



## Mount Isa AFL League

### Local By-Laws – 2026 Season

**Governing Body:** AFL Queensland

**Parent Document:** AFL Queensland Community Competitions Rules & Procedures 2026

**Effective Date:** 2026 Season

**Adopted Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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#### I. Authority

These Local By-Laws are adopted by the Mount Isa AFL League under the authority granted to affiliated competitions by AFL Queensland.

These by-laws supplement or vary AFL Queensland rules were permitted for local competition management.

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#### II. Purpose of Amendment

The purpose of these amendments is to establish competition rules tailored specifically to the operational, logistical, and participation requirements of the Mount Isa AFL League.

These by-laws apply **only to the Mount Isa AFL League competition** and are designed to:

- Ensure fair and consistent competition management
- Address local conditions including travel, player availability, and club capacity
- Provide clear financial, administrative, and match-day expectations for participating clubs

These amendments do not apply to other AFL Queensland competitions and operate strictly as **local competition by-laws**.

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#### III. Proposed Changes

The following amendments constitute the adopted local by-laws for the Mount Isa AFL League for the 2026 season. These provisions are to be read in conjunction with the AFL Queensland Community Competitions Rules & Procedures 2026 and apply specifically to the administration and operation of the Mount Isa AFL League competition.

## 5. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

### 5.2 Season Dates

- (b) Mount Isa League will communicate the Season dates by no later than 6 weeks before the season starts.

### 5.7 Club and Player registration fees and charges



- (c) With respect to Affiliate League Competitions, each Affiliate League will determine the fee structure for the upcoming Season in every level of Competition it administers. (Fee being \$3000 per club).
- (d) Where a Club has outstanding fees payable to the Mount Isa AFL League:
  - (i) If full payment of Club Season Fees cannot be made by Round 3, the Club must have paid a minimum of \$1,500.00 by that date and may enter into an approved payment plan, provided the Club has contacted the League prior to Round 3;
  - (ii) All Club Season Fees must be paid in full by 31 July 2026. Any Club with outstanding fees beyond this date will not be awarded Premiership Points for matches played until such time as the outstanding balance is paid in full; and
  - (iii) Any Club with outstanding fees at the commencement of the Finals Series will forfeit its ladder position and will be ineligible to participate in finals. In such circumstances, the Club's position shall be awarded to the next eligible Club on the ladder, with all other Clubs adjusted accordingly.

## **7. Game Delays & Forfeits (Mount Isa AFL League)**

### **7.3 Game Delays**

- (b) Where a Team is not ready to commence the match at the scheduled start time, the following shall apply:
  - (i) If the delay is between five (5) and twenty (20) minutes from the scheduled start time, the Team responsible for the delay will incur Penalty Units.  
**(Penalty Units – 1)**
  - (ii) If the delay exceeds twenty (20) minutes, the match will be deemed a forfeit, and the responsible Team will incur Penalty Units.  
**(Penalty Units – 2)**
- (c) Where both Teams are responsible for a delayed start, the League may apportion penalty points at its discretion.
- (d) The League may, at its discretion, vary or waive penalties where exceptional circumstances exist, including but not limited to:
  - (i) travel delays outside the control of the Club; or
  - (ii) unforeseen circumstances reasonably preventing timely arrival; and
  - (iii) any such circumstances must be reported to the League prior to or as soon as practicable after the scheduled match start time.

### **7.4 Match Forfeit**

- (a) For the purposes of finals qualification, all teams must ensure team sheets are submitted in accordance with League requirements, regardless of match completion.



- (i) Should a Team forfeit a Match, the Club will incur Penalty Units, applied to the forfeiting team.  
(Penalty Units – 2)
- (e) Any Team that forfeits multiple matches during the season may be subject to further review by the League Committee, including potential competition sanctions.
- (g) A match shall be deemed forfeited where a Teams:
  - (i) fails to field the minimum required number of players; or
  - (ii) exceeds the allowable delay threshold under Clause 7.3(b)(ii).

### **7.7 Team Lists / Team Sheets**

- (a) Submission Requirements
  - (i) Prior to every Match, each Team must submit their Team List via PlayHQ.
  - (ii) Submission deadline - Saturday Matches: no later than twenty (20) minutes prior to the scheduled start time;
- (b) Team Sheet Requirements
  - (i) Each Team must provide a Team Sheet to the Field Manager no later than twenty (20) minutes prior to Match commencement.
  - (ii) Team Sheets must:
    - (A) Accurately list all participating players;
    - (B) Only include players present and eligible to participate.
  - (iii) A Player not listed on the Team Sheet is not permitted to participate in the Match.
  - (iv) Team Size (Local Variation)
    - (A) Teams must field:
      - (I) A minimum of fourteen (14) players;
      - (II) A maximum of twenty-two (22) players.
    - (B) Teams may agree prior to the Match to play with adjusted numbers, provided the minimum of fourteen (14) players is maintained.
    - (C) Where no agreement is reached the difference in player numbers must not exceed two (2) players.
    - (D) For the avoidance of doubt, where one Team names twenty-two (22) players and the opposing Team names fourteen (14) players, the Match shall be played as fourteen (14) versus sixteen (16).
    - (E) Emergency Players
      - (I) Teams may list up to four (4) Emergency Players.



- (II) Emergency Players may only participate if replacing a listed player in accordance with League approval.

- (i) Compliance

- (i) All Team Lists and Team Sheets must be accurate and complete.
- (ii) Any falsification may result in sanctions at the discretion of the League, including:
  - (A) allocation of penalty points;
  - (B) loss of Premiership Points; or
  - (C) further disciplinary action.

### 7.11 Apparel

- (c) Uniform Requirements (Local Variation)

- (i) All Teams must ensure that players wear matching or substantially similar playing jerseys that clearly identify the Club.
- (ii) Clubs are required to be compliant with this requirement no later than Round 3 of the season.
- (iii) Where a player takes the field not wearing the approved or matching Club jersey, the Club will incur a financial penalty.  
**(Financial Penalty - \$50.00 per non-compliant player)**
- (iv) The League may, at its discretion, approve temporary variations to uniform requirements where exceptional circumstances exist.

### 7.3 Admission to Grounds

- (a) Admission prices for Matches conducted by the Mount Isa AFL League for the 2026 season are as follows (These admission prices apply to all Matches unless otherwise determined by the League):
  - (i) Adults – five dollars (\$5.00); and
  - (ii) Persons under the age of sixteen (16) – free entry.

## 8. Officials

### 8.1 Club Volunteer Requirements (Local Variation)

- (a) Each Club is responsible for providing the following volunteers for Matches conducted by the Mount Isa AFL League:
  - (i) one (1) Goal Umpire; and
  - (ii) one (1) Boundary Umpire.
- (b) Clubs must supply volunteers for Matches in which their Team is not participating, in accordance with the League fixture and volunteer roster



- (c) The allocation of volunteer duties will operate on a rotating basis. For example:
- Game 1: Team A vs Team B → volunteers supplied by Team C and Team D;
  - Game 2: Team C vs Team D → volunteers supplied by Team A and Team B.
- (d) In addition to umpiring duties, Clubs are required to fulfil rostered responsibilities as determined by the League, including but not limited to:
- (i) scoreboard operation;
  - (ii) ground setup; and
  - (iii) pack down of Legends Oval.
- (e) Where a Club fails to provide the required number of volunteers for any Match, the Club will incur Penalty Units being issued  
**(Penalty Units – 1 per missing volunteer)**
- (f) The League may, at its discretion, reallocate duties or waive penalties in exceptional circumstances.

#### **8.4 Umpires**

- (a) Umpire allocations: refer to clause variation 8.1
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#### **IV. Scope and Application**

These Local By-Laws apply exclusively to the Mount Isa AFL League competition for the 2026 season and must be read in conjunction with the AFL Queensland Community Competitions Rules & Procedures 2026.

Where any inconsistency arises, these Local By-Laws will apply to the extent permitted under AFL Queensland regulations.

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#### **V. Approval and Adoption**

These Local By-Laws were duly adopted by the Mount Isa AFL League Committee and take effect from the commencement of the 2026 season.

##### **Approved by:**

President: **Jayden Barker & Rachel England** Date: **30/04/2026**

Secretary: **Jessica Burton & Nicholas Burton** Date: **30/04/2026**

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#### **VI. Review and Amendment**

These By-Laws will be reviewed at the conclusion of the 2026 season or as required. Any further amendments must be approved by the Mount Isa AFL League Committee.

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