

Player Contracts

It is not a requirement that a club contract is required to facilitate a registration to play in the EFL

However a player when registering with a club may choose to commit to a club to register to play with that club under a certain set of conditions by signing a contract. These conditions generally include a payment being made to the player and a term of the contract. The standard contract that we have provided for use by clubs, when properly completed and lodged with a player registration and transfer form, is legally binding.

When a contract is signed the arrangement is one between the player and the club. The EFL or any other league cannot register a player with one club when they are aware that there exists a contract binding that player to play with another.

If a player seeks to change clubs before the expiration of the contract they will need to negotiate the termination of the contract.

Recommendations to any player signing a contract

- Make certain that you have read the terms of the contract.
- If you are unsure seek the advice of third party as to the commitment you and the club are making to each other.
- If there are any special conditions that you require in that contract negotiate them before signing and make certain that they are noted in the contract.
- Ensure that you have a copy of the contract and that this signed by both parties.
- Ensure that any condition in the contract is clearly explained to you by the club providing the contract.



EASTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
STANDARD PLAYING CONTRACT
PLAYER COPY/CLUB COPY

This contract is made between _____ (“the player”)
(*Players name – Print*)

and the _____ Football Club (“the club”) as a member
(*Club name*)

club of the Eastern Football League (“the league”) dated ____ / ____ / 20____.

The contract is relevant for the following playing season(s) _____
(*please indicate – e.g. 2005 & 2006*)

In accordance with the information on the reverse of this page, the following details set out the payment details from the club to the player as a return for services associated with the club.

N.B.: The club reserves the right to impose a financial penalty on the player for any breaches of the contract conditions.

Complete as per agreement reached

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| | \$ | |
| Base salary: | _____ | (Payment per season regardless of matches played) |
| Match payments: | _____ | (Per senior match played) |
| | _____ | (Per reserves match played) |
| Other information: | _____ | (Details): |
| | _____ | |
| | _____ | |
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Manner and dates for payment (e.g. Annual payment prior to AGM, after each home match etc).

The player must comply with the following obligations:

The club and player acknowledge that this contract has been entered into in good faith. The contract shall commence on the date of signing by both parties and shall terminate on the 31st day of October in the final year referred to above.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (as at the date indicated at the top of this page)

The Player (signature)

For and on behalf of the club by its duly authorised officer

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Signature

Print name

Signature

Position at club

For the term of the contract, this contract records and the following is agreed between the parties:

PLAYER OBLIGATIONS

- 1.1 Attend all training sessions and team meetings of the Club.
- 1.2 Obey all reasonable directions of the Senior Coach, President, and Secretary of the Club.
- 1.3 Play in all football matches in which he is selected to play or as otherwise directed by the Club unless a duly qualified Medical Practitioner rules him unfit to play.
- 1.4 Comply with all reasonable requirements of the Club relating to preparation for matches, attendance at social functions, behaviour and dress.
- 1.5 Not play or train for Australian Football with any other Club or team (save for a Victorian representative team or the league representative team) without first obtaining the consent in writing of the Club.
- 1.6 Do everything reasonably necessary to obtain and maintain the best possible physical condition so as to render the most efficient service to the Club and to submit from time to time and as and when required by the Club to a complete a thorough medical fitness test and examination.
- 1.7 Maintain membership of recognised hospital and medical benefits fund which provides hospital, medical and dental benefits coverage and includes ambulance subscription.
- 1.8 Not engage in any dangerous activity which in the opinion of the Club may affect the Player's ability to perform his obligations under this Contract without first obtaining the consent in writing of the Club.
- 1.9 During league matches, wear only such items of playing apparel as may be approved of or prescribed by the League and to the extent that the same are not inconsistent therewith, the Club.
- 1.10 Not comment on a matter which the Club has notified the Player is a matter upon which Players of the Club are not to comment publicly.

PLAYER BOUND TO RULES

- 2.1 The Player hereby agrees with the Club that he is bound by:-
 - (a) the Rules and Regulations of the Club;
 - (b) the Rules and Regulations of the League within which the Club plays (including requirements of players and clubs regarding registration); and
 - (c) the Rules and Regulations of Football Victoria Inc, including any modifications thereof made from time to time ("the Rules").
- 2.2 The Player hereby acknowledges that the Rules restrict the freedom of players to transfer from one Club to another but that such Rules are necessary and reasonable for the purpose of:-
 - (a) achieving an even and well-matched competition;
 - (b) ensuring the competition is properly organised and well administered;
 - (c) encouraging Clubs to support junior development of Players to support the future of the competition; and
 - (d) protecting and promoting the game of Australian Football.

DISPUTE

- 3.1 In the event of a dispute arising between the parties during the term of this Contract or following the termination hereof, the matter may be referred for determination to the nominee of the league. A request for determination by an aggrieved party shall be made in writing to the other party and shall contain a precise statement of the issue in dispute and all relevant facts giving rise to the dispute. The League may adjudicate upon any dispute in accordance with its rules in force at the time.

TERMINATION

This Contract may be terminated by:

- 4.1 The Club if the Player is in breach of any of his obligations hereunder and the breach continues for a period of 14 days after notice in writing by the Club to the Player requiring the breach to be remedied.
- 4.2 The Player if the Club is in breach of any of its obligations hereunder and the breach continues for a period of 14 days after notice in writing by the Player to the Club requiring the breach to be remedied.
- 4.3 The Player immediately by notice in writing given to the Club upon his name being included, in accordance with the Rules of the Australian Football League ("the AFL"), on the official list of players of any team competing in the AFL competition.

PLAYER MOVEMENT TO VFL / AFL

- 5.1 The player will remain contracted with the club named on the reverse side of this form until the expiration of the contract. It is noted and agreed to by all parties to this contract that the VFL and or AFL contract will take precedence over this contract and that the rules and regulations of the AFL or VFL will be adhered to.

WAIVER

- 6.1 A waiver by any party of any of the terms and conditions of this Contract in any one case shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of such term or condition for the future or for any other or subsequent breach.