

# VAF A TRANSFER PROCESSES 2010

## **Inward Transfers (Players coming into the VAF A)**

Players must fully complete the Permit Application Form, paying particular attention to the "Previous Registrations" section. All senior clubs the player has represented MUST be recorded. Leagues or Associations cannot refuse a transfer if the player falls into any of the following categories:

- I. A period of not less than 24 months has elapsed since a player last played with a club of any Australian Football competition.
- II. A player is a permanent member of the armed forces and is transferred in his duties to an area not less than 50 kilometres from his previous place of residence.
- III. A player becomes ineligible by reason of age to play with any team of such club.
- IV. A player is registered with a club which ceases to continue to field teams for which the player is eligible to play and provided that the former League confirms to AFL Victoria that such club has ceased to continue.

To process the player's transfer, complete the following:

- I. Process the player's transfer via the "Request a Clearance/Transfer" procedure on the membership database (see instructional sheet on VAF A website under "Publications & Media Guide").
- II. If the player or the player's former League, Association or Club does not appear in the search fields in the membership database (i.e. some interstate leagues), enter the player's name into the database, circle "NO" under "PROCESSED ONLINE" on the VAF A Permit Application Form and submit to the VAF A within the required timelines. The VAF A will process the transfer in these cases.
- III. The former League/Association will have 6 business days to respond from the day the clearance notification is processed. If the former League/Association does not respond within 6 days, the said League/Association shall have waived its right to refuse the clearance.
- IV. If a clearance is refused it is up to the player or club to resolve the issue with the player's former club. The player will not be eligible to play until the matter is resolved. If the matter cannot be resolved within a reasonable time frame, the matter shall be referred to the VAF A for further action.

**The VAF A will assess inward transfers individually and make a decision whether or not approve the transfer based on this assessment and its affect on the competition. (Rule 35 of the Articles of the Association – The VAF A Permit Committee shall be responsible to grant or refuse all applications for registration with the Association and permits to represent clubs in matches under the control of the Association)**

## **Outward Clearances (Players leaving the VAF A)**

Clubs will be notified via email when a transfer notification is processed by another club using Footyweb. Clubs have 6 business days to respond if they have any objection to the transfer. For transfers to leagues/associations not using Footyweb, the VAF A will notify clubs via email or fax when they are received. Objections can be based on the following criteria:

- I. The player is financially indebted to the club or is in possession of club property.
- II. The player wishes to withdraw their transfer application.

If a VAF A club has an objection to a transfer the player will not be eligible to play for the new club until the matter is resolved. Clubs must be able to verify their reason for the rejection on request. If a club is unable to verify their objection then the player's transfer

request may be approved. If you feel that the matter has not been sufficiently resolved and the player has been accepted by the new League/Association, please notify the VAFA (Jeremy Bourke) with your concerns.

### **Internal Clearances (VAFA to VAFA club transfers)**

Players must fully complete the Permit Application Form, paying particular attention to the "Previous Registrations" section. All VAFA to VAFA club transfers are to be completed using the online clearance system contained in the membership database. Clubs have 6 business days to respond if they don't have any objection to the transfer. Objections can be based on the following criteria:

- I. The player is financially indebted to the club or is in possession of club property.
- II. The player wishes to withdraw their transfer application

VAFA Clubs CANNOT refuse a transfer if the player has not played for the club within the previous three seasons.

**The VAFA will assess every VAFA to VAFA club transfer individually and make a decision whether or not approve the transfer based on this assessment and its affect on the competition. (Rule 35 of the Articles of the Association – The VAFA Permit Committee shall be responsible to grant or refuse all applications for registration with the Association and permits to represent clubs in matches under the control of the Association)**

### **Special Regulations Relating to Students**

A player who transfers to a club affiliated with the VAFA from a club affiliated to the VCFL (or vice-versa) to attend an educational institution on a full-time basis may, during official semester vacations / school holidays, receive a permit to play with his immediate former club, subject to the Student Interchange Form being fully completed and the processes outlined on the form adhered to. If the player requests a permit, they can only interchange with their nominated "interchange club" and no other for the permit's duration. The player cannot play for both their VCFL and VAFA club on the same weekend.

Permit applications must be received by July 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition and forms are available from the VAFA.