

ARTICLE XVIII

WAIVER SYSTEM

Section 1. Release:

(a) Whenever a player with at least three (3) Accrued Seasons is released, his AFL Player Contract will be considered terminated and the player will be completely free at any time thereafter to negotiate and sign an AFL Player Contract with any Team, and any Team shall be completely free to negotiate and sign an AFL Player Contract with such player, without penalty or restriction. The player shall not be subject to any AFL waiver system as described in the AFL Rules and shall immediately become a Free Agent upon such release.

(b) A Practice Squad Player activated as an Emergency Quarterback shall not be subject to the waiver system and, immediately following the game in which he is so activated, the player shall be completely free to negotiate and sign an AFL Player Contract with any Team, and any Team shall be completely free to negotiate and sign an AFL Player Contract with such player, without penalty or restriction.

(c) A player with less than three (3) Accrued Seasons who is released by his Team shall be subject to the AFL waiver system (i.e., “placed on waivers”) and will be awarded to any Team that properly claims the player’s contract pursuant to that system.

Section 2. Contact: Coaches or any other persons connected with another Team are prohibited from contacting any player placed on waivers until such time as the waiver period expires.

Section 3. Notice of Waiver: A Team releasing a player who is subject to the waiver system must give the player placed on waivers written notice of his waiver. The Notice of Waiver (which shall be in a form agreed to by the AFL and the AFLPA) will be used by all Teams. If possible, the Notice of Waiver will be personally delivered to the player prior to his departure from the Team. If the Notice of Waiver has not been personally delivered to the player prior to his departure from the Team, the Notice of Waiver will be sent to the player by overnight delivery to his last address on file with the Team. Teams must also notify the AFL in writing of the waiver within twenty-four (24) hours.

Section 4. AFLPA’s Right to Personnel Information: The AFL shall inform the AFLPA of player personnel transactions communicated in the personnel notice between the AFL and its Teams concerning the termination or trading of players, including awards on waivers, termination through waivers, confirmation of trades or any change in the status of players (e.g., placed on Reserve List, etc.). The AFL will make best efforts to communicate the information referred to in this section to the AFLPA on the same day, but in no event later than noon on the next day. A player who is terminated shall, upon request at or around the time of termination, be informed by the AFL of any

claims made upon him by Teams during that League Year. The same information will be provided to the AFLPA if requested.