



New Team Equipment Purchasing Policy 2011

It is acknowledged that gridiron is an extremely expensive game to play, and this is further exacerbated by the cost of shipping equipment from the USA to Australia. As such, the barriers for entry for a new team into the league are greater from a costs perspective than from a personnel perspective.

Therefore, in order to ease the burden on clubs seeking to join our sport, the following equipment purchasing policy has been drafted.

Objective:

- To reduce the overall cost of entry into the league for new teams

In order to implement the objective, it is policy to:

- Sell 'full' sets of gear, which includes shoulder pads, helmets, facemasks, hips, thighs, knees, and coxix pads when requested. GV will endeavour to sell as many pads as possible, based on its financial position at the time of request.

Provision of gear is based on the following conditions:

1. A request be made in writing to the GVCOM outlining the details of equipment required no less than six (6) months prior to the start of the relevant season; and:
 - A. Proof of purchase or ownership of at least eleven (11) full sets of pads
 - B. Formal registration of a team, either as exhibition or in full
2. Pads are 'gifted' to the recipient team for a period of one (1) year. After that time, the cost of the equipment shall be paid back to GV over a period of four (4) years. Failure to repay will result in that team being barred from competition until the debt is removed.

3. Clubs shall be required to fill out an equipment contract, with the understanding that the pads are to be repaid or else GV enlist debt collectors to recoup losses.

All pads will be recognized as official GV property and declared as depreciating assets in our financial statements until they have been fully paid off. GV will not be responsible for the purchase or replacement of the following:

- Jerseys
- Pants
- Belts
- Shoes
- Arm or elbow pads or similar
- Gloves
- Non-essential football pads (i.e. neck rolls, rib protectors etc)

All provision of equipment is at the discretion of the GVCOM.