



AFL NSW/ACT Generic By-Laws Key Substantive Amendments 2020

Provision	What	Why
4.3 Players Aids & Protective equipment (New)	Grouping these By-Laws under a single section	Provide ease of reference to Clubs.
5.6 (B) Practice matches (New)	Establish a process of communication and requirements for the sanctioning and organisation of pre-season practice matches	Ensure greater risk management processes including provision of Insurance cover.
8 Teams (B) (New)	Include a provision for Leagues to impose sanctions for late nomination or withdrawal of teams by Clubs	Provide clarity to Clubs on the impact and consequences of late team nominations and the withdrawal of teams.
10.7 Player Eligibility	Include a provision which enables a League to determine additional finals eligibility requirements beyond Regulation 4.12.	Provide Leagues the opportunity to include additional provisions addressing local competition structures.
12.9 Players seeking to Play up a Competition Age Group (Juniors) (New)	Establish requirements where a Club determines to play a Player in a higher Competition age group	Ensure that Clubs elevating Players into higher age groups is not at the expense of existing true age group Players.
13.10 (G) Club Umpires (New)	Clarify that Club Umpires are bound by the Code of Conduct and must not engage in any form of coaching	Ensure that Club Umpires perform their stated role and are subject to the By-Laws.
13.12 Melee (New)	Define a Melee for reporting purposes 3 or more Players and officials	Enable Leagues to define and quantify what a Melee is under the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines.
20.4 Amendments to By-Laws (New)	Include a provision that allows Leagues to amend a By-Law, at any time.	Enable Leagues to more effectively and efficiently address issues or irregularities.
Appendix "B" Incident Referral Form	Add the Impact Guidelines from the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines	Assist Leagues and Clubs to define the spirit of a Citing