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We the People of the Australian Football Revolution Fantasy Football League (Hereafter AFR), in order to form a more perfect League, establish enjoyable competition, ensure entertainment for all members, provide for bragging rights throughout the off-season, promote friendships, and secure the Blessings of the Australian Football League to ourselves beyond just our own favourite team, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Australian Football Revolution Fantasy Football League.

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### **Article I: Responsibilities of the Commissioner(s)**

**SECTION 1** The AFR Fantasy Football League shall be operated and directed by the Commissioner (herein referred to as "The Commish"). If the Commish decides to retire a new Commish shall be appointed by the outgoing Commish in consultation with the League. Otherwise the Commish can only be removed from office by a majority challenge at the end of season review.

**SECTION 2** The Commish will uphold, protect, and abide by this constitution in every manner possible. The Commish shall also oversee the fair amendment process to the Constitution.

**SECTION 3** The Commish may server as Webmaster to the AFR site, maintaining a page to be updated at least once per week throughout the season. The site will contain information about each team, team owner, current ladder, fixtures, transactions, AFR history, weekly results, weekly line-ups and contact information for each owner.

**SECTION 4** Disparities or disagreements between owners within the League shall be brought to the Commish's attention. He or she will decide upon and be the final authority over the outcome of any dispute.

**SECTION 5** The Commish shall receive no salary, stipend, or other privilege for serving in this office.

### **Article II: Owners, Teams, Divisions, and Schedules**

**SECTION 1** Each league shall consist of ten teams without divisions.

**SECTION 2** Owners of each team will be decided by a general consensus. Owners are to be only those men and women who will dedicate themselves to the philosophy of the league, and to the camaraderie of the ownership thereof.

**SECTION 3** Owners shall declare a one to three word name for their team. It is suggested that the name is fitting to the owner, and clever in nature. Good taste is encouraged. The team will then be identified either by the ownership, leadership, geographical region or the afore-mentioned name in the reports of the Commish.

**SECTION 4** Each owner shall manage his or her own team. Owners are expected to be genuine advocates for their own team and its interests in winning each contest. Any suspicion by the Commish of intentional losing, collusion between teams, or purposeful monopolizing by a group of owners (e.g., trading all of the good players to one team so they can share the spoils later) if found to be true will result in heavy penalties from the league with no recourse to each owner involved.

**SECTION 5** Each team shall play every other team twice in the 18-week regular AFR Home & Away season which will coincide with Round 1 to Round 18 of the AFL season. Each team will play every other team once during the first 9 weeks and then again from weeks 10-18 so as to provide an accurate and balanced mid-point to the season, and to provide a fair and equitable Mid-Season Draft.

**SECTION 6** The AFR Schedule shall be determined by the Commish during the off-season. The finals format shall be the old McIntyre final five system that was used from 1972 – 1990. i.e.

Finals Week 1 (Round 19)	Qualifying Final – 2 <sup>nd</sup> vs. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Elimination Final – 4 <sup>th</sup> vs. 5 <sup>th</sup>
Finals Week 2 (Round 20)	1st Semi – 1 <sup>st</sup> vs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Winner 2nd Semi – 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> loser vs. 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Winner
Finals Week 3 (Round 21)	Preliminary Final – 1 <sup>st</sup> Semi Loser vs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semi Winner
Finals Week 4 (Round 22)	Grand Final – 1 <sup>st</sup> Semi Winner vs. Preliminary Final Winner

There will be a “Toilet Bowl” for the teams finishing 9th and 10th to be played in Round 19, purely for bragging rights.

### **Article III: Fees**

**SECTION 1** Fees may be charged after estimation of the costs involved with the basic running of the league. Every owner involved will be charged equally, and fees are charged to cover costs, not to make any profit.

### **Article IV: The Pre-Season Draft/De-listings**

**SECTION 1** Owners shall begin each season with 10 players plus the option of any two of the following combination:

- a) Veteran: 31 in the year of competition or older
- b) Rising Star: turning 21 or younger in the year of competition, having played 9 AFL games or less in previous seasons
- c) Project Player: having played 9 games or less in the previous AFL Home and Away season only.

This rule is to allow teams to safely risk holding onto players that may retire, to encourage the development of young talent on rosters, and to allow teams to hold onto players who are short-term liabilities.

**SECTION 2** Roster slots shall be filled by a Draft at the beginning of the season, on a date established by the Commish after consultation with owners. The Draft shall be scheduled on the weekend between the AFL Pre-season Competition Final and the Opening Round of the Official AFL Season, unless in extraordinary circumstances the Commish deems it necessary to hold it at a more convenient time.

**SECTION 3** The Draft order shall be decided by reversing the finishing order of the previous year for each round.

**SECTION 4** The Draft shall be headquartered by the Commish at a location he or she sees fit. The Commish shall operate the draft with owners in person, online or by telephone hook-up.

**SECTION 5** During any Draft, each owner will have a pre-determined time limit in which to make his or her choice. Anyone who is late for the draft or misses other rounds due to exceeding time limits will draft after the final round to complete his or her team's roster.

**SECTION 6** Once Draft positions are released, they may be traded to other owners during the off-season for players and/or other draft picks with the proviso that at the conclusion of the following

pre-season draft they have had enough players and draft picks to select a full 23 player roster. For example, at the start of each off-season you may begin with 12 players & 11 draft picks, and therefore have access to 23 players at the end of the pre-season draft. This access to the sum of 23 players must be maintained.

**SECTION 7** At the conclusion of the season each team will be asked to submit a list of their de-listed players one week after the AFL Grand Final.

**SECTION 8** Owners may announce their de-listings at any time from the conclusion of the season until one week after the AFL Grand Final. Until the de-listing date one week after the AFL Grand Final and the subsequent de-listings there will be no trades of any sort allowed. If there is a failure to submit a complete and valid de-list by the date specified the owners of the teams will either lose their second round draft picks for the following year and/or will be penalized by having their previous final line-up used as their delist submission at the discretion of the Commish. If after notification of such a penalty there is continued delay, further penalties may be applied at the discretion of the Commish.

**SECTION 9** Future draft picks may be used in trades, but there must be a one-to-one correspondence in draft picks traded to the limit of one year in advance. Conditional picks for years further than one year in advance are allowed if detailed correctly.

## **Article V: Trading, the Mid-Season Draft and Injuries**

**SECTION 1** Owners may trade players with other owners at any time from the End of Season Delist through to the week before Round 14 of the Home and Away season. After the first AFL game of Round 14 starts, the trading period is over. At that time AFR rosters are frozen until the de-listing.

**SECTION 2** Each team can only carry a maximum of 23 players on their roster at all times. If a trade results in a lopsided number of players i.e. 2 players for 1, then there must be immediate de-listings for the resultant roster that will then contain 23+ players, such that the number of players on the roster is reduced to 23. However, if a lopsided trade results in a team having less than 23 players, this under-manned roster will be allowed up to a minimum of 10 players. Any lopsided trades which would result in the number of players on a roster being below 10 players will be disallowed.

**SECTION 3** Owners may acquire players that were undrafted in the pre-season draft through the Mid-season Draft, which will occur at the conclusion of Round 9.

**SECTION 4** At the conclusion of Round 9 all franchises will have the opportunity to de-list as many players as they like and enter into the Mid-season Draft whose order will be based on a reversing of the current ladder positions. The Commish must be notified by the nominated time specified on the website as to whether owners will be involved. No delists will be accepted after the nominated time on the website. The new "free agents" will then be listed and the draft conducted during the week at an evening via telephone, online or in person, as the Commish sees fit to organize.

**SECTION 5** Each team will participate in as many rounds of the Draft as they need to in order to finish with 23 players on their roster. Thus, some teams may be involved in multiple rounds of drafting, while others may not participate at all. Any lopsided rosters may at this time be restored to the full 23 player level.

**SECTION 6** To provide a fair and equitable Mid-Season Draft each team must submit a line-up for Round 9. Failure to submit a valid line-up will result in a loss of the team's first round mid-season draft pick.

**SECTION 7** Injuries are a part of the game. There is no provision for any team who are suffering from multiple injury concerns to gain access to the pool of undrafted players. The only option to replace players is by trading with another franchise.

**SECTION 8** The finals will begin in Round 19 of the AFL's Home and Away season. In case of two teams finishing with the same Home and Away season record in the standings, the finishing order will be determined by these factors in this order: 1. total points scored during the Home and Away season; 2. head-to-head record; 3. head-to-head differential; 4. coin toss. In the case of a tied finals game, the

winner shall be decided by these factors in this order: 1. Home and Away season record; 2. total points scored during the Home and Away season; 3. head-to-head record; 4. head-to-head differential; 5. coin toss.

## Article VI: Line-ups

**SECTION 1** Each owner is responsible for entering a Starting Line-up from its roster to start each week. The Line-ups will consist of:

Number of Players	Position	Scoring
1	Key Forward	6 Points Per Goal, 1 Points Per Behind, 1 Point Per Mark
1	Forward	6 Points Per Goal, 1 Points Per Behind
1	Centre	1 Point Per Kick, 1 Point Per Handball
2	Midfield	1 Point Per Kick
1	Rover	1 Point Per Handball
1	Tagger	2 Points Per Tackle
1	Back	1.5 Points Per Rebound 50
1	Key Back	1.5 Points Rebound 50, 1 Point Per Mark
1	Ruck	0.5 Points Per Hit Out

**SECTION 2** All line-ups must be turned in before the first game of the following weekend commences.

**SECTION 3** For games which start earlier in the weekend, owners must turn in any players they are starting from the teams playing in those games before the games start. Otherwise they will have to select their starters from the remaining players who are yet to play.

**SECTION 4** If an owner knows they will be absent or unable to adjust for late withdrawals of starting players during a weekend they may submit an "Bench player." Once the Round commences with a Bench player named the line-up is frozen with none of the normal adjustments possible. Then, in the case where there is a late withdrawal, the Bench comes into play and will score in whichever position is vacated. If more than one player withdraws, the Bench player will take the place of the first player to withdraw chronologically. If the multiple withdrawals happen in the same game, the Commish will exercise his or her unbiased discretion in determining the makeup of the line-up.

**SECTION 5** Failure to enter a line-up by the deadline shall result in the automatic carry-over of the previous week's line-up.

**SECTION 6** If in the communication of the line-up is in anyway confusing or obscure it will result in the automatic carry-over of the previous week's line-up.

**SECTION 7** During the Draft and throughout the season, owners are responsible for deadlines, and for knowing who is hurt or not playing, and shall not ask the Commish for pity, advice, or special allowances to rectify mistakes made due to a lack of owner knowledge.

## Article VII: Scoring

**SECTION 1** A team's score will be a sum of the scores by each individual player from the starting line-up reported for that particular week. The team's total score will be compared to the opposing team's total score to determine a winner.

**SECTION 2** Scoring will run as outlined in our scoring system.

**SECTION 3** A tie is a tie during the home and away season. There will be no tiebreaker

**SECTION 4** AFL Statistics will be used for scoring purposes in this League.

### **Article VIII: League Environment**

**SECTION 1** Owners should not be involved in this League just to boost ego, but to enjoy the competition, the football season, and the camaraderie.

**SECTION 2** Owners are encouraged to regularly harass each other good naturedly, especially with posts to the entire league via the Facebook group. Good naturedly is the key word here. Any harassment other than good-natured Trash-talk will not be tolerated by the Commish.

### **ARTICLE IX: Ratification and Amendments**

The Ratification of the Owners of the ten teams shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution between the Ownership of the teams of the AFLR so ratifying the same.

The ratification of this Constitution by the Unanimous Consent of the owners will bind all the owners of the league.

Amendments to this Constitution of the AFR proposed by the individual owners during the off-season to the Commish shall be ratified by a majority of owners. Amendments shall be changed within the constitution.