



AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY PLAYERS APPEAL INTENTION TO OPPOSE APPEAL DEFENDING CLUB FORM

The Football Club **will/will not** be defending the appeal against the refusal of the clearance lodged by the player

Please refer to AFL Victoria Country Regulation 7.4 Appeals Against Refused Clearances - Players.

7.4.3 (a) states:

- (a) Prior to determining the appeal, the club requesting the transfer and the **club opposing the transfer** shall, within the time specified by the Area Appeal Committee, lodge with the relevant Area Manager, or his appointed deputy of the relevant Area, written submissions which contain:-
 - (i) any facts, reasons and arguments concerning the Transfer Application and the appeal; and
 - (ii) any other matters which they desire to be taken into account by the Area Appeal Committee in determining the appeal.
- (b) The relevant Area Manager shall as soon as practicable distribute the written submissions to the Area Appeals Committee.
- (c) The Area Appeal Committee:-
 - (i) shall consider and determine the matter before it in an unbiased manner;
 - (ii) is not bound by the rules of evidence or by practices and procedures applicable to courts of record, but may inform itself as to any matter in any such manner as it thinks fit;
 - (iii) may grant or deny the transfer and make such orders and give such directions in such manner as it thinks fit.
- (d) The Area Appeal Committee shall not be obliged to give reasons for its decision.

It is understood that should the defendant club fail to lodge its:

- (i) **Intention to Oppose Appeal – Defending Club Form** along with the sum of \$250 for costs of the appeal and a further sum of \$500 (Senior) \$250 (Junior) with the Area Manager within 48 hours of being notified of the Appeal details by the Area Manager (or his appointed Co-ordinator), (this form must be received by the Football Development Manager by 5:00pm on

AND

If the current Club does not, within the prescribed time, lodge an opposing notice or pay the required amounts, the player's clearance must be granted by the relevant Football Development Manager without the Area Appeal Committee considering the appeal. In that event, the current club shall be fined \$150 payable to AFL Victoria Country within 10 days of the date of Notice of Appeal with all monies to be refunded to the appellent.

In all cases in reference to the applicable time lines, the Football Development Manager (or his appointed deputy) shall determine the date and time for lodgement of the Form and Bond, as the case may be.

Signed: Dated:/...../.....

Return this form to Football Development Manager / Appeals Coordinator:

Received by Football Development Manager / Appeals Coordinator on
..... at (time)

Signed: (Football Development Manager / Appeals Coordinator)