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EDFL ALTERNATE ON-FIELD UNIFORM POLICY

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Over several years a large portion of EDFL clubs have successfully developed and introduced 'clash' jumpers as an alternate to their normal jumper, worn against specific opponents whose normal jumper is very similar in design and/or colour scheme.

During this time, the EDFL has not endorsed any formal policy to deal with on-field uniform (kit) clashes and has also undergone significant growth with multiple new clubs entering the competition. With more clubs comes the potential for more kit clashes to occur, and in recent years the EDFL has noted a significant uptick in kit clashes.

The EDFL has therefore developed this policy to reduce and hopefully eliminate any major kit clashes in the highest levels of competition across our senior men's and women's programs. This policy shall be enforced from the beginning of the 2027 season.

Non-compliance with this policy shall be handled which ever way deemed necessary by EDFL management, including but not limited to substantial fines.

1. General Provisions

The following provisions shall apply to all clubs fielding a 'Senior Grade' team in the EDFL. These provisions will not be mandatory for any other competitions such as 'Reserves' or 'Junior' grades conducted by the EDFL, however clubs will be strongly encouraged to adopt similar provisions for any competitions below the 'Senior Grade'.

1.1. In any fixtured EDFL Senior Grade match, the home team shall have free choice to wear any combination of jumper and coloured non-white shorts. However, if the home team plans to wear a jumper and/or short colour that is not their normal home kit in a particular match, the club must inform the EDFL of its intention to alter its home kit by no less than eight days prior to the scheduled match.

1.2. Prior to the commencement of each season, the EDFL shall provide each club a list of opponents where a clash jumper and/or short colour is going to be required by the away team. The away team will then be required to wear its approved clash kit against that opponent.

1.3 If the EDFL has deemed that a club's normal home jumper will cause a clash against an opponent, that club must design and manufacture a clash jumper that will satisfactorily contrast against all of those opponents' normal home kits. For example, if the EDFL has deemed that your normal home jumper will clash against Avondale Heights, Burnside Heights, Northern Saints and Tullamarine, then your club must ensure its alternate jumper design does not clash with the home jumper of any of those teams identified.

1.4. Where the EDFL has deemed that a club's normal home jumper will not clash with any opponents during the season, that club will still be required to manufacture and wear a second alternate jumper in at least one EDFL match during the season. This alternate jumper may be themed (i.e. Indigenous Round, Pride Round, ANZAC Round, Heritage Round, etc), and may use a similar colour scheme and design to that of the home jumper.

1.5. All jumper and short designs and colour schemes must be approved by the EDFL prior to being manufactured and used in an EDFL match.

2. Men's Senior Football

The following provisions shall apply to all clubs fielding a 'Senior Grade' men's team in the EDFL. These provisions will not be mandatory for Reserves, Thirds or Under-Age Grades or any other competitions conducted by the EDFL, however clubs will be strongly encouraged to adopt similar provisions for any competitions below the 'Senior Grade'.

2.1. All Men's Senior Grade teams must develop and manufacture no less than two distinct jumper designs to be worn in official EDFL matches each season.

2.2. All Men's Senior Grade teams must develop and manufacture no less than two distinct shorts designs to be worn in official EDFL matches each season. One non-white short colour may be used for home matches, and white shorts must be used for all away matches unless specific written approval has been provided by the EDFL to wear an alternate colour.

2.3. In any fixtured EDFL Men's Senior Grade match, the home team shall have free choice to wear any combination of jumper and coloured non-white shorts. However, if the home team plans to wear a jumper and/or short colour that is not their normal home kit in a particular match, that club must inform the EDFL of its intention to alter its home kit by no less than eight days prior to the scheduled match.

2.4. In any fixtured EDFL Men's Senior Grade match, the away team must wear white shorts with any approved jumper that does not create an unnecessary clash with the kit being worn by the home team. If the EDFL has not prior informed the away team that it must wear a clash jumper, then the away team will have free choice to wear its preferred jumper, provided that jumper does not create an unnecessary clash with the kit being worn by the home team.

3. Women's Senior Football

The following provisions shall apply to all clubs fielding a 'Women's Senior Grade' women's team in the EDFL. These provisions will not be mandatory for Reserves or Under-Age Grades or any other competitions conducted by the EDFL, however clubs will be strongly encouraged to adopt similar provisions for any competitions below the 'Women's Senior Grade'.

3.1. All Women's Senior Grade teams must develop and manufacture no less than two distinct jumper designs, or no less than two distinct non-white short colour designs to be worn in official EDFL Women's Senior Grade matches each season.

3.2. In any fixtured EDFL Women's Senior Grade match, the home team shall have free choice to wear any combination of jumper and coloured shorts. However, if the home team plans to wear a jumper and/or short colour that is not their normal home kit in a particular match, the club must inform the EDFL of its intention to alter its home kit by no less than eight days prior to the scheduled match.

3.3. In any fixtured EDFL Women's Senior Grade match, the away team must wear a jumper and short combination that does not clash with the kit being used by the home team. Where the EDFL has identified a clash under Provisions 1.2 and 1.3 of this policy, the away team will be required to wear it's approved alternate clash jumper.