of Ceduna Blues, Koonibba, Thevenard, Wirrulla, West Coast Hawks and Western United Tigers upon payment of registration fees.
- 5.3 Additional clubs may be admitted from time to time at the Annual General Meeting under the following conditions:
- 5.3.1 All applications to join the League must be submitted to the League no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.3.2 Such applications must be approved by a vote of two thirds of the Clubs already in the League.
- 5.3.3 Each new Club to pay to the League an entrance fee of an amount decided from time to time at a General Meeting.

5.4 All clubs affiliated with the League shall be bound by the Constitution and By Laws of the League.

6 OFFICERS

6.1 The officers shall be:

- President
- 2 Vice Presidents
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Umpires Coordinator
- Junior Development Officer
- Records Officer
- Football Operations Officer
- Public Officer

6.2 An Honorary Auditor shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall not be a member of the League.

6.3 All incoming officers shall assume their positions immediately following the election of officers at the Annual General Meeting.

7 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

7.1 President:

The President shall preside at all meetings, except as provided for in Clause 10.4 and shall conduct same with dignity and decorum being conscious only of the true objectives of the League.

7.2 Vice President:

In the absence of the President at meetings, a Vice President shall carry out the duties of the President, except as provided for in Clause 10.4.

7.3 Secretary:

- Shall call all meetings when directed to do so.
- Shall record accurate minutes of all such meetings, except as provided for in Clause 10.5.
- Shall conduct correspondence and perform such other duties as the League and President may from time to time direct.

7.4 Treasurer:

- Shall pay into the accounts of the League all monies and cheques received on behalf of the League.
- Shall keep proper records of all monies received and expended by, or on behalf of the League.
- Shall prepare and submit to the Annual General Meeting of the League in each year a duly audited annual statement of accounts and balance sheet of the League.
- Shall make all books of the League available for inspection by the Auditors or any member of the League.
- Shall submit a financial statement at each meeting of the Committee.

7.5 Umpires Coordinator:

- Shall promote umpiring within the League and coordinate all activities related to such, and perform all other duties as deemed necessary by the Management Committee.

7.6 Junior Development Officer:

- To be responsible for promotion and development of Junior Football and all activities related to such within the League and perform other duties as requested by the Management Committee from time to time.

7.7 Records Officer:

- Shall keep correct records of all registered players, matches played and their details as required by the SANFL.
- Shall advise clubs of any discrepancies/anomalies within 72 hours of scorecard submission deadline.

7.8 Football Operations Officer:

- Shall be responsible for the co-ordination of Mortlock, Inter-League Games and General Operations of Football.

7.9 Public Officer:

- The public officer must be a natural person of or above the age of 18 years who is a resident in South Australia. The Public Officer may have other responsibilities within the League.

8 COMMITTEES

8.1 The League shall be governed by the Management Committee (herein after called 'The Committee') which shall comprise the Officers of the League (Clause 6.1) and two (2) delegates from each club of the League (who shall be seventeen (17) years and over).

8.2 The Executive of the League shall comprise the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Junior Development Officer.

8.3 The Football Commission shall compromise three (3) independent persons, plus one (1) proxy, appointed at the Annual General Meeting. The Commission members shall not be office bearers of any member Club.

8.4 Sub Committees of the League may be formed for specific purposes and shall consist of two or more persons appointed by The Committee. The President and Secretary may be ex-officio members of all sub committees.

8.4.1 The Committee shall at all times retain the right to review or revoke any actions of its sub committee.

8.5 All acts or decisions made by any meeting of a committee of any member thereof shall be valid and effective unless it is proved that the acts or decisions were made in fraud or bad faith.

9 COMMITTEE DUTIES

9.1 The Management Committee:

- 9.1.1 Shall be responsible for the general management of the League and shall provide for the administration and control of the matches, affairs and property of the League.

- 9.1.2 Shall authorise three (3) bank signatories who shall be the President, Treasurer and one (1) other person who the Committee shall determine.
- 9.1.3 Shall appoint a member to fill any Committee vacancy that may occur during the year.
- 9.1.4 Shall make By Laws consistent with this Constitution for the regulation of its own proceedings and for defining the respective powers and duties of sub committees or officers of the League and for the governance of the League generally.
- 9.2 Executive Committee:
 - 9.2.1 Shall be empowered to execute necessary business of an urgent nature.
- 9.3 The Football Commission:
 - 9.3.1 Shall have the authority to hear, deal with and determine any matter pertaining to the League's Constitution, By Laws, or other guidelines that the League may operate under from time to time.
 - 9.3.2 Will have no authority to conduct any investigation unless so requested or directed to do so by the Executive Committee.
 - 9.3.3 Do not have authority to initiate discussions, investigations, or other deliberations with any club official, player, spectator, supporter, or any other person unless so requested or directed to do so by the League.
 - 9.3.4 Will only commence an investigation upon receiving a written request from the Executive Committee, which should provide details of any alleged offence or issue to be investigated, and shall include any report or documentation to assist with its deliberations.
 - 9.3.5 Shall utilise the League's Constitution, By Laws, and Guidelines in their deliberations
 - 9.3.6 The interpretation of these rules shall be at the absolute discretion of the Commission, whose decisions shall be final and binding on the League, and clubs, players, officials, supporters, and any other persons appearing before the Commission.
 - 9.3.7 The Commissions findings, decisions, and penalties will be accepted by the League and Member Clubs without debate, discussion, or amendment, and the League shall carry out or implement any such direction from the Commission.

10 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 10.1 The Committee shall meet on a regular basis, no less than four (4) times a year.
- 10.2 Seven (7) days Notice shall be given to all Delegates of any such Committee Meeting.
- 10.3 Club Delegates will attend Committee Meetings to provide advice, recommendations, and decisions in the best interest of football.
- 10.4 The President, or in their absence, a Vice President of the League shall preside at all Committee meetings of the League. If the President and the Vice President shall be absent or unwilling to act as Chairperson of the Committee meeting, the Committee present shall appoint one of their number to be Chairperson.
- 10.5 If the Secretary shall be absent from a Committee meeting, the Committee members present shall appoint one of their number to record accurate minutes of that meeting.

10.6 The business of the Committee meetings shall be:

- Opening meeting
- Apologies
- Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting
- Business arising from the Minutes
- Correspondence
- Reports
- General Business

10.7 Non-attendance at a Committee meeting by a club may incur a fine as set by the Committee.

11 SPECIAL MEETINGS

11.1 Special Meetings may be called by the President or at the request of at least three (3) clubs of the League at any time.

12 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12.1 The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held in the month of October in each year. If at the Annual General Meeting a quorum is not present, then the Annual General meeting shall be recalled within four (4) weeks of the original date and in accordance with Constitution 12.2.

12.2 Notification of the Annual General Meeting specifying the time and place shall be given to club delegates and advertised at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of such meetings.

12.3 The Annual General Meeting of the League is open to all persons. Any person at this meeting will have the power to speak on any subject and the power to nominate persons for Official positions in the League and to move any motion or amendment that they see fit to do so, but shall not have the power to vote on such issue.

12.4 The order of business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting to be read and confirmed.
- Presentation of Annual Reports.
- Election of Officers:
 - President
 - Vice Presidents (2)
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Umpires Coordinator
 - Junior Development Officer
 - Records Officer
 - Football Operations Officer
 - Auditor
 - Public Officer
- Appointment of Football Commissioners
- Bank Signatories
- Notices of Motion if required

13 ADJOURNMENTS

13.1 Any meeting of the League may be adjourned from time to time and at such time and such a place as shall be determined by the majority of the delegates present at the original meeting, or at any adjournment there-of.

14 VOTING

- 14.1 At the Annual General Meeting, each club of the League shall be entitled to two (2) votes each, the President who shall be entitled to a casting vote, when there is an equal vote.
- 14.2 At all other meetings, each club of the League shall be entitled to two (2) votes each, the President who shall be entitled to a casting vote, when there is an equal vote.
- 14.3 At all meetings voting shall be by a show of hands, unless a secret ballot is requested by at least two (2) delegates or the President.

15 QUORUM

- 15.1 A quorum at any meeting of the League shall consist of four (4) clubs affiliated and represented.

16 FINANCE

- 16.1 All monies of the League shall be paid into the account of the League at such Bank as the Committee from time to time direct.
- 16.2 No monies shall be drawn from the League accounts without authorisation by two (2) bank signatories, authorised by the Committee. Notification of all EFT, cheques and monies withdrawn shall be presented with the Treasurer's report at Committee meetings.
- 16.3 The Committee shall have the power to open special trust accounts for specific projects from time to time and such accounts may be operated on only for the set purpose for which they are opened.
- 16.4 The books and accounts of the League shall be audited annually by an auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 16.5 Should the League suffer any financial losses in the running of its affairs, these losses shall be borne equally by all Clubs registered in the League.

17 LIFE MEMBERS

- 17.1 All Life Memberships of Far West Football League and Wirrulla and West Coast Hawks representatives of Mid West Football League, are carried over to the League.
- 17.2 The recommendations of any persons to be elected a life Member in recognition of services rendered to the League over a period of ten (10) years or more, and such recommendation shall be submitted to the League in writing by 15 of June of the season.
- 17.3 Ten (10) years service to the League includes previous service to either Far West or Mid West Leagues.
- 17.4 Such services rendered may include, but not be limited to:
- Administration
 - Coaching
 - Umpiring
 - Playing at Senior League representative level.
- 17.5 A minimum of two (2) services is required for eligibility.

17.6 The Executive Committee shall elect an assessment panel of three (3), one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

This panel shall prepare a written report for the Executive Committee outlining the history of the nominee for Life Membership, together with its recommendation as to his/her eligibility or otherwise for the honour. All members of the Executive Committee must agree with the Panel's recommendation for the nominee to receive Life Membership.

17.7 Life Members shall have the same privileges as other members of the League.

18 DISSOLUTION OF CLUBS

18.1 No club shall leave the League without giving written notification prior to 31 January of the playing year.

19 DISSOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE

19.1 In case it shall appear at any time, advisable or necessary to dissolve the League, a Special General Meeting, duly called for that purpose, shall have the power, by a two-thirds majority vote by the delegates there present, to resolve that the League be absolutely dissolved, and the same shall thereupon be dissolved, and the affairs thereof shall be wound up accordingly and any excess funds shall be passed to all affiliated clubs of the Western Eyre Football League at time of dissolution, on an equal share basis.

20 ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

20.1 This Constitution shall not be added to, altered, repealed or rescinded, except at an Annual General Meeting, or at a Special Meeting.

20.2 No motion for an alteration or addition to this Constitution shall be submitted to a vote of the League, unless notice thereof, together with the proposed alteration or addition in writing, shall have been handed to the League Secretary and distributed to Clubs, fourteen (14) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting or seven (7) days before a Special Meeting, at which the alteration or addition is proposed to be made.

20.3 Any proposed alteration or addition shall be carried, by at least a two thirds majority of those present at the meeting and entitled to vote.

21 ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS

21.1 The By-Laws of the League shall be made for the purpose of enlarging upon, extending or developing the provisions of the Constitution and the interpretation there-of, and shall be attached to the Constitution. No copy of the Constitution shall be issued unless a correct copy of the By-Laws in force on that date is appended.

21.2 The By-Laws may be repealed, altered and added to by the same procedure as required for alteration to the Constitution or may be amended by the Committee subject to the following conditions:

21.2.1 That at least two thirds of the voting members of the Committee are present in person.

21.2.2 That at least seven (7) days notice of discussing the By-Laws has been given to each member of The Committee and the notice to be recorded in the minute book.

21.2.3 That the minutes of the meeting at which any By-Law has been made, amended or repealed shall record the names of the persons present, the proposed, seconder of the motion to make, amend or repeal the By-Law/s (which shall be clearly referred to as such) and the number of persons voting for and against the motion which shall include the date on which it is to come into force.

21.2.4 That a copy of any By-Law so made, amended or repealed shall be sent within fourteen (14) days to each Club Secretary and club delegate.

21.3 For the purpose of controlling operations of the League, the Constitution and By-Laws shall be equally binding on all members and clubs.

22 INDEMNITY

22.1 This Constitution shall repeal all previous regulations, but, except as specifically provided, shall not effect any right, duty or liability or any matters of anything done or commenced, acquired or imposed under the previous constitution.

22.2 Subject to the Act, the League shall indemnify any officer of the League acting in good faith within the scope of their duties against any claim, liability, loss or damage to a third party, which they may incur in consequence of any act, omission or error on their part.

Amendment History	
8 Nov 2021	Complete Overhaul of Constitution

Adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Western Eyre Football League, held on 8 November 2021.

Signature - League President: Ron Redford	Date
Signature – League Secretary: Katrina Blums	Date