



# Gaelic Football and Hurling Association Of South Australia



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## 2009-2010 Gaelic Football Competition Rules

This document is a summary of rules as defined in the GFHA Australasia Rule Book (RB) and GFHASA Bye Laws (BL), along with rules accepted by the GFHASA Committee prior to the 2009-2010 season. For a complete listing of rules, please refer to these documents which are available on the GFHASA website ([www.gaelicfootballsau.com.au](http://www.gaelicfootballsau.com.au)) or by contacting the Secretary [secretary@gaelicfootballsau.com.au](mailto:secretary@gaelicfootballsau.com.au).

### 1. Teams

- 1.1 **Nominations:** Team nominations must be received by the GFHASA Secretary on the team nomination form no later than the dates below.  
**State League: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September.**  
**Gaelic 7's: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October.**
- 1.2 **Names:** Team names must be approved by the GFHASA Committee.
- 1.3 **Uniform:** 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. Goalkeepers shall wear a distinctive jersey.
- 1.4 **Numbering:** Uniforms should have numbers between 1 and 25.
- 1.5 **Colour Clash:** Should there be a clash of colours between two teams, the GFHASA Committee shall direct one team to change to colours approved by the GFHASA Committee.  
**Fine: \$40 minimum for infringing this rule (RB).**
- 1.6 **Sponsorship:** Sponsorship is allowed on playing gear subject to the rules in the GFHA Australasia Official Guide (RB).
- 1.7 **Registration:** All players must complete a player registration form before they play their first game.  
**Penalty: For playing an unregistered player, \$100 fine and loss of the match (RB, BL).**

### 2. Fees

- 2.1 **Team Affiliation:** Each team must pay an affiliation fee as defined below.  
**State League: \$200**  
**Gaelic 7's: \$100**  
**Exception:** Teams participating in the State League competition, who have been in the competition for three or more seasons, that fail to supply a referee must pay double the affiliation fees (BL).
- 2.2 **Player Registration:** Each team must pay a **\$30 registration fee** for each player.
- 2.3 **Match Fees:** Each team must pay a match fee (approximately \$7 per player) as defined below.  
**State League: \$110**  
**Gaelic 7's: \$70**

- 2.4 **Forfeits:** The forfeiting team shall be liable to pay a forfeit fee as defined below. There is no fee for the opposition team (even if a scratch match is played).  
**State League: \$55 if notice given the previous day or earlier, otherwise full match fee.**  
**Gaelic 7's: \$35 if notice given the previous day or earlier, otherwise full match fee.**
- 2.5 **Fines:** The GFHASA reserve the right to charge team fines as outlined in this document.
- 2.6 **Teams in Debt:** Teams that owe significant amounts of money to the GFHASA will be liable for forfeiture of games and withdrawal from the competition.

### 3. Match Officials

- 3.1 **Goal Umpires/Linesman:** State League teams are required to supply 2 goal umpires and 1 linesman for the game immediately after their own (should there be one). Gaelic 7's teams are only required to supply 1 goal umpire (although two are recommended). Teams receive payments for each goal umpire/linesman as defined below.  
**State League: \$7**  
**Gaelic 7's: \$7**  
**Fine: \$10 per official not supplied.**
- 3.2 **Referees:** The Association supplies all referees, all of whom must have attended a referee's coaching course and received, or are undergoing, level 1 accreditation (BL). The referee receives payments as defined below.  
**Accredited Level 1 or higher: \$35**  
**Undergoing Level 1 accreditation: \$30**  
**Penalty: Teams that have been in State League competition for three or more years and have not supplied a referee will be liable to the loss of one premiership point per season, as well as the doubling of affiliation fees as described in 2.1 above.**
- 3.3 **Trainer:** A trainer will be present at all games. Players wishing to be strapped can have this done by the trainer with their team charged depending on the amount of tape used (between \$2 and \$6).
- 3.4 **Forfeits:** Only the referee shall be paid when a scratch match is played after a forfeit. Teams are not required to supply goal/umpires and linesman for a scratch match.

### 4. Playing Rules

- 4.1 **Number of Players:** Teams shall consist of players as defined below:  
**State League:** 13 players on the field and up to 6 reserves/interchange players. In men's football, a team may start and finish a game with a minimum of 11 players. In women's football, a team may start and finish a game with a minimum of 11 players. If both teams have sufficient players and agree, a match can be played as 15-a-side with 6 interchange players. However, if both teams have 18 or more players, the match must be played as 15-a-side unless the Hot Weather Policy is enforced (BL).  
**Gaelic 7's:** 7 players on the field and up to 4 reserves/interchange players. A team may start and finish a game with a minimum of 5 players.
- 4.2 **Starting Times:** Teams must take the field by the appointed start time. A team taking the field more than fifteen minutes after the appointed starting time shall be liable to forfeiture of the game in which case the game shall be awarded to the opposing team.  
**Fine: \$20 for every five minutes of part thereof. (RB)**
- 4.3 **Duration:** The playing time shall consist of two halves as defined below. An interval not exceeding ten minutes shall be allowed at half time following which

the teams shall change ends. In grand finals, the playing time will be extended by 5 minutes per half.

**State League:** 25 minutes

**Gaelic 7's:** 25 minutes

*Exception 1:* In the case of extreme heat and/or agreement of both teams, matches may be played as 4 quarters as defined in the GFHASA Hot Weather Policy.

*Exception 2:* A game starting more than 5 minutes late may be reduced by an equivalent time (i.e. A match starting 15 minutes late may be reduced by 5 minutes per half).

- 4.4 **Interchange:** There shall be no limit on the number of substitutions allowed. A substitution must be made through the linesman, only after a score or a wide. A substitution is not allowed in the case of a player ordered off and all substitutions must be from players on the official list furnished to the referee.  
*Exception:* A substitution may be made during a stoppage in play to replace an injured player after the player has been given permission by the referee.
- 4.5 **Team sheets:** Teams must submit team sheets to the referee no later than half time. The team sheet must clearly indicate the number of jersey worn by each player and must include full names. *It is essential that handwriting is clear and legible.*  
**Fine: \$50 for failing to provide a team sheet. (RB).**
- 4.6 **Runners:** Two runners per team are allowed on to the field of play during a game. They must not interfere with play or stay on the ground unnecessarily and must wear a bib to distinguish themselves from players.
- 4.8 **Rules:** All playing rules are as defined in the GFHA of Australasia Rule Book.  
Note: Handballing to yourself can only be used to avoid a defender and not as an alternative to a hand-to-toe to avoid the overcarrying/overholding rule.

## 5. Ladders & Finals

- 5.1 **Points:** A team will receive 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss (RB).
- 5.2 **Equal Points:** In the event that more than one team finishes on the same number of points, 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.
- 5.3 **Forfeits:** The forfeiting team receives 0 added to their "score for" and 20 added to their "score against". The opposing team receives 20 added to their "score for" and 0 added to their "score against", as well as 2 competition points for the win.
- 5.4 **Eligibility for finals:** To be eligible to play in the finals of a particular competition a player must have played in two matches during that competition.  
*Exception:* Where a season is split into two competitions, pre-Christmas and post-Christmas, a player can qualify for the post-Christmas finals if they have played a total of four preliminary matches during both competitions combined. (BL)
- 5.5 **Extra time in finals:** If scores are level at the end of normal time in a finals match, two five minute halves will be played. This will continue until there is a result.

## 6. Miscellaneous

- 6.1 **Competitions:** Players may play in both the State League and Gaelic 7's competitions. They may play for a State League team and a Gaelic 7's team subject to the agreement of the teams.
- 6.2 **Provisional Draw:** Where possible, a provisional draw will be sent to all teams for discussion. Every effort will be made to satisfy team requests for match days and/or times.
- 6.3 **Best Players:** Referees award best player votes (3,2,1) in all games with best players awarded at the GFHASA Presentation Night.

- 6.4 **Policies:** All teams and players must adhere to GFHASA policies (Anti-Discrimination and Harassment, Anti-Doping, Code of Ethics, Junior (underage), Member Protection, Racial and Religious Vilification and Sexual Relations). Refer to GFHASA website ([www.gaelicfootballsas.com.au](http://www.gaelicfootballsas.com.au)) for more information.
- 6.5 **Payment:** All payments are now to be made by cheque or electronically.  
***Fine: One premiership point per season for not paying by the due date unless discussed first with the state treasurer.***
- 6.6 **Bar Duties:** All teams will be rostered on designated nights to be responsible for the bar. Prior to the rostered night, the team will nominate a responsible person (known to the committee), who will be to be accountable for operations on that night, although anyone delegated by that team can be on the bar at any time.
- 6.7 **Goal kicking rule (Gaelic 7's only):** Teams will be limited to 5 goals per team per match. Any goals scored after the fifth goal, will be rewarded one point rather than three (with the exception of penalties).
- 6.8 **Changes:** The GFHASA Committee reserves the right to change any rule herein and is subject to change without notice.