



## **AFL VICTORIA BEST PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLAYER / CLUB CONTRACTING**

AFL Victoria believes it is in the best interests of both Players and Clubs to ensure that any arrangements between Players and Clubs in community football are certain, enforceable and fair.

The purpose of this document is to set out a non-exhaustive list of matters that AFL Victoria recommends both Clubs and Players consider when determining the arrangements for the provision of playing services to community Clubs.

### **AFL Victoria recommendations:**

- Any agreement or arrangement between a Player and a Club to provide playing services should be set out in writing and signed by both the Player and an authorised representative of the Club.
- Any agreement or arrangement for the provision of playing services by a Player to a Club should be between the Club and the individual Player, rather than a company or trust associated with the Player.
- Any amendments to an agreement or arrangement should be set out in writing and signed by the Player and an authorised representative of the Club.
- Clubs should seek to avoid paying 'sign on' fees or other upfront incentives to a Player.
- All payments to a Player in relation to a particular Season should be paid shortly before, during or shortly after that Season.

If any Club or Player wishes to discuss any of the recommended best practices set out above, they can contact:

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