



DAFL Premier League Tournament Regulations 2018

This document must be available for all to read on match day.

1. General

- 1.1 These rules are to be read in association with the “Laws of Australian Football (DAFL) 2017” and the constitution of the Danish Australian Football League (DAFL).
- 1.2 The interpretation and application of these rules shall be at the discretion of the DAFL Tournament Committee.
- 1.3 Unless otherwise stated, the penalty for a breach of any of these rules shall be the forfeiture of the match(es) concerned and the accompanying penalties that a forfeit carries as defined in the “Laws of Australian Football (DAFL) 2017”.
- 1.4 Apart from the provisions stated in rule 4.2.4. Clubs may not mutually agree to break or bend these rules within the confines of a match. The penalty for doing so will be that both sides shall forfeit the match.

2. Competition Format

- 2.1 The competing clubs in the Premier League must play each other at least once during the home and away season. Preferably each team shall play each other team twice, once at each team's home ground. However, this may be adjusted according to the number and geographic location of the teams, and the best interests of the competition.
 - 2.1.1 Teams may change venue, times and dates of games if they mutually agree to do so. Any changes have to be sent to “DAFL PL club contact” facebook group no later than 1 week before. When changes to the fixture occur, the clubs might have to organize all the umpires themselves.
- 2.2 At the end of the season, the highest finishing teams shall play off in a series of finals matches to decide the premiership. A final 4 system will be in place:
Week 1 – Qualifying Final: 1st v 4th
Elimination Final: 2nd v 3rd
Week 2 – Grand Final: winner QF v winner EF
with the highest placed team during the home and away season choosing the field to be used (with TC approval) in all finals matches
- 2.3 All finals, including the Grand Final, shall be played at the ground preferred by the team coming from the higher position, subject to approval by the DAFL Tournament Committee. This position is subject to prior finals. For example, if the team which finished second wins the Qualifying Final, they shall have home ground preference even if the first team wins through to the Grand Final.



3. Match Duration and breaks.

- 3.1 Games will be 4 x 20 minutes long with breaks after the 1st and 3rd quarters to be 5 minutes and half time being 10 minutes.

During the home&away season the quarters will be 20 minutes without time on. The Finals will be 20 minutes quarters with time on

4. Number of players

- 4.1 The 2018 season will be a 12 a side tournament, but with the opportunity to play games down to 9 aside
- 4.1.1 Teams have always the right to have at least two players on the interchange unless they only have 9 or 10 players on the team sheet.
- 4.1.2 If a team during the game fall lower than 9 players on the field, the opposing teams still have the right to field nine.
- 4.2 If, at the commencement of a match, a team cannot field at least 9 players, then it shall forfeit that match. A team can lend guest players from other clubs, but 7 must be the teams own players.
- 4.2.1 When a team has guest players they are allowed to have a maximum of 14 players total on their team list.
- 4.2.2 A team using guest players may not have more players on the list than a team using no guest players.
- 4.2.3 If both teams use guest players, then a team may only have 1 more than it's opponent.
- 4.2.4 Teams must make it public to the "DAFL PL club contact" facebook group at least 3 days prior to the start of the match, if their team has less than 14 players.
- 4.2.5 When picking between available guest-players, the priority-order must be:
- a. Players coming from other teams than the opposition.
 - b. Players with least playing experience.
 - c. Youngest player.
- 4.2.6 All rules regarding guest players may be varied with the agreement of both clubs. The DAFL Tournament Committee can decide in each case, if the match-result and scores will stand.
- 4.3 A player listed on the team list must take the field during a match in order to be credited with having played the game. Each team must ensure that a listed player who did not take the field is crossed off the list after the game.



5. Australian Players

- 5.1 For the purposes of these rules, an Australian player is defined as one who lived in Australia for more than half of the time between his 10th and 16th birthdays or any player who has played AFL in Australia for at least one game per season for more than two years.
- 5.2 Australians may be de-classified by the DAFL committee and can play outside the Australian player limit, if the player, never played Australian football in Australia or is 38 years or older, or has lived in Den/Swe for a consecutive 36 months.
- 5.2.1 The TC approves de-classifications according to the 5.2. The TC can overrule a de-classification if a club is deemed taking advantage, the TC should take the sustainability of the sport in Denmark/Sweden in consideration at any de-classification decision.
- 5.3 The maximum number of Australian players on the field shall be one-third of the number of players on the field in any particular match. You may have unlimited Australians on the bench, though still maximum 18 players on the team-sheet in total.
- 5.4 For an Australian player to represent a particular club in the finals series, he must have played at least two Premier League matches for that club - not counting games played as a guest.
- 5.5 Australian players who are first registered after the half-way mark (half the number of games) of the current season may miss a maximum of one of his club's remaining games in order to be eligible for that club in the finals.
- 5.5.1 If the players own team forfeits a game; the game will be counted as the player did not play that game
- 5.5.2 If an opposition team forfeits a game; the game should be counted as the player did play that game.
- ## **6. Player Eligibility**
- 6.1 All DAFL players must correctly fill out and sign a DAFL Player Registration Form.
- 6.2 The form shall be valid for the current season from the date that it is signed, or in the case of players under 18 years of age, until the player's 18th birthday if only a parent or guardian has signed the form.



- 6.3 All forms must be sent to itl@mac.com and cyril.marsault@gmail.com as a scanned document or readable picture. Membership forms should (after they have been copied and sent) be kept and stored with the club. If the form is either invalid or not submitted, that player shall be ineligible until a valid form is sent in. Players, who have been registered in previous seasons need only send their form if they change team. A new form must, however, be filled and stored at the club to be shown on request by officials on match day.
- 6.4 A person must be at least 15 years old to play in an open-age DAFL match.
- 6.5 No player may transfer from one club to another after the half way mark (half the number of games) of the season and before the completion of the season.
- 6.6 A player registered for a particular club may make a guest appearance for another club subject to rules of 4.2.
- 6.7 In order to play for a particular club in the finals, a player must be registered and have played at least two matches for that club during the home and away season. New/first season local/3rd country players are exempt from this rule.
- 6.8 A club is not allowed to use a touring club's players unless the opposition team agrees. Failure to do so, will result in a forfeit

7. Umpires and Officials

- 7.1 The DAFL Tournament Committee will organize field umpires; umpire payments will be as Follows, for one field umpire will be 300 DKK plus travel, as for 2 field umpires the payment will be 200 DKK each plus travel.
- 7.2 The DAFL Tournament Committee will organize Goal Umpires and Timekeeper, and pay them 100 DKK (plus travel) for all finals.
- 7.3 The DAFL Tournament Committee will organize Boundary Umpires, and pay them 100 DKK (plus travel) for the Grand Final.
- 7.4 The DAFL Tournament Committee will not organise boundary or goal umpires or timekeeper/scorer for home and away matches, this is up to the clubs. The field umpire may opt to be the timekeeper but never as the scorekeeper. In triple- or double-headers the teams sitting out must help.

8. Match Result

- 8.1 Each pair of clubs shall play each other a predetermined number of times throughout the home-and-away season. The total number of match points awarded across all games shall be 8. From this follows that 1 match equals 4 points.
- 8.2 In a drawn match, each club shall receive half the points.



9. Best and Fairest Awards

- 9.1 At the conclusion of each home and away match, the field umpire(s) shall award one set of votes (1 set= 5-4-3-2-1). In case of two umpires they must agree on this.
- 9.2 The votes shall be counted at the end of the season. The player with the most votes shall be awarded the Best and Fairest Award.
- 9.3 If multiple players share the most amounts of votes, then they shall each receive the award.
- 9.4 No guest player may receive votes and his goals are not included in the leading goalkicking award. Does not apply to a loaned player playing against his own club.
- 9.5 A player who has been suspended during the season can not be awarded best and fairest.

10. Match Day Responsibilities

- 10.1 The home club shall be responsible for providing all match documents including a copy of this document, Laws of Australian Football (DAFL), red/yellow cards, stopwatch and whistle(s) for a match. Documents include team list, goal umpires' cards, umpire voting card, umpire report forms.
It's strongly recommended that each club provide their own medical kit to take care of their own players.
- 10.2 Field umpires shall be responsible for ensuring that all match documents are filled out before and after the match.
- 10.3 The home club shall be responsible for ensuring that all match documents are e-mailed to itl@mac.com and cyril.marsault@gmail.com before 22.00 on the day of the match. In the case of the home club playing away from home, the club who has home ground on the field that is played on is responsible for this. If no club has home ground on the field, it is again the home club that has the responsibility

11. Facilities for Grand Finals

- 11.1 When a club has won the right to have the Grand Final at their ground, the DAFL Tournament Committee will inform them of anything that needs to be in place for the day. It must be expected that the club will be required to put in more work, than for other games.