



### Frequently Asked Questions – Changes to Transfer Periods for 2022/23

Definitions used in this document have the same meaning as given in the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook. This document addresses some key questions in respect of the changes to the Transfer Periods:

#### Why the changes?

The reasons for the changes to the Transfer Periods can be summarised as follows:

- Feedback has indicated volunteer preference is to delay the opening of the Transfer Periods to 1 February 2023 to provide Clubs with an opportunity to have a break from monitoring transfers. This is particularly important during a period where there may be committee and volunteer turnover. In this case, delaying the opening will allow more time for key Club personnel to ensure they are properly set up to receive notifications for Transfer Requests and trained in the process of approving / denying Transfer Requests. This will mitigate the risk of Transfers auto-approving without the knowledge of the Player's Source Club.
- The AFL is migrating the 2022 data from Gameday into PlayHQ and anticipate this will be completed during December. Until this migration occurs there is the potential for challenges in initiating Transfers because of inconsistencies in the data between platforms. For example:
  - o New Players registered in Gameday during 2022 will not have an existing PlayHQ record and therefore will be able to register to a PlayHQ club without any Transfer being initiated.
  - o Transfer Requests in PlayHQ for a Player who moved clubs in Gameday in 2022 will not align with the Player's current Source Club and will instead result in a Transfer being initiated from the Player's Source Club as at the end of 2021. For Clubs initiating these Transfers, it will be more difficult to locate the Player in the Competition Management System as they will need to locate their Player by reference to their Source Club as at the end of 2021.
- In 2023, community football will continue to operate on two registration and competition management platforms (PlayHQ and Gameday). Leagues and Clubs who are transitioning to PlayHQ this year will need to set up their transfer notification settings to ensure they are notified of Transfer Requests. There is a risk that some Clubs may not have completed this process on PlayHQ by 1 November 2022, which may lead to Transfers auto-approving without the knowledge of a Player's Source Club.

#### How will Transfer Requests work for competitions which commence before 15 February 2023?

It is acknowledged that some Leagues have competitions which commence earlier than the majority of Leagues and those competitions will have two additional Transfer Periods before and after Christmas 2022 (as set out below).

The AFL will, via the Competition Management Platform, allow Transfers for Players to Clubs in those competitions from December 1 to 15 in 2022 and January 15 to 30 in 2023.

## APPENDIX 2



**What if my League does not commence until 15 February 2023 or later but Players want to transfer to their new club before 1 Feb 2023?**

Players and Clubs will need to wait until 1 February 2023 to submit a Transfer Request. However, this does not prohibit Players from training with a new Club.

Clubs are encouraged to not provide any benefit (financial or otherwise) to a new Player until that Player is Transferred to the Club via the Competition Management Platform.