**AREA AGREEMENT – 2014**

**An agreement between the BENDIGO JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC. (BJFL) and the LODDON VALLEY FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE INC (LVFNL)**

**1.0 AREA AGREEMENT:**

This agreement has been signed pursuant to the AFL Victorian Country Rules and Regulations pertaining to clearances and permits and in particular clause 2.10 whereby an interchange of players between Clubs of the above-mentioned Leagues may take place without clearance and is subject to any provisions contained within this agreement.

**2.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

* 1. That this Agreement is in force for the current season only with the agreement to be signed off at the start of the year. Copies to be held by each League and club secretary.
  2. That the players involved desire to play with the club in the other League on the day in question.

**2.3** That the Clubs involved are agreeable to the players playing on the day in question.

**2.3** That the players and clubs concerned are acquainted with AFL Vic Country Regulation 2.0 regarding permits.

**2.4** That all relevant persons complete a current permit form, and that this form is submitted to the league administration prior to the player playing their first permit game. Failure to do so may result in a penalty as deemed appropriate by league administration.

**2.5** **That all available Club registered players are selected before permit players can receive an endorsement to play.**

**3. NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

**3.1** An LVFNL player may be granted a maximum of eight (8) area permits by their club to play in the BJFL during the BJFL home and away season, provided that they meet any age requirement of the BJFL.

**3.2** Oncea player has played in the senior grade of the LVFNL during the current season, then that player is ineligible to apply for any further permits to play in the BJFL competition during that season. This means that the player’s initial permit application form is no longer valid for the remainder of the season. (NOTE: the senior grade does **not** include any reserves games)

Permits can be issued if there are no more than **20 players listed (including permit players) on their relevant team sheet**. Players may play TWO games per weekend but only ONE per day

**3.3** A BJFL player will NOT be limited in the number of area permits to play in the LVFNL under 17 competition during the LVFNL home and away season. However, if this player participates in the Under 16 Division 1 competition then this player WILL be limited to a maximum of eight (8) match permits for the home and away season.

Permits can be issued if there are no more than **20 players listed (including permit players) on their under 17 team sheet**. Players may play TWO games per weekend but only ONE per day

**3.4** Each LVFNL team is only permitted to play a maximum of **SIX** permit players in any one match.

**3.5** Each BJFL team is only permitted to play a maximum of **FOUR** permit players in any one match.

**4. TRANSFERS**

**4.1** Transfers of players between the above-mentioned Leagues shall be as outlined in AFL Victoria Country regulation 1.0 and specifically regulation 1.9 (closing date for clearances and permits).

That is, a transfer request must be submitted before the 1st July in the current season.

**4.2** Match day permits are not subject to the same cut-off date as a transfer and may be applied for anytime during the home and away season.

**4.3** If a player transfers from the BJFL, they are not eligible to play on permits in the BJFL for the remainder of the season. In exceptional circumstances, a player may apply in writing to the BJFL Executive for permission to play on permit back in the BJFL after being transferred under 4.1 above.

**5. REPORTED PLAYERS**

A player playing on permit who is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League in which the offence was committed. Any penalty that is imposed shall apply in all competitions.

**6. FINALS PERMITS.**

Match day permits may be issued for BJFL players to play in the under 17 competition of the LVFNL provided:

* They have played four (4) games with the relevant LVFNL club prior to 19 July 2014 - and
* the permit player has played no more than eight (8) games in the BJFL under 16 division 1competition during the home and away season.
* If permit players are used in the finals series then that club will be limited to a maximum of four (4) permit players for each finals game.

**NO** permits are to be issued for LVFNL players to participate in the BJFL finals series.