



**GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING ASSOCIATION**  
*of*  
**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**BYE LAWS**

**1. Subsidies for State Players and Officials** *[Accepted in 1996]*

A maximum of 20% of the Association's general funds, as at the beginning of its financial year, shall be made available for subsidizing State players and officials travelling costs for Australasian Championships.

**2. Referees** *[Accepted in 2001]*

Only referees who have attended a referees coaching course be permitted to officiate in Club games.

**3. Competition Placings** *[Accepted in 2005]*

In the event that more than one team finishes on the same number of points on a competition table, placings shall be determined by score difference.

A team finishing with a greater difference between its "score for" and "score against" shall be placed higher on the table than the other team(s) on the same number of points.

In the event that more than one team finishes on the same number of points and the same score difference, the team with the greater "score for" shall be placed higher on the table than the other team(s) with the same number of points and same score difference.

In the event that more than one team finishes on the same number of points, same score difference and same "score for", placings shall be determined using the result(s) of the matches between the teams.

If the teams can still not be separated, placings shall be determined by a play-off match.

**6. Player numbers in State League matches** *[Accepted in 2006]*

If two teams competing in a men's or women's 13-a-side State League match have 18 or more players, the match must be played as 15-a-side unless the Hot Weather Policy is enforced.

**7. a) Compulsory Nomination of Committee Members** *[Accepted in 2010]*

Each **team** that is competing in the State League competition must have at least one team representative on the state committee at all times. This candidate still needs to be voted for by a majority of the voting members at the AGM to become a member of the state committee. If a team has not nominated a candidate at the AGM, then they are welcome to nominate a candidate at a later date, however they will not escape the penalty described below. Teams are welcome to nominate more than one committee member at either the AGM or at subsequent committee meetings.

*Penalty: Loss of one premiership point for each state league season the team competes in.*

*Exception: Teams who have been in the competition less than one year at the time of the AGM or under exceptional circumstances as deemed by a majority vote of the state committee.*

**b) Compulsory Attendance at State Committee Meetings** *[Accepted in 2010]*

All **clubs** must provide at least one committee member or delegate for each official state committee meeting. For example, this could be either the male or female team's committee member or any delegate from that club.

*Penalty: \$50 fine for each occurrence.*

*Exception: If a club has only one team in the state league, then they will be allowed to miss no more than one meeting in a row without incurring a penalty or under exceptional circumstances as deemed by a majority vote of the state committee.*

**8. Term of the State Committee** *[Accepted in 2011]*

The term of the state committee will begin on April 1 and conclude on March 31 of the following year. The AGM can be held prior to the end of the season, although the committee-elect will not take their place until April 1.

**9. Eligibility to play in finals** *[Accepted in 2011]*

Where one competition is played over the season, a player must have played a total of four preliminary games to qualify for finals.

Where a season is split into two competitions, pre-Christmas and post-Christmas, to be eligible to play in the finals of a particular competition a player must have played in two matches during that competition. A player can also qualify for the post-Christmas finals if they have played a total of four preliminary matches during the pre-Christmas and post-Christmas competitions combined.

**10. Supplying Referees in State League competition** *[Accepted in 2011]*

Teams participating in the men's and women's State League (13-a-side) competition, who have been in the competition for three or more seasons, that fail to supply a referee must pay a \$100 surcharge on their affiliation fees.

Where one competition is played over the season, the team will also lose two points from the premiership table. Where a season is split into two competitions, pre-Christmas and post-Christmas, the team will lose one point for each season played.

**11. Uniforms** *[Accepted in 2011]*

Team uniforms and colours must be submitted for approval by the GFHASA Committee. Should a team change their uniform design they must submit the new design for approval.