Schedule 2

Notice of Request for Handicap Review

I, ………………………………………………………………………………….. .[insert name]

of……………………………………………………………………………..[insert address]

wish to lodge a request for Handicap Review in accordance with Rule 115 b of the VAL rules. I lodge this request because I believe my handicap is unfair because :

(Note that this explanation must clearly explain the complaint and the evidence to support your case).
(Specific events and handicaps must be nominated and the applicable evidence to support the complaint included).

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In lodging this request I acknowledge that:

A Handicap Review request must be lodged with the VAL Sports Administrator within 14 days of the declaration of the handicap which is believed to be unfair. (Rule 115 b 1).

My request must be in writing on the prescribed form (Schedule 2) and it must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of $25.00. (Rule 115 b 1).

The review will take place in my absence and the evidence above and any other evidentiary submissions attached shall be used to review my handicap. (Rule 115 b 3).

Only in exceptional circumstances determined by the VAL where time is of the essence shall I be able to have verbal submissions and if so it shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen minutes. (Rule 115 b 3).

If verbal submissions are allowed due to exceptional circumstances determined by the VAL, I may call witnesses however they may then be asked questions. (Rule 115 b 7).

If verbal submissions are permitted as above I shall be entitled to an advocate however that advocate may not be a lawyer. (Rue 115 b 3)

The handicapper shall have seven days to submit the findings of the review if the application was written only. If however verbal submissions were made the handicapper shall have two days to submit the findings of the review application. (Rule 115 b 4)

I shall receive notification of the review results within two days thereafter. (Rule 115 b 4)

If I am still not satisfied with the review results I a have single right of appeal to the Handicap Appeal Panel. (Rule 115 b 8).

Any such application must be lodged in writing on the prescribed form (Handicap Appeal Application, Schedule 3) with the VAL Sports Administrator within seven days of receiving the review application results. (Rule 115 b 10)

The Handicap Appeal Application must be accompanied with an application fee of $150, ($500 for Stawell Handicaps) which is non refundable unless the appeal is upheld whereby a refund of up to 50% may be granted. (Rule 115 b 11).

The Handicap Appeal Panel will be convened no later than 7 days after lodging the application unless exceptional circumstances exist whereby it will be convened no later than 14 days after application lodgement. (Rule 115 b 12).

The finding of the Handicap Appeal Panel will be binding on all parties and no further right of appeal exists within VAL or to an external tribunal or any civil court of law (Rule 115 b 23).

I also acknowledge that my current handicap declared by the handicapper or the adjustment by handicap or steward shall stand until the contrary is determined via a Handicap Review or Handicap Appeal.

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Applicant's signature acknowledging the above Date

Send to the : Sports Administrator
Victorian Athletic League

By post Victorian Athletic League
Olympic Park,
Swan Street, Melbourne. 3004.

By fax 9427 9183