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MATCH DAY INFORMATION

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ALL HOME TEAMS must enter the final match score, including quarter-by-quarter scores on vafa.com.au by **5:30pm**.

In addition, **ALL SENIOR HOME TEAMS** must also enter best players and goal kickers for **BOTH TEAMS** on vafa.com.au by **5:30pm**.

ALL OTHER TEAMS (Reserves, Thirds, U19, U18, Club XVIII) are responsible for ensuring their own best players and goal-kickers are on the web by **10:00am Monday** after the match.

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CLUB DETAILS AND OFFICIALS – 2016

AJAX (Premier B) 1957

GROUND: Oval 9, Gary Smorgon Oval, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park (*57 J7) 0419 379 071

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: Oval No. 11, Lindsay Hassett Oval, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park (*57 J7)

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Red, white & black panels/ black - white number; shorts - black; socks - black, red & white hoops.

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ALBERT PARK (Division 3) 1954

GROUND: Oval 20, Beaurepaire Pavilion, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park. (*2K G10).

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: N/A

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Red & royal vertical stripes/ - white number; shorts - royal; socks - red & royal hoops.

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SENIOR COACH: Alan Sutherland

AQUINAS OC (Division 3) 1987

GROUND: Aquinas College, Great Ryrie Street, Ringwood (*49 J11). 9879 7362.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Red, black & green vert. panels/ red panel - black number; shorts - black; socks - red.

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BEAUMARIS (Premier B) 1995

GROUND: Banksia Reserve, Oak Street, Beaumaris (*86 E7) 9589 6338

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Royal with gold sash/ royal - gold number; shorts - royal; socks - royal.

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BOX HILL NORTH (Division 4) 2002

GROUND: Elgar Park, Cnr Elgar & Belmore Roads, Box Hill North. (*47 C4).

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Red with navy trim & demon logo/ red - navy number, shorts - navy; socks - red.

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BULLEEN TEMPLESTOWE (Division 2) 1975

GROUND: Ted Ajani Reserve, Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe. (*32 K8). 9850 1690.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Royal with gold wings, bullant monogram/ royal with gold wings - white number; shorts - royal; socks - royal.

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CANTERBURY (Division 3) 2014

GROUND: Canterbury Sports Ground, cnr. Chatham and Guildford Rd, Surrey Hills (*46 F10)
UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: Canterbury Sports Ground, cnr. Chatham and Guildford Rd, Surrey Hills
COLOURS AND SHORTS: Red, black and yellow panels/ black - yellow number; shorts - black; socks - black.
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CAULFIELD GRAMMARIANS (Premier C) 1920

GROUND: Glenhuntly Oval, Cnr Neerim & Booran Roads, North Caulfield. (*68 E4) 9563 6403
UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: U19/Thirds as above
COLOURS AND SHORTS: Navy with white horiz. stripes/ - white number; shorts - navy; socks - navy & white hoops.
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CHADSTONE (Division 4) 1997

GROUND: Jordan Reserve, Burton Street, Chadstone. (*69 K1). 0401 716 673
UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.
COLOURS AND SHORTS: Royal, red & white stripe/ - white number; shorts - red; socks - red & royal.
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COLLEGIANS (Premier) 1892

GROUND: Harry Trott Oval, Village Green Drive, Albert Park. (*58 A8)
UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.
COLOURS AND SHORTS: Purple with gold monogram & trim/ - gold number; shorts – purple; socks – purple and gold.
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DE LA SALLE (Premier) 1955

GROUND: (Seniors & Under 19 Premier) - Waverley Oval, Cnr Waverley & Malvern Roads, East Malvern. (*69 A2). 9571 0132.
UNDER 19/THIRDS/CLUB XVIII: [Righetti Oval Cnr Elizabeth Street North Kooyong \(*59 E3\)](#)
COLOURS AND SHORTS: Royal with gold panels/ royal - gold number; shorts - royal; socks - royal & gold hoops
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SENIOR COACH: Paul Satterley

ELEY PARK SHARKS (Division 3) 1992

GROUND: Whitehorse Reserve, Maroondah Highway, Box Hill. (47 G10). 0400239311
UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII:
COLOURS AND SHORTS: Royal with gold monogram/ - gold number; shorts - royal; socks - royal & gold.



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ELSTERNWICK (Division 2) 1906

GROUND: Graham Holmes Oval, Oval No 2, Elsternwick Park, St Kilda Street, Elsternwick. (*67 D3).

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black with red sash/ - white number; shorts - black; socks - black & red hoops.

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EMMAUS ST LEOS (Division 2) 1992

GROUND: Bennettswood Sports Ground, Holland Avenue, Burwood. (*61 A5).

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Navy and blue vert. stripes/ - white number; shorts -navy; socks - navy.

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FITZROY FOOTBALL CLUB LTD (Premier B) 1955

GROUND: W.T. Peterson Community Oval, Brunswick Street, Fitzroy North. (*44 B1). 9580 6464 (B) 0415 420 487

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: U19/Thirds : W.T. Peterson Community Oval, Brunswick Street, Fitzroy North (*44 B1) CLUB XVIII: Ramsden Street Reserve, Clifton Hill (*15 A7) 0415 420 487

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Red with royal blue shoulder saddle, gold monogram/ -gold number; shorts - blue; socks - red with blue tops

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GLEN EIRA (Division 3) 1999

GROUND: Packer Reserve, Leila Road, Carnegie. (*68 J8). 0413 419 352.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black with green, blue, gold & red shoulder stripes/ black - white number; shorts - black; socks - black.

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HAMPTON ROVERS (Premier B) 1933

GROUND: Boss James Reserve, Cnr David Street & Bluff Road, Hampton. (*77 A7). 9521 0560.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Green with gold yoke/green - gold number, shorts - green (Home) white (Away); socks - green & gold hoops.

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HAWTHORN AFC (Division 3) 1995

GROUND: Rathmines Road Reserve, Rathmines Road, Hawthorn East. (*45 H10). 9882 8800.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.



COLOURS AND SHORTS: Brown & gold stripes/ gold panel - brown number; shorts - brown; socks - gold.

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IVANHOE (Division 1) 1934

GROUND: Ivanhoe Park, The Boulevard, Ivanhoe. (*31 H9). 9499 2903.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black with white monogram and trim - white number; shorts - black; socks - black.

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SENIOR COACH: Paul Harris

KEW (Premier C) 1949

GROUND: J.J. Higgins Reserve, Victoria Park, High Street Kew (*45 G5). 9817 1118.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Brown with gold sash - gold number; shorts - brown; socks - brown & gold hoops.

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LA TROBE UNIVERSITY AFC (Division 3)

GROUND: Main Oval La Trobe University, Kingsbury Drive (off Plenty Rd) Bundoora (*19 F7) 0439 556 733

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black and red vert. stripes / - white number: shorts - black: socks - black

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MANNINGHAM COBRAS (Division 4) 1995

GROUND: Koonung Reserve, Cnr Allen & Balwyn Road, Bulleen. (*32 F10).

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: Doncaster Reserve, Crn Doncaster Road and Leed Street, Doncaster

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Green with red, white & navy yoke/navy, green panel – white number; shorts - navy; socks - navy.

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MARCELLIN (Premier C) 1971

GROUND: Oval 1, Marcellin College, Bulleen Road, Bulleen. (*32 D9). 9850 5664.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII:

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Maroon, gold and sky horiz. panels/ - gold number; shorts - maroon, socks - maroon

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MASALA FOOTBALL CLUB (Division 4) 2013

GROUND: BJ Powell Reserve Halton Road, Noble Park North 0401 508 308

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Gold with large tiger emblem with black trim/ black number: shorts- black: socks black and yellow hooped

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SENIOR COACH: Vishnu Rishie

MAZENOD (Premier C) 1989

GROUND: Central Reserve, Cnr Springvale & Waverley Roads, Glen Waverley. (*71 C5). 9561 4388.

UNDER 19, PREMIER B THIRDS: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black, royal & white panels/ royal - white number; shorts -royal; socks - royal.

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MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS (Division 2) 1929

GROUND: School Oval, Yarra Street, South Yarra. (*2L J3). 9824 0480.

UNDER 19: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Green yoke, maroon unicorn & black side panel/ maroon - gold number; shorts -green; sock - maroon.

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MONASH BLUES (Premier B) 1962

GROUND: Frearson Oval, Monash University, Wellington Road, Clayton, (*70 G11).

UNDER 19/THIRDS: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Sky with white trim, Monash emblem/ - white number; shorts - sky; socks - sky.

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MONASH GRYPHONS (Club XVIII) 1991

GROUND: East Caulfield Reserve, Dudley Street, East Caulfield. (*68 G2). 0407 852 904.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Burgundy with gold monogram/ - gold number; shorts - burgundy; socks - burgundy.

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MT LILYDALE (Division 4) 1997

GROUND: Mt Lilydale Mercy College Sporting Ovals, Quarry Road, Lilydale . (*38 H1). 0419 411 608.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Royal Blue, half gold vert. stripes/ - gold number; shorts - royal; socks - royal and gold horizontal stripes

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NORTH BRUNSWICK (Division 4) 1971

GROUND: Allard Park, Donald Street, Brunswick. (*30 A5). 9386 8337.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Green with half gold vertical stripes/ green - white number; shorts - green; socks - green.

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NORTH OLD BOYS/ST PATRICKS COLLEGE (Division 1) 1963

GROUND: Alec Gillon Oval, Cnr Pearson & Victoria Streets, Brunswick. (*29 E6).

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Purple, white & blue vertical stripes with green trim/ - blue number; shorts - purple; socks - purple.

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SENIOR COACH: Luke Mahoney

NORTHERN BLUES (Division 2)

GROUND: W.R. Ruthven V.C. Reserve, Malpas St, Preston

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As Above

COLOURS AND SHORTS:

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OAKLEIGH (Premier C) 1991

GROUND: W.A. Scammell Reserve, Guest Road, South Oakleigh. (*69 G11). 9570 4874.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Royal, white & red panel/ white panel - red number; shorts -royal; socks – royal, red & white top.

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OLD BRIGHTON GRAMMARIANS (Premier B) 1957

GROUND: Brighton Beach Oval, South Road, Brighton. (*76 D3). 0411 633 638

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Navy with red V yoke/ - white number; shorts - navy; socks - red.

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SENIOR COACH: Greg Hutchinson

OLD CAMBERWELL GRAMMARIANS (Premier C) 1960

GROUND: Lower Oval, Gordon Barnard Reserve, Balwyn Road, North Balwyn. (*46 E4)

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Navy with blue V yoke/ - white number; shorts - navy; socks - navy & light blue hoops.

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SENIOR COACH: Ken Darby



OLD CAREY GRAMMARIANS (Premier) 1954

GROUND: Main Oval (Dunshea), Carey Sports Complex, Bulleen Road, Bulleen. (*32 C10).

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: Oval 2 (Gramlick Oval). As above. CLUB XVIII: Bulleen Park, Bulleen (Adjacent to Carey Sports Complex) 32 C10

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black, gold and royal V gold emblem/ black - gold number; shorts - black; socks - black.

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OLD ELTHAM (Division 2) 1986

GROUND: Eltham College, Main Road, Research. (*22 K1). 0410 446 614

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII:

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Green with gold V/ green - gold number; shorts - green; socks - green & gold.

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SENIOR COACH: Sam Richardson

OLD GEELONG (Division 1) 1954

GROUND: Como Park, Alexandra Avenue, South Yarra. (*2M C3). 0407 180 538

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Navy and white hoops/ white panel - navy number; shorts - navy; socks - Navy and white hoops

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Senior Coach: Jon Knight

OLD HAILEYBURY (Premier B) 1961

GROUND: Princes Park Reserve, Beech St, Caulfield South. (*68 B6). 9524 3333.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Magenta with black V yoke/ - gold number; shorts - black; socks - magenta & black.

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SENIOR COACH: Daniel Hughes

OLD IVANHOE GRAMMARIANS (Premier C) 1964

GROUND: Chelsworth Park, Irvine Road, Ivanhoe. (*31 H10). 9497 2581.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Brown with white V/ brown - white number; shorts - brown; socks - brown & white capping.

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SENIOR COACH: Chris Naish

OLD MELBURNIANS (Premier) 1920

GROUND:

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: Oval 1, Albert Park, Lakeside Drive, St. Kilda (*58 A8).

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Navy blue/ - white number; shorts - navy blue; socks - red.

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CO-SENIOR COACH: Nathan Brown

CO-SENIOR COACH: Peter Nunn

OLD MENTONIANS (Division 1) 1968

GROUND: Mentone Grammar Playing Fields, Springvale Road, Keysborough (*88 H10) / Turner Road, Highett (*P77 H9)

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Royal, gold & sky panels/ black -gold number; shorts - royal; socks - black and gold with blue trim

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PRESIDENT: Tim Appel

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SENIOR COACHES: Mick McGettigan

OLD PARADIANS (Division 1) 1929

GROUND: Garvey Oval, Parade College, Plenty Road, Bundoora. (*10 A10). 9467 2837.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: Garvey Oval (As above.) or Naughtin Oval (As above.) (*10 B11).

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Emerald with purple trim/ - white number; shorts - purple; socks - emerald & purple.

SECRETARY: Damian Hannam

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PRESIDENT: Michael Jolley

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SENIOR COACH: David Boundy

OLD SCOTCH (Premier B) 1921

GROUND: Camberwell Sports Ground, Camberwell Road, Camberwell. (*59 K2). 0425 832 229

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: Thirds U19 Premier & Thirds as above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Cardinal with navy blue & gold trim/ - white numbers; shorts - navy blue socks – navy blue, red, and gold bands.

SECRETARY: Don Larkin

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PRESIDENT: Peter Warner

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SENIOR COACH: Mark Passador

OLD TRINITY GRAMMARIANS (Premier) 1954

GROUND: Daley Oval, Marles Playing Fields, Trinity Grammar School, Bulleen Road, Bulleen (*32 E8) 9850 7329

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: Hudson Oval, Marles Playing Fields, Trinity Grammar School, Bulleen Road, Bulleen (*32 E8) 9850 7329

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Green with gold wings/ - gold number; shorts - green; socks - green & gold.

SECRETARY: Frans Van Schilt

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PRESIDENT: Gil VanDerVenne

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SENIOR COACH: Adam Andrews

OLD XAVERIANS (Premier) 1926

GROUND: Toorak Park, Orrong Road, Armadale. (*58 J7). 9509 8899.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: Stradbroke Park South Kew (45 K4) Club XVIII/Premier Thirds: Xavier College 135 Barkers Road Kew (45 C7)

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black with red horiz. stripes/-white number; shorts-black; socks-black & red.

SECRETARY: Peter Simpson

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PRESIDENT: Bill Denton

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SENIOR COACH: Pat Hawkins

ORMOND (Premier C) 1932

GROUND: E.E.Gunn Reserve (Buxton Oval) , Malane Street, Ormond (*68 E7).

U19: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Brown with blue V yoke/ - white number; shorts - blue; socks - brown & blue.

SECRETARY: Stephen Manning

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PRESIDENT: Richard Simon
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SENIOR COACH: Ashleigh Lever

PARKDALE VULTURES (Premier C) 1994

GROUND: Gerry Green Reserve, Nepean Highway, Parkdale. (*87 E8). 9580 7734.
UNDER 19/Thirds/CLUB XVIII: As above.
COLOURS AND SHORTS: Red with blue V & gold trim/ navy - gold number; shorts - navy; socks - red.
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SENIOR COACH: Sam Radford

PARKSIDE

GROUND: Corner of Parklands, Avenue and Mercil Street, Alphington 3078
UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.
COLOURS AND SHORTS: Red & White
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SENIOR COACH: Joe D'Angelo

PEGS (Division 1)

GROUND: PEGS Sporting Fields 127 Wright Road Keilor Park (*15 A5) 0408 519 486
UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above. 0408 519 486
COLOURS AND SHORTS: Royal with brown yoke/ - white number; shorts - royal; socks - royal with brown hoops.
SECRETARY: Graeme Williamson
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PRESIDENT: Mark Skurrie
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SENIOR COACH: Dane Pound

PENINSULA OB - (Division 1) 1980

GROUND: Peninsula School, Harry MacDonald Oval, Cnr Wooralla Drive & Nepean Highway, Mt. Eliza. (*105 G5). 0413 337 683.
UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: Peninsula School, Reilly Oval, Nepean Highway, Mt. Eliza. (*105 G5). 0416 134 657
COLOURS AND SHORTS: Blue and Tan
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PRESIDENT: Philip Coghlan
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SENIOR COACH: Nick Claringbold

POINT COOK (Division 4) 2010

GROUND: Saltwater Reserve. Point Cook Road Point Cook (*208 F11)
UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII:
COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black, white & green panels/ black - white number; shorts - green, socks - green.
SECRETARY: Steve Ward
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PRESIDENT: Anthony MacGibbon
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SENIOR COACH: Ian Denning

POWER HOUSE (Division 3)

GROUND: Ross Gregory Oval, Village Green Drive, Albert Park. (*58 A7).



UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black, white & green panels/ black - white number; shorts - green, socks - green

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PRESIDENT: Nick Pavlou

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SENIOR COACH: Anthony Voyage

PRAHRAN ASSUMPTION (Division 1) 1999

GROUND: Toorak Park, Orrong Road, Armadale. (*58 J7).

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: C18: Darling Park, Basil St. East Malvern

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black with yellow sash/ - white number; shorts - black; socks - black & yellow hoops.

SECRETARY: Timothy Habel

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PRESIDENT: Fabio Maya

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SENIOR COACH: Ashley Mills

RICHMOND CENTRAL (Division 3) 1987

GROUND: Loughnan Oval, Kevin Bartlett Reserve, Yarra Boulevard, Richmond. (*59 B1).0419 871 571

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Royal with gold vertical stripes - gold number; shorts – royal; socks – royal with gold trim

SECRETARY: Andrew Read

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PRESIDENT: Rowan Pizzey

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SENIOR COACH: Brett Davidson

SOUTH MELBOURNE DISTRICTS (Division 3) 2000

GROUND: Oval 11, Lindsay Hassett Oval, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park. (*57 J7).0400 354 422

COLOURS AND SHORTS: White with red V/ red; shorts – red; socks – red & white hoops.

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PRESIDENT: Tony Pilimon

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SENIOR COACH: Gary March

SOUTH MORNINGTON (Club XVIII) 2007

GROUND: Citation oval. Helena st Mt Martha

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII:

COLOURS AND SHORTS: black with yellow sash, black shorts

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PRESIDENT: Lenny Hockey

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SENIOR COACH: Adrian Timmis

ST BEDES/MENTONE TIGERS (Premier B) 1972

GROUND: Oval 1 Brindisi St, Mentone. (*86 K6) Oval 2 Southern Rd, Mentone. (*87 E6).

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Navy with red, gold & royal sash/ - white number; shorts - navy; socks - navy, red & gold hoops.

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PRESIDENT: Mal Garside

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SENIOR COACH: Steve Ryan

ST BERNARDS (Premier) 1963

GROUND: St Bernards College, Gate 8, Hampton Road, West Essendon. (*27 J3).



UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: U18/U19: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black and gold vert. stripes, royal trim/ gold - royal number; shorts - royal; socks - black, gold & royal.

SECRETARY: James Delzoppo

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PRESIDENT: Patrick Crabb

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SENIOR COACH: Mark Riley

ST FRANCIS XAVIER (Club XVIII) 2007

GROUND: St Francis Xavier College, Senior Campus. Beaconsfield Ave, Beaconsfield, 3807. Mel Ref 131 K1

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: N/A

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Navy Blue, Red and White Jumper with gold emblem, Navy shorts and Navy socks with a red and white ring at the top

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PRESIDENT: Chris Seuren

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SENIOR COACH: Luke Fulton-Tindal

ST JOHNS OC (Division 2) 1991

GROUND: Thomas Carroll Reserve, Cnr McCrae & Box Streets, Doveton. (*90 G10). 9792 1611

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black with green trim/ gold panel - green number; shorts - green; socks - green & gold.

SECRETARY: Chris Swinburne

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PRESIDENT: Adam Paterson

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SENIOR COACH: Ben McGee

ST KEVINS (Premier) 1947

GROUND: TH King Reserve, High Street, Glen Iris (*59 K9)

UNDER 19/: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Navy with green & gold hoops/ - gold number; shorts - navy; socks – navy.

SECRETARY: Lisa Ring

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PRESIDENT: Paul Murphy

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SENIOR COACH: Jon Edgar

ST MARY'S SALESIAN (Division 1) 1990

GROUND: Ferndale Park Reserve, Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris. (*60 A7).

UNDER 19/UNDER 18/CLUB XVIII: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Gold with black trim/ - black number; shorts - black; socks - black & gold.

SECRETARY: Peter Leman

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PRESIDENT: David Malcom

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SENIOR COACH: Jess Sinclair

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY (Division 3) 1996

GROUND: St. James Park, Cnr Burwood Road and Barton Street, Hawthorn. (*45 A10). 0418 367 348.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Red, white yoke & emblem, black trim/ white panel - black number; shorts - red; socks - red.

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PRESIDENT: Michael Manning

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SENIOR COACH: George Koumantatakis

TERRY PENOLA OB - (Division 1) 1977

GROUND: Oval 2, John Pascoe Fawkner Reserve, Francis Street, Oak Park. (*16 F6). 9304 1196.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Burgundy with navy & gold V, gold emblem/ navy panel - gold number; shorts - burgundy; socks - burgundy.

SECRETARY: Rodney Moran

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PRESIDENT: Gerard Biddlestone

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SENIOR COACH: Dennis Castaldi

UHS-VU (Division 3) 1932

GROUND: Brens Oval, MacArthur Road, Parkville. (*2B A1).

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: U18/Club XVIII: Brens Oval, MacArthur Road, Parkville (*2B A1)

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Green with tan V yoke/ - white number; shorts - green; socks - green & tan hoops.

SECRETARY: Tim Habel

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PRESIDENT: Chris Marchio

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SENIOR COACH: Brendan Payne

UNIVERSITY BLACKS (Premier) 1928

GROUND: Melbourne University, Main Oval, Parkville. (*2B D5) 8344 6947

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: Crawford Oval, Cemetery Rd West, Carlton North. (*2B D2). U19 phone 0419 551 150; 0409 859 920 (C18)

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black with royal V/ royal panel - white number; shorts - black; socks - black.

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PRESIDENT: Lucas van Kempen

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SENIOR COACH: Cameron Roberts

UNIVERSITY BLUES (Premier) 1928

GROUND: Melbourne University, Main Oval, Parkville. (*2B D5). 8344 6947

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: Crawford Oval, Cemetery Road West, Princes Park, North Carlton (*2B D2)

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black with royal V/ royal panel - white number; shorts - royal; socks - royal.

SECRETARY: David Phefley

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PRESIDENT: Joe Sturrock

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SENIOR COACH: Quinton Gleeson

WEST BRUNSWICK (Division 2) 1959

GROUND: McAlister Oval, Park Street, Parkville. (*29 F10). 0417 309 659

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII:

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black and white vert. stripes/ black - white number; shorts - black; socks - black & white hoops.

SECRETARY: Matthew Holmes

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SENIOR COACH: Angus Hamilton

WESTBOURNE GRAMMARIANS (Division 4)

GROUND: Westbourne School Ground, Sayers Road, Truganina. (*203 B6)

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: As above

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Navy with green and gold horiz. stripes/ - white number; shorts - navy; socks - navy.

SECRETARY: Justin Horsburgh

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PRESIDENT: Simon Christo



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SENIOR COACH: Roger Hand

WHITEFRIARS (Division 1) 1986

GROUND: Whitefriars College Oval.

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: Whitefriars College Oval.

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Navy with gold & white W/ navy – gold number; shorts – navy; socks – navy.

SECRETARY: Tony Mitchell

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PRESIDENT: Norman Elliot

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CO-SENIOR COACH: Richard Baker

CO-SENIOR COACH: Dean Thorn

WILLIAMSTOWN CYMS (Division 1) 1983

GROUND: Fearon Reserve, Osborne Street, Williamstown. (*56 B10).

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: U18: Fearon Reserve, Osborne Street, Williamstown (*56 B10)

COLOURS AND SHORTS: Royal blue with gold hoops & emblem/ - white number; shorts - royal blues; socks - royal blue & gold hoops.

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SENIOR COACH: Matthew Montebello

YARRA VALLEY (Division 2) 1993

GROUND: Doncaster Reserve, Doncaster Road, Doncaster

UNDER 19/CLUB XVIII: COLOURS AND SHORTS: Black with red & gold horiz. stripes - monogram/red panel/- gold number; shorts - black; socks - black, gold & red.

SECRETARY: Luke Gillies

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PRESIDENT: Michael Wines

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SENIOR COACH: Brett Rowe

VAFA UMPIRES ASSOCIATION (VAFUA)

GROUND: Training Venue: Elsternwick Park

SECRETARY: Andrew Harnett

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Section 4.

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4.1 Correspondence to VAFA

All correspondence should be directed to the VAFA via mail P.O. Box 359, Elsternwick, 3185, fax 9531 6601 or to the following email addresses:

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4.2 Fines and appeals

Clubs in breach of the Rules of the Association may be subject to fines as laid down in the Rules of the VAFA.

Clubs may appeal in writing against fines or penalties imposed by the VAFA or any sub-committee within fourteen (14) days of notification. The Board will consider the appeal.

A monetary penalty will be enforced on clubs who are more than 90 days in arrears.

4.3 Before the match

- (a) The playing teams must be ready within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time. (rule 72 xv, \$100 fine) –
Rule 84

If either captain considers that a ground is unfit for play, the game shall be abandoned. The field umpires shall report the circumstances in which the game has been abandoned to the Chief Executive Officer.

If, within 30 minutes of the time prescribed for the commencement of the match and the captains are in agreement, the match may be played on an alternative ground. The captains, in consultation with the field umpires, shall decide the suitability of such alternative.

Rule 85

If a match is abandoned in accordance with Rule 84, the Board shall determine how the premiership points for the game shall be allocated."

Should any team fail to be prepared within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time the match may be forfeited to the



other team.

- (b) The team taking the field must consist of at least fourteen (14) players. (rule 72,i , \$5 fine)
- (c) The team representing the club must wear the uniform of the club and players shall wear numbers which differ (rule 72, ii, \$5 fine)
 - 1. Clubs desiring to alter its uniform should apply to the board to approve such alteration.
 - 2. Player names and numbers must match their respective details listed in the Amateur Footballer. (rule 72 xx, \$5 fine)
- (d) Shorts to be worn (rule 72 v, \$5 fine)
 - 1. Home club players are to wear approved coloured shorts.
 - 2. Away club players are to wear approved white shorts.
- (e) Interchange players must be fully prepared with the uniform requirements prior to taking the field to replace a player. (rule 72,vi, \$5 fine)
- (f) The team entering the arena first has the choice of ends in which to warm up. The other team, upon entering the arena, must not encroach in the opponent teams chosen half of the ground during warm up even whilst the team last to enter the arena is doing its slow lap before beginning warm-up drills. (VAFA guideline)
- (g) Both teams must provide an escort for the umpires and be with them each time the umpires enter or leave the field. (VAFA guideline)
 - 1. The away team escort must wear white armband.
 - 2. The home team escort is the interchange steward.
- (h) Officials of the teams must be introduced to the field umpire 5 minutes before the start of the game. (rule 72 viii, \$5 fine)

4.4 During Breaks

- (a) Teams must not exceed prescribed time breaks. (rule 72 xiv,) \$10 fine if not ready,
- (b) Ensure the playing members of the team are on the field and prepared to re-commence the match immediately after the intervals. (rule 72 xvi, \$10 fine)

4.5 End of second quarter of play

The officials representing the clubs must hand over their team sheets to the field umpire no later than ten minutes after the end of the second quarter. (see rule 72 xvii, \$10 fine). Refer 3.10 Team sheets

4.6 End of fourth quarter

- (a) The umpire escorts must escort the field and boundary umpires off the field then the escort must return to meet the goal umpires in the middle of the ground to escort them off.
- (b) A official from each club must be with the field umpire at the conclusion of the match (rule 72 xviii, \$10 fine).
 - 1. If the goal umpire is appointed through the club then the club official must hand to the field umpire the **score cards** from the goal umpire and timekeeper. Where scorecards differ, all cards are to be submitted to the VAFA by the umpire, who is to note on the Match Day Incident Report Sheet that a discrepancy exists.
 - 2. Acknowledge any report on the back of either team sheets. Club official's signature does not indicate implicit acceptance of the reports. Club officials must keep a copy of their team sheet for club records and are not to discuss matters relating to paperwork or argue with umpires.
 - (i) An umpire will report to the VAFA any matter that warrants informal or formal VAFA action that is not covered by the standard Umpire Report Form. This will include advising the VAFA of a melee(s) that occurred in a match, any unobserved incidents, explanatory comments regarding low Disciplined Award Ratings or any other matter the umpire sees fit to report on.

4.7 Officials for all clubs

(a) Match Day Manager

A match day manager shall be appointed by the home club. The officer should be wearing the insignia prescribed by the VAFA board and be stationed in an accessible location pursuant to **Rule 22** hereof. (rule 72 xxi, \$25 fine).

(b) Coaches

Clubs who have appointed, or who intend to appoint a playing senior, reserve and Club XVIII coach must undertake the following:

Advise the General Manager – Football Operations in writing that the club intends to appoint a playing coach by April 1.

(c) Trainers



Clubs must ensure that all their trainers are accredited and that each team must have a trainer in attendance at all matches.

4.8 Documents

(a) Ground Inspection Sheets

1. Ground Inspection sheets are to be completed by both teams prior to commencing the game. Both teams must agree that the ground is suitable for play. Ground Inspection Sheets can be downloaded from the website under Club Info, then Forms.
2. A team representative is required to sign the sheet attesting to the above.
3. If one or both teams believe the ground is not suitable, clubs can agree to fix the problems on site or locate an alternative ground. Clubs have until 30 minutes past starting time to locate an alternative venue, which must be agreeable to the field umpire/s. (see rule 84).

(b) Team sheets

1. Team managers must exchange a copy of the team sheets prior to the game.
2. Team sheets must include the following information:
 - (i) Surname of each player in strict alphabetical order.
 - (ii) Given names of each player.
 - (iii) Number worn by each player.
 - (iv) Surname and initials of the team manager, timekeeper and runner.
 - (v) Surname and initials of the boundary umpire if appointed by the Club.
 - (vi) Surname and initials of the goal umpire if appointed by the Club.
 - (vii) Surname and initials of the two non playing officials referred to in Rule 72, vii.
 - (viii) Any other details which the form requests.

4.9 Ground Changes

Any ground change approved by the VAFA will only be considered if it is a reasonable standard for clubs of that particular section.

- (a) The CEO and General Manager - Football Operations have the power to approve moves to existing VAFA grounds.
- (b) Requests for clubs to play on any non-VAFA ground will be considered by the Board. At least two weeks notice (in writing) must be given of any such request.
- (c) Clubs wishing to play night matches must conform to the Night Games' Policy which is located on the website under Club Info, factsheets.

3.10 Home club responsibilities on matchdays.

- (a) The home club shall be responsible for marking the boundary, kick-off lines and interchange areas. (rule 73, i)
- (b) The home club should also supply the following **equipment**: (rule 73).
6 goal flags (rule 73, iii); siren or bell (rule 73, viii); training table (both rooms) (rule 73, ii); two Sherrin balls (rule 73, iv & viii, \$25 fine); stretcher (rule 73, ix); dressing rooms with suitable security (both rooms); room for umpires (able to be secured).
- (c) Interchange steward who is to also to act as the home team's umpire escort. (rule 73, x, \$25 fine).
- (d) The home club is responsible for the continuous operation of the **scoreboard** throughout every match. (see rule 73, v & vi)

4.10 Both club responsibilities on matchdays.

- (a) For **all matches**, each club must provide an efficient boundary umpire, (when required); goal umpire, (when required); runner, timekeeper, umpire escort
- (b) The Officials appointed through the clubs must follow a dress code.
 1. The home club **interchange steward** should be dressed in a white coat.
 2. **Boundary umpires** / field (rule 72 x, \$10 fine): white shorts, white shirt and either black or club socks.
 3. **Goal umpires** (rule 72 xi, \$10 fine): White coat, black pants, white hat
 4. **Timekeepers** are required to record (rule 72, xii, \$5 fine) times of quarters plus all goals and behinds kicked
 5. **Runners and Trainers** (rule 72, xiii, \$10 fine) are to wear VAFA approved clothing.
 6. Clubs must ensure that all **players** wear correct uniforms including flesh coloured bike shorts and that each player wears a different number, which corresponds to those appearing on the team sheet and in the *Amateur Footballer..*



- (c) Each club is to provide a **reserve umpire** who has attended one of the pre-season registration nights provided by the VAFA.
1. Team sheets are checked after each round to see that registered umpires only are used in all VAFA reserve matches.
 2. Clubs using non-registered umpires will have the match dealt with in the same way as if an ineligible player was played (loss of points/fine) (1st offence \$30, 2nd offence \$40, for 3rd and every other offence \$50)
 3. Umpires are also observed to see that offences that should be reported are in fact the subject of an official report.
 4. If a registered reserve section umpire does not sign both team sheets that umpire's club will not receive the rebate due to it.
- (d) Clubs must ensure at all intervals that field, boundary and goal umpires receive attention by way of a drink, orange and towel etc. as required.

4.11 Match Scores

The VAFA requires information from clubs related to match scores as follows (see rule 72, xix):

- (a) All **Senior home clubs** from all Sections must enter the full match information into the online results database: quarter by quarter scores, full time scores, best players, goal-kickers for both teams by **5.30 pm on match-day**.
If the home club has difficulty with logging on to the results page (i.e. internet connection problems), results can be phoned in on **9537 6777** or **9537 6710** – **These must be phoned in by 5.30 pm.**
- (b) **Reserves, Thirds, Club XVIII, Under-19 and Under-18 Section home clubs** must enter the final match score, including quarter by quarter scores, into the VAFA results webpage by **5.30 pm** on match-day. If the home club has difficulty logging onto the results page (i.e. internet connection problems) results can be phoned in on **9537 6777** or **9537 6710** by **5.30 pm**.
Full results including best players and goal-kickers must be logged into the VAFA results webpage by each club by 10 am Monday after the match
- (c) **Live Scores.** Clubs are required to input **senior scores** on a regular basis and within 5 minutes of the end of each quarter (Rule 72, xix, \$10 per quarter fine).

4.12 Jumper clashes

Please refer to in the yellow section of this Handbook for jumper clashes. General Manager – Football Operations will advise Club XVIII and Under-19 jumper clashes on a week to week basis via email. For further information please refer to the Club Info, under fact sheets to match day requirements on the VAFA website.

4.13 Tribunal hearings and Investigations

(a) Tribunal

1. Club secretaries, team managers and officials must familiarise themselves with the tribunal procedures and ensure all players attending the tribunal understand the procedures. Refer to Club Info under fact sheets to tribunal on the VAFA website
2. Names of all parties required to attend will be listed on the VAFA website by 5 pm on the Tuesday afternoon following the match.
3. Any changes made will be notified to the respective parties by VAFA through phone or email.
4. Non-attendance by any player will be dealt by the Tribunal, in most cases resulting in a period of suspension.
5. **Club officials** being the subject of an umpire's report (on an official report sheet) will have the report **heard by an investigation committee** and **not a tribunal**.
6. **Prescribed Penalty**

All players are encouraged to accept the minimum prescribed penalty. If a player does so, he will receive a one match reduction from the set Prescribed Penalty.

A guilty plea by players who must attend a tribunal hearing, eg a player with a history during the past two seasons or players reported for an offence under part (ii) of the report form will receive a 1 match reduction.

To accept the minimum prescribed penalty

- (i) The club secretary of the representing player must contact VAFA Tribunal Coordinator (9537 6700) **by midday Tuesday** following the playing of the match.
- (ii) The Tribunal & Investigations Coordinator will decide whether the player can accept the minimum prescribed penalty or is required to attend a tribunal hearing.



- (iii) The decision will be based on the player's prior history and the nature of the report.
- (iv) If a player has a prior history (ie. a suspension) during the current season and/or during the two seasons before the current season, a reported player will not be granted the prescribed penalty.
- (v) **The Vafa will contact the club after 3 p.m. Tuesday** to see if the minimum prescribed penalty has been granted.
- (vi) Tribunal & Investigations Coordinator will advise umpires and the witness's club secretary after 3.00 pm that same **Tuesday** if the prescribed penalty has been granted.

NB; Umpires on match days cannot grant the prescribed penalty.

- 4.14 (a) Tribunal hearings** are held at Elsternwick Park on Wednesday nights following the match, with Under-19 and Club 18 hearings commencing at **7:00 pm** and the remainder at **7:30 pm** .

For all other details in regards to Tribunal Rules and Procedures refer to Vafa website under Club Info, factsheets, tribunal and investigations.

(b) Vafa Investigations.

If a club wishes to make a protest or complaint,

1. Any protest or complaint, that a person, player or Club wishes to be investigated by the Board or its delegated sub-committee against any other person or player or Club shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer of the Association or his delegate not later than 12 noon on the Monday following the match in which the same is alleged to have arisen. In exceptional circumstances the Chief Executive Officer may extend the date for submission of any request for investigation to 12 noon on the Wednesday following the match.
2. The protest or complaint must be accompanied by a fee of \$200.00. If more than one protest is made relating to different incidents, the fee shall be greater than \$200.00 and shall be determined by the Association.

The hearing of a protest, complaint or charge shall take place before the appropriate body at a time and venue as notified by the Chief Executive Officer (or his delegate). Wherever possible, hearings must be held prior to the next round of matches. A hearing may be adjourned or deferred only if in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer or the body hearing the matter the circumstances giving rise to the request for adjournment or deferral are exceptional.

If the club wishes the Board to investigate a protest, dispute or complaint,

1. Should the CEO consider it an appropriate issue, he shall conduct a preliminary inquiry to the matter.
2. The CEO shall determine whether charges should be referred to the Board.

(c) Melees Procedure

1. Umpire charge club with a melee(s) on Saturday.
2. The Vafa offers the club the prescribed penalty if applicable by noon Monday; the club then must respond by 9 a.m. Tuesday morning.

NB: Umpires on match days cannot grant the prescribed penalty.

Prescribed penalties for melees:

For a team's first offence of the season.

Minor – minimum of \$150; Major – minimum of \$300

For a team's second offence in the same season.

Minor – minimum of \$250; Major – minimum of \$500

For a team's third or any subsequent offence in the same season.

Minor – minimum of \$400; Major – minimum of \$750

Section 5



2016

Player Registration, Transfer and Finals' Eligibility



1. **Permits**

There is only **one way** of obtaining a **permit** for season 2016.

An applicant who complies with the following definition of an Amateur and who completes wholly the requirements of the VAFA Permit Application Process will be considered eligible to receive a permit to play in the VAFA.

The definition of an Amateur is as follows:

An amateur is one who does not receive or promise to receive, either directly or indirectly, any remuneration or reward whatsoever (whether by match payments or expenses or otherwise) in respect to their participation in the Victorian Amateur Football Association (see player eligibility guidelines)..

Permit Application Forms (PAF) are available from vafa.com.au. Information supplied on this form must be processed through the VAFA database (“Footyweb”) before the PAF is lodged. PAF’s must be lodged with VAFA reception in person or via post. Faxed or scanned copies will not be accepted. Once the PAF is lodged with the VAFA, the player’s registration will be approved on the database by the VAFA **unless** an interview is required, or the club has been notified that an investigation is taking place into their application.

All PAFs submitted must be completed in full detail. Once the PAF is submitted, the permit will be automatically granted **unless** notification is given to the Club Secretary that the permit is pending. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure all information supplied on these forms is true and correct, otherwise strict penalties will be enforced for non-compliance. Also, strict penalties apply if information supplied on the PAF differs from that entered into the VAFA database. Permit forms should be filled in using ink and submitted in alphabetical order.

Clubs are advised they can only submit relevant paperwork once and once only.

No amendment to forms will be permitted, so clubs must ensure all details are correct when the paperwork is submitted.

If a player applying for a permit with the VAFA has a Tribunal record (in any League, Association and age group) of 3 or more guilty verdicts and/or 6 weeks in total suspensions, an interview with the VAFA must be arranged before the PAF can be lodged. Clubs can request an interview through the General Manager of Football Operations.

Clubs must register with the VAFA, the names of club officials, other than the club Secretary, authorised to sign permits, transfers forms and VAFA clearances.

Senior, Reserve, Thirds and Club XVIII permits will be issued up to June 30th 2016.

A player **can** obtain a permit after June 30th if they are returning to the VAFA club for whom they last played. Permits will not be granted after June 30th for players transferring from other clubs (whether they are within the VAFA or not), no

matter the length of time since the player last played.

Under-19 and **Under-18** permits will be issued up to July 31st 2016. To obtain an Under-19 permit, players must be born on or after July 1st 1996. Birth Certificate, Drivers License or Passport numbers must be supplied on the PAF. For Under-18 Sections, players must be born on or after July 1st 1997.

Players issued with an Under-19 or Under-18 permit **after** June 30th can play **only** in their club's Under-19 or Under-18 team for the remainder of the season. They are ineligible to play Senior, Reserve, Thirds or Club XVIII football. Under-19 or Under-18 players requiring a clearance **cannot** be registered after June 30th.

Overage Players – Under-19 teams may play up to 4 players who are born on or after the 31st December 1995. **Under-18** teams may play up to 4 players who are born on or after the 31st December 1996. These players will need approval from the General Manager of Football Operations before being permitted to play in the Under-18 or Under-19 competition. Approval must be sought prior to the commencement of the match otherwise these players will be deemed as ineligible.

Where a club has two or more Club XVIII/Thirds teams in the same section, a player cannot alternate between teams after June 30th.

Senior, Reserve, Under-19, Under-18 and Club XVIII permit applications must be processed through the VAFA database and the associated PAF must be lodged with VAFA reception by 1pm on the Friday prior to a match.

In exceptional circumstances, Under-19 and Under-18 permits can be issued outside of these times. These requests must be done through the General Manager of Football Operations.

2. Transfers

The VAFA will assess every internal, inward and outward club transfer individually and make a decision whether or not to approve the transfer based on this assessment and its effect on the competition.

(Rule 35 of the Articles of the Association – The VAFA Permit Committee shall be responsible to grant or refuse all applications for registration with the Association and permits to represent clubs in matches under the control of the Association)

1. Internal Transfers (VAFA to VAFA club transfers)

Players must fully complete the PAF, paying particular attention to the “Previous Registration” section. All VAFA to VAFA club transfers are to be completed using the online transfer system contained in the membership database (“Footyweb”). Clubs have 6 business days to respond if they have any objection to the transfer.

Objections can be based on the following criteria:

- (a) The player is financially indebted to the club or is in possession of club property.
- (b) The player wishes to withdraw their transfer application

Objections **cannot** be lodged if the player has not played for his former club for more than 3 seasons (i.e. clubs



cannot object to a transfer in 2016 if he last played for that club in 2012 or prior). The player's PAF **must** be approved by the former club.

Clubs will be able to view the permit status of players via the VAFA membership database incorporated within the "Footyweb" program.

The VAFA will automatically cancel a player's permit if he plays in another competition outside the VAFA, except as provided under Rule 44 (iii).

2. **Inward Transfers (Players coming into the VAFA)**

Players must fully complete the PAF, paying particular attention to the "Previous Registration" section. The most recent senior club the player has represented **must** be recorded. The player will receive an automatic transfer if the player falls into any of the following categories:

- (a) A period of not less than 24 months has elapsed since a player last played with a club of any AFL Victoria (or equivalent) member.
- (b) A player is a permanent member of the armed forces and is transferred in his duties to an area not less than 50 kilometres from his previous place of residence.
- (c) A player becomes ineligible by reason of age to play with any team of such club.
- (d) A player is registered with a club which ceases to continue to field teams for which the player is eligible to play and provided that the former League confirms to AFL Victoria that such club has ceased to continue.

Transfers must be processed in the following manner:

- (a) Process the player's transfer via the "Request a Clearance" procedure on the membership database (see instructional sheet on VAFA website under "Publications & Media Guide").
- (b) If the player or the player's former League, Association or Club does not appear in the search fields in the membership database (i.e. interstate leagues), enter the player's name into the database, circle "NO" under "PROCESSED ONLINE" on the VAFA PAF and submit to the VAFA within the required timelines. The VAFA will process the transfer in these cases.
- (c) The former League/Association will have 6 business days to respond from the day the transfer notification is processed. If the former League/Association does not respond within 6 days, the said League/Association shall have waived its right to refuse the transfer.
- (d) If a transfer is refused, it is up to the player or club to resolve to issue with the player's former club. The player will not be eligible to play until the matter is resolved. If the matter cannot be resolved within a reasonable time frame, the matter shall be referred to the VAFA for further action.

3. **Outward Transfers (Players leaving the VAFA)**

Clubs will be notified via email when a transfer notification is processed by another club using Footyweb. Clubs



have 6 business days to respond if they have any objection to the transfer. For transfers to Leagues/Associations not using Footyweb, the VAFA will notify clubs via email or fax when they are received. Objections can be based on the following criteria:

- (a) The player is financially indebted to the club or is in possession of club property.
- (b) The player wishes to withdraw their transfer application.

If a VAFA club has an objection to a transfer the player will not be eligible to play for the new club until the matter is resolved. Clubs must be able to verify their reason for the rejection on request. If a club is unable to verify their objection then the player's transfer request may be approved. If you feel that the matter has not been sufficiently resolved and the player has been accepted by the new League/Association, please notify the General Manager of Football of Operations with your concerns.

4. VAFA, Western Region Football League, Riddell District Football League and Southern Football League

Interchange. Should a VAFA team have an affiliate Under-18 side competing in the WRJFL, RDJFL or be part of a hybrid arrangement with a SFL club, players may hold dual registrations in both bodies and interchange between the two if required. Players can only interchange under the following conditions:

- (a) The player seeking permission to interchange must have fully completed, signed and lodged an Interchange Form annually in addition to the regular registration procedures. It is the club's / player's responsibility to ensure they are fully registered with both bodies before taking the field.
- (b) The Interchange Form must be lodged prior to the VAFA closing date for registrations (June 30th) for senior football eligibility.
- (c) The player cannot play for the Junior and Senior Club on the same weekend. Players who do play in both competitions on the same weekend will be classed as an ineligible player in both competitions and ineligibility sanctions will apply.
- (d) To be eligible for finals in either competition, the player must meet the qualification criteria of that competition.
- (e) A player cannot interchange whilst under suspension.
- (f) If an interchange player is reported in the VAFA, the VAFA Tribunal will hear that charge. Any penalties received in either competition shall be served before the player can continue interchanging.
- (g) Players incurring injuries requiring an insurance claim will be required to claim from the relevant insurer of the competition they were playing at the time of the injury only. Players who play in both competitions on the same weekend will not be covered by insurance.

5. VCFL Student Interchange

A player who transfers to a club affiliated with the VAFA from a club affiliated to the VCFL (or vice-versa) to attend an educational institution on a full-time basis may, during official semester vacations / school holidays,



receive a permit to play with his immediate former club, subject to the Student Interchange Form being fully completed and the processes outlined on the form adhered to. The player cannot play for both the VCFL and the VAFA club on the same weekend.

Permit applications must be received by June 30th in the year of competition and forms are available from the VAFA. The permit period last for the duration of the players commitments at the educational institution and is subject to any relevant regulations of any of the parties, including participation in finals.

3. General Information

Should the Permit Committee not be satisfied with information provided on the permit application, it may decide to interview the player. Where this is the case, the club will be notified that the player is ineligible to play and the club will receive written advice from the VAFA advising of the interview appointment time. Should clubs not be able to make the allotted appointment they should contact the General Manager of Football Operations to arrange otherwise.

The Permit Committee reserves the right to refuse any application for a permit should it be satisfied the applicant cannot demonstrate he possesses a satisfactory playing record or is of good character.

Any Club Secretary or Registration Secretary in doubt about the amateur status of any player is urged to discuss the matter with the General Manager of Football Operations. To initiate any discussion relating to the amateur status of players or a permit matter, a club or Registration Secretary is asked to email the General Manager of Football Operations all information relating to the matter plus the query.

The onus is on clubs for information provided on permit forms. Particular attention is directed to the rules regarding permits. Each club secretary should be absolutely sure that no unregistered player is included in his team in any match, as the penalties for doing so are severe and irrevocable.

All clubs must be aware that the granting of a playing permit is conditional upon the applicant and the club with which he is seeking to play disclosing the applicant's complete playing history. Both the applicant and the club are as one on any permit application. The omission of any information on the application (be it deliberate or otherwise), that would have seen the application denied, shall affect both the applicant and the club in regards to any penalties imposed as a result of that omission.

4. Contracted players.

Any applicant contracted to a professional league club and who is in dispute with that club will not be considered for a permit until such time as the dispute has been resolved and the applicant has been released from his contractual obligations.



5. **VFL listed players** can be released to play on a weekend for the VAFA interchange club nominated when contracted to a VFL club. The VAFA is advised of the names of players released (and approved by the VFL) during the Friday morning before the match. Clubs are then advised by the VAFA by a link on vafa.com.au whether a player has been made available by his VFL club. If a VFL player represents his VAFA club without formal approval he will be declared an ineligible player. Players may move between their VAFA club and their VFL club throughout the year; however players in this circumstance need to qualify in order to be eligible for VAFA finals.
6. **TAC Under-18 players** can alternate between the TAC competition and the VAFA up to and including Round 18 of the VAFA season. Players in this situation need to qualify in order to be eligible for VAFA finals. A player can play with his VAFA club and his VFL or TAC Under-18 club on the one weekend; however the VAFA match played on such a weekend does not count towards the player's finals eligibility total.

7. Finals Eligibility

To be eligible for finals (and subject to the operation of **Rule 55D**) a player must be eligible and registered to represent the club; meet any applicable age requirement; and meet the games qualification stated below:

- (a) Senior – no games qualification.
- (b) Under 18 – a minimum of 2 games for the club in any grade PROVIDED THAT:
 - (i) a player who has played in 6 or more Open-age games must have played a minimum of 6 Under 18 games; and
 - (ii) a player must not have played more than 10 Under 19 games.
- (c) Under 19 – a minimum of 2 games for the Club in any Grade PROVIDED THAT a player who has played in 6 or more Open-age games must have played a minimum of 6 Under 19 games.
- (d) Reserve – a minimum of 4 Reserve or Third Grade games and a maximum of 10 higher ranked games.
- (e) Third – a minimum of 4 Third Grade games and a maximum of 10 higher ranked games.
- (f) Club XVIII – a minimum of 4 Club XVIII games and a maximum of 8 higher ranked games.

Under-age hybrid teams

The finals qualification for a hybrid team comprising a combination of players from more than one Club (including a Club from another competition as referred to in Rule 44(b)) is a minimum of 5 games for that team.

Playing more than one game on a weekend

- (a) If a player plays in more than one VAFA game on the same weekend, only the highest ranked game counts for finals eligibility purposes.
- (b) If a player plays in an AFL/VFL/TAC game and a VAFA game on the same weekend, the VAFA game does not count for finals eligibility purposes.

Clubs fielding more than one team in a Grade

- (a) Open-age:
 - (i) If the teams are in different Sections – to be eligible to play finals for the lower-ranked team a player must not have played more than 10 games in the higher-ranked team.
 - (ii) If the teams are in the same Section –
 - A. a player cannot interchange between teams after 30 June;
 - B. a player can only play finals for his post-30 June team; and



- C. the games qualification is a minimum of 4 games for the finals team, and more games for the finals team than the other team.

(b) Under-age:

To be eligible to play finals for the lower-ranked team a player must not have played more than 10 games in the higher-ranked team, unless both such teams are playing on the same weekend (in which case this special Rule does not apply).

More than one team playing finals on the same weekend

Where a club has more than one team playing finals on the same calendar weekend the following special games qualifications apply:

- (a) [Senior and Reserve playing] – the qualification for Reserve is a minimum of 2 games in the Senior or Reserve or Third Grade.
- (b) [Reserve and Third playing] - the qualification for Third is a minimum of 4 games in the Reserve or Third Grade, and a maximum of 10 higher ranked games.
- (c) [Senior and Under-age team playing] – the qualification for the Under-age team does not include the 6 game provision in Rule 55C(b)(i) or 55C(c).
- (d) [Reserve or Third and Under-age team playing] – the qualification for the Under-age team does not include the 6 game provision in Rule 55C(b)(i) or 55C(c) provided the player has otherwise met the games qualification for the Reserve or Third Grade, as the case may be.

Over-age players in Under-age Grades

An over-age player permitted by the Board in accordance with Rule 51 or 53 to play home and away games in an Under-age Grade is subject to a finals qualification of a minimum of 8 games for the team he wishes to represent in finals.

AFL, VFL or TAC listed players

The qualification is a minimum of 5 games for the team a player wishes to represent in finals, 2 of which must be after 30 June or in the alternative, a minimum of 8 games in total during the season without any temporal limitation PROVIDED THAT an Under-age player may combine Senior and Under-age games in order to meet the 5 or 8 game qualification for Senior finals.



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PART A: INTRODUCTION



A. THIS PUBLICATION

This publication contains the Laws of Australian Football as administered and controlled by the AFL *as well as local Laws that are applicable to the Victorian Amateur Football Association.*

B. APPLICATION

These Laws apply to bodies affiliated to the AFL and to bodies affiliated to AFL Affiliates. Controlling bodies may make appropriate modifications consistent with the spirit of these laws for under-age competitions.

C. NATURE AND OBJECT OF AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

Australian Football is a game played between two Teams competing in accordance with these Laws. The objective of each Team playing Australian Football is to win by scoring more points than the opposing Team. The winner of a Match of Australian Football is the Team which has scored, in accordance with these Laws, the greater number of points at the conclusion of the Match. A Match is drawn when each Team has the same number of points at the conclusion of the Match.

D. PURPOSE OF LAWS

These Laws explain how a Match of Australian Football is played and seek to attain the following objectives:

- a) to ensure that the game of Australian Football is played in a fair manner and a spirit of true sportsmanship; and
- b) to prevent injuries to Players participating in a Match so far as this objective can be reasonably achieved in circumstances where Australian Football is a body contact sport.

PART B: GENERAL AND DEFINITIONS

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 DEFINITIONS

Unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

AFL: the Australian Football League.

AFL Anti-Doping Code: the code adopted by the AFL, (and any variation), which regulates the use and administration of drugs by Players competing in the competitions conducted by the AFL.

AFL Rules: the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the AFL, the AFL Player Rules, the AFL Regulations and any resolution or determination passed from time to time by the AFL Commission.

All Clear or Touched All Clear: the verbal and visual instruction given by a field Umpire for the goal Umpire to signal and record a Goal or a Behind, as the case may be.

Arena: means the Playing Surface and all of the area between the Playing Surface and the perimeter fence, including any break in the perimeter fence.

Australian Football: the contest played between two Teams competing in accordance with these Laws.

Behind: the recording of 1 point, when any of the circumstances described in Law 12.1.2 occur.

Behind Line: the white lines marked on the Playing Surface between the goal posts and the behind posts.

Boundary Line: the white line drawn on the ground to identify the Playing Surface, as described in Law 3.2.

Centre Circle: the area on the Playing Surface described in Law 3.3.

Centre Square: the area on the Playing Surface described in Law 3.3.

Charge or Charging: the conduct described in Law 15.4.4.

Controlling Body: the league, association or other body described in Law 2.1.

Correct Disposal or Correctly Dispose: disposing of the football in a manner permitted under Rule 15.3.1.

Correct Tackle or Correctly Tackled: the conduct permitted under 15.4.1.



Forty-five Metre Arc: the line drawn in the shape of an arc at each end of the Playing Surface to show that the distance to the centre of the Goal Line is **forty-five metres**.

Free Kick: giving possession of the football to a Player on the occasions described in Law 15.

Goal: the recording of 6 points, when any of the circumstances described in 12.1.1 occur.

Goal Line: the white line marked on the Playing Surface between each goal post and should be drawn so as the back of the line is equal with the back of the padding.

Goal Square: the areas on the Playing Surface described in Law 3.6.

Handball: the act of holding the football in one hand and disposing of the football by hitting it with the clenched fist of the other hand.

Home and Away Matches: the Matches played between Teams to determine the premier Team or those Teams who will compete in a finals series to determine the premier Team.

Interchange Area: the area marked on the Boundary Line through which Players may enter and leave the Playing Surface.

Interchange Player(s): the Player(s) of a Team who are not on the Playing Surface but who are listed on the Team Sheet and available to replace a Player on the Playing Surface.

Interchange Steward: the person(s) appointed by the relevant Controlling Body to monitor and approve the interchange of Players during a Match.

Kick or Kicking: in relation to disposing of the football, means making contact with the football with any part of the Player's leg below the knee.

Kick Off Line: the straight line drawn on the Playing Surface which runs parallel with the Goal Line, as described in Law 3.6.

Mark: has the meaning described in Law 14.1.

Match: the contest of Australian Football played between two Teams.

Melee: *an incident involving a number of players/officials pushing, scragging, wrestling or engaging in similar conduct.*

Official: includes but is not limited to an officer, coach, assistant coach, trainer, runner, employee or any person performing any duties (paid or unpaid) for or on behalf of the club or Team.

Out of Bounds: means the football passes completely over the Boundary Line or touches a behind post but before doing so, touches the ground or is touched by a Player. If any portion of the football is on or above the Boundary Line, the football is not Out of Bounds.

Out of Bounds on the Full: means the football, having been Kicked, passes completely over the Boundary Line without touching the ground within the Playing Surface or being touched by a Player, or the football has touched the behind post or passed over the behind post without touching the ground or being touched by a Player.

Player: a person who plays or is selected to play with a Team or a person who otherwise trains with a Team or who is within the purview of these Laws.

Playing Surface: the field of play inside the Boundary Line, Goal Line and Behind Line, excluding the area between such lines and the perimeter fence.

Play On or Touched Play On: the verbal and visual instruction given by a field Umpire to indicate that:

- a) a Free Kick or Mark will not be awarded and play will continue; or
- b) a Player has attempted to dispose of the football other than in a direct line over the mark and the football is therefore in play.

Prohibited Contact: contact between Players which is prohibited under Law 15.4.5.

Protected Area: the area described in Law 16.1.2.

Shepherd: the contact described in Law 15.4.2.

Team: the group of Players competing against another group of Players in a Match of Australian Football.



Team Runner(s): the person(s) appointed to deliver messages to the Players of a Team during a Match.

Team Sheet: the document which must be completed and lodged by each Team under Law 5.3.

Timekeeper(s): the person(s) appointed by a Controlling Body (or Teams) to keep the time of a Match.

Time Wasting: occurs where a field umpire is of the opinion that a Player is unnecessarily causing a delay in play.

The mark: the position on the Playing Surface where an opposition Player may stand after a Player has been awarded a Free Kick or a Mark, as described in Law 16.1.1.

Throw: shall be given its ordinary meaning, but also includes the act of propelling the football with one or both hands in a scooping motion. A Player does not throw the football if the Player hits, punches or taps the football without taking possession of the football.

Twenty-five Metre Penalty: *the act of advancing by 25 metres towards the centre of the Goal Line, the position on the Playing Surface where a Player has been awarded a Free Kick or a Mark.*

Umpire: includes all of the field, boundary, goal and emergency Umpires officiating or at a Match.

Under Age Competition: a competition conducted between Teams in which the age of the Players in each Team fall within a specified age category or below an age limit

1.2 INTERPRETATION

In the interpretation of these Laws, unless the context requires otherwise:

- a) words importing the singular shall be deemed to include the plural and vice versa;
- b) words importing any gender shall be deemed to include the other gender;
- c) headings are included for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of these Laws;
- d) "including" and similar words are not words of limitation;
- e) any words, terms or phrases defined in the remainder of these Laws shall have the meaning prescribed within the particular Law; and
- f) words, terms or phrases not otherwise defined in these Laws, shall be given their ordinary meaning.

1.3 AFL RULES PREVAIL

Where any provision in the AFL Rules is inconsistent with any provision contained in these Laws, the provision in the AFL Rules shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

1.4 VARIATION

The AFL may from time to time change these Laws and make further Laws in its absolute discretion.

PART C: ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

2. CONTROLLING BODY

2.1 DEFINITION

A Controlling Body includes:

- a) the AFL;
- b) any league, association or body responsible for the organisation and conduct of Matches of Australian Football, who has determined to play such Matches in accordance with these Laws;
- c) a league, association or body responsible for the organisation and conduct of Matches of Australian Football and who is affiliated to the AFL ("AFL Affiliates"); and
- d) any league, association or body responsible for the organisation and conduct of Matches of Australian Football who is affiliated to the AFL Affiliates.

2.2 APPLICATION OF THESE LAWS



Unless Law 2.3 applies, these Laws shall apply to all Matches of Australian Football organised and conducted by a Controlling Body.

2.3 VARIATION / EXEMPTION

- a) a Controlling Body may apply to the AFL to vary these Laws as they apply to the competition or competitions conducted by the Controlling Body.
- b) an application to the AFL by a league, association or body affiliated to the AFL Affiliate shall be made through the AFL Affiliate.
- c) unless specifically allowed under these Laws or a variation is allowed by the AFL under Law 2.3(a), a Controlling Body shall not prescribe any rules or laws in addition to or which conflict with or affect the full operation of these Laws.

3. PLAYING SURFACE AND GOAL POSTS

3.1 GENERAL

The dimensions and markings of the Playing Surface and the playing positions for Players are contained in this Law 3.

The "home" club must ensure:

- *the ground is in playable condition.*
- *All lines - boundary, goal square, centre circles, 45 metre square, two 45 metre arcs and interchange lines are properly marked.*
- *goal and behind posts are padded.*
- *goal posts are fitted with brackets for flags.*

3.2 PLAYING SURFACE

- (a) The Playing Surface shall be:
 - (i) oval in shape;
 - (ii) between **130 metres** and 185 metres in length; and
 - (iii) between **105 metres** and 155 metres in width.
- (b) a white line shall be marked on the ground to identify the Playing Surface. This white line shall be drawn in the shape of an arc from the behind post at one end of the Playing Surface to the behind post at the other end of the Playing Surface. The white lines which are drawn are called the Boundary Line.

At a ground that is fully enclosed by a fence, the distance between the marked boundary line and the fence at all points must be at least three (3) metres. Where the ground is not enclosed by a fence a second line must be marked four (4) metres outside the marked boundary line. No spectator is to encroach over this "second" line during the playing of the Match.

Clubs with unfenced grounds must also ensure that an area behind the goal and behind posts is sectioned off to a distance of 5 metres behind the goal/behind posts.

3.3 IDENTIFYING AREAS ON THE PLAYING SURFACE

The following areas shall be marked on the Playing Surface:

- (a) a square, to be called the Centre Square, which shall:
 - i. be located in the centre of the Playing Surface; and
 - ii. **be 45 metres long and 45 metres wide.**
- (b) a Centre Circle, 3 metres in diameter and an outer circle 10 metres in diameter which shall:
 - i. be located in the middle of the Centre Square and
 - ii. both be divided into two (2) semi-circles by drawing a straight line parallel with each goal line.



- (c) an Interchange Area, **15 metres apart at the centre wing position on one side of the ground;**
- (d) a Goal Square at each end of the Playing Surface;
- (e) the Goal Line and Behind Line;
- (f) **45 metre arcs at each end of the playing surface; and**
- (g) **A coaches' line to be drawn half way between the boundary line and the fence/coaches box over which no official is to encroach during the games playing time.**

Coaches' boxes or benches must be placed on opposite sides of the interchange area and each box/bench must be at least 35-40 metres from the marked interchange area.

If boxes are fixed, the interchange area must be marked exactly in the middle between the two boxes.

Coaches' boxes/benches and the interchange area must be placed on the same side of the oval.

3.4 RELOCATION OF CENTRE SQUARE

Where a Controlling Body is satisfied that the area within the Centre Square and Centre Circle will prevent the bouncing of the football or is otherwise in an unsuitable condition, it may direct the relocation of the Centre Square and Centre Circle.

3.5 GOAL POSTS AND BEHIND POSTS

3.5.1 Position

- (a) two posts, to be called goal posts, shall be a minimum height of 6 metres and be placed at each end of the Playing Surface at a distance of 6.4 metres apart.
- (b) a further two posts, to be called behind posts, shall be a minimum height of 3 metres and be placed at a distance of 6.4 metres on each side of the goal posts so that a straight line can be drawn on the ground to join each post.

3.5.2 Padding

A Controlling Body must ensure that padding is attached around each goal and behind post as follows:

- a minimum of 35mm thick foam padding, covered in canvas or painted;
- a minimum height of 2.5m from the bottom of each goal and behind post;
- a suitable width to allow the padding to be fixed around each goal and behind post; and
- the padding must be securely attached around each goal and behind post.

3.6 GOAL SQUARE AND KICK OFF LINE

A further area, to be called the goal square, shall be marked by drawing two lines at right angles to the Goal Line for a distance of 9 metres from each goal post and connecting the outer end of each line by a straight line. This line is called the Kick Off Line.

3.7 UNDER AGE COMPETITIONS

A controlling body may approve smaller dimensions for the playing surface and areas identified under Law 3.3 for an under age competition or for open age competition where a complying venue is not readily available.

4. THE FOOTBALL

4.1 DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT



Unless otherwise determined by the AFL a football shall be of a symmetrical oval shape and conform to the standard size of 720-730 millimetres circumference and 545-555 millimetres transverse circumference and be inflated to a pressure between 62-76Kpa.

4.2 SUPPLY AND SELECTION OF FOOTBALLS

Unless the Controlling Body decides on an alternative procedure, the following procedure shall apply to the supply and selection of footballs for a Match:

All footballs used must be the Sherrin brand, badged with the VAFA logo and relevant sponsors' logo.

A Red football should be used for all day Matches, with a yellow ball to be used at night Matches.

The home club must provide a choice of two new footballs of which one will be selected by the visiting captain for use in the Match. If the home club wishes to use two new balls, it must declare this at the toss that it will exercise this right.

If the home club does not wish to use two new balls, the visiting club can supply a new ball of its own, which would be used in the 2nd and 4th quarters of the game. The visiting club captain must declare this also at the coin toss and then immediately provide the umpire with the extra new ball. Clubs can elect to have a new ball used every quarter if the home and/or visiting club is willing to supply and pay for them.

Reserves, Thirds, U19 and U18, and Club XVIII teams have the alternative of submitting for choice of the visiting team, two footballs which may have been used previously, if in the opinion of the field umpire, are suitable for match play. New balls are not mandatory.

5. TEAMS

5.1 NUMBER OF PLAYERS IN TEAM

Unless the number is varied under Law 5.2, a Team must consist of **between 14 and 18 Players**, who may be on the Playing Surface at any one time, and no more than 4 Interchange Players. The Controlling Body shall determine the actual number of Players which may play for each Team in the competitions conducted by the Controlling Body.

5.2 VARIATION OF NUMBER

Teams cannot take the field with less than fourteen (14) players, all of whom must be duly registered.

- (i) Teams must have at least 14 players to be able to commence a match***
- (ii) No more than 18 players can take the field at any one time***
- (iii) Senior teams (including reserves) can have up to 4 interchange players.***
- (iv) U18 / U19 and Thirds teams can have up to six interchange players.***
- (v) Club XVIII teams can have up to eight interchange players.***

Club XVIII only: All players must be registered with a minimum of fourteen (14) required to start a Club XVIII match. A registered player may represent the opposition on the day provided appropriate notation is marked on the Team Sheet.

5.3 TEAM SHEETS

5.3.1 Details

Unless otherwise determined by a Controlling Body, a Team Sheet shall:

- (a) list the names and numbers of the Players in the Team;
- (b) list the name of the coach, Team Runner and any other Official participating in the Match.

5.3.2 Completing and Lodging Team Sheet

Each club must supply an exact copy of the original team sheet to their opposition club by the respective Team Managers half an hour prior to the commencement of the match. Team sheets must be handed to the field umpire no



later than the half time break.

5.4 CHANGE OF PLAYER GUERNSEY DURING MATCH

5.4.1 Replacement Guernsey

Each Team shall ensure that a replacement guernsey is available for each Player participating in a Match.

5.4.2 Replacement of Guernsey with Same Number

Where it becomes necessary to replace a guernsey worn by a Player during a Match, the Team shall ensure that the replacement guernsey displays the number allocated to the Player before the commencement of the Match.

5.4.3 Second Replacement of Guernsey

If it becomes necessary to replace the guernsey of a Player on a second occasion, a Player may wear a guernsey that displays a different number to that originally worn by the Player. Where the replacement guernsey of a Player does display a different number, the Team Runner shall advise the Interchange Steward and the field Umpire during the next interval or, if the change occurs during the final quarter, at the first available opportunity. Upon being advised, the Interchange Steward or field Umpire, as the case may be, shall make an appropriate amendment to the Team Sheet at the first available opportunity.

5.4.4 Variation by Controlling Body

Where financial or other circumstances of a Team reasonably prevents Law 5.4.2 being followed, the Controlling Body may allow the replacement guernsey worn by a Player to display a different number to that originally worn by the Player. Where the replacement guernsey of a Player does display a different number, the Team Runner shall advise the Interchange Steward and the field Umpire during the next interval or, if the change occurs during the final quarter, at the first available opportunity. Upon being advised, the Interchange Steward or the field Umpire, as the case may be, shall make an appropriate amendment to the Team Sheet at the first available opportunity.

5.5 COUNTING OF PLAYERS

5.5.1 Request by Captain

The captain or acting captain of a Team may at any time during a Match request that the field Umpire count the number of Players of the opposing Team who are on the Playing Surface.

5.5.2 Procedure

- (a) where a request is made under Law 5.5.1, the field Umpire shall:
 - (i) stop play at the first available opportunity;
 - (ii) call into line within the Centre Square the Players of both Teams who are at the time on the Playing Surface and count the number of Players;
 - (iii) upon completing the count, ensure that each Team has the permitted number of Players on the Playing Surface and then re-commence play at the position on the Playing Surface where the field Umpire stopped play; and
 - (iv) as soon as practicable after the Match, report to the Controlling Body that a request has been made to count the number of Players in a Team and the number of Players actually counted.
- (b) the maximum number of Players permitted on the Playing Surface at the same time is eighteen or, in circumstances where a Player(s) has been ordered from the Playing Surface under Law 20, eighteen less the Player(s) ordered from the Playing Surface.

5.5.3 Players Exceeding Permitted Number

Where a Team has more than the permitted number of players on the Playing Surface, the following shall apply:



- a) *a field umpire shall award a Free Kick to the captain or acting captain of the opposing team, which shall be taken at the top of their attacking goal square.*
- b) *the Vafa will determine at a later date whether the match result should be altered.*
- c) *the offending team does not lose all points scored in the match up to the time of the count.*
- d) *the Vafa will determine at a later date if further penalties are warranted*

5.5.4 Correct Number and Request Without Merit

Where a count reveals that the opposing Team has the permitted number of Players on the Playing Surface, the following shall apply:

(a) refer 5.5.3 (i.)

(b) if a Field Umpire is of the opinion that a request was made under Law 5.5.1 primarily to delay play or such request did not have sufficient merit, the Field Umpire shall report the Player who requested the count for Time Wasting under Law 19.2.2

6. TEAM OFFICIALS AND TEAM RUNNERS

6.1 CONTROLLING BODY TO REGULATE

A Controlling Body shall adopt rules which:

- (a) specify the times and occasions when an Official and Team Runner may enter the Playing Surface; and
- (b) identify the tasks or duties which such persons may perform when on the Playing Surface.
 - (i) *Runners: only one runner can deliver a message from the coach to a player - he must then leave the ground immediately. Runners cannot speak to opposition players whilst the game is in progress. After one warning the field umpire can order off a runner and bar entry on to the ground again for the rest of the match. Clubs may communicate (coach to interchange area) with electronic aids, however no devices of this nature are to be carried/worn by any official onto the playing area.*
 - (ii) *Trainers: all teams must have in attendance at least one club trainer with at least Level 1 accreditation.*
 - (iii) *Water Carriers: Each team is allowed four water carriers who are to deliver water after a goal has been scored and before the ball is bounced in the centre to restart play.*
 - (iv) *If an umpire deems that any of the officials listed in (i), (ii) or (iii) are not correctly performing their duties as listed, the Field Umpire will award a free kick against the offending team. If the same official offends again then he/she is to be removed. However the official may be replaced.*
 - (v) *Water Carriers are NOT allowed within 30 metres of the coaches boxes at any time during matches. They are not to deliver messages to players, or to remain on the ground once water has been delivered.*

6.2 IDENTIFICATION

Each Team Official and Team Runner shall wear a uniform or other form of identification, (such as an armband), as determined by the Controlling Body.

Club runners, club provided umpires, water carriers and trainers must have reached the age of fifteen by the start of the season.

Runners must wear a Vafa Fluorescent Yellow top with their club name on the back, club shorts or track pants.



Water carriers must wear a VAFA Fluorescent Orange top with their club name on the back, club shorts or track pants.

Trainers must wear an official VAFA trainer's outfit. Each trainer must wear a black VAFA armband (home team trainer) or a white armband (away team trainer). The armband must be worn on the left arm and above the elbow.

PART D: PRE-MATCH AND MATCH PROVISIONS

7. INTERCHANGE

7.1 INTERCHANGE STEWARD – APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES

A controlling body may appoint two interchange stewards to officiate during a match. The interchange steward shall:

- (a) be positioned throughout the Match at or near the Interchange Area;
- (b) monitor and approve the interchange of players made by each team during a Match; and
- (c) report to the controlling body any infringement by a team of this Law 7.
- (d) ***home club interchange steward may also act as the home team's umpire escort.***

7.2 PROCEDURE FOR INTERCHANGE

The following procedure shall apply to the interchange of Players during a Match:

- (a) the captain of a Team, Team Runner or Official shall advise the Interchange Steward of the Team's intention to replace a Player who is currently on the Playing Surface for another Player listed on its Team Sheet;
- (b) upon being satisfied that the replacement is permitted, the Interchange Steward shall approve the replacement;
- (c) a Team may interchange the Players concerned within a period of 3 minutes from the time approval is given by the Interchange Steward, after which the approval shall lapse;
- (d) unless Law 7.3 applies, the Players concerned shall leave and enter the Playing Surface through the Interchange Area;
- (e) a Player who does not leave the Playing Surface as specified under Law 7.2(d) is unable to re-enter the Playing Surface for the remainder of the Match.

7.3 USE OF STRETCHER

7.3.1 Health and Safety of Player

Any Player who is injured during a Match and who, in the opinion of a doctor, trainer or Official, requires the assistance of a stretcher, shall be attended by the Team's training staff and a stretcher as soon as possible so as to ensure the health and safety of the Player.

7.3.2 Procedure

Where a stretcher is required, the following procedure shall apply:

- (a) upon being advised or noticing that a Player requires a stretcher, the field Umpire shall stop play at the earliest opportunity and unless a doctor considers or it is apparent that it is unsafe to do so, the Player must be removed from the Arena on the stretcher or otherwise leave the Arena as soon as possible and by the shortest and most direct route;
- (b) a Team may replace the injured Player with a Player listed on its Team Sheet, who must enter the Playing Surface via the Interchange Area;
- (c) the Interchange Steward may allow the Player who is replacing the injured Player to enter the Playing Surface before the injured Player is removed from the Arena;
- (d) once the injured Player has been removed from the Arena, the field Umpire shall recommence play as follows depending on the circumstances:
 - (i) where the ball was in dispute at the time play was stopped, by bouncing the football;



- (ii) where the ball was out of bounds at the time play was stopped, by directing the boundary umpire to throw the ball in;
 - (iii) where a player had possession of the football at the time play was stopped, by awarding a Free Kick to the player;
 - (iv) where a player had been awarded a Free Kick or a Mark at the time play was stopped, by allowing the player to dispose of the football.
- (e) a Player for whom a stretcher was called shall not resume playing for a period of 20 minutes (excluding intervals between quarters) from the time when the Player left the Arena. After the 20 minute period has expired, the Player may be interchanged in accordance with the procedure set out under Rule 7.2 provided the Player is able, having due regard to his or her health and safety, to resume playing in the Match.
- (f) *the stretcher must be housed as close as possible to the interchange area***

7.4 INTERCHANGE STEWARD NOT AT MATCH

Where an Interchange Steward is not in attendance at a Match, the field Umpires or emergency Umpire(s) shall perform the duties that the Interchange Steward would have otherwise performed. A Team shall only advise the field Umpire or emergency Umpire of its intention to make an interchange during a period when time is being added on to the playing time in accordance with Law 10.

7.5 BREACH OF LAW 7

The Interchange Steward or field Umpire, as the case may be, shall advise the Controlling Body of any breach of this Law 7.

8. UMPIRES: DUTIES AND INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF UMPIRES

8.1.1 Appointment

Unless Law 8.1.2 applies, a Controlling Body shall appoint for each Match:

- (a) a field Umpire or Umpires;
- (b) two or more boundary Umpires; and
- (c) two goal Umpires.

8.1.2 No Appointment of Boundary / Goal Umpires

- (a) Where it is impractical to appoint or the Controlling Body has not appointed a boundary or goal Umpire to officiate at a Match, the field Umpire(s) may, in consultation with each Team, appoint club persons before the commencement of the Match to officiate in those roles.
- (b) Unless otherwise determined by a Controlling Body, a field Umpire may overrule the decision of a club boundary or goal Umpire who was appointed under Law 8.1.2(a).
- (c) When no boundary or goal Umpire has been appointed under Laws 8.1.1 or 8.1.2(a), the duties normally undertaken by a boundary and goal Umpire shall be undertaken by the field Umpire.
- (d) *In matches with club umpires, a captain of the opposition can complain to a VAFA field umpire who can at a break in play order from the field the club umpire if he / she believes the complaint is justified. This club umpire may be replaced immediately.*

8.1.3 Replacement of Field Umpire



A Controlling Body shall adopt rules which prescribe the replacement of an Umpire who, by reason of injury or otherwise, becomes incapable of officiating either before or during a Match.

8.1.4 Non Attendance of Field Umpire

Where a Controlling Body has not appointed a field Umpire or for any reason a field Umpire is unavailable or does not attend to officiate at a Match, the competing Teams may elect to play the Match and upon doing so, may appoint an Umpire(s), (inclusive of field, boundary and goal Umpires), to officiate at the Match. The relevant Controlling Body may determine in its absolute discretion whether to recognise the result of such Match.

8.2 DUTIES OF UMPIRES

8.2.1 Field Umpires

The Field Umpires shall officiate and have full control of a Match.

8.2.2 Boundary Umpires

(a) Duties

Unless determined otherwise by the relevant Controlling Body, the duties of a boundary Umpire include without limitation:

- i. judging whether a football is Out of Bounds or Out of Bounds on the Full and signalling to the field Umpire when that has occurred;
- ii. throwing the football back into play if it has gone Out of Bounds, when directed to do so by a field Umpire;
- iii. determining whether a Player has incorrectly entered the Centre Square in contravention of Law 11.3.4;
- iv. bringing the football back to the Centre Square after a Goal has been scored; and
- v. reporting a Player or Official who commits a Reportable Offence.
- vi. Assisting goal umpires to determine a score.

(b) Bringing Football into Play

When the boundary Umpire signals that the football is Out of Bounds, the field Umpire shall immediately sound a whistle to indicate that the football is out of play. When directed by the field Umpire, the boundary Umpire shall bring the football into play by throwing the football over his or her head towards the centre of the Playing Surface. The field umpire may recall any throw in by the boundary umpire that in his/her opinion does not allow any opportunity for the ball to be contested.

8.2.3 Out of Bounds

Where the field Umpire has failed to notice a boundary Umpire's signal that the football has gone Out of Bounds or Out of Bounds on the Full, the following shall apply:

- (a) the boundary Umpire shall continue signalling until he or she is noticed by the field Umpire;
- (b) upon noticing the boundary Umpire's signal, the field Umpire shall stop play and direct that the football be taken to where it crossed the Boundary Line, at which point the football shall be thrown in by the boundary Umpire or Kicked back into play, as the case may be. This provision does not apply if a Free Kick or **Twenty Five Metre** Penalty is awarded before the field Umpire notices the boundary Umpire's signal;
- (c) this Law applies even if a Goal or Behind is scored before the field Umpire notices the boundary Umpire's signal. In such instances, the field Umpire shall direct the goal Umpire to annul the score.

8.2.4 Goal Umpire

(a) Duties

Unless otherwise determined by the relevant Controlling Body, the duties of a goal Umpire include:



- i. judging whether a Goal or Behind has been scored;
 - ii. signalling that a Goal or Behind has been scored upon being given the All Clear or Touched All Clear by a field Umpire ;
 - iii. recording the Goals and Behinds scored by each Team during a Match; and
 - iv. reporting a Player or Official who commits a Reportable Offence.
 - v. Assisting boundary umpires to determine if the ball is Out of Bounds.
- (b) Behind or Out of Bounds

Where a goal Umpire considers that a Behind has been scored and a boundary Umpire considers the football has gone Out of Bounds or Out of Bounds on the Full, the decision of the goal Umpire shall prevail.

- (c) Comparing Score

At the end of each quarter and at the end of a Match, the goal Umpires shall compare the score which they have recorded. If the scores are different and cannot be agreed upon or corrected by the goal Umpires, the scores shall be compared to the score recorded by the Timekeeper(s) or person(s) appointed by the Controlling Body under Law 12.7 (if any). If the matter still remains unresolved or the Timekeeper has not recorded the scores, the matter shall be referred to the relevant Controlling Body for determination.

9. PLAYER'S BOOTS, JEWELLERY AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

9.1 INTERPRETATION

For the purposes of this Law 9, Protective Equipment includes but is not limited to:

- (a) hard-shell helmets;
- (b) knee braces;
- (c) shoulder pads;
- (d) back supports;
- (e) arm guards; and
- (f) any other item designated as such by the relevant Controlling Body.

9.2 PROHIBITION OF ITEMS

A Player shall not wear during a Match:

- (a) any form of jewellery;
- (b) bootstuds, plates/cletes or any Protective Equipment (other than Protective Equipment approved by the Controlling Body) unless the field Umpire is satisfied that the item does not constitute a danger or increase the risk of injury to other Players competing in the Match; or
- (c) Protective Equipment which has been approved by the relevant Controlling Body, if the field Umpire is satisfied that such equipment has, during the Match, become dangerous or increased the risk of injury to other Players.

9.3 INSPECTION

At any time before or during a Match, a field Umpire may inspect a Player's boots or hands or any Protective Equipment that a Player intends to wear or use during the Match.

9.4 POWER TO ORDER - OFF

9.4.1 Order-off by Umpire and Replacement Player

A field Umpire may order from the Playing Surface a Player who is wearing or using an item prohibited under Law 9.2. Where a Player is ordered from the Playing Surface under this Law:

- (a) an Interchange Player may replace the Player ordered from the Playing Surface; and



- (b) the Player ordered from the Playing Surface may only re-enter the Playing Surface once the Player has removed the prohibited item.

9.4.2 Refusal to Leave Surface

Where a Player refuses to or does not immediately leave the Playing Surface when ordered to do so by a field Umpire, the following shall apply:

- (a) the field Umpire shall warn the Player that a Free Kick will be awarded and that the Player may be reported if he or she does not leave the Playing Surface;
- (b) if the Player still refuses to leave the Playing Surface, the field Umpire shall award a Free Kick to the Player of the opposing Team who is nearest to where the warning was given or where play was stopped, whichever is the greater penalty;
- (c) if the Player still refuses to leave the Playing Surface:
 - (i) the field Umpire shall report the Player for misconduct in failing to follow a direction of an Umpire;
 - (ii) the Match shall immediately end and the reported Player's Team shall forfeit the Match; and
 - (iii) Law 10.7 shall apply to any Match which is forfeited.

10 TIMEKEEPERS, DURATION OF MATCHES, QUARTER AND INTERVALS

10.1 DURATION OF MATCH AND INTERVALS

- a. *Each Match should comprise four periods known as "quarters"*
 - i. *Premier through to Division 4 games shall feature quarters of 20 minutes duration plus "time on".*
 - ii. *Under 19 matches commencing at 2.00 p.m. quarters shall be 20 minutes duration plus "time on".*
 - iii. *Under 19 matches scheduled to commence at other times shall feature quarters of 25 minutes with "no time on".*
 - iv. *For all Under 18 matches, quarters shall be of 20 minutes duration with "no time on".*
 - v. *Reserve section matches shall commence at 11.40 a.m. and all reserves section quarters to be 25 minutes with "no time on".*
 - vi. *All finals shall feature quarters of 20 minutes duration plus "time on", excepting.*
 - vii. *Reserves, Thirds, Club XVIII and Under 18 finals quarters shall be of 17 minutes duration plus "time on".*

A quarter time interval is five (5) minutes.

A half time interval is fifteen (15) minutes.

A three quarter time interval is seven (7) minutes.

If the third quarter of a reserves match begins after 1.00 p.m., the playing time for the third and fourth quarters is split to allow a 1:50pm finish, allowing for the ¾ time break.

- (b) *If a team is not ready within thirty minutes of the scheduled starting time, the match is forfeited to the other team.*

10.2 TIMEKEEPERS

10.2.1 Appointment



- (a) A Controlling Body shall appoint two (2) or more persons to act as the Timekeepers for a Match.
- (b) Where the Controlling Body does not appoint a Timekeeper, each Team shall appoint a person to act as a Timekeeper for the Match in which the Teams participate.

10.2.2 Duties

Each Timekeeper appointed for a Match shall:

- (a) keep time for each quarter of a Match;
- (b) record on time cards the time taken to play each quarter and lodge the completed cards with the relevant Controlling Body;
- (c) sound the siren in accordance with the procedures contained in these Laws;
- (d) stop the clock which is used for the timing of each quarter as required under Rule 10.5 for a stoppage in play; and
- (e) perform any other function as may be directed by the relevant Controlling Body.

10.3 PROCEDURE FOR SOUNDING SIREN - START OF MATCH AND QUARTERS

The Timekeepers shall sound the siren at the times and on the number of occasions as set out in the following table:

Refer to table AFL Law 10.3

The following advice to Timekeepers as to the rules of the game relating to the keeping of time is provided.

Prior to commencement Umpires are instructed to enter the playing arena five minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the first and third quarters. Upon entering the arena the field Umpire holds the ball aloft, this signal being acknowledged by the Timekeepers with a blast of the siren. The sole purpose of this action is to confirm to the Umpire that the Timekeepers are in position, and Timekeepers should therefore ensure that they are at their post at least five minutes prior to the commencement of the first and third quarters. In addition, Timekeepers are requested to sound the siren one minute prior to the start of each quarter.

10.4 BRINGING PLAY TO AN END

10.4.1 End of Quarter

The Timekeepers shall sound the siren to signal the end of a quarter **until** a field umpire acknowledges that the siren has been heard and brings play to an end.

10.4.2 Siren Heard by Field Umpire

Play in each quarter shall come to an end when **any one** of the field umpires or emergency field umpire/s hears the siren.

10.4.3 Signal

A field Umpire shall signal that he or she has heard the siren by blowing a whistle and holding both arms above his or her head. If immediately before hearing the siren, a field umpire is of the opinion that a player should be awarded a free kick or a mark, the field umpire shall signal that play has come to an end and then award the free kick or mark to the player. A free kick will not be awarded where the football has been kicked and after the field umpire has heard the siren, lands out of bounds on the full.

10.5 STOPPING AND RECOMMENCING TIME

10.5.1 Stopping time

The timekeepers shall stop the clock when:

- (a) directed to do so by a field umpire in accordance with Law 10.5.3
- (b) the goal umpire signals that a goal has been scored
- (c) the goal umpire signals that a behind has been scored



- (d) the boundary umpire signals that the ball is out of bounds or
- (e) when the field umpire crosses his arms to indicate that he or she is going to bounce or throw the ball up.

10.5.2 Recommencing time

The timekeepers shall recommence the clock when:

- (a) directed to do so by the field umpire in accordance with Law 10.5.3
- (b) the ball is bounced or thrown up by the field umpire
- (c) the football is brought back into play after a behind is scored
- (d) the ball is thrown back into play by the boundary umpire or brought back into play by a player after the ball has gone out of bounds or
- (e) the ball is obviously in play.

10.5.3 Signaling

A field umpire shall signal to the timekeeper to stop the clock or re-start the match by blowing a whistle and raising one arm above his head.

10.6 UNAUTHORISED ENTRY ON PLAYING SURFACE AND TERMINATION OF A MATCH

10.6.1 Entry on Playing Surface

Where a person(s) enters the Playing Surface when he or she is not permitted to do so, the field Umpire shall:

- (a) stop play ***immediately this is noticed***
- (b) seek the assistance of person(s) authorised by the relevant Controlling Body to remove the unauthorised person(s) from the Playing Surface.
- (c) ***until the situation is rectified under (b), all Umpires will be accompanied from the Playing Arena by the Umpire Escorts of the two competing clubs who will remain with them until it is mutually agreed that they may leave***
- (d) ***a decision on whether the game will be resumed will be at the sole discretion of the Field Umpire(s) based on consideration relating to personal safety & the general wellbeing of all umpires.***

10.6.2 Incomplete Match

Should a team believe the ground is unfit for play VAFA, a period of time (30 minutes after scheduled starting time) is granted to fix the problem or locate an alternative ground for play.

If the ground is still unfit for play or a suitable alternative ground cannot be found the match shall not be played and premiership points will be allocated by the VAFA Board.

10.7 FORFEITURE OF MATCH

Where, due to a particular Team's lack of Players, the Match is caused to be forfeited, the following is to apply in this situation.

a) "One-off" forfeiture in any section –

The team forfeiting shall receive the average score of the winning sides of that section in the round in which the forfeiture occurs as their points against and no points for.

The team forfeited to, shall receive the average score of the winning sides of that section in the round in which the forfeiture occurs as their points for and the average score of the losing teams for their points against. This will include zero points for the team that forfeited.

- i. The side forfeiting to receive the average score of the losing sides of that section;***



- ii. *The side forfeited to, to receive the average score of the winning sides of that section;*
- iii. *The side forfeited to, to receive four premiership points;*
- iv. *Any side forfeiting twice in one season may be called before the Executive Committee to face a charge of "conduct unbecoming of a Member of the Association";*
- v. *Any club which forfeits any Match is automatically fined \$200 with \$100 going to the club forfeited to, if it is that club's "home" game (applicable only to U18 and U 19 football).*

b) Forfeiture due to suspension of Team or permanent withdrawal of Team.

If a Team is suspended or withdraws from the competition causing a "long term" forfeit in any section, the percentage of each Team in respect of any game not played as a result of such suspension or withdrawal shall be calculated as follows:

- i. *The Team suspended (or causing forfeit) shall lose from its "points for" total, the average losing margin in games played on each date to which the suspension applies.*
- ii. *The Team drawn to play against such Team shall have its percentage calculated in accordance with a formula to be determined by the Executive committee, having regard to-*
 - *the period of such suspension*
 - *the date within the season of such suspension or withdrawal*
 - *the performance of such Team prior to the date of such suspension or withdrawal.*
 - *overall fairness to all clubs in the section or grade*

Once a match has commenced a team cannot "forfeit" a match; however the field umpire/s have the ability to abandon a match if they deem it appropriate.

In the event of a forfeit in an U18 or U19 section Match that is not notified prior to Matchday arrival, a practice Match must be played between the two Teams.

11. COMMENCING PLAY AND CHOICE OF GOAL

11.1 CHOICE OF GOAL

The end of the Playing Surface to which a Team shall play shall be decided by the toss of a coin as follows:

- (a) the field Umpire (or such other person approved by the Controlling Body) shall ***supervise the toss of the coin with opposing captains for choice of ends after both teams have entered the Playing Arena prior to commencement of play.***
- (b) before the coin is tossed, the captain of the "away" Team shall call "the fall of the coin";
- (c) the captain of the Team who wins the toss of the coin shall choose the end to which his or her Team shall play in the first quarter; and
- (d) at the conclusion of each quarter, the Teams shall change ends.

11.2 COMMENCEMENT OF PLAY

11.2.1 Readiness to Commence Play

- (a) All interchange Players must leave the Playing Surface two minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of a Match, being the time when the Timekeepers sound the siren 3 times.
- (b) Before commencing play in each quarter, the field Umpire shall:



- (i) ensure that the Timekeepers are ready to commence timing the Match; and
- (ii) confirm with each captain that each Team is ready to commence play.

11.2.2 Commencing Play

- (a) The field Umpire shall take up a position on the white line either side of the Centre Circle prior to bouncing the football.
- (b) Unless Law 11.2.2(c) applies, the field Umpire shall commence play in each quarter by holding the football above his or her head, blowing a whistle and bouncing the football in the Centre Circle.
- (c) Where the field Umpire awards a Free Kick to a Player before bouncing the football, he/she shall signal time on, blow his/her whistle “and give the ball to the Player”. The Timekeepers shall acknowledge commencement of play.
- (d) The Timekeeper shall commence the clock used for timing the Match when the field Umpire blows the whistle or when a Player, who has been awarded a Free Kick, brings the football into play.

11.2.3 Report to Controlling Body

The field Umpire shall advise the Controlling Body of any occasion when a Team is not ready to commence play at the scheduled starting time. The Controlling Body may impose a sanction as determined in the absolute discretion of the Controlling Body.

11.3 BOUNCING THE FOOTBALL

11.3.1 Centre Square and bouncing the ball

Each field umpire can either bounce the ball or throw it up after a goal has been scored or to commence a match or a new quarter. At all other times around the ground umpires must throw the ball up. Ruckmen should be notified of the intent on each occasion.

Occasion	Position on Playing Surface
Unless Law 11.3.2 applies, at the start of each quarter or after a Goal has been scored	The Centre Circle
Where the football has become trapped as two or more opposing Players struggle for possession of the football.	Where the football becomes trapped.
Where a field Umpire is unsure about which Player has taken a Mark or has cancelled a Mark in accordance with Law 14.6(b).	Where the Mark was contested or cancelled.
When a Player fails to bring the football back into play after a Behind has been scored in accordance with Law 13.	The centre of the Kick-Off Line.
When the field Umpire bounces the football and the football crosses the Goal, Behind or Boundary Line without being touched by a Player.	The position where the initial bounce took place. ⁵
When a Player, who has claimed to have taken a Mark which is not awarded by the field Umpire, is Correctly Tackled by an opponent, provided the field Umpire is of the opinion that the Player did not hear or see the field Umpire’s signal of “Touched Play On” or “Play On”.	Where the Player is Correctly Tackled.
When the goal Umpire is unable to decide whether a Goal or a Behind has been scored.	The centre of the Kick-Off Line.



When a Player or Players from both Teams enter the Centre Square at the same time contrary to Law 11.3.4.	The Centre Circle.
When the football accidentally hits any part of a stadium roof structure (other than the roof beams).	The position on the Playing Surface nearest to where the football hit the roof stadium
Unless a Free Kick or a Mark is awarded, if the football is in the proximity of an injured Player.	The location of the football when play is stopped.

11.3.2 Free-Kick awarded

If the field Umpire awards a Free Kick to a Player during the period between when a Goal is scored and the football is bounced, play shall recommence when the Player brings the football into play.

11.3.3 Throwing up Football

The field Umpire may throw the football in the air:

- (a) where he or she is of the opinion that the conditions are unsuitable for bouncing but before doing so, shall advise the Players accordingly; or
- (b) if directed to do so by the Controlling Body.

11.3.4 Permitted Numbers at the Centre Bounce

When the football is bounced to start a quarter or recommence play after a Goal has been scored, the following shall apply:

- (a) a maximum of 4 Players from each Team are permitted in the Centre Square;
- (b) no Player (other than the 4 initial Players) or Team Official shall enter the Centre Square from the time the field Umpire commences his or her approach to the Centre Circle to bounce the football until the football touches the ground, in the act of bouncing, or leaves the field Umpires hand, in the act of being thrown up;
- (c) where a Player or Team Official contravenes Law 11.3.4(b), the field Umpire shall signal time on and award a Free Kick to the Player of the opposing Team who is nearest to the Centre Circle. The Free Kick to be taken in the centre of the Playing Surface behind the line through the Centre Circle.
- (d) where a player has been pushed or otherwise forced into the Centre Square in contravention of Law 11.3.4 (b), the Free Kick shall be awarded against the Team which caused the transgression and all the provisions of Law 11.3.4 shall apply;
- (e) the advantage Law shall not apply: where Players or Officials from opposing Teams simultaneously encroach, the Umpire shall blow his/her whistle and direct the offending personnel to exit the Centre Square;
- (f) if an injured Player is receiving treatment (but does not require a stretcher) in the Centre Square at the time of a centre bounce, the field Umpire shall:
 - (i) instruct the Player to immediately leave the Centre Square; and
 - (ii) not recommence play until the Player has left the Centre Square;
- (g) if an injured Player does not leave the Centre Square upon being instructed to do so, the field Umpire shall award a Free Kick to the Player of the opposing Team who is nearest to the Centre Circle; and
- (h) where an injured Player requires a stretcher at the time of a centre bounce, Law 7.3 shall apply.

11.3.5 Contesting the Centre Bounce

- (a) The centre bounce or throw up shall be contested by one (1) nominated player from each team. Such player shall be nominated to the Field Umpire prior to the bounce down or throw up of the football. The player contesting the centre bounce or throw up shall be positioned in his/hers teams' defensive half of the playing surface and with both feet within the 10 metre circle. The player may only enter the attacking



teams half after the ball touches the ground or leaves the Field Umpire's hand, in the act of being thrown up. The player shall not be permitted to block an opponent's approach to the contest. The players must have both feet inside the 10 metre circle at all times until they contest the bounce or the Field Umpire calls "play on" due to an "offline bounce". No other player may enter the 10 metre circle until the football touches the ground in the act of bouncing or thrown up by the Field Umpire.

- (b) Where a Player contravenes Law 11.3.5(a), the field Umpire shall award a Free Kick to the Player on the opposing Team who is nearest to the Centre Circle.
- (c) Unless otherwise determined by the Controlling Body, where the field Umpire bounces the football off line, the field Umpire shall immediately call "play on" and the football may be contested by any Player.

11.3.6 Recalling off line bounces

A field umpire may recall any bounce or throw up that in his/her opinion does not allow for the ball to be contested.

12. SCORING: GOALS AND BEHINDS

12.1 GOALS AND BEHINDS

12.1.1 Scoring a Goal

Subject to Law 12.2, a Goal is scored when the football is kicked completely over the Goal line by a Player of the attacking Team without being touched by any other Player, even if the football first touches the ground.

12.1.2 Scoring a Behind

Subject to Law 12.2, a Behind is scored when any of the following occurs:

- (a) the football touches or passes over the Goal post; or
- (b) the football passes completely over the Behind Line; or
- (c) a Player of the attacking Team kicks the football over the Goal Line but before passing over the Goal Line, the football is touched by another Player; or
- (d) if a Player from the defending Team kicks, handballs, knocks or otherwise takes the football over the Goal Line or Behind Line; or
- (e) if a defending Player plays on from Behind the Goal Line or Behind Line, and in doing so, moves off the direct line between himself and the Player standing the mark.

12.1.3 Clarification and Examples

For the avoidance of doubt:

- (a) if the football touches an Umpire or any Official and then passes over the Goal or Behind Line, a Goal or Behind, as the case may be, shall still be recorded;
- (b) if the football touches an Umpire or any Official and does not pass over the Goal or Behind Line, the football shall remain in play;
- (c) if a football is Kicked by a Player on the attacking Team at the time when another Player is touching the football, the football shall be deemed to have been touched by that Player; and
- (d) a football passes over a Goal Line or Behind Line only when the entire football has passed over the Goal Line or Behind Line, as the case may be.

12.1.4 Football Touching the Behind Post

Where a football touches or passes over a Behind post the football shall be Out of Bounds or Out of Bounds on the full.



12.1.5 Goal Umpire to judge Goal or Behind

- (a) The Goal Umpire shall decide whether a Goal or Behind has been scored but may, before deciding, consult with the field or boundary Umpires. The decision of the Goal Umpire shall be final. The Goal Umpire shall only signal that a Goal or Behind has been scored when the field Umpire signals "All Clear" or "Touched All Clear", as the case may be.
- (b) Law 12.1.5(a) does not apply if a Controlling Body prescribes that a field Umpire may overrule the decision of a Goal Umpire who has not been appointed by the Controlling Body.

12.2 ALL CLEAR AND TOUCHED ALL CLEAR

12.2.1 Signal by Field Umpire

A Goal or a Behind shall only be signalled by a goal Umpire and recorded as a Goal or Behind when:

- (a) in the case of the football passing over the Goal or Behind line, or touching or passing over the Goal post, the field Umpire signals "all clear"; and
- (b) In the case of the football being touched by another Player and then passing over the Goal Line, or touching or passing over the Goal post, the field Umpire signals "Touched All Clear".

12.2.2 Goal Umpire to notify field Umpire

- (a) Where the Goal Umpire is of the opinion that a Goal or Behind has been scored and the field Umpire has allowed play to continue, the Goal Umpire shall immediately notify the field Umpire. Upon being notified by the Goal Umpire, the field Umpire shall stop play and signal "All Clear" or "Touched All Clear", as the case may be, and the Goal or Behind shall be signalled by the Goal Umpire and recorded as a score.

Play shall then re-commence in accordance with these Laws.

- (b) Unless Law 12.4.1 applies, any Free Kick awarded to a Player before the field Umpire signals all clear or Touched All Clear under Law 12.2.2(a) shall be cancelled.

12.3 SIGNALLING A GOAL OR BEHIND

12.3.1 Goal

The Goal Umpire shall signal that a Goal has been scored by raising both index fingers and then waving two flags.

12.3.2 Behind

The Goal Umpire shall signal that a Behind has been scored by raising one index finger and then waving one flag.

12.3.3 Changing a Decision

- (a) The Goal Umpire may change his or her decision about the scoring of a Goal or a Behind if and only if the goal Umpire notifies the field Umpire before the football is brought back into play.
- (b) A Goal Umpire shall signal that the scoring of a Goal or Behind has been changed by:
 - (i) immediately standing on the centre of the Goal line and holding both flags above his or her head in a crossed position; and
 - (ii) then signalling the new score or advising the boundary Umpire to signal Out of Bounds or Out of Bounds on the full, as the case may be.

12.4 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FREE KICKS AND ALL CLEAR

12.4.1 Free Kick Awarded Before All Clear

Where a Free Kick is awarded to a Player immediately after the football passes the Goal or Behind Line but before the field Umpire signals "All Clear" or "Touched All Clear", the following shall apply:

- (a) Where the Player is in attack the field Umpire shall signal "All Clear" or "Touched All Clear", after which the goal Umpire shall signal and record the score; and



- (i) the Free Kick shall then be taken where the infringement occurred, or the position at which the football is brought back into play, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending Team.
- (b) Where the Player is defending the field umpire shall not signal "All Clear" or "Touched All Clear" and a free kick shall be awarded.

12.4.2 All Clear Given but Play has not Recommended

- (a) Where a Free Kick is awarded to a Player during the period when the field Umpire has signalled "All Clear" for a Goal to be recorded and the football is bounced in the Centre Circle, the Free Kick shall be taken where the infringement occurred, or at the Centre Circle, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending Team.
- (b) Where a Free Kick is awarded to a Player after the field Umpire has signalled "All Clear" or "Touched All Clear" for a Behind to be recorded but before the football is being brought back into play, the Free Kick shall be taken from the following positions:
 - (i) in the case of a Free Kick being awarded to the defending Team, where the infringement occurred, or the field umpire shall award a Twenty Five Metre Penalty from the kick off line, whichever is the greater penalty against the attacking Team; or
 - (ii) in the case of a Free Kick being awarded to the attacking Team, the centre of the kick off line, or where the infringement occurred, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending team.

12.5 SCORING GOAL OR BEHIND AFTER PLAY HAS ENDED

12.5.1 Goal Or Behind Recorded in Certain Circumstances

Even though play has come to an end, a Goal or Behind shall be recorded for a Team if:

- (a) the Goal or Behind is scored by a Player from a Free Kick or Mark which was awarded to the Player before play came to an end; or
- (b) the Goal or Behind was scored by a Player who disposed of the football before play came to an end; or
- (c) the Goal or Behind is scored by a Player who was awarded a Free Kick under Law 12.6.

12.5.2 Football touched in Transit

A Behind shall still be recorded under Law 12.5.1 if the football is touched in transit by another Player, provided the field Umpire is satisfied that the scoring of the Behind was not assisted by a Player from the same Team.

12.5.3 Field Umpire Sole Judge

A field Umpire shall be the sole judge in deciding whether a Free Kick or Mark should be awarded or whether the football was disposed of by a Player before play came to an end.

12.6 FREE KICK AFTER PLAY HAS ENDED

12.6.1 Before Kick or in the act of Kicking

After a field Umpire has signalled that play has come to an end, any field Umpire may award a Free Kick to any Player during the period when a Player is preparing to Kick or in the act of Kicking for Goal. In such case, the following shall apply:

- (a) if the Player awarded the Free Kick is playing for the attacking Team, the Free Kick shall be awarded to the Player where the infringement occurred or, the Player in the attacking Team who is preparing to Kick or in the act of Kicking shall be awarded a **Twenty Five Metre Penalty**, whichever is the greater penalty against the defending Team; or
- (b) if the Player awarded the Free Kick is playing for the defending Team, the Player shall be awarded the Free Kick where the infringement occurred or where the football is at the time of the infringement, whichever is the greater penalty against the attacking Team.



12.6.2 After the Kick

After a field Umpire has signalled that play has come to an end, any field Umpire may award a Free Kick to any Player during the period when a Player has Kicked for Goal and the football is in transit or during the period when a Player has kicked a Goal or Behind but before the field Umpire has signalled "All Clear" or "Touched All Clear". In such cases, the following shall apply:

- (a) if the Player awarded the Free Kick is playing for the attacking Team and a Goal is Kicked, the field Umpire shall signal "All Clear" and a Goal shall be recorded; or
- (b) if the Player awarded the Free Kick is playing for the attacking Team and a Goal is not scored, then that Player may take the Free Kick where it was awarded (or where the football is at the time the Free Kick was awarded, whichever is the greater penalty) or, where a Behind is scored, elect to have the Behind recorded; or
- (c) if the Player awarded the Free Kick is playing for the defending Team, the Player shall be awarded the Free Kick where the infringement occurred. For the avoidance of doubt, any Goal or Behind which would have been recorded in favour of the attacking Team but for the awarding of the Free Kick to a Player on the defending Team, shall not be recorded.

12.7 RECORDING SCORES

A Controlling Body may appoint a person or persons to record the scores of a Match independently from the Goal Umpires. Where the Goal Umpires cannot agree on the final score of a Match, the Controlling Body may take into account the scores recorded by the person(s) so appointed to determine the result of a Match.

13. KICKING THE FOOTBALL INTO PLAY AFTER A BEHIND

13.1 FOOTBALL MUST BE KICKED

Unless Law 12.4 applies, when a Behind has been recorded, the following shall apply:

- (a) the football must be Kicked back into play by any Player of the defending Team within a reasonable time;
- (b) the football must be Kicked from within the Goal Square. For the avoidance of doubt, one foot of the Player must be Behind any of the lines which define the Goal Square at the time when the Player kicks the football;
- (c) [Other than the Player kicking the football into play, all Players must immediately vacate the area within 5 metres of the Goal Square.](#)
- (d) the Player kicking the football into play may, provided he has kicked the football clear from [their](#) hands, regain possession and play on from within the Goal Square.

13.2 DIRECTION BY UMPIRE AND FOOTBALL BROUGHT INTO PLAY INCORRECTLY

- (a) After giving a player a reasonable opportunity, the field umpire shall direct a player to kick the football back into play. If a player fails to kick the football back into play after being instructed to do so by a field umpire, the field umpire shall call "play on". The player shall be required to dispose of the ball in accordance with Laws 13.1 (b) and (d). Opposing players however, may enter the Goal Square and tackle the Player with the ball once "Play On" is called. [The provisions of these Laws relating to Free Kicks apply.](#)
- (b) if the field Umpire is of the opinion that a Player has not Kicked the football back into play in accordance with Law 13.1, the field Umpire shall bounce the football in the centre of the Kick-Off Line to recommence play.

13.3 KICK INTO PLAY AFTER GOAL UMPIRE SIGNAL

A Player from the defending Team may kick the football into play when the Goal Umpire has signaled that a Behind has been scored. If a defending Player kicks the football before this time, the field Umpire shall direct the Player to kick the football in again. ***No spare football is to be left at the either end of the ground.***

13.4 ATTACKING TEAM DELAYING RE-COMMENCEMENT OF PLAY



- (a) Where the field Umpire is of the opinion that a Player from the attacking Team:
- (i) is within 5 metres of the Goal Square at the time when a Player from the defending Team is kicking the football back into play;
 - (ii) has prevented the Player from the defending Team from kicking the football back into play; or
 - (iii) has otherwise delayed play,
- The field Umpire shall award a Free Kick to the defending Team and a **twenty five metre penalty** from the Kick-Off Line.

13.5 OFFICIAL WITHIN FORTY – FIVE METRE ARC

Unless attending to an injured player, no official is permitted within the Forty Five Metre Arc during the time when a defensive Player is preparing to Kick or in the act of Kicking the football back into play after a Behind has been scored. When an Official contravenes the Law, the opposing Team shall be awarded a Free Kick at the back line of the Centre Square, to be taken by the Player from the opposing Team who is closest to that location.

14. MARKING THE FOOTBALL

14.1 DEFINITION

A Mark is taken if, in the opinion of the field Umpire, a Player catches or takes control of the football:

- (a) within the Playing Surface; and
- (b) after it has been Kicked by another Player a distance of at least 15 metres; and
- (c) which has not touched the ground or been touched by another Player during the period when the football was Kicked until it was caught or controlled by the Player.

14.2 PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES

- (a) For the avoidance of doubt, a Mark shall be awarded if:
 - (i) a Player catches or takes control of the football before it has passed completely over the Boundary Line, Goal Line or Behind Line; or
 - (ii) before the football was caught or controlled by the Player, it was touched by an Umpire or any other Official.
- (b) The field Umpire may consult with the Boundary or Goal Umpire before deciding whether a Mark has been taken before the football passed completely over the Boundary Line, Goal Line or Behind Line.

14.3 PLAYER TO BE AWARDED THE MARK

- (a) Where a field Umpire is of the opinion that a Player has taken a Mark, he or she shall award the Mark to the Player at the location on the Playing Surface where the Mark was taken.
- (b) Law 16 shall apply when a Player has been awarded a Mark.

14.4 FIELD UMPIRE TO SIGNAL "TOUCHED, PLAY ON"

Where a football is touched by another Player during the period when the football was Kicked until it is caught or controlled by a Player, the field Umpire shall immediately call and signal "Touched, Play On" in order to indicate to the Players that a Mark will not be awarded.

14.5 WHEN A MARK IS NOT AWARDED

Where a Player claims to have taken a Mark which is not awarded by the field Umpire, the following shall apply:

- (a) if the Player does not retain possession of the football, play shall continue; or
- (b) if the Player retains possession of the football and the Player is correctly tackled by an opponent, the field Umpire shall **throw up** the football in accordance with Law 11.3.1, provided he or she is satisfied that the Player did not



hear or see the signal of "Touched, Play On" or "Play On". If the field Umpire considers that the Player did hear or see the signal of "Touched, Play On" or "Play On", Law 15.2.3 shall apply.

14.6 FIELD UMPIRE CANCELS MARK

- (a) Where a field umpire is of the opinion that he or she has incorrectly blown the whistle to award a mark that was not subsequently completed, he or she may cancel the decision and call "Play On".
- (b) If the Player retains possession of the football and the Player is correctly tackled by an opponent, the field umpire shall bounce or throw the football up in accordance with Law 11.3.1 provided he or she is satisfied that the Player could not reasonably have disposed of the football.

15. FREE KICKS

15.1 INTERPRETATION

15.1.1 Spirit And Intention of Awarding Free Kicks

It is the spirit and intention of these Laws that a Free Kick shall be awarded to:

- (a) ensure that a Match is played in a fair manner;
- (b) provide to a Player, who makes obtaining possession of the football his or her sole objective, every opportunity to obtain possession;
- (c) protect Players from sustaining injury; and
- (d) a Player who executes a Correct Tackle which results in an opponent failing to dispose of the football in accordance with these Laws.

15.1.2 Awarding Free Kicks

In addition to any other circumstances described elsewhere in these Laws, a Free Kick shall be awarded to or against a Player, as the case may be, when a field Umpire considers that any of the circumstances set out in this Law 15 occur, irrespective of whether the football is in play. Unless otherwise stated in these Laws, a Free Kick shall be taken where it is awarded or where the football is at the time, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending Team.

15.1.3 When a Free Kick may Be Awarded

A Free Kick may be awarded when the football is or is not in play. For the avoidance of doubt, a Free Kick may be awarded:

- (a) if an infringement occurs on the Playing Surface before the commencement of a quarter, in which case the Free Kick shall be taken at the Centre Circle or where the infringement occurred, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending Team; and
- (b) after a score has been recorded or play has come to an end, in the circumstances described in Laws 12.4, 12.5 and 12.6.

15.1.4 Effect of Free Kick

A Free Kick means that possession of the football is given to a Player of the Team who is awarded the Free Kick, after which play shall continue in accordance with Law 16.

15.2 FREE KICKS RELATING TO POSSESSION OF THE FOOTBALL

15.2.1 In Possession of the Football

A Player is in possession of the football if, in the opinion of the field Umpire:

- (a) the Player is holding or otherwise has control of the football;
- (b) the Player is in the act of bouncing the football; or



- (c) the Player dives or lies on top of or drags the football underneath **their** body.

15.2.2 Remaining in Possession and Bouncing the Football

- (a) A Player may remain in possession of the football for any length of time:
 - (i) unless the Player is Correctly Tackled by an opponent; or
 - (ii) unless directed to dispose of the football by a field Umpire; or
 - (iii) provided the Player complies with Law 15.2.2(b).
- (b) Where a Player is moving whilst in possession of the football, he or she must bounce or touch the football on the ground at least once every 15 metres, irrespective of whether such Player is running in a straight line or otherwise. For the purposes of this Law, a Player shall be deemed to be in possession of the football during the period when the Player handballs the football to himself or herself and regains possession without the football touching the ground.
- (c) A field Umpire shall award a Free Kick against a Player if he or she is of the opinion that a Player has contravened Law 15.2.2(b).

15.2.3 Holding the Football – Prior Opportunity/No Prior Opportunity

Where the field Umpire is satisfied that a Player in possession of the football:

- (a) has had a prior opportunity to dispose of the football, the field Umpire shall award a Free Kick against that Player if the Player does not Kick or Handball the football immediately when he or she is Correctly Tackled; or
- (b) has not had a prior opportunity to dispose of the football, the field Umpire shall award a Free Kick against that Player if, upon being Correctly Tackled, the Player does not Correctly Dispose or attempt to Correctly Dispose of the football after being given a reasonable opportunity to do so.
- (c) a Player who takes possession of the football at a bounce or throw by a field Umpire or at a boundary throw in, shall be regarded as having had prior opportunity **if the player is tackled correctly**.

15.2.4 Application – Specific Instances where play shall continue

For the avoidance of doubt, the field Umpire shall allow play to continue when:

- (a) a Player is bumped and the football falls from the Player's hands;
- (b) a Player's arm is knocked which causes the Player to lose possession of the football;
- (c) a Player's arms are pinned to **their** side by an opponent which causes the Player to drop the football, unless the Player has had a prior opportunity to Correctly Dispose of the football, in which case Law 15.2.3(a) shall apply;
- (d) a Player, whilst in the act of kicking or handballing, is swung off balance and does not make contact with the football by either foot or hand, unless the Player has had a prior opportunity to Correctly Dispose of the football, in which case Law 15.2.3(a) shall apply; or
- (e) a Player is pulled or swung by one arm which causes the football to fall from the Player's hands, unless the Player has had a prior opportunity to Correctly Dispose of the football, in which case Law 15.2.3(a) shall apply.

15.2.5 Diving on Top of the Football

Where a Player is in possession of the football by reason of diving on top of or dragging the football underneath **their** body, the field Umpire shall award a Free Kick against that Player if he or she does not immediately knock the football clear or Correctly Dispose of the football when Correctly Tackled.

15.2.6 Football held to the body of a Player

The field Umpire shall **throw up** the football when a Player, in the act of applying a correct tackle, holds the football to the body of the Player being tackled or the football is otherwise pinned to the ground, unless the



Player being tackled has had a prior opportunity to Correctly Dispose of the football, in which case Law 15.2.3(a) shall apply.

15.2.7 High Contact – Players leading with the head

(i) A player who drives his head into a stationary player or near stationary player shall be regarded as having had prior opportunity. If legally tackled following this he will be required to legally dispose of the ball or he will be penalised.

(ii) Where a player ducks into a tackle and is the cause of high contact the umpire will call play on.

15.3 FREE KICKS RELATING TO DISPOSAL OF THE FOOTBALL

15.3.1 Correct Disposal

A Player Correctly disposes of the football if Kicks or Handballs the football.

15.3.2 Incorrect Disposal and Payment of Free Kick

When the football is in play, a Free Kick shall be awarded against a Player who hands the football to another Player or who throws the football.

15.4 FREE KICK – PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED PHYSICAL CONTACT

15.4.1 Correct Tackle or Correctly Tackled

(a) For the purposes of these Laws, a Player executes a tackle correctly if:

- (i) the Player being held is in possession of the football; and
- (ii) that Player is held (either by the body or playing uniform) below the shoulders and above the knees.

(b) For the avoidance of doubt, a tackle may be executed correctly by holding a Player from the front, side or behind, provided that a Player held from behind is not pushed in the back.

15.4.2 Shepherd

A Shepherd is using the body or arm to push, bump or block:

- (a) a Player who does not have possession of the football and who is no further than 5 metres away from the football at the time when the push, bump and block occurs; and
- (b) where such contact is otherwise not Prohibited Contact under Law 15.4.5.

15.4.3 Permitted Contact

Other than the Prohibited Contact identified under Law 15.4.5, a Player may make contact with another Player :

- (a) by using his or her hip, shoulder, chest, arms or open hands provided that the football is no more than 5 metres away from the Player;
- (b) by pushing the other Player with an open hand in the chest or side of the body provided that the football is no more than 5 metres away from the Player;
- (c) by executing a Correct Tackle;
- (d) by executing a Shepherd provided that the football is no more than 5 metres away from the Player; or
- (e) if such contact is incidental to a marking contest and the Player is legitimately Marking or attempting to Mark the football.

15.4.4 Charge or Charging

(a) A charge means an act of colliding with an opposition Player where the amount of physical force used is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances, irrespective of whether the Player is or is not in possession of the football or whether the Player is within 5 metres of the football.



- (b) Without limiting the general application of Law 15.4.4(a), a Charge occurs when a Player unreasonably or unnecessarily collides with an opposition Player:
 - (i) who is not within 5 metres of the football;
 - (ii) who, although within five metres of the football, is not in the immediate contest for the football and would not reasonably expect such contact;
 - (iii) who is attempting to Mark the football or who has Marked the football or been awarded a Free Kick;
 - (iv) after that Player has disposed of the football;
 - (v) who is Shepherding another Player on [their](#) Team; or
 - (vi) before the football is brought into play.

15.4.5 Prohibited Contact and Payment of Free Kick

A [field Umpire](#) shall award a Free Kick against a Player where they are satisfied that the Player has made Prohibited Contact with an opposition Player.

[A Player makes Prohibited Contact with an opposition Player if the Player;](#)

- (a) makes contact with any part of [their](#) body with an opposition Player;
 - (i) above the shoulders (including the top of the shoulders or bump tp the head) or
 - (ii) below the knees;
- (b) pushes an opposition Player in the back, unless such contact is incidental to a marking contest and the Player is legitimately marking or attempting to mark the football;
- (c) holds an opposition Player who is not in possession of the football;
- (d) “unduly” pushes, bumps or blocks an opposition Player or deliberately interferes with the arms of an opposition Player, who is in the act of Marking or attempting to Mark the football;
- (e) pushes, bumps or blocks an opposition Player when the football is further than 5 metres away from the opposition Player or is out of play;
- (f) pushes, bumps or blocks an opposition Player who is contesting a bounce or throw by a field Umpire or boundary throw in.
- (g) charges an opposition Player;
- (h) trips or attempts to trip an opposition Player, whether by the use of hand, arm, foot or leg;
- (i) kicks or attempts to kick an opposition Player, unless contact is accidentally made whilst the Player is Kicking the football;
- (j) strikes or attempts to strike an opposition Player, whether by hand, fist, arm, knee or head;
- (k) holds or throws an opposition Player after that Player has disposed of the [football](#).
- (l) engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable;
- (m) kicking or attempting to kick the [football](#) in a manner likely to cause injury; or
- (n) bumps or makes forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that player has his head down over the [football](#).
- (o) a player electing to bump will be cited for rough conduct if contact comes via a head clash, and players will be instructed a head clash should be reasonably foreseen when bumping.
- (p) forceful contact made below the knees or acts in a manner likely to cause injury, even if contact does not occur.

NOTE:



- a player can bump an opponent's body from side-on but any contact forward of side-on will be deemed to be front-on;

- a player with **their** head down in anticipation of winning possession of the ball or after contesting the ball will be deemed to have his head down over the ball for the purposes of this law.



15.5 FREE KICKS RELATING TO UMPIRES

VAFA Zero Tolerance Policy

“Any direct personal abuse or disrespectful behaviour towards Umpires will be penalised as per the Laws of Australian Football, 15.5(a) to 15.5(e)”.

A Free kick shall be awarded against a Player or Official who:

- a) uses abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards an Umpire;***
- b) behaves in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards an Umpire;***
- c) intentionally, recklessly or negligently makes contact with an Umpire;***
- d) enters the Centre Circle when the field Umpire is bouncing or attempting to bounce the football; or***
- e) intentionally, recklessly or negligently engages in conduct which affects, interferes with or prevents an Umpire from performing **their** duties.***

15.6 FREE KICKS RELATING TO OUT OF BOUNDS

15.6.1 When Awarded

A Free Kick shall be awarded against a Player who:

- (a) kicks the football Out of Bounds on the Full;
- (b) in the act of bringing the football back into play after a Behind has been scored, kicks the football over the Boundary Line without the football first being touched by another Player;
- (c) intentionally Kicks, Handballs or forces the football over the Boundary Line without the football being touched by another Player;
- (d) having taken the football over the Boundary Line, fails to immediately hand the football to the boundary Umpire or drop the football directly to the ground;
- (e) touches the football after the boundary Umpire has signalled that the football is Out of Bounds, except for a Player who has carried the football over the Boundary Line under this Law 15.6.1 or a Player awarded a Free Kick under these Laws; or
- (f) hits the football Out of Bounds on the full from a boundary throw or a field bounce or throw by a field Umpire.

15.6.2 Taking Free Kick

A Free Kick awarded under Law 15.6.1 shall be taken at the point where the ball crossed the Boundary Line.

15.7 FREE KICKS – DELIBERATE RUSHED BEHIND

15.7.1 When Awarded



A free kick shall be awarded against a player from the defending team who intentionally kicks, handballs or forces the football over the attacking team's Goal Line or Behind Line or onto one of the attacking Team's Goal Posts. In assessing whether a Free Kick should be awarded under this Law, the field umpire shall give the benefit of the doubt to the Defender.

15.7.2 Taking Free Kick

A Free Kick awarded under Law 15.7.1 shall be taken at the point where the football crossed the Goal Line or Behind Line or from the relevant Goal Post.

15.8 FREE KICK – SHAKING GOAL POST

15.8.1 Awarding Free Kick

Unless Law 15.7.3 applies, a Free Kick shall be awarded against a Player or Official who intentionally shakes a Goal or Behind post (either before or after a Player has disposed of the football) which may affect whether a Goal or Behind is scored.

15.8.2 Taking Free Kick

The following shall apply to a Free Kick awarded under Law 15.8.1:

- (a) if a Free Kick is awarded against a Player or Official of the defending Team and a Goal is not scored, the Player from the attacking Team who was about to or who has Kicked for Goal, shall take the Free Kick at the centre of the Goal Line;
- (b) if the Free Kick is awarded against a Player or Official of the attacking Team, the Player on the defending Team who was nearest to the position from where the football will be or has been Kicked, shall take the Free Kick from that position. For the avoidance of doubt, any Goal or Behind which would have been recorded in favour of the attacking Team but for the awarding of the Free Kick to a Player of the defending Team, shall not be recorded.

15.8.3 Goal Scored

If a Player or Official of the defending Team contravenes Law 15.8.1 but a Goal is still scored, the field Umpire shall not award a Free Kick. In such cases, the field Umpire shall signal "All Clear" and a Goal shall be recorded.

15.9 FREE KICKS-REPORTABLE OFFENCES

- (a) Unless Law 15.9(b) applies, a field Umpire shall award a Free Kick against a Player or Official who is reported for a Reportable Offence.
- (b) Unless otherwise determined by a field Umpire, where a Player(s) or Official(s) from both Teams are reported for conduct arising from the same incident, the field Umpire shall allow play to continue or if that is not practicable, re-commence play by bouncing/throwing up the football.

15.10 FREE KICKS – GENERALLY

15.10.1 When Awarded

A Free Kick shall be awarded against a Player or a Team where the field Umpire is of the opinion that:

- (a) the Player is engaging in Time Wasting;
- (b) an Official of the Team or such other person of the Team who may from time to time be permitted onto the Playing Surface, intentionally, recklessly or negligently interferes with the football, a Player of the opposition Team, an Umpire or general play;
- (c) a Player has lifted a Player or climbed on the shoulders of a Player from the same Team. This Free Kick shall be taken by a Player from the opposing Team where the infringement occurred or where the football is at the time of the infringement, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending Team;
- (d) a Free Kick to be awarded against a Player who uses abusive insulting threatening or obscene language and/or gesture.
- (e) a Player has contravened the provisions of Law 11.3.5 (a).



- (f) a Player has engaged in misconduct.

15.10.2 Taking Free Kick

Where a Free Kick is awarded against a Team because of the conduct of an Official of the Team, the Free Kick shall be taken by the Player of the opposition Team who is closest to where the infringement occurred or where the football is located, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending Team.

15.11 FREE KICKS AFTER DISPOSAL

- (a) [Subject to Law 15.11\(b\)](#), where Prohibited Contact is made against a Player who has disposed of the football or against a Player who is Shepherding a Player who has disposed of the football, a Free Kick shall be awarded to that Player's Team and shall be taken by a Player of that Team who is nearest to the location where the football touches the ground, a Player or crosses the Boundary Line, as the case may be. If taking the Free Kick at this location will penalise the Team awarded the Free Kick, the Free Kick shall be taken by the Player against whom and at the location where Prohibited Contact was made.
- (b) If a field umpire is satisfied that a Player tackles, holds or makes high contact against a Player who has disposed of the football for the purpose of preventing that Player from taking part in the next act of play or being able to run to the next contest then, if it is a greater penalty than would otherwise be provided by Law 15.11(a), the field umpire shall award a free kick and a **25** metre penalty to that Player's team.

15.12 FREE KICK – STADIUM ROOFS

Not applicable

16. DISPOSAL FROM MARK OR FREE KICK

16.1 STANDING THE MARK AND TEN METRE PROTECTED AREA

16.1.1 Standing The Mark

When a Player is awarded a Mark or Free Kick or is Kicking into play after a Behind has been scored, one Player from the opposing Team may stand at the position on the Playing Surface where the Mark or Free Kick was awarded or where the field Umpire otherwise directs the Player to stand. The position on the Playing Surface where the opposing Player stands is known as "the mark".

16.1.2 Protected Area

The Protected Area is a corridor which extends from **10** metres either side of the mark and a 5 metre radius behind, the Player with the football. No Player shall enter and remain in the Protected Area unless the field Umpire calls Play On or the Player is accompanying or following within 5 metres of [their](#) opponent.

16.2 PLAYING FROM BEHIND THE MARK

A Player who has been awarded a Mark or Free Kick shall dispose of the football from directly behind the mark. If a Player disposes or attempts to dispose of the football other than in a direct line over the Mark, the field Umpire shall call Play On and the football shall immediately be in play. This Law does not apply if a Player is disposing of the football from beyond the Goal Line, Behind Line or Boundary Line, in which case Laws 16.4 or 16.5 shall apply.

16.3 KICKING FOR GOAL

16.3.1 Centre of Goal Line

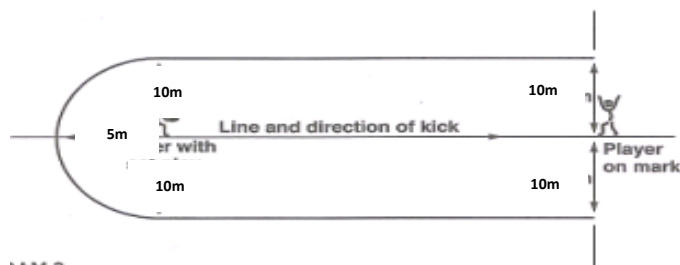
- (a) Where a player is kicking for goal after being awarded a Mark or a Free Kick, the Kick shall be taken along a direct line from the mark of the centre of the Goal Line.
- (b) Where a player is Kicking for a Goal after being awarded a Mark or a Free Kick in the Goal Square, the Kick shall be taken from directly in front of Goals from a spot horizontally across from where the Mark or Free kick was awarded.



16.3.2 Encroaching the Mark whilst Player is Kicking for Goal

If the Player standing the Mark encroaches the Mark whilst a Player is in the act of Kicking for Goal, the following shall apply:

- (a) if a Goal is Kicked, the field Umpire shall signal "All Clear" and a Goal shall be recorded;
- (b) if a Goal is not Kicked, the Player may elect to take another Kick, in which case the Player shall also be awarded a **Twenty Five Metre Penalty**.



16.4 DISPOSAL BY A DEFENDING PLAYER

– GOAL LINE AND BEHIND LINE

If a defending Player is awarded a Free Kick or a Mark and is given or takes possession of the football beyond the Goal Line or Behind Line, the following shall apply:

- (a) the Player standing the Mark must be positioned 5 metres away from the Goal Line or Behind Line, as the case may be;
- (b) the defending Player may Play On in any direction provided **the Player** first crosses the Goal Line or Behind Line prior to disposing of the football ;
- (c) if the defending Player decides to play from beyond the Goal Line or Behind Line, **they** may Kick or Handball the football in any direction provided **they** do not move off the direct line between **themselves** and the Player standing the mark. If the defending Player does move from this line, the field Umpire shall call "Play On" and the Goal Umpire shall signal and record a Behind; **and**
- (d) if the defending Player, in disposing of the football, hits either the Goal or Behind post, the Player shall be given the football again to re-commence play.

16.5 DISPOSAL – FROM OUT OF BOUNDS

16.5.1 When Permitted

- (a) A Player who is awarded a Free Kick or a Mark may bring the football into play from beyond the Boundary Line provided that the Player moves in one direction whilst in the act of Kicking, Handballing or moving to cross the Boundary Line.
- (b) If a Player taking their Kick from outside the Boundary Line
 - (i) fails to bring the football into play;
 - (ii) attempts to play on outside the boundary line; or
 - (iii) does not bring the football into play in accordance with 16.5.1 (a) then shall be deemed to be Out of Bounds and the boundary Umpire shall throw the ball back into play at the spot where the original Mark or Free Kick took place.

16.5.2 Standing The Mark Adjacent To Behind Post

Where a Player is given or takes possession of the football beyond the Boundary Line within 2 metres of the behind post, the Player standing the Mark must be positioned 5 metres away from the Boundary Line.

16.5.3 Football Back In Play

The football is deemed to be back in play when any portion of it is on or above the Boundary Line.



16.6 DISPOSAL WHERE PLAYER AWARDED FREE KICK OR MARK IS INJURED

Where a Player is awarded a Free Kick or a Mark and, in the opinion of the field Umpire, that Player is suffering from an injury which will prevent him from disposing of the football, the Player who is nearest to and on the same Team as the Player awarded the Free Kick or Mark, shall dispose of the football at the location (or as near as possible) where the Free Kick or Mark was awarded.

16.7 FURTHER BREACH OF LAWS BEFORE DISPOSAL

Where a Player has been awarded a Free Kick or a Mark and before disposing of the football:

- (a) Where a Player has been awarded a Free Kick or a Mark and before disposing of the football that Player or a Player from the same Team engages in conduct which contravenes these Laws, then the field Umpire shall award a Free Kick to the Player against whom the conduct was directed or who is nearest to where the conduct occurred;
- (b) Where a Field Umpire has awarded a Free Kick or a Mark to a Player and before disposing of the football a Player from the opposition Team engages in conduct for which a Free Kick would ordinarily be awarded, then the resultant Free Kick shall be taken where the offence occurred, or a **Twenty Five Metre Penalty** shall be awarded to the Player with the original Free Kick or Mark, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending Team.

17. PLAY ON AND THE ADVANTAGE RULE

17.1 FOOTBALL IN PLAY

The football shall remain in play on each and every occasion when the field Umpire calls and signals "Play On".

17.2 CIRCUMSTANCES – PLAY ON

The field Umpire shall call and signal Play On or touched Play On when:

- (a) an Umpire is struck by the football while it is in play;
- (b) the field Umpire is of the opinion that the football, having been Kicked, was touched whilst in transit;
- (c) the field Umpire is of the opinion that the football, having been Kicked, does not travel a distance of at least 15 metres;
- (d) the field Umpire cancels a Free Kick;
- (e) the field Umpire is of the opinion that a Player, who has been awarded a Free Kick or a Mark, runs, Handballs or Kicks or attempts to run, Handball or Kick otherwise than over the mark.
- (f) where a Player, awarded a Mark or Free Kick, fails to dispose of the football when directed to do so by the field Umpire.
- (i) where the field umpire cancels a mark.
- (g) **subject to Law 11.3.6** in the instance of a poor bounce by a field umpire;
- (h) where a player fails to bring the ball back into play when kicking in from a behind after being directed to do so by the field umpire; or
- (i) where the field umpire cancels a Mark.

17.3 THE ADVANTAGE RULE

Where the field Umpire intends to or has signaled that they intend to award a Free Kick to a Player, the field Umpire may, instead of awarding the Free Kick, allow play to continue if the Player of the Team who receives the Free Kick has taken the advantage.



18. TWENTY FIVE METRE PENALTY

18.1 WHEN IMPOSED

Where a field Umpire has awarded a Free Kick or a Mark to a Player, the field Umpire shall also award a *Twenty Five Metre* Penalty in favour of that Player if he or she is of the opinion that any Player or Official from the opposing side:

- (a) has encroached the mark;
- (b) engages in Time Wasting;
- (c) uses abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards an Umpire;
- (d) behaves in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards an Umpire or disputes the decision of an Umpire;
- (e) enters the Protected Area, except when the Player is accompanying or following within 5 metres of his or her opponent;
- (f) has not returned the football directly and on the full to the Player awarded the Free Kick or mark;
- (g) engages in any other conduct for which a Free Kick would ordinarily be awarded, [in accordance with 16.7 \(b\)](#);
- (h) when not in the immediate contest, holds a Player after that Player has Marked the football or who has been awarded a Free Kick; or
- (i) a Player in the contest who unreasonably holds a Player after that Player has Marked the football or who has been awarded a Free Kick.

18.2 IMPOSING A TWENTY FIVE METRE PENALTY

When the field Umpire imposes a **25** metre Penalty, the following procedure shall apply:

- (a) the field Umpire shall signal to the Timekeeper to stop the clock used for the timing of the Match for such time as it takes to impose the ***Twenty Five Metre*** Penalty;
- (b) the field Umpire shall advance the mark by ***Twenty Five Metres*** in a direct line with the centre of the Goal Line; and
- (c) if the Player who is obtaining the benefit of the ***Twenty Five Metre*** Penalty is less than ***Twenty Five Metres*** from the Goal Line, the mark shall become the centre of the Goal Line.

18.3 LOCAL CONDITIONS

A Controlling Body may reduce the distance of a fifty metre penalty to 25 metres for the Matches played in the competition conducted by the Controlling Body.

19. REPORTING PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

19.1 OBLIGATION TO REPORT

19.1.1 To Controlling Body

An Umpire shall report to the Controlling Body any Player or Official who commits or engages in conduct which may constitute a Reportable Offence:

- a) during a Match; or
- b) on the day of the Match [and within the immediate proximity of the Arena where the match is conducted.](#)

19.1.2 Interpretation – Within the Immediate Proximity of the Arena

[Without limiting their ordinary meaning the words “within the immediate proximity of the Arena” shall include any area within 500 metres of the Arena where the match is conducted.](#)

19.1.3 Other appointed persons



In addition to an Umpire, a Controlling Body may authorise a person or persons to report any Player or Official who commits or engages in conduct which may constitute a Reportable Offence. Any person so authorised shall have the same powers and duties as imposed upon an Umpire under this Law 19.

19.2 REPORTABLE OFFENCES

19.2.1 Degree of Intent – Clarification

Where any of the Reportable Offences identified in Law 19.2.2 specify that conduct may be intentional, reckless or negligent:

- (a) any report or notice of report which does not allege whether the conduct was intentional, reckless or negligent shall be deemed to and be read as alleging that the conduct was either intentional, reckless or negligent; and
- (b) the Tribunal or other body appointed to hear and determine the report may find the report proven if it is reasonably satisfied that the conduct was either intentional, reckless or negligent.

19.2.2 Specific Offences

Any of the following types of conduct is a reportable offence:

- (a) intentionally, recklessly or negligently making contact with or striking an Umpire;
- (b) attempting to make contact with or strike an Umpire;
- (c) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards or in relation to an Umpire;
- (d) behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire;
- (e) disputing a decision of an Umpire;
- (f) use of an obscene gesture;
- (g) intentionally, recklessly or negligently:
 - (i) kicking another person;
 - (ii) striking another person;
 - (iii) tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg;
 - (iv) engaging in Time Wasting;
 - (v) Charging another person;
 - (vi) throwing or pushing another Player after that Player has taken a Mark, disposed of the football or after the football is otherwise out of play;
 - (vii) engaging in rough play against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable;
 - (viii) spitting at or on another person.
 - (ix) bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front on when that player has [their](#) head down over the ball.

NOTE:

- a player can bump an opponent's body from side-on but any contact forward of side-on will be deemed to be front-on;
- a player with his head down in anticipation of winning possession of the ball or after contesting the ball will be deemed to have his head down over the ball for the purposes of this law.

- (h) attempting to kick another person;
- (i) attempting to strike another person;
- (j) attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg;



- (k) intentionally shaking a Goal or Behind Post when another Player is preparing to Kick or is Kicking for Goal or after the Player has Kicked for Goal and the ball is in transit;
- (l) wrestling another person;
- (m) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language;
- (n) failing to leave the Playing Surface when directed to do so by a field Umpire;
- (o) wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Law 9;
- (p) any act of misconduct,

19.3 REPORTING PROCEDURE

19.3.1 Reports During Match

- (a) Where an Umpire reports a Player or Official during the course of a Match, the reporting Umpire shall use **their** best endeavours to inform the Player or Official of the report:
 - (i) at the time of the incident; or
 - (ii) **at the next appropriate break in play;**
 - (iii) before the commencement of the next quarter; or
 - (iv) where the incident occurs in the final quarter, after the completion of the Match.
- (b) The Umpire shall use **their** best endeavours to inform the person against whom a Reportable Offence has been committed of the report (if applicable).
- (c) An Umpire may inform the captain, acting captain or Official of a Team of a report where it is impractical to inform the Player or Official who has been reported.
- (d) Apart from informing a Player or Official of the report, an Umpire shall not speak with the reported Player or Official or any other Player or Official about the report which has been made.

19.3.2 Completing Notice of Report

- (a) During the Match or after the completion of the Match, the Umpire shall complete a notice of report in the form prescribed by the Controlling Body.
- (b) Each Controlling Body shall adopt rules which prescribe the procedures for the lodgement and notification of notices of report.

19.4 SANCTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

19.4.1 Controlling Body

- (a) A Controlling Body shall hear and determine a report made against a Player or Official and if the report is proven, may impose such sanctions (including suspension for any term or a monetary sanction), make such orders and give such directions in each case as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit.
- (b) A Controlling Body may prescribe set sanctions for Reportable Offences.

19.4.2 Delegation

A Controlling Body may delegate the power to investigate, hear and determine a report to a tribunal or other similar body duly established and constituted in accordance with the Controlling Body's constitution.

19.4.3 Rules

Each Controlling Body shall adopt Rules which prescribe the procedures for the hearing and determination of a report. Such rules must prescribe that the person reported be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

19.4.4 Effect of Suspension

- (a) Unless Laws 19.4.4(d) or 19.4.4(e) apply, a Player or Official suspended by a Controlling Body is, for the period of the suspension, or while the suspension remains unserved, prohibited from playing or



participating in a Match conducted by the Controlling Body imposing the suspension and a Match conducted by any other Controlling Body.

- (b) Where a suspended Player or Official transfers from one Club to another Club competing in the same or another competition, the Player or Official shall complete the period of suspension with his or her new Club if that Club competes in a competition conducted during the same period as the Club from which the Player has transferred.
- (c) A Controlling Body may still require a Player or Official to complete any period of a suspension imposed by the Controlling Body, if the Player or Official returns to the competition conducted by the Controlling Body within 12 months of completing the suspension in another competition. This Law applies even though the Player or Official has completed the suspension in another competition.
- (d) A Player or Official who has been suspended from playing or participating in a competition conducted primarily between 31 March and 30 September may, upon obtaining the prior written approval of the Controlling Body who imposed the suspension, play or participate in a competition conducted primarily between 1 October and 31 March.
- (e) A Player or Official who has been suspended from playing or participating in a competition conducted between primarily 1 October and 31 March may, upon obtaining the prior written approval of the Controlling Body who imposed the suspension, play or participate in a competition conducted primarily between 31 March and 1 October.

20. ORDER OFF LAW

20.1 APPLICATION

This Law 20 applies to all competitions other than the AFL competition.

The Association's "Order Off" rule shall apply in all matches.

The field umpire must automatically order from the field by the showing a Red Card, to any player he reports.

A Red Card will be held up by the umpire towards the coaches indicating that a player has been reported for an offence and is to leave the ground via the interchange area for a period of 12 minutes playing time. This player cannot return until 12 minutes playing time has elapsed and can be replaced immediately

The Red Card will also be shown to the timekeepers indicating that the reported player is off for period of 12 minutes playing time, upon which time the timekeepers will signal back to the reporting umpire that they have seen the Red Card and will start recording the time once the player has left the ground.

It is the responsibility of an official of the reported players' club to find out from the timekeepers when the 12 minutes playing time has elapsed.

The same procedure applies with a Black Card, except that the player sent from the field may not return at any stage in the Match, but may be replaced after 12 minutes of playing time.

20.2 to 20.6

ORDER OFF APPLICATION

VAFAs Goal and Boundary Umpires have no power to order players from the field. If they make a report, the correct procedure is to immediately notify the field umpire at the next appropriate break in play (but to be as soon as possible), who will then confirm the report with the player and order him from the field for the appropriate time, again displaying a Red or Black Card in the manner described above.



The audible obscenity rule covers all Association matches.

A Yellow Card held up by the umpire towards the coach's box indicates that a player has been sent from the ground under the audible obscenity rule, but has not been reported. The Yellow Card indicates that the player can be replaced immediately, but the offending player cannot return until 12 minutes of playing time have elapsed.

An umpire can simply caution a player if the language is not considered excessively obscene.

If the audible obscenity was directed at an umpire, the player can be ordered-off AND reported.

In assessing the offence, the umpire must decide whether or not in his opinion the obscenity could have been heard by spectators over the nearest fence. If in the opinion of the umpire the offence (even the first) was directed at any umpire there is to be no warning and the player is to be sent off for 12 minutes of actual playing time and reported.

General – Player Unruly Behaviour – U18 and U19.

Player(s) behaving in a generally unruly manner may be sent off the ground under the Provisions pertaining to a Yellow Card (As described under Audible Obscenity rule above). Examples of such actions are wrestling, excessive pushing and shoving. Send off under a Yellow Card in such situations is not to be extended to offences that are Reportable. (This is for Under U18 and U19's only)

In the event of any player refusing to leave the field, when ordered-off by the field umpire, the match shall be awarded to the opposing team.

A player ordered-off (but able to be replaced), will have his name recorded by one of the field umpires on an Incident Report Sheet and these will be monitored by the VAFA. Once the player accumulates two audible obscenity offences for which he was ordered-off, but not reported in the one season, the club will be written to and advised of the consequences of a third offence – this being an automatic two match suspension.

20.6.2 Player to Leave Playing Surface

- (a) A Player shall immediately leave the Playing Surface when ordered to do so by an Umpire under this Law 20.
- (b) Where a Player refuses to or does not immediately leave the Playing Surface when ordered to do so by an Umpire, the following shall apply:
 - (i) In addition to being reported for the Reportable Offence which led to the Player being ordered from the Playing Surface, the Player shall be reported for misconduct in failing to follow a direction of an Umpire;
 - (ii) the Match shall immediately end and the reported Player's Team shall forfeit the Match; and
 - (iii) Law 10.7 shall apply to any Match which is forfeited.

20.7 REDUCTION OF PLAYERS - not applicable to the VAFA

21. ANTI-DOPING POLICY

21.1 APPLICATION

The AFL Anti-Doping Code, as varied in accordance with Law 21.2, shall apply to all persons to whom these Laws apply, unless a Controlling Body has adopted its own code or policy which has been approved by the Australian Sports [Anti – Doping Authority \(ASADA\)](#).



21.2 VARIATION AND INTERPRETATION

21.2.1 Specific Reference

Where the AFL Anti-Doping Code does apply to a Controlling Body, any reference to:

- (a) the AFL shall be read as a reference to the relevant Controlling Body;
- (b) a Player shall be read as a Player competing in a competition conducted by the Controlling Body; and
- (c) an official, employee or agent of the AFL shall be read as an official, employee or agent of the Controlling Body appointed or delegated to perform the same or a similar function.

21.2.2 Testing

Unless otherwise directed by the AFL, a Controlling Body is not obliged to perform or appoint a third party to perform testing of Players as prescribed under the AFL Anti-Doping Code.

22. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

22.1 THE MEANING OF ACTIVE BLEEDING

In this Law 22, the term “Active Bleeding” means the existence of an injury or wound, which continues to bleed. Active Bleeding does not include minor bleeding from a graze or scratch, which has abated and can be readily removed from a Player or any part of his uniform.

22.2 PARTICIPATION IN MATCHES WHEN ACTIVELY BLEEDING

- (a) Unless Law 22.7 applies:
 - (i) a Player must not remain on the Playing Surface for so long as he or she is Actively Bleeding;
 - (ii) a Club or Team must not allow any of its Players to remain on the Playing Surface for so long as the Player is Actively Bleeding;
- (b) Unless immediate treatment needs to be given, having due regard to a Player’s health and safety, a Club or Team must not allow any Player who is Actively Bleeding to be treated on the Playing Surface.

22.3 ACTIVE BLEEDING — ROLE OF UMPIRE

22.3.1 Role of Umpire

Where a field Umpire is of the opinion that a Player is Actively Bleeding, the field Umpire must stop play at the first available opportunity:

- (a) direct the Player concerned to immediately leave the Playing Surface;
- (b) subject to Law 22.3.3, wait a reasonable period to allow the replacement Player to take up position before recommencing play; and recommence play.

22.3.2 Player to Follow Directions of Field Umpire

Where a Player is directed by a field Umpire to leave the Playing Surface because he or she is actively bleeding, the Player must leave the Playing Surface immediately **at the nearest point to receive treatment**. The Player must not re-enter the Playing Surface or take any further part in any Match until and unless:

- (a) the cause of such bleeding has been abated;
- (b) the injury is securely bound to ensure that all blood is contained;
- (c) any blood-stained article of uniform has been removed and replaced; and
- (d) any blood on any part of the Players body has been thoroughly cleansed and removed.

22.3.3 Replacement Player

A Player directed to leave the Playing Surface may be replaced by another Player listed on the Team Sheet. A replacement Player may enter the Playing Surface **but only through the interchange area**, while the Player that he or she is replacing is leaving the Playing Surface **at any point**. **The game recommences when the replacement player takes up a playing position and the injured player is off the field. The injured player can only re-enter the**



field via the interchange area. The runner must communicate immediately player on/off to the interchange steward.

22.3.4 Refusal to Leave Playing Surface

Where a Player refuses to or does not immediately leave the Playing Surface when directed to do so by a field Umpire, the following will apply:

- (a) the field Umpire must warn the Player that a Free Kick will be awarded and that the Player may be reported if he or she does not leave the Playing Surface;
- (b) if the Player still refuses to leave the Playing Surface, the field Umpire must award a Free Kick to the Player of the opposing Team who is nearest to where the warning was given or where play was stopped, whichever is the greatest penalty;
- (c) if the Player refuses to leave the Playing Surface:
the field Umpire shall report the Player for misconduct in failing to follow a direction of an Umpire;
the Match will immediately end and be forfeited by the reported Player's Team; and Law 10.7 will apply to any Match which is forfeited.

22.4 PROCEDURE WHEN PLAYER NOT ACTIVELY BLEEDING

Where a field Umpire is of the opinion that a Player is not Actively Bleeding, but the Player has blood on any part of **their** body or uniform, the following will apply:

at the first available opportunity, the field Umpire must signal and direct the Player to obtain treatment. After the signal is given, play will continue;

the Player may remain on the Playing Surface after the signal is given by the field Umpire, but must at the earliest opportunity:

- (i) in the case of blood being on any part of **their** uniform, have the piece of uniform removed and replaced; and/or
- (ii) in the case of blood being on any part of **their** body, have the blood removed and the cause of any bleeding (if any), treated and covered so that all blood is contained;

If after receiving treatment, the field Umpire is of the opinion that blood is still appearing on any part of the Player's body or uniform, the Player is deemed to be Actively Bleeding and Law 22.3 will apply.

22.5 VARIATION BY CONTROLLING BODY

A Controlling Body may adopt its own rules to specify that Law 22.3 applies to all bleeding.

22.6 FAILURE TO OBEY DIRECTION

A Player's refusal to promptly obey a direction of a field Umpire given under Law 22.3 or 22.4 is a reportable offence.

Any fine, period of suspension or other sanction determined by a tribunal or other body hearing the Reportable Offence shall be in addition to any sanction which may be imposed by a Controlling Body under Law 22.14.

22.7 SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE END OF A QUARTER

A Player awarded a Mark or Free Kick may Kick the football after the field Umpire has signalled that play has come to an end, even though **the Player** is at that time Actively Bleeding. However, this Law is subject to Law 16.6.

22.8 DELIBERATE SMEARING OF BLOOD

Regardless of any other provision in these Laws, if a Player intentionally smears or otherwise causes blood to be placed on another Player's body or uniform, the field Umpire must immediately stop play and allow that Player such time as is necessary to have the blood removed or item of uniform removed and replaced.

22.9 PROTECTIVE GLOVES

Each club or Team must ensure that any doctor, trainer and any other person treating Players of a Team wears protective gloves as may be approved from time to time by the relevant Controlling Body.



22.10 DISPOSAL OF BLOODIED CLOTHING AND OTHER MATERIAL

Each club or Team must ensure that:

Any bloodied item of uniform or clothing of a Player is placed as soon as possible in a hygienic sealed container and laundered to ensure the removal of all blood; and

all towels, wipes, bandages, dressings and other materials used in the treatment of bleeding Players must be placed in a hygienic sealed container and discarded or destroyed in a hygienic manner.

22.11 DRESSING ROOMS

Each club or Team must ensure that all dressing rooms and other areas occupied by the Team prior to, during or immediately following the completion of any Match are kept clean and that no blood remains on any surface, equipment, hand basin, toilet, shower, bath or other area. All such surfaces, equipment and areas must be cleansed and disinfected immediately after contact with blood.

22.12 HYGIENE

Each club or Team must ensure that:

Players do not urinate (other than in a toilet) in or about any dressing rooms or on the Playing Surface prior to, during or immediately following the completion of any Match; and

Each of its Players observe a high standard of personal hygiene.

22.13 TRAINERS

Unless Law 22.4 applies, a Trainer or other personnel responsible for the treatment of Players shall not provide treatment to a Player on the Playing Surface for any cut, abrasion or other injury involving the discharge of blood.

22.14 SANCTION – CONTROLLING BODY

A Controlling Body may impose a sanction upon a Player, Club or Team for a breach of any obligation imposed under this Law 22.

SECTION 7

VAFA Fixtures 2016 Season



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Round 1	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 09		
Old Carey vs. Old Trinity	Carey Sports Complex	2:00pm
Old Melburnians vs. University Blues	Sportscover Arena	2:00pm
St Bernards vs. Old Xaverians	St Bernards College	2:00pm
St Kevins OB vs. De La Salle	TH King Oval	2:00pm
University Blacks vs. Collegians	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 2	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 16		
Collegians vs. St Bernards	Harry Trott Oval	2:00pm
Old Melburnians vs. St Kevins OB	Sportscover Arena	2:00pm
Old Trinity vs. University Blacks	Daley Oval Trinity Playing Fields	2:00pm
Old Xaverians vs. De La Salle	Toorak Park	2:00pm
University Blues vs. Old Carey	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 3	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 23		
De La Salle vs. Collegians	Waverley Oval	2:00pm
Old Carey vs. Old Melburnians	Carey Sports Complex	2:00pm
St Bernards vs. Old Trinity	St Bernards College	2:00pm
St Kevins OB vs. Old Xaverians	TH King Oval	2:00pm
University Blues vs. University Blacks	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 4	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 30		
Collegians vs. University Blues	Harry Trott Oval	2:00pm
Old Melburnians vs. St Bernards	Sportscover Arena	2:00pm
Old Trinity vs. De La Salle	Daley Oval Trinity Playing Fields	2:00pm
Old Xaverians vs. Old Carey	Toorak Park	2:00pm
University Blacks vs. St Kevins OB	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 5	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 07		
De La Salle vs. Old Melburnians	Waverley Oval	2:00pm
Old Trinity vs. University Blues	Daley Oval Trinity Playing Fields	2:00pm
St Bernards vs. Old Carey	St Bernards College	2:00pm
St Kevins OB vs. Collegians	TH King Oval	2:00pm
University Blacks vs. Old Xaverians	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 6	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 14		
Collegians vs. Old Trinity	Harry Trott Oval	2:00pm
De La Salle vs. University Blacks	Waverley Oval	2:00pm
Old Carey vs. St Kevins OB	Carey Sports Complex	2:00pm
Old Xaverians vs. Old Melburnians	Toorak Park	2:00pm
University Blues vs. St Bernards	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 7	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 21		
Old Carey vs. De La Salle	Carey Sports Complex	2:00pm
Old Melburnians vs. Collegians	Sportscover Arena	2:00pm
Old Xaverians vs. University Blues	Toorak Park	2:00pm
St Kevins OB vs. Old Trinity	TH King Oval	2:00pm



University Blacks vs. St Bernards	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 8	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 28		
Collegians vs. Old Carey	Harry Trott Oval	2:00pm
De La Salle vs. University Blues	Waverley Oval	2:00pm
Old Trinity vs. Old Xaverians	Daley Oval Trinity Playing Fields	2:00pm
St Bernards vs. St Kevins OB	St Bernards College	2:00pm
University Blacks vs. Old Melburnians	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 9	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 04		
Collegians vs. Old Xaverians	Harry Trott Oval	2:00pm
Old Carey vs. University Blacks	Carey Sports Complex	2:00pm
Old Trinity vs. Old Melburnians	Daley Oval Trinity Playing Fields	2:00pm
St Bernards vs. De La Salle	St Bernards College	2:00pm
University Blues vs. St Kevins OB	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 10	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 18		
De La Salle vs. Old Trinity	Waverley Oval	2:00pm
Old Melburnians vs. Old Carey	Sportscover Arena	2:00pm
Old Xaverians vs. St Bernards	Toorak Park	2:00pm
St Kevins OB vs. University Blacks	TH King Oval	2:00pm
University Blues vs. Collegians	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 11	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 25		
Collegians vs. De La Salle	Harry Trott Oval	2:00pm
Old Carey vs. University Blues	Carey Sports Complex	2:00pm
Old Xaverians vs. St Kevins OB	Toorak Park	2:00pm
St Bernards vs. Old Melburnians	St Bernards College	2:00pm
University Blacks vs. Old Trinity	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 12	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 02		
Old Melburnians vs. Old Xaverians	Sportscover Arena	2:00pm
Old Trinity vs. Collegians	Daley Oval Trinity Playing Fields	2:00pm
St Bernards vs. University Blues	St Bernards College	2:00pm
St Kevins OB vs. Old Carey	TH King Oval	2:00pm
University Blacks vs. De La Salle	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 13	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 16		
Collegians vs. St Kevins OB	Harry Trott Oval	2:00pm
De La Salle vs. Old Xaverians	Waverley Oval	2:00pm
Old Carey vs. St Bernards	Carey Sports Complex	2:00pm
Old Melburnians vs. University Blacks	Sportscover Arena	2:00pm
University Blues vs. Old Trinity	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 14	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 23		
Old Trinity vs. Old Carey	Daley Oval Trinity Playing Fields	2:00pm
Old Xaverians vs. University Blacks	Toorak Park	2:00pm
St Bernards vs. Collegians	St Bernards College	2:00pm



St Kevins OB vs. Old Melburnians	TH King Oval	2:00pm
University Blues vs. De La Salle	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 15	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 30		
De La Salle vs. St Bernards	Waverley Oval	2:00pm
Old Melburnians vs. Old Trinity	Sportscover Arena	2:00pm
Old Xaverians vs. Collegians	Toorak Park	2:00pm
St Kevins OB vs. University Blues	TH King Oval	2:00pm
University Blacks vs. Old Carey	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 16	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 13		
Collegians vs. University Blacks	Harry Trott Oval	2:00pm
De La Salle vs. St Kevins OB	Waverley Oval	2:00pm
Old Carey vs. Old Xaverians	Carey Sports Complex	2:00pm
Old Trinity vs. St Bernards	Daley Oval Trinity Playing Fields	2:00pm
University Blues vs. Old Melburnians	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 17	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 20		
Old Carey vs. Collegians	Carey Sports Complex	2:00pm
Old Melburnians vs. De La Salle	Sportscover Arena	2:00pm
Old Trinity vs. St Kevins OB	Daley Oval Trinity Playing Fields	2:00pm
St Bernards vs. University Blacks	St Bernards College	2:00pm
University Blues vs. Old Xaverians	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm
Round 18	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 27		
Collegians vs. Old Melburnians	Harry Trott Oval	2:00pm
De La Salle vs. Old Carey	Waverley Oval	2:00pm
Old Xaverians vs. Old Trinity	Toorak Park	2:00pm
St Kevins OB vs. St Bernards	TH King Oval	2:00pm
University Blacks vs. University Blues	Melbourne University Oval	2:00pm



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Round 1	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 09		
Beaumaris vs. Monash Blues	Banksia Reserve	2:00pm
Hampton Rovers vs. Parkdale Vultures	Boss James Reserve	2:00pm
Old Haileybury vs. Old Brighton	Princess Park Caulfield	2:00pm
Old Scotch vs. AJAX	Camberwell Sports Ground	2:00pm
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers vs. Fitzroy	Brindisi St Oval	2:00pm
Round 2	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 16		
AJAX vs. Hampton Rovers	Gary Smorgon Oval	2:00pm
Fitzroy vs. Old Haileybury	Brunswick St Oval	2:00pm
Monash Blues vs. Old Scotch	Frearson Oval	2:00pm
Old Brighton vs. St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	Brighton Beach Oval	2:00pm
Parkdale Vultures vs. Beaumaris	Gerry Green Reserve	2:00pm
Round 3	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 23		
Beaumaris vs. Old Haileybury	Banksia Reserve	2:00pm
Fitzroy vs. AJAX	Brunswick St Oval	2:00pm
Hampton Rovers vs. Old Brighton	Boss James Reserve	2:00pm
Parkdale Vultures vs. Monash Blues	Gerry Green Reserve	2:00pm
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers vs. Old Scotch	Brindisi St Oval	2:00pm
Round 4	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 30		
AJAX vs. Old Brighton	Gary Smorgon Oval	2:00pm
Beaumaris vs. St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	Banksia Reserve	2:00pm
Monash Blues vs. Hampton Rovers	Frearson Oval	2:00pm
Old Haileybury vs. Parkdale Vultures	Princess Park Caulfield	2:00pm
Old Scotch vs. Fitzroy	Camberwell Sports Ground	2:00pm
Round 5	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 07		
Hampton Rovers vs. Fitzroy	Boss James Reserve	2:00pm
Old Brighton vs. Beaumaris	Brighton Beach Oval	2:00pm
Old Haileybury vs. Monash Blues	Princess Park Caulfield	2:00pm
Parkdale Vultures vs. Old Scotch	Gerry Green Reserve	2:00pm
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers vs. AJAX	Brindisi St Oval	2:00pm

Round 6	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 14		
AJAX vs. Parkdale Vultures	Gary Smorgon Oval	2:00pm
Fitzroy vs. Old Brighton	Brunswick St Oval	2:00pm
Hampton Rovers vs. Beaumaris	Boss James Reserve	2:00pm
Monash Blues vs. St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	Frearson Oval	2:00pm
Old Scotch vs. Old Haileybury	Camberwell Sports Ground	2:00pm
Round 7	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 21		
Beaumaris vs. Fitzroy	Banksia Reserve	2:00pm
Monash Blues vs. AJAX	Frearson Oval	2:00pm
Old Brighton vs. Old Scotch	Brighton Beach Oval	2:00pm
Old Haileybury vs. Hampton Rovers	Princess Park Caulfield	2:00pm
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers vs. Parkdale Vultures	Brindisi St Oval	2:00pm
Round 8	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 28		
AJAX vs. Old Haileybury	Gary Smorgon Oval	2:00pm
Fitzroy vs. Monash Blues	Brunswick St Oval	2:00pm
Old Scotch vs. Beaumaris	Camberwell Sports Ground	2:00pm
Parkdale Vultures vs. Old Brighton	Gerry Green Reserve	2:00pm
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers vs. Hampton Rovers	Brindisi St Oval	2:00pm
Round 9	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 04		
Beaumaris vs. AJAX	Banksia Reserve	2:00pm
Fitzroy vs. Parkdale Vultures	Brunswick St Oval	2:00pm
Hampton Rovers vs. Old Scotch	Boss James Reserve	2:00pm
Monash Blues vs. Old Brighton	Frearson Oval	2:00pm
Old Haileybury vs. St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	Princess Park Caulfield	2:00pm
Round 10	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 18		
AJAX vs. Fitzroy	Gary Smorgon Oval	2:00pm
Monash Blues vs. Beaumaris	Frearson Oval	2:00pm
Old Brighton vs. Hampton Rovers	Brighton Beach Oval	2:00pm
Old Scotch vs. St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	Camberwell Sports Ground	2:00pm
Parkdale Vultures vs. Old Haileybury	Gerry Green Reserve	2:00pm
Round 11	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 25		

Hampton Rovers vs. Monash Blues	Boss James Reserve	2:00pm
Old Brighton vs. AJAX	Brighton Beach Oval	2:00pm
Old Haileybury vs. Fitzroy	Princess Park Caulfield	2:00pm
Old Scotch vs. Parkdale Vultures	Camberwell Sports Ground	2:00pm
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers vs. Beaumaris	Brindisi St Oval	2:00pm
Round 12	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 02		
AJAX vs. Old Scotch	Gary Smorgon Oval	2:00pm
Beaumaris vs. Parkdale Vultures	Banksia Reserve	2:00pm
Fitzroy vs. Hampton Rovers	Brunswick St Oval	2:00pm
Monash Blues vs. Old Haileybury	Frearson Oval	2:00pm
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers vs. Old Brighton	Brindisi St Oval	2:00pm
Round 13	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 16		
Hampton Rovers vs. AJAX	Boss James Reserve	2:00pm
Old Brighton vs. Fitzroy	Brighton Beach Oval	2:00pm
Old Haileybury vs. Beaumaris	Princess Park Caulfield	2:00pm
Old Scotch vs. Monash Blues	Camberwell Sports Ground	2:00pm
Parkdale Vultures vs. St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	Gerry Green Reserve	2:00pm
Round 14	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 23		
AJAX vs. Monash Blues	Gary Smorgon Oval	2:00pm
Beaumaris vs. Old Scotch	Banksia Reserve	2:00pm
Fitzroy vs. St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	Brunswick St Oval	2:00pm
Hampton Rovers vs. Old Haileybury	Boss James Reserve	2:00pm
Old Brighton vs. Parkdale Vultures	Brighton Beach Oval	2:00pm
Round 15	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 30		
Beaumaris vs. Hampton Rovers	Banksia Reserve	2:00pm
Monash Blues vs. Fitzroy	Frearson Oval	2:00pm
Old Scotch vs. Old Brighton	Camberwell Sports Ground	2:00pm
Parkdale Vultures vs. AJAX	Gerry Green Reserve	2:00pm
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers vs. Old Haileybury	Brindisi St Oval	2:00pm
Round 16	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 13		
AJAX vs. St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	Gary Smorgon Oval	2:00pm
Fitzroy vs. Beaumaris	Brunswick St Oval	2:00pm

Old Brighton vs. Monash Blues	Brighton Beach Oval	2:00pm
Old Haileybury vs. Old Scotch	Princess Park Caulfield	2:00pm
Parkdale Vultures vs. Hampton Rovers	Gerry Green Reserve	2:00pm
Round 17	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 20		
Beaumaris vs. Old Brighton	Banksia Reserve	2:00pm
Fitzroy vs. Old Scotch	Brunswick St Oval	2:00pm
Hampton Rovers vs. St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	Boss James Reserve	2:00pm
Monash Blues vs. Parkdale Vultures	Frearson Oval	2:00pm
Old Haileybury vs. AJAX	Princess Park Caulfield	2:00pm
Round 18	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 27		
AJAX vs. Beaumaris	Gary Smorgon Oval	2:00pm
Old Brighton vs. Old Haileybury	Brighton Beach Oval	2:00pm
Old Scotch vs. Hampton Rovers	Camberwell Sports Ground	2:00pm
Parkdale Vultures vs. Fitzroy	Gerry Green Reserve	2:00pm
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers vs. Monash Blues	Brindisi St Oval	2:00pm

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Round 1	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 09		
Caulfield Grammarians vs. Mazenod	Glenhuntly Oval	2:00pm
Kew vs. Oakleigh	Victoria Park	2:00pm
Marcellin vs. Old Ivanhoe	Marcellin College	2:00pm
Ormond vs. Peninsula	E E Gunn Reserve	2:00pm
Williamstown CYMS vs. Old Camberwell	Fearon Reserve	2:00pm
Round 2	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 16		
Marcellin vs. Peninsula	Marcellin College	2:00pm
Oakleigh vs. Williamstown CYMS	W.A Scammell Reserve	2:00pm
Old Camberwell vs. Mazenod	Gordon Barnard Reserve	2:00pm
Old Ivanhoe vs. Kew	Chelsworth Park	2:00pm
Ormond vs. Caulfield Grammarians	E E Gunn Reserve	2:00pm
Round 3	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 23		
Marcellin vs. Caulfield Grammarians	Marcellin College	2:00pm
Mazenod vs. Kew	Central Reserve	2:00pm
Old Camberwell vs. Oakleigh	Gordon Barnard Reserve	2:00pm
Ormond vs. Old Ivanhoe	E E Gunn Reserve	2:00pm
Peninsula vs. Williamstown CYMS	Peninsula School	2:00pm
Round 4	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 30		
Caulfield Grammarians vs. Old Camberwell	Glenhuntly Oval	2:00pm
Kew vs. Peninsula	Victoria Park	2:00pm
Mazenod vs. Old Ivanhoe	Central Reserve	2:00pm
Oakleigh vs. Marcellin	W.A Scammell Reserve	2:00pm
Williamstown CYMS vs. Ormond	Fearon Reserve	2:00pm
Round 5	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 07		
Caulfield Grammarians vs. Oakleigh	Glenhuntly Oval	2:00pm
Old Camberwell vs. Marcellin	Gordon Barnard Reserve	2:00pm
Old Ivanhoe vs. Williamstown CYMS	Chelsworth Park	2:00pm
Ormond vs. Kew	E E Gunn Reserve	2:00pm
Peninsula vs. Mazenod	Peninsula School	2:00pm
Round 6	Venue	Time

Saturday, May 14		
Kew vs. Caulfield Grammarians	Victoria Park	2:00pm
Mazenod vs. Ormond	Central Reserve	2:00pm
Oakleigh vs. Peninsula	W.A Scammell Reserve	2:00pm
Old Ivanhoe vs. Old Camberwell	Chelsworth Park	2:00pm
Williamstown CYMS vs. Marcellin	Fearon Reserve	2:00pm
Round 7	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 21		
Caulfield Grammarians vs. Williamstown CYMS	Glenhuntly Oval	2:00pm
Kew vs. Marcellin	Victoria Park	2:00pm
Mazenod vs. Oakleigh	Central Reserve	2:00pm
Ormond vs. Old Camberwell	E E Gunn Reserve	2:00pm
Peninsula vs. Old Ivanhoe	Peninsula School	2:00pm
Round 8	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 28		
Oakleigh vs. Old Ivanhoe	W.A Scammell Reserve	2:00pm
Old Camberwell vs. Kew	Gordon Barnard Reserve	2:00pm
Ormond vs. Marcellin	E E Gunn Reserve	2:00pm
Peninsula vs. Caulfield Grammarians	Peninsula School	2:00pm
Williamstown CYMS vs. Mazenod	Fearon Reserve	2:00pm
Round 9	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 04		
Kew vs. Williamstown CYMS	Victoria Park	2:00pm
Mazenod vs. Marcellin	Central Reserve	2:00pm
Oakleigh vs. Ormond	W.A Scammell Reserve	2:00pm
Old Camberwell vs. Peninsula	Gordon Barnard Reserve	2:00pm
Old Ivanhoe vs. Caulfield Grammarians	Chelsworth Park	2:00pm
Round 10	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 18		
Caulfield Grammarians vs. Marcellin	Glenhuntly Oval	2:00pm
Kew vs. Old Ivanhoe	Victoria Park	2:00pm
Mazenod vs. Old Camberwell	Central Reserve	2:00pm
Peninsula vs. Ormond	Peninsula School	2:00pm
Williamstown CYMS vs. Oakleigh	Fearon Reserve	2:00pm
Round 11	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 25		
Marcellin vs. Oakleigh	Marcellin College	2:00pm

Old Camberwell vs. Caulfield Grammarians	Gordon Barnard Reserve	2:00pm
Old Ivanhoe vs. Mazenod	Chelsworth Park	2:00pm
Ormond vs. Williamstown CYMS	E E Gunn Reserve	2:00pm
Peninsula vs. Kew	Peninsula School	2:00pm
Round 12	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 02		
Marcellin vs. Old Camberwell	Marcellin College	2:00pm
Mazenod vs. Caulfield Grammarians	Central Reserve	2:00pm
Oakleigh vs. Kew	W.A Scammell Reserve	2:00pm
Old Ivanhoe vs. Ormond	Chelsworth Park	2:00pm
Williamstown CYMS vs. Peninsula	Fearon Reserve	2:00pm
Round 13	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 16		
Caulfield Grammarians vs. Ormond	Glenhuntly Oval	2:00pm
Kew vs. Mazenod	Victoria Park	2:00pm
Oakleigh vs. Old Camberwell	W.A Scammell Reserve	2:00pm
Peninsula vs. Marcellin	Peninsula School	2:00pm
Williamstown CYMS vs. Old Ivanhoe	Fearon Reserve	2:00pm
Round 14	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 23		
Caulfield Grammarians vs. Kew	Glenhuntly Oval	2:00pm
Old Camberwell vs. Williamstown CYMS	Gordon Barnard Reserve	2:00pm
Old Ivanhoe vs. Marcellin	Chelsworth Park	2:00pm
Ormond vs. Mazenod	E E Gunn Reserve	2:00pm
Peninsula vs. Oakleigh	Peninsula School	2:00pm
Round 15	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 30		
Kew vs. Old Camberwell	Victoria Park	2:00pm
Marcellin vs. Ormond	Marcellin College	2:00pm
Mazenod vs. Peninsula	Central Reserve	2:00pm
Old Ivanhoe vs. Oakleigh	Chelsworth Park	2:00pm
Williamstown CYMS vs. Caulfield Grammarians	Fearon Reserve	2:00pm
Round 16	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 13		
Caulfield Grammarians vs. Peninsula	Glenhuntly Oval	2:00pm
Kew vs. Ormond	Victoria Park	2:00pm
Marcellin vs. Williamstown CYMS	Marcellin College	2:00pm

Oakleigh vs. Mazenod	W.A Scammell Reserve	2:00pm
Old Camberwell vs. Old Ivanhoe	Gordon Barnard Reserve	2:00pm
Round 17	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 20		
Caulfield Grammarians vs. Old Ivanhoe	Glenhuntly Oval	2:00pm
Marcellin vs. Mazenod	Marcellin College	2:00pm
Ormond vs. Oakleigh	E E Gunn Reserve	2:00pm
Peninsula vs. Old Camberwell	Peninsula School	2:00pm
Williamstown CYMS vs. Kew	Fearon Reserve	2:00pm
Round 18	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 27		
Marcellin vs. Kew	Marcellin College	2:00pm
Mazenod vs. Williamstown CYMS	Central Reserve	2:00pm
Oakleigh vs. Caulfield Grammarians	W.A Scammell Reserve	2:00pm
Old Camberwell vs. Ormond	Gordon Barnard Reserve	2:00pm
Old Ivanhoe vs. Peninsula	Chelsworth Park	2:00pm

Division 1

Round 1	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 09		
Old Mentonians vs. Brunswick NOBSPC	Keysborough Playing Fields	2:00pm
PEGS vs. Ivanhoe	PEGS Sporting Fields	2:00pm
Prahran Assumption vs. Old Paradians	Toorak Park	2:00pm
St Mary's Salesian vs. Whitefriars	Ferndale Park	2:00pm
Therry Penola vs. Old Geelong	John Pascoe Fawkner Reserve	2:00pm
Round 2	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 16		
Brunswick NOBSPC vs. Prahran Assumption	Alec Gillon Oval	2:00pm
Ivanhoe vs. Old Mentonians	Ford Park	2:00pm
Old Geelong vs. St Mary's Salesian	Como Park	2:00pm
Old Paradians vs. PEGS	Garvey Oval	2:00pm
Whitefriars vs. Therry Penola	Whitefriars College Oval	2:00pm
Round 3	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 23		
Brunswick NOBSPC vs. PEGS	Alec Gillon Oval	2:00pm
Ivanhoe vs. Old Geelong	Ford Park	2:00pm
Old Mentonians vs. Old Paradians	Keysborough Playing Fields	2:00pm
Prahran Assumption vs. Whitefriars	Toorak Park	2:00pm
St Mary's Salesian vs. Therry Penola	Ferndale Park	2:00pm
Round 4	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 30		
Old Geelong vs. Prahran Assumption	Como Park	2:00pm
Old Mentonians vs. St Mary's Salesian	Keysborough Playing Fields	2:00pm
Old Paradians vs. Brunswick NOBSPC	Garvey Oval	2:00pm
PEGS vs. Whitefriars	PEGS Sporting Fields	2:00pm
Therry Penola vs. Ivanhoe	John Pascoe Fawkner Reserve	2:00pm
Round 5	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 07		
Brunswick NOBSPC vs. Therry Penola	Alec Gillon Oval	2:00pm
Ivanhoe vs. St Mary's Salesian	Ford Park	2:00pm
PEGS vs. Old Geelong	PEGS Sporting Fields	2:00pm
Prahran Assumption vs. Old Mentonians	Toorak Park	2:00pm
Whitefriars vs. Old Paradians	Whitefriars College Oval	2:00pm
Round 6	Venue	Time

Saturday, May 14		
Ivanhoe vs. Prahran Assumption	Ford Park	2:00pm
Old Geelong vs. Brunswick NOBSPC	Como Park	2:00pm
Old Mentonians vs. Whitefriars	Keysborough Playing Fields	2:00pm
St Mary's Salesian vs. PEGS	Ferndale Park	2:00pm
Therry Penola vs. Old Paradians	John Pascoe Fawkner Reserve	2:00pm
Round 7	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 21		
Brunswick NOBSPC vs. Ivanhoe	Alec Gillon Oval	2:00pm
Old Paradians vs. St Mary's Salesian	Garvey Oval	2:00pm
PEGS vs. Old Mentonians	PEGS Sporting Fields	2:00pm
Therry Penola vs. Prahran Assumption	John Pascoe Fawkner Reserve	2:00pm
Whitefriars vs. Old Geelong	Whitefriars College Oval	2:00pm
Round 8	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 28		
Old Geelong vs. Old Paradians	Como Park	2:00pm
Old Mentonians vs. Therry Penola	Keysborough Playing Fields	2:00pm
Prahran Assumption vs. PEGS	Toorak Park	2:00pm
St Mary's Salesian vs. Brunswick NOBSPC	Ferndale Park	2:00pm
Whitefriars vs. Ivanhoe	Whitefriars College Oval	2:00pm
Round 9	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 04		
Brunswick NOBSPC vs. Whitefriars	Alec Gillon Oval	2:00pm
Ivanhoe vs. Old Paradians	Ford Park	2:00pm
Old Geelong vs. Old Mentonians	Como Park	2:00pm
PEGS vs. Therry Penola	PEGS Sporting Fields	2:00pm
Prahran Assumption vs. St Mary's Salesian	Toorak Park	2:00pm
Round 10	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 18		
Brunswick NOBSPC vs. Old Mentonians	Alec Gillon Oval	2:00pm
Ivanhoe vs. PEGS	Ford Park	2:00pm
Old Paradians vs. Prahran Assumption	Garvey Oval	2:00pm
St Mary's Salesian vs. Old Geelong	Ferndale Park	2:00pm
Therry Penola vs. Whitefriars	John Pascoe Fawkner Reserve	2:00pm
Round 11	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 25		
Old Geelong vs. Ivanhoe	Como Park	2:00pm
Old Mentonians vs. Prahran Assumption	Keysborough Playing Fields	2:00pm

PEGS vs. Old Paradians	PEGS Sporting Fields	2:00pm
Therry Penola vs. Brunswick NOBSPC	John Pascoe Fawkner Reserve	2:00pm
Whitefriars vs. St Mary's Salesian	Whitefriars College Oval	2:00pm
Round 12	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 02		
Brunswick NOBSPC vs. Old Geelong	Alec Gillon Oval	2:00pm
Old Paradians vs. Therry Penola	Garvey Oval	2:00pm
Prahran Assumption vs. Ivanhoe	Toorak Park	2:00pm
St Mary's Salesian vs. Old Mentonians	Ferndale Park	2:00pm
Whitefriars vs. PEGS	Whitefriars College Oval	2:00pm
Round 13	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 16		
Ivanhoe vs. Brunswick NOBSPC	Ford Park	2:00pm
Old Mentonians vs. PEGS	Keysborough Playing Fields	2:00pm
Old Paradians vs. Whitefriars	Garvey Oval	2:00pm
Prahran Assumption vs. Old Geelong	Toorak Park	2:00pm
Therry Penola vs. St Mary's Salesian	John Pascoe Fawkner Reserve	2:00pm
Round 14	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 23		
Old Geelong vs. Therry Penola	Como Park	2:00pm
Old Mentonians vs. Ivanhoe	Keysborough Playing Fields	2:00pm
PEGS vs. Brunswick NOBSPC	PEGS Sporting Fields	2:00pm
St Mary's Salesian vs. Old Paradians	Ferndale Park	2:00pm
Whitefriars vs. Prahran Assumption	Whitefriars College Oval	2:00pm
Round 15	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 30		
Brunswick NOBSPC vs. St Mary's Salesian	Alec Gillon Oval	2:00pm
Ivanhoe vs. Therry Penola	Ford Park	2:00pm
Old Geelong vs. Whitefriars	Como Park	2:00pm
Old Paradians vs. Old Mentonians	Garvey Oval	2:00pm
PEGS vs. Prahran Assumption	PEGS Sporting Fields	2:00pm
Round 16	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 06		
Old Paradians vs. Old Geelong	Garvey Oval	2:00pm
Prahran Assumption vs. Brunswick NOBSPC	Toorak Park	2:00pm
St Mary's Salesian vs. Ivanhoe	Ferndale Park	2:00pm
Therry Penola vs. PEGS	John Pascoe Fawkner Reserve	2:00pm
Whitefriars vs. Old Mentonians	Whitefriars College Oval	2:00pm

Round 17	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 13		
Brunswick NOBSPC vs. Old Paradians	Alec Gillon Oval	2:00pm
Ivanhoe vs. Whitefriars	Ford Park	2:00pm
Old Mentonians vs. Old Geelong	Keysborough Playing Fields	2:00pm
PEGS vs. St Mary's Salesian	PEGS Sporting Fields	2:00pm
Prahran Assumption vs. Therry Penola	Toorak Park	2:00pm
Round 18	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 20		
Old Geelong vs. PEGS	Como Park	2:00pm
Old Paradians vs. Ivanhoe	Garvey Oval	2:00pm
St Mary's Salesian vs. Prahran Assumption	Ferndale Park	2:00pm
Therry Penola vs. Old Mentonians	John Pascoe Fawkner Reserve	2:00pm
Whitefriars vs. Brunswick NOBSPC	Whitefriars College Oval	2:00pm

Division 2

Round 1	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 09		
Bulleen Templestowe vs. Old Eltham	Ted Adjani Reserve	2:00pm
Emmaus St Leos vs. Yarra Valley	Bennettswood Reserve	2:00pm
Richmond Centrals vs. MHSOB	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	2:00pm
St Johns vs. Monash Gryphons	Thomas Carroll Reserve	2:00pm
West Brunswick vs. Preston Bullants	Ransford Reserve	2:00pm
Round 2	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 16		
MHSOB vs. Emmaus St Leos	Melbourne High School	2:00pm
Monash Gryphons vs. Richmond Centrals	East Caulfield Reserve	2:00pm
Old Eltham vs. West Brunswick	Eltham College	2:00pm
Preston Bullants vs. Bulleen Templestowe	W.R Ruthven Reserve	2:00pm
Yarra Valley vs. St Johns	Doncaster Reserve	2:00pm
Round 3	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 23		
Bulleen Templestowe vs. Monash Gryphons	Ted Adjani Reserve	2:00pm
MHSOB vs. St Johns	Melbourne High School	2:00pm
Old Eltham vs. Preston Bullants	Eltham College	2:00pm
Richmond Centrals vs. Emmaus St Leos	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	2:00pm
Yarra Valley vs. West Brunswick	Doncaster Reserve	2:00pm
Round 4	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 30		
Bulleen Templestowe vs. Richmond Centrals	Ted Adjani Reserve	2:00pm
Emmaus St Leos vs. Old Eltham	Bennettswood Reserve	2:00pm
Monash Gryphons vs. Yarra Valley	East Caulfield Reserve	2:00pm
St Johns vs. Preston Bullants	Thomas Carroll Reserve	2:00pm
West Brunswick vs. MHSOB	Ransford Reserve	2:00pm
Round 5	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 07		
Emmaus St Leos vs. St Johns	Bennettswood Reserve	2:00pm
MHSOB vs. Old Eltham	Melbourne High School	2:00pm
Preston Bullants vs. Monash Gryphons	W.R Ruthven Reserve	2:00pm
West Brunswick vs. Bulleen Templestowe	Ransford Reserve	2:00pm
Yarra Valley vs. Richmond Centrals	Doncaster Reserve	2:00pm
Round 6	Venue	Time

Saturday, May 14		
Bulleen Templestowe vs. Emmaus St Leos	Ted Adjani Reserve	2:00pm
Monash Gryphons vs. West Brunswick	East Caulfield Reserve	2:00pm
Old Eltham vs. Yarra Valley	Eltham College	2:00pm
Preston Bullants vs. MHSOB	W.R Ruthven Reserve	2:00pm
Richmond Centrals vs. St Johns	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	2:00pm
Round 7	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 21		
Emmaus St Leos vs. Monash Gryphons	Bennettswood Reserve	2:00pm
MHSOB vs. Bulleen Templestowe	Melbourne High School	2:00pm
St Johns vs. Old Eltham	Thomas Carroll Reserve	2:00pm
West Brunswick vs. Richmond Centrals	Ransford Reserve	2:00pm
Yarra Valley vs. Preston Bullants	Doncaster Reserve	2:00pm
Round 8	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 28		
Bulleen Templestowe vs. St Johns	Ted Adjani Reserve	2:00pm
Emmaus St Leos vs. West Brunswick	Bennettswood Reserve	2:00pm
MHSOB vs. Yarra Valley	Melbourne High School	2:00pm
Monash Gryphons vs. Old Eltham	East Caulfield Reserve	2:00pm
Richmond Centrals vs. Preston Bullants	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	2:00pm
Round 9	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 04		
Monash Gryphons vs. MHSOB	East Caulfield Reserve	2:00pm
Old Eltham vs. Richmond Centrals	Eltham College	2:00pm
Preston Bullants vs. Emmaus St Leos	W.R Ruthven Reserve	2:00pm
St Johns vs. West Brunswick	Thomas Carroll Reserve	2:00pm
Yarra Valley vs. Bulleen Templestowe	Doncaster Reserve	2:00pm
Round 10	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 18		
Bulleen Templestowe vs. Preston Bullants	Ted Adjani Reserve	2:00pm
Emmaus St Leos vs. MHSOB	Bennettswood Reserve	2:00pm
Richmond Centrals vs. Monash Gryphons	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	2:00pm
St Johns vs. Yarra Valley	Thomas Carroll Reserve	2:00pm
West Brunswick vs. Old Eltham	Ransford Reserve	2:00pm
Round 11	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 25		
MHSOB vs. Richmond Centrals	Melbourne High School	2:00pm
Monash Gryphons vs. Bulleen Templestowe	East Caulfield Reserve	2:00pm

Old Eltham vs. Emmaus St Leos	Eltham College	2:00pm
Preston Bullants vs. St Johns	W.R Ruthven Reserve	2:00pm
West Brunswick vs. Yarra Valley	Ransford Reserve	2:00pm
Round 12	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 02		
Emmaus St Leos vs. Richmond Centrals	Bennettswood Reserve	2:00pm
Old Eltham vs. Bulleen Templestowe	Eltham College	2:00pm
Preston Bullants vs. West Brunswick	W.R Ruthven Reserve	2:00pm
St Johns vs. MHSOB	Thomas Carroll Reserve	2:00pm
Yarra Valley vs. Monash Gryphons	Doncaster Reserve	2:00pm
Round 13	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 16		
Bulleen Templestowe vs. MHSOB	Ted Adjani Reserve	2:00pm
Monash Gryphons vs. Preston Bullants	East Caulfield Reserve	2:00pm
Richmond Centrals vs. West Brunswick	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	2:00pm
St Johns vs. Emmaus St Leos	Thomas Carroll Reserve	2:00pm
Yarra Valley vs. Old Eltham	Doncaster Reserve	2:00pm
Round 14	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 23		
Emmaus St Leos vs. Bulleen Templestowe	Bennettswood Reserve	2:00pm
MHSOB vs. Preston Bullants	Melbourne High School	2:00pm
Old Eltham vs. St Johns	Eltham College	2:00pm
Richmond Centrals vs. Yarra Valley	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	2:00pm
West Brunswick vs. Monash Gryphons	Ransford Reserve	2:00pm
Round 15	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 30		
Bulleen Templestowe vs. West Brunswick	Ted Adjani Reserve	2:00pm
Monash Gryphons vs. St Johns	East Caulfield Reserve	2:00pm
Old Eltham vs. MHSOB	Eltham College	2:00pm
Preston Bullants vs. Richmond Centrals	W.R Ruthven Reserve	2:00pm
Yarra Valley vs. Emmaus St Leos	Doncaster Reserve	2:00pm
Round 16	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 06		
MHSOB vs. Monash Gryphons	Melbourne High School	2:00pm
Preston Bullants vs. Yarra Valley	W.R Ruthven Reserve	2:00pm
Richmond Centrals vs. Old Eltham	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	2:00pm
St Johns vs. Bulleen Templestowe	Thomas Carroll Reserve	2:00pm
West Brunswick vs. Emmaus St Leos	Ransford Reserve	2:00pm

Round 17	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 13		
Emmaus St Leos vs. Preston Bullants	Bennettswood Reserve	2:00pm
Old Eltham vs. Monash Gryphons	Eltham College	2:00pm
Richmond Centrals vs. Bulleen Templestowe	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	2:00pm
West Brunswick vs. St Johns	Ransford Reserve	2:00pm
Yarra Valley vs. MHSOB	Doncaster Reserve	2:00pm
Round 18	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 20		
Bulleen Templestowe vs. Yarra Valley	Ted Adjani Reserve	2:00pm
MHSOB vs. West Brunswick	Melbourne High School	2:00pm
Monash Gryphons vs. Emmaus St Leos	East Caulfield Reserve	2:00pm
Preston Bullants vs. Old Eltham	W.R Ruthven Reserve	2:00pm
St Johns vs. Richmond Centrals	Thomas Carroll Reserve	2:00pm

Division 3

Round 1	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 09		
Elsternwick vs. South Melbourne	Elsternwick Oval 2	2:00pm
Glen Eira vs. Albert Park	Packer Reserve	2:00pm
Hawthorn vs. La Trobe University	Rathmines Road Reserve	2:00pm
Parkside vs. Canterbury	Pitcher Park	2:00pm
Powerhouse vs. Aquinas	Ross Gregory Oval	2:00pm
Swinburne University vs. UHS-VU	St James Park	2:00pm
Round 2	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 16		
Albert Park vs. Hawthorn	Ross Gregory Oval	2:00pm
Aquinas vs. Parkside	Aquinas College	2:00pm
Canterbury vs. Powerhouse	Canterbury Sportsground	2:00pm
La Trobe University vs. Elsternwick	Latrobe University	2:00pm
Swinburne University vs. South Melbourne	St James Park	2:00pm
UHS-VU vs. Glen Eira	Brens Oval	2:00pm
Round 3	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 23		
Canterbury vs. UHS-VU	Canterbury Sportsground	2:00pm
Elsternwick vs. Aquinas	Elsternwick Oval 2	2:00pm
Glen Eira vs. Parkside	Packer Reserve	2:00pm
Hawthorn vs. Swinburne University	Rathmines Road Reserve	2:00pm
Powerhouse vs. Albert Park	Ross Gregory Oval	2:00pm
South Melbourne vs. La Trobe University	Lindsay Hassett Oval	2:00pm
Round 4	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 30		
Albert Park vs. Elsternwick	Oval 20 Beaurepaire Pavilion	2:00pm
Aquinas vs. South Melbourne	Aquinas College	2:00pm
La Trobe University vs. Glen Eira	Latrobe University	2:00pm
Parkside vs. Hawthorn	Pitcher Park	2:00pm
Swinburne University vs. Canterbury	St James Park	2:00pm
UHS-VU vs. Powerhouse	Brens Oval	2:00pm
Round 5	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 07		
Aquinas vs. Canterbury	Aquinas College	2:00pm
Elsternwick vs. Hawthorn	Elsternwick Oval 2	2:00pm

Glen Eira vs. Powerhouse	Packer Reserve	2:00pm
South Melbourne vs. Albert Park	Lindsay Hassett Oval	2:00pm
Swinburne University vs. La Trobe University	St James Park	2:00pm
UHS-VU vs. Parkside	Brens Oval	2:00pm
Round 6	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 14		
Albert Park vs. Aquinas	Oval 20 Beaurepaire Pavilion	2:00pm
Canterbury vs. Glen Eira	Canterbury Sportsground	2:00pm
Elsternwick vs. UHS-VU	Elsternwick Oval 2	2:00pm
Hawthorn vs. South Melbourne	Rathmines Road Reserve	2:00pm
Parkside vs. La Trobe University	Pitcher Park	2:00pm
Powerhouse vs. Swinburne University	Ross Gregory Oval	2:00pm
Round 7	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 21		
Aquinas vs. UHS-VU	Aquinas College	2:00pm
Glen Eira vs. Elsternwick	Packer Reserve	2:00pm
Hawthorn vs. Canterbury	Rathmines Road Reserve	2:00pm
La Trobe University vs. Albert Park	Latrobe University	2:00pm
South Melbourne vs. Powerhouse	Lindsay Hassett Oval	2:00pm
Swinburne University vs. Parkside	St James Park	2:00pm
Round 8	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 28		
Albert Park vs. Swinburne University	Oval 20 Beaurepaire Pavilion	2:00pm
Elsternwick vs. Canterbury	Elsternwick Oval 2	2:00pm
Glen Eira vs. Aquinas	Packer Reserve	2:00pm
Parkside vs. South Melbourne	Pitcher Park	2:00pm
Powerhouse vs. Hawthorn	Ross Gregory Oval	2:00pm
UHS-VU vs. La Trobe University	Brens Oval	2:00pm
Round 9	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 04		
Albert Park vs. Parkside	Oval 20 Beaurepaire Pavilion	2:00pm
Aquinas vs. Swinburne University	Aquinas College	2:00pm
Canterbury vs. La Trobe University	Canterbury Sportsground	2:00pm
Elsternwick vs. Powerhouse	Elsternwick Oval 2	2:00pm
Hawthorn vs. UHS-VU	Rathmines Road Reserve	2:00pm
South Melbourne vs. Glen Eira	Lindsay Hassett Oval	2:00pm
Round 10	Venue	Time

Saturday, Jun 18		
Canterbury vs. Albert Park	Canterbury Sportsground	2:00pm
Hawthorn vs. Glen Eira	Rathmines Road Reserve	2:00pm
La Trobe University vs. Aquinas	Latrobe University	2:00pm
Powerhouse vs. Parkside	Ross Gregory Oval	2:00pm
Swinburne University vs. Elsternwick	St James Park	2:00pm
UHS-VU vs. South Melbourne	Brens Oval	2:00pm
Round 11	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 25		
Aquinas vs. Hawthorn	Aquinas College	2:00pm
Glen Eira vs. Swinburne University	Packer Reserve	2:00pm
La Trobe University vs. Powerhouse	Latrobe University	2:00pm
Parkside vs. Elsternwick	Pitcher Park	2:00pm
South Melbourne vs. Canterbury	Lindsay Hassett Oval	2:00pm
UHS-VU vs. Albert Park	Brens Oval	2:00pm
Round 12	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 02		
Albert Park vs. South Melbourne	Oval 20 Beaurepaire Pavilion	2:00pm
Canterbury vs. Aquinas	Canterbury Sportsground	2:00pm
Elsternwick vs. La Trobe University	Elsternwick Oval 2	2:00pm
Parkside vs. UHS-VU	Pitcher Park	2:00pm
Powerhouse vs. Glen Eira	Ross Gregory Oval	2:00pm
Swinburne University vs. Hawthorn	St James Park	2:00pm
Round 13	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 16		
Albert Park vs. Powerhouse	Oval 20 Beaurepaire Pavilion	2:00pm
Glen Eira vs. Canterbury	Packer Reserve	2:00pm
Hawthorn vs. Elsternwick	Rathmines Road Reserve	2:00pm
La Trobe University vs. Parkside	Latrobe University	2:00pm
South Melbourne vs. Aquinas	Lindsay Hassett Oval	2:00pm
UHS-VU vs. Swinburne University	Brens Oval	2:00pm
Round 14	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 23		
Aquinas vs. Glen Eira	Aquinas College	2:00pm
Canterbury vs. Elsternwick	Canterbury Sportsground	2:00pm
Hawthorn vs. Albert Park	Rathmines Road Reserve	2:00pm
La Trobe University vs. UHS-VU	Latrobe University	2:00pm
Parkside vs. Swinburne University	Pitcher Park	2:00pm

Powerhouse vs. South Melbourne	Ross Gregory Oval	2:00pm
Round 15	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 30		
Albert Park vs. La Trobe University	Oval 20 Beaurepaire Pavilion	2:00pm
Canterbury vs. Hawthorn	Canterbury Sportsground	2:00pm
Elsternwick vs. Glen Eira	Elsternwick Oval 2	2:00pm
South Melbourne vs. Parkside	Lindsay Hassett Oval	2:00pm
Swinburne University vs. Powerhouse	St James Park	2:00pm
UHS-VU vs. Aquinas	Brens Oval	2:00pm
Round 16	Venue	EST
Saturday, Aug 06		
Aquinas vs. Elsternwick	Aquinas College	2:00pm
Glen Eira vs. UHS-VU	Packer Reserve	2:00pm
La Trobe University vs. Swinburne University	Latrobe University	7:00pm
Parkside vs. Albert Park	Pitcher Park	2:00pm

Division 4

Round 1	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 09		
Box Hill North vs. Point Cook	Elgar Park	2:00pm
Eley Park vs. Mt Lilydale	Whitehorse Reserve	2:00pm
Manningham vs. Westbourne Grammarians	Koonung	2:00pm
Masala vs. North Brunswick	WJ Turner Reserve	2:00pm
South Mornington vs. Chadstone	Citation Reserve	2:00pm
Round 2	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 16		
Chadstone vs. Westbourne Grammarians	Jordan Reserve	2:00pm
Masala vs. Mt Lilydale	WJ Turner Reserve	2:00pm
North Brunswick vs. Manningham	Allard Park	2:00pm
Point Cook vs. Eley Park	Saltwater Reserve	2:00pm
South Mornington vs. Box Hill North	Citation Reserve	2:00pm
Round 3	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 23		
Box Hill North vs. Eley Park	Elgar Park	2:00pm
Chadstone vs. Masala	Jordan Reserve	2:00pm
Mt Lilydale vs. Manningham	Mt Lilydale Mercy College Sporting Ovals	2:00pm
North Brunswick vs. South Mornington	Allard Park	2:00pm
Westbourne Grammarians vs. Point Cook	Westbourne School Ground	2:00pm
Round 4	Venue	Time
Saturday, Apr 30		
Box Hill North vs. Westbourne Grammarians	Elgar Park	2:00pm
Eley Park vs. North Brunswick	Whitehorse Reserve	2:00pm
Manningham vs. Chadstone	Koonung	2:00pm
Point Cook vs. Mt Lilydale	Saltwater Reserve	2:00pm
South Mornington vs. Masala	Citation Reserve	2:00pm
Round 5	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 07		
Chadstone vs. Eley Park	Jordan Reserve	2:00pm
Masala vs. Manningham	WJ Turner Reserve	2:00pm
Mt Lilydale vs. Box Hill North	Mt Lilydale Mercy College Sporting Ovals	2:00pm
South Mornington vs. Point Cook	Citation Reserve	2:00pm
Westbourne Grammarians vs. North Brunswick	Westbourne School Ground	2:00pm
Round 6	Venue	Time

Saturday, May 14		
Chadstone vs. Box Hill North	Jordan Reserve	2:00pm
Manningham vs. South Mornington	Koonung	2:00pm
Masala vs. Eley Park	WJ Turner Reserve	2:00pm
North Brunswick vs. Point Cook	Allard Park	2:00pm
Westbourne Grammarians vs. Mt Lilydale	Westbourne School Ground	2:00pm
Round 7	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 21		
Box Hill North vs. North Brunswick	Elgar Park	2:00pm
Eley Park vs. Manningham	Whitehorse Reserve	2:00pm
Mt Lilydale vs. Chadstone	Mt Lilydale Mercy College Sporting Ovals	2:00pm
Point Cook vs. Masala	Saltwater Reserve	2:00pm
South Mornington vs. Westbourne Grammarians	Citation Reserve	2:00pm
Round 8	Venue	Time
Saturday, May 28		
Eley Park vs. Westbourne Grammarians	Whitehorse Reserve	2:00pm
Masala vs. Box Hill North	WJ Turner Reserve	2:00pm
Mt Lilydale vs. South Mornington	Mt Lilydale Mercy College Sporting Ovals	2:00pm
North Brunswick vs. Chadstone	Allard Park	2:00pm
Point Cook vs. Manningham	Saltwater Reserve	2:00pm
Round 9	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 04		
Chadstone vs. Point Cook	Jordan Reserve	2:00pm
Manningham vs. Box Hill North	Koonung	2:00pm
North Brunswick vs. Mt Lilydale	Allard Park	2:00pm
South Mornington vs. Eley Park	Citation Reserve	2:00pm
Westbourne Grammarians vs. Masala	Westbourne School Ground	2:00pm
Round 10	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 18		
Box Hill North vs. South Mornington	Elgar Park	2:00pm
Manningham vs. North Brunswick	Koonung	2:00pm
Masala vs. Chadstone	WJ Turner Reserve	2:00pm
Mt Lilydale vs. Eley Park	Mt Lilydale Mercy College Sporting Ovals	2:00pm
Point Cook vs. Westbourne Grammarians	Saltwater Reserve	2:00pm
Round 11	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jun 25		
Chadstone vs. Manningham	Jordan Reserve	2:00pm
Eley Park vs. Point Cook	Whitehorse Reserve	2:00pm

Mt Lilydale vs. Masala	Mt Lilydale Mercy College Sporting Ovals	2:00pm
South Mornington vs. North Brunswick	Citation Reserve	2:00pm
Westbourne Grammarians vs. Box Hill North	Westbourne School Ground	2:00pm
Round 12	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 02		
Eley Park vs. Chadstone	Whitehorse Reserve	2:00pm
Manningham vs. Mt Lilydale	Koonung	2:00pm
Masala vs. South Mornington	WJ Turner Reserve	2:00pm
North Brunswick vs. Westbourne Grammarians	Allard Park	2:00pm
Point Cook vs. Box Hill North	Saltwater Reserve	2:00pm
Round 13	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 16		
Box Hill North vs. Mt Lilydale	Elgar Park	2:00pm
Manningham vs. Eley Park	Koonung	2:00pm
North Brunswick vs. Masala	Allard Park	2:00pm
Point Cook vs. South Mornington	Saltwater Reserve	2:00pm
Westbourne Grammarians vs. Chadstone	Westbourne School Ground	2:00pm
Round 14	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 23		
Box Hill North vs. Masala	Elgar Park	2:00pm
Chadstone vs. North Brunswick	Jordan Reserve	2:00pm
Mt Lilydale vs. Point Cook	Mt Lilydale Mercy College Sporting Ovals	2:00pm
South Mornington vs. Manningham	Citation Reserve	2:00pm
Westbourne Grammarians vs. Eley Park	Westbourne School Ground	2:00pm
Round 15	Venue	Time
Saturday, Jul 30		
Chadstone vs. Mt Lilydale	Jordan Reserve	2:00pm
Eley Park vs. South Mornington	Whitehorse Reserve	2:00pm
Manningham vs. Point Cook	Koonung	2:00pm
Masala vs. Westbourne Grammarians	WJ Turner Reserve	2:00pm
North Brunswick vs. Box Hill North	Allard Park	2:00pm
Round 16	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 06		
Box Hill North vs. Manningham	Elgar Park	2:00pm
Eley Park vs. Masala	Whitehorse Reserve	2:00pm
Mt Lilydale vs. North Brunswick	Mt Lilydale Mercy College Sporting Ovals	2:00pm
Point Cook vs. Chadstone	Saltwater Reserve	2:00pm
Westbourne Grammarians vs. South Mornington	Westbourne School Ground	2:00pm

Round 17	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 13		
Box Hill North vs. Chadstone	Elgar Park	2:00pm
Masala vs. Point Cook	WJ Turner Reserve	2:00pm
North Brunswick vs. Eley Park	Allard Park	2:00pm
South Mornington vs. Mt Lilydale	Citation Reserve	2:00pm
Westbourne Grammarians vs. Manningham	Westbourne School Ground	2:00pm
Round 18	Venue	Time
Saturday, Aug 20		
Chadstone vs. South Mornington	Jordan Reserve	2:00pm
Eley Park vs. Box Hill North	Whitehorse Reserve	2:00pm
Manningham vs. Masala	Koonung	2:00pm
Mt Lilydale vs. Westbourne Grammarians	Mt Lilydale Mercy College Sporting Ovals	2:00pm
Point Cook vs. North Brunswick	Saltwater Reserve	2:00pm

Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
1-Feb	Player Registrations & Transfers Open
13-Feb	VAFA Conference
7-Mar	Members Meeting
10-Mar	Club Reserve Umpires Information Night (EP)
16-Mar	Club Reserve Umpires Information Night (Whitefriars College)
22-Mar	Club Reserve Umpires Information Night (UHSVU – Brens Oval)
25-Mar	Public Holiday – Good Friday
28-Mar	Public Holiday – Easter Monday
30-Mar	Season Launch
6-Apr	Club Reserve Umpires Information Night (EP)
9-Apr	Round 1 (All Sections)
25-Apr	Public Holiday – ANZAC Day
16-Jun	VAFA vs SA (Seniors)
30-Jun	Player Registrations & Transfers Close
9-Jul	VAFA vs Vic Country (U19)
5-Aug	Big V Club Lunch
6-Aug	Bye Round (Premier – Premier C)
21-Aug	Grand Final (Club XVIII/Thirds)
10/11 September	Grand Final (Division 1 – U18)
14-Sep	Woodrow Medal & VAFA Awards Night
16-Sep	William Buck VAFA Grand Final Lunch
17-Sep	Grand Final (Premier B & Premier C)
18-Sep	William Buck Premier Grand Final