



# Equalization Policy

Central Murray & Golden Rivers Leagues



## RATIONAL

The CM & GR leagues are committed to ensuring participation in our sport is enjoyable. If players and administrators experience a positive environment then the recruitment and retention of players and the sustainability of our clubs is more effectively achieved. This policy aims to provide football for all grades, other than the senior grade, where insufficient numbers exist prior to a match commencing.

## PURPOSE

1. To ensure a game is played according to the CM & GR leagues draw even though the prescribed number of players is not available.
2. To encourage player participation in football.
3. There are even playing numbers on the field at the commencement of the match and at all times during the game, other than when send-offs or injuries occur.

## IMPLEMENTATION

1. Opposing teams must have even playing numbers on the field at the commencement of the match and at all times during the game. (Other than injuries or send-offs)
2. If one team has fewer players than the rules require then both teams must have the same number of players on the ground. A Club able to field more than the required players must cooperate with this arrangement and cannot field more than their opposition.
3. Teams will share players and "loan" players will be granted a Type 1 permit and appropriately entered into footyweb.
4. The team with less than the required numbers cannot have players on the interchange, unless by agreement with the opposing team.
5. All field umpires in control of the match, must be informed prior to the game commencing.
6. Excess players (above the agreed starting number) will form an extended bench.
7. On loan players must appear on the team sheet of the team they represent on the day and be indicated as "loan".
8. Loan players are not permitted to change teams during the match.
9. Players may be loaned to even up player numbers and give more players game time with fewer players on the bench.
10. Agreements must be made between teams at least 30 minutes prior to the match

## TYPE 1 PERMITS

In reserve grade and under-age competitions, the Type 1 permit is to make the sharing of players administratively easier, when numbers are short between opposing teams. A player may only use the Type 1 permit with a particular club, five times in one season. After this, a clearance must be sort from their home club.