

## **INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT**

### **AFL HUNTER CENTRAL COAST and AFL NORTH WEST NSW**

**March 2025**

An agreement between AFL Hunter Central Coast and AFL North West NSW for the movement of players between leagues.

#### **1.0 Area Agreement**

- 1.1 This agreement is signed pursuant to the Section 3.7 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook and Rule 11.4 of the AFL NSW/ACT Rules.

#### **2.0 Administrative Processes**

- 2.1 This agreement is effective from 2025 and will remain in place until such time as advised otherwise by the respective Competition Managers of the participating Leagues. Copies of the Interchange Agreement are to be located on relevant Leagues websites.
- 2.2 Clubs will use a 'Season Permit' on the PlayHQ competition management system to lodge the player permits.
- 2.3 The players involved wish to play with the club in the other League on the day in question.
- 2.4 The Clubs involved are agreeable to the players playing on the day in question.
- 2.5 Players can only be registered with one club to utilise the permit system.
- 2.6 That this agreement is developed in good faith to provide talented players from regional areas with some additional development opportunities and not to improve team performance.

#### **3.0 General Conditions**

- 3.1 The permit of all players under this agreement must be approved by the Community Football & Competition Manager of both Leagues via PlayHQ.
- 3.2 Subject to Section 4, a Senior player is only permitted to play with one club on any weekend or round. Junior players playing in under age competitions only (Under 17's or below) are exempt from this condition.
- 3.3 A player may only be granted a permit to one (1) AFL Hunter Central Coast/AFL North West NSW per season.
- 3.4 Clubs are only able to have a maximum of two (2) permit players per round.
- 3.5 Permission may be granted for more than two (2) players to permit per round under exceptional circumstances. The approval process is at the discretion of the destination League.
- 3.6 Permits are only eligible whilst both Leagues are still playing home and away matches (for clarity, if one league has commenced finals and the other is still playing home and away matches, permits are not allowable).

- 3.7 In the event of a full round bye or an individual team bye in the AFL Hunter Central Coast or AFL North West NSW competition, no new permits will be issued for players to play in the other league for the bye round unless approved by both leagues under exceptional circumstances.
- 3.8 Games played on permit do not count towards finals eligibility with either club unless the player is permanently transferred to the interchange club.

#### **4.0 Reported Players**

- 4.1 A player playing on a permit that is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League of which the reportable offence was committed.
- 4.2 Any penalty that is imposed by the tribunal shall apply in all competitions.

#### **5.0 Authorisation**

This Agreement shall remain valid until such a time as either League or AFL NSW/ACT dissolves the Agreement.

Changes may be made to this Agreement with advice to be provided to each League at the time of the change taking place.