



Gaelic Football and Hurling Association Of South Australia



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GAELIC 7's

new name – shorter season – new rules

The Gaelic 7's competition provides a fun, social mid-week opportunity to play Gaelic Football. It is an excellent introduction for new teams and players to the sport. The season extends from mid-November to early-February and games are played on Wednesday nights at St Mary's Park, St Mary's. Many State League players use this competition as practice for their weekend games, while new teams find it a great way to learn about Gaelic football.

After a trial of the 7-a-side format last year, the Gaelic 7's competition is being **reborn** as a permanent fixture on the Gaelic calendar.

This summer there will be a number of changes made to the way Gaelic football is administered in SA, with this year's state committee taking measures to modernise record keeping and club payments. The accompanying documents outline important information for all clubs such as Competition Rules and the Team Nomination Form. Please take note of the following important points, discussed in more detail in the attached documents.

- Nominations close – Sunday 18th October
- Season commences – Wednesday 18th November
- Grand Final – Wednesday 10th February

Team Fees

This year, clubs will be invoiced the full cost of the entire season in one total amount. This means the affiliation fees, match fees, player registrations and taping will all be combined into one total and become the responsibility of the team, rather than the individual player. The GFHASA has **not increased any of its fees this season**; it has just changed the way that they are paid. This year's total cost per team is:

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| Affiliation | \$100 |
| Taping | \$40 |
| Player Rego (12 players)* | \$360 |
| Match fees (7 games x \$60) | \$420 |
| Total | \$920 |

* Gaelic 7's teams from State League clubs will only pay for **four players'** registrations. This takes into account that most players will also have been registered as State League players. This reduces the total to: **\$680**

At the conclusion of the season, there will be a reconciliation of miscellaneous payments and fees. This will include player registrations (above and below), taping above and below \$40, payment for match officials, fines, reimbursement of forfeited games, finals match fees etc.

Payment

Payment will now only be accepted by **cheque or electronic transfer** e.g. internet banking. This is to ensure there is a record of all payments made to the GFHASA. It is not expected that clubs can pay this amount up-front, rather there will be dates set out when instalments are due. These will be:

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| Wed November 18 (round 1) | \$200 | (Teams also in State League) | (\$200) |
| Wed December 9 (round 4) | \$360 | | (\$240) |
| Wed January 20 (round 6) | \$360 | | (\$240) |

Failure to pay by the due dates (without first consulting the GFHASA Treasurer) will result in the loss of one premiership point per season.

Cheque payments can be made in person to:

Liz Tyack (Treasurer) – Irish Australians Blues
Karen Rankin (President) – Cougars
David Floreani (Vice President) – Western Ireland
Caitlin Shooter (Secretary) – Onkaparinga

Electronic transfers can be made into the GFHASA account (*please ensure you state your team name and code (Gaelic 7's or State League) clearly in the comment space and email the secretary to let them know you've paid*):

BSB 105 137 **Account** 0552 16240

Registration

All players are required to fill out a registration form **prior** to their first match (if they are not already registered in State League). Completed forms can be placed in the box marked *Registration* located on the bar at St Mary's. Teams are required to fill-out team sheets each game and players must play the designated number of games (see Season Rules) to be eligible for finals. *It is essential that handwriting is clear and legible when filling out forms.*

Match Officials

All teams are required to supply a minimum of one goal umpire for their game (but preferably two). *Please note that this is different than State League where clubs supply match officials for the game **after** theirs.* Teams are paid \$7 per official, but fined \$10 for each official they do not supply. This is no longer paid to individuals over the bar, rather it will now be credited to that person's team at the end of the season.

Referees

There is currently a major shortage of referees in the Gaelic 7's competition. This year qualified Level 1 referees will be paid \$35 per game, while other referees will receive \$30 per match. A refereeing course will be held on Saturday November 28. If you are interested, please contact Michelle O'Brien or any of the contacts below.

****New Team Start-up Package****

The Gaelic 7's competition is a great introduction to Gaelic football and can serve as a springboard for teams wanting to join the State League competition. To assist teams transferring competitions, there is now a *New Team Start-up Package*. Please see the attachment for more information or contact one of the people below.

****New Rule****

Gaelic 7's is a fast paced, shortened version of the full ground 15-a-side game. However because of the shortened pitch there is a predominance of goal kicking over points. It is felt by our state coaches and the GFHASA committee that this teaches new players bad habits and does not prepare players for the realities of State League and Australasian competition. With this in mind, **goals will be limited to five per team per game**. Goals kicked after the fifth goal will only receive 1 point on the scoreboard, rather than the usual three, with the exception of penalties, which will still receive 3 points.

The GFHASA committee understand that some of the changes mentioned above will require some adjustment from most clubs. Please understand that these changes are designed to simplify administering Gaelic football for both the state committee and clubs themselves. If there are any issues that need to be discussed or any further information required, please contact the people below.

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or see the website (www.gaelicfootballs.com.au)
and for urgent matters (such as forfeits) David Floreani – 0401 033 299