



Gaelic Football and Hurling Association Of South Australia



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STATE LEAGUE

The men's and women's state league competitions are the premier Gaelic football competitions in South Australia. Seasons extend from mid-October to mid-March, with the pre-Christmas champions winning the Jim Farnan (men) and Mna (women) Cups, while the post-Christmas winners take away the prestigious Hannigan (men) and Tom Finn (women) Cups. Games are played on either Friday nights or Sunday evenings at St Mary's Park, St Mary's. The best State League players are selected for the SA state teams that compete at the Australasian Championships held annually around Australia and New Zealand.

The 2009/2010 season will see a number of changes made to the way Gaelic football is administered in SA. This year's committee has taken measures to modernise record keeping and club payments. There is also going to be an emphasis on spreading the workload of running the competition between committee members and clubs.

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 - Friday 18th September
- Season commences – Friday 16th October
- Grand Finals – Sunday 7th March

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:

Affiliation	\$200
Taping	\$80
Player Rego (30 players)	\$900
Match fees (12 games x \$110)	\$1320
Total	\$2500

At the conclusion of the season, there will be a reconciliation of miscellaneous payments and fees. This will include player registrations above and below 30 players, taping above and below \$80, payment for match officials, fines, finals match fees, reimbursement of forfeited games 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:

Sunday October 18 (round 1)	\$200
Sunday November 15 (round 4)	\$800
Sunday January 17 (round 2)	\$800
Sunday February 14 (round 5)	\$700

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 clearly in the comment space and email the secretary letting them know you've paid*):

BSB 105 137 **Account Number** 0552 16240

Bar Duties

This summer *all teams will be rostered to take responsibility for the bar on designated nights*. With match and registration payments no longer being made across the bar, this task will be much simpler than in previous years. On average, each club will be rostered on for two nights during the summer, with the committee taking care of finals. Teams will nominate a responsible person (known to the committee) to be accountable for operations on that night, although anyone delegated by that team can be on the bar at any time. Responsibilities will include serving at the bar, opening up, closing down and performing a mini-stocktake.

The GFHASA will no longer supply food behind the bar, rather rostered teams will have the option of *supplying a food of their choice* (BBQ, chips, hotdogs, rolls, sandwiches etc) as a way of *raising money for their club*.

More information will be supplied to clubs by Bar Coordinator Michelle O'Brien closer to the season start.

Registration

All players are required to fill out a registration form **prior** to their first match. Completed forms can be placed in the box marked *Registration* located on the bar at St Mary's. Teams will still be 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 3 match officials for the game immediately following 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.

Referees

All State League teams that have been in the competition for more than three years must provide at least one referee this summer. Teams without a referee will incur a doubling (\$200) of their affiliation fees, as well as a deduction of one premiership point per season.

This year qualified Level 1 referees will be paid \$35, while other referees will receive \$30 per match. A refereeing course will be held on Sunday October 11. If you are interested, please contact Michelle O'Brien or any of the contacts below.

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)
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