



AFL BARWON

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AFL BARWON STRATEGIC PLAN

Mission, Vision and Values Statements:

Mission:

To promote the sustainability and vitality of community football and netball throughout the Barwon Region by providing sound governance and leadership

Vision:

To grow and prosper community football and netball in the Barwon Region

Values:

ACCOUNTABLE

PROGRESSIVE

RESPECTFUL

AFL BARWON

KEY OBJECTIVES

Participation

Develop and support pathways to increase player participation rates at all levels of football and netball in order to facilitate growth of the games.

Community

Support leagues, their clubs & schools to provide quality management & environments to motivate volunteers, umpires, coaches, teachers, sports trainers and fans for all levels of football & netball.

Engagement

Develop stakeholder and community engagement initiatives that support the vision, mission statement and values of AFL Barwon. Add social value and equal opportunity particularly for multi-cultural, disadvantaged and indigenous communities and individuals.

Development & Welfare

Provide and promote participant development programs, including talent pathways, identify welfare opportunities aligned to society's standards for everyone involved.

Facilities

Develop region wide plans to advocate for and collaborate on facility development for leagues, their clubs, umpires and schools.

Sustainability

Ensure that AFL Barwon and its members have a responsible, sound and sustainable business model in order to enable long term growth of community football and netball in the region.

People & Culture

Attract, develop & retain quality people and develop a high performance culture in line with AFL Barwon's key objectives and values.



AFL BARWON CALENDAR 2014

Month/Day	Date	Calendar Event
January		
Monday	13	AFL Barwon Office Opens
Wednesday	29	Clearance Secretaries Meeting (Jnr & Snr Football) 6.30pm Highton
February		
Saturday	1	Football Clearances Open
Monday	3	AFL Barwon Commission Meeting (7.30am)
Monday	24	Newtown Little League Delegates Meeting (Highton) 6.00pm
Monday	24	Geelong Junior Football & Youth Girls Co-ordinators Meeting (Highton) 7.00pm
Tuesday	25	Trainers Information/Education Evening - (Highton) 7.00pm
March		
Monday	3	AFL Barwon Commission Meeting (7.30am)
Tuesday	4	GFNL & BFNL Football President's Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday	5	Read the Play Season Launch at North Shore Football Club
Wednesday	12	Senior Club Football Secretaries & Team Managers Information Night (Highton)
Monday	17	Geelong Junior Football Team Managers & Coaches Meeting (Buckleys)
Wednesday	19	Newtown Little League Season Launch - (Highton) 6.30pm
Sunday	23	Level 1 Football Coaches Course (Youth) Geelong Grammar
Monday	24	Club Advocate Training (6.30pm Highton)
Wednesday	26	Football Club Umpire Training (Juniors) - Highton 6.00pm
Wednesday	26	Football Club Umpire Training (Reserves) - Highton 7.00pm
Sunday	30	Level 1 Football Coaches Course (Senior) Geelong Grammar
Monday	31	Season Launch 6.30pm at Blood Toyota
April		
Saturday	5	Round 1 GFNL & BFNL
Saturday	5	GJF Under 10, 12, 14 & Under 16 commences
Sunday	6	AFL Victoria Trainer Course (Highton)
Monday	7	AFL Barwon Commission Meeting (5.00pm)
Saturday	12	Round 2 GFNL & BFNL
Friday	18	Good Friday Fixture GWSP v Colac
Saturday	19	Round 3 BFNL
Saturday	19	Easter Bye GFNL & GJF
Friday	25	ANZAC Games GFNL & BFNL
Saturday	26	Round 3 GFNL Round 4 BFNL



AFL BARWON CALENDAR 2014

May		
Saturday	3	Round 4 GFNL Round 5 BFNL
Monday	5	AFL Barwon Commission Meeting (7.30am)
Saturday	10	Round 5 GFNL Round 6 BFNL
Saturday	17	Round 6 GFNL Round 7 BFNL
Sunday	18	Level 1 Auskick/Junior Coaching Buckley's
Wednesday	21	GFNL & BFNL Football Presidents Meeting 6.30pm
Saturday	24	BFNL Bye
Saturday	24	BFNL Interleague v Casey Cardinia FNL
Saturday	24	GFNL Bye
Saturday	24	GFNL Interleague v Mornington Peninsula FNL
Saturday	31	Round 7 GFNL Round 8 BFNL
June		
Monday	2	Football Junior Club Night (GFC Players at Junior Training)
Monday	2	AFL Barwon Commission Meeting (7.30am)
Wednesday	4	Newtown Little League Delegates Meeting (Highton) 6.00pm
Wednesday	4	Geelong Junior Football Junior Co-ordinators Meeting (Highton) 7.00pm
Fri/Sat/Sun	6/7/8	Read the Play Round
Saturday	14	Round 9 GFNL Round 10 BFNL
Sunday	15	Read the Play AFL Game Geelong vs St Kilda
Saturday	21	Round 10 GFNL Round 11 BFNL
Saturday	28	Round 11 GFNL Round 12 BFNL
July		
Saturday	5	Geelong Junior Football – Bye
Monday	7	AFL Barwon Commission Meeting (5.00pm)
Wednesday	9	Geelong Junior Football Interleague v Ballarat in Ballarat
Saturday	12	GFNL Bye
Saturday	12	BFNL Bye
Saturday	12	Geelong Junior Football – Bye
Saturday	12	Round 12 GFNL Round 13 BFNL
Monday	14	EJ Whitten Rivalry Round Foundation Function at Sphinx Ent Centre
Saturday	19	Round 13 GFNL Round 14 BFNL (EJ Whitten Foundation Rivalry Round)



AFL BARWON CALENDAR 2014

Saturday	26	Round 14 GFNL Round 15 BFNL
Monday	28	"Just Think" Campaign Forum
Wednesday	30	Pre finals Meeting Newtown Little League Delegates (Highton) 6.00pm
August		
Saturday	2	Round 15 GFNL Round 16 BFNL
Monday	4	AFL Barwon Commission Meeting (7.30am)
Wednesday	6	GJF Coordinators Pre Finals Meeting - (Highton) 6.00pm
Saturday	9	"Just Think" Round 16 GFNL "Just Think" Round 17 BFNL
Saturday	9	NLL Under 12's Semi Finals (TBA)
Saturday	16	NLL Under 12's Preliminary Finals (TBA)
Sat/Sun	16/17	GJF & Youth Girls Semi Finals (TBA)
Saturday	16	Round 17 GFNL Round 18 BFNL
Monday	18	GFNL & BFNL Football Pre Finals Meeting (Highton)
Tuesday	19	GJF Under 14 Vote Counts (Highton)
Wednesday	20	GFNL & BFNL Netball President's & Pre-Finals Meeting
Wednesday	20	GJF Under 16 Vote Counts (Highton)
Saturday	23	NLL Under 12's Grand Finals (TBA)
Sat/Sun	23/24	GJF & Youth Girls Preliminary Finals (TBA)
Saturday	23	Round 18 GFNL
Saturday	23	BFNL Qualifying Finals
Sunday	24	BFNL Elimination Finals
Tuesday	26	BFNL Netball Junior Presentation Night
Saturday	30	GFNL Qualifying Finals
Saturday	30	BFNL 2nd Semi Finals (Football)
Saturday	30	BFNL Preliminary Finals (Netball)
Sat/Sun	30/31	GJF & Youth Girls Grand Finals (TBA)
Sunday	31	GFNL Elimination Finals
Sunday	31	BFNL 1st Semi Finals (Football)



AFL BARWON CALENDAR 2014

September		
Monday	1	ALL Colts Football Vote Count & Presentation Night (Buckleys)
Monday	1	AFL Barwon Commission Meeting (7.30am)
Tuesday	2	GFNL Junior Netball Presentation Night
Wednesday	3	BFNL Ash Medal and BFNL Netball Count (Buckleys)
Friday	5	Netball Friday Night Competition Grand Finals (Kardinia Park)
Saturday	6	BFNL Preliminary Finals (Football)
Saturday	6	GFNL 2nd Semi Finals
Sunday	7	GFNL 1st Semi Finals
Sunday	7	BFNL Grand Finals (Netball)
Tuesday	9	GFNL Netball Vote Count/Presentation Night (Buckleys)
Wednesday	10	GFNL Mathieson Medal Count (Buckleys)
Saturday	13	GFNL Preliminary Finals & BFNL Grand Finals
Saturday	13	BFNL Grand Finals (Football)
Monday	15	Geelong Junior Football Appreciation Night (Buckleys) 7.00pm
Saturday	20	GFNL Grand Finals
Saturday	27	AFL Grand Final
October		
Monday	6	AFL Barwon Commission Meeting (5.00pm)
Wednesday	8	Geelong & District Coaches Association – Annual Dinner
Monday	20	GFNL & BFNL Football Presidents Meeting 6.30pm
November		
Monday	3	AFL Barwon Commission Meeting (7.30am)
Wednesday	26	AFL Barwon Annual General Meeting
Wednesday	26	GFNL Annual General Meeting
Wednesday	26	BFNL Annual General Meeting
December		
Monday	1	AFL Barwon Commission Meeting (7.30am)
Sunday	7	GFNL & BFNL Christmas Party Geelong Race Course



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FINALS CATERING ROTATIONS

GFNL

Year	Bar	Canteen	Raffle
2012	Newtown & Chilwell	GWSP	Grovedale
2013	Leopold	Lara	St Joseph's
2014	South Barwon	St Mary's	St Albans
2015	North Shore	Bell Park	Colac
2016	Colac	Newtown & Chilwell	GWSP
2017	Grovedale	Leopold	Lara
2018	St Joseph's	South Barwon	St Mary's
2019	St Albans	North Shore	Bell Park
2020	Bell Park	Colac	Newtown & Chilwell
2021	GWSP	Grovedale	Leopold
2022	Lara	St Joseph's	South Barwon
2023	St Mary's	St Albans	North Shore

BFNL

Year	Bar	Canteen	Raffle
2010	Portarlington	Torquay	Modewarre
2011	Drysdale	Ocean Grove	Queenscliff
2012	Anglesea	Newcomb	Barwon Heads
2013	Geelong Amateur	Portarlington	Torquay
2014	Modewarre	Drysdale	Ocean Grove
2015	Queenscliff	Anglesea	Newcomb
2016	Barwon Heads	Geelong Amateur	Portarlington
2017	Torquay	Modewarre	Drysdale
2018	Ocean Grove	Queenscliff	Anglesea
2019	Newcomb	Barwon Heads	Geelong Amateur

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FIXTURE

Saturday April 5	Modewarre	Home
Saturday April 12	Newcomb	Away
Saturday April 19	Barwon Heads	Home
Saturday April 26	Queenscliff	Home
Saturday May 3	Geelong Amateur	Away
Saturday May 10	Torquay	Away
Saturday May 17	Drysdale	Home
Saturday May 31	Portarlinton	Away
Saturday June 7	Ocean Grove	Home
Saturday Jun 14	Barwon Heads	Away
Saturday Jun 21	Queenscliff	Away
Saturday June 28	Geelong Amateur	Home
Saturday July 05	Modewarre	Away
Saturday July 19	Torquay	Home
Saturday July 26	Newcomb	Home
Saturday August 2	Drysdale	Away
Saturday August 9	Ocean Grove	Away
Saturday August 16	Portarlinton	Home

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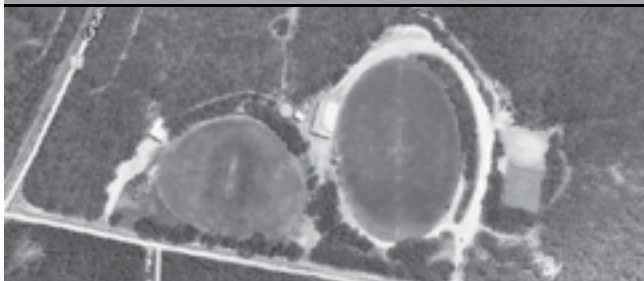
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Saturday April 26	Newcomb	Home
Saturday May 3	Queenscliff	Away
Saturday May 10	Ocean Grove	Home
Saturday May 17	Modewarre	Home
Saturday May 31	Drysdale	Away
Saturday June 7	Geelong Amateur	Away
Saturday Jun 14	Anglesea	Home
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Saturday June 28	Queenscliff	Home
Saturday July 5	Torquay	Away
Saturday July 19	Ocean Grove	Away
Saturday July 26	Portarlinton	Home
Saturday August 2	Geelong Amateur	Home
Saturday August 9	Modewarre	Away
Saturday August 16	Drysdale	Home

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FIXTURE

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Friday April 25	Portarlinton	Home
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Saturday August 16	Newcomb	Home

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Saturday July 26	Queenscliff	Home
Saturday August 2	Portarlington	Away
Saturday August 9	Barwon Heads	Home
Saturday August 16	Ocean Grove	Home

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Saturday May 10	Modewarre	Away
Saturday May 17	Geelong Amateur	Home
Saturday May 31	Torquay	Home
Saturday June 7	Queenscliff	Away
Saturday Jun 14	Ocean Grove	Away
Saturday Jun 21	Barwon Heads	Home
Saturday June 28	Portarlinton	Home
Saturday July 5	Drysdale	Away
Saturday July 19	Modewarre	Home
Saturday July 26	Anglesea	Away
Saturday August 2	Torquay	Away
Saturday August 9	Queenscliff	Home
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Saturday April 19	Drysdale	Home
Saturday April 26	Torquay	Away
Saturday May 03	Modewarre	Home
Saturday May 10	Barwon Heads	Away
Saturday May 17	Portarlington	Home
Saturday May 31	Geelong Amateur	Away
Saturday June 7	Anglesea	Away
Saturday Jun 14	Newcomb	Home
Saturday Jun 21	Drysdale	Away
Saturday June 28	Torquay	Home
Saturday July 5	Portarlington	Away
Saturday July 19	Barwon Heads	Home
Saturday July 26	Geelong Amateur	Home
Saturday August 2	Queenscliff	Away
Saturday August 9	Anglesea	Home
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Saturday April 19	Newcomb	Home
Friday April 25	Drysdale	Away
Saturday May 3	Torquay	Home
Saturday May 10	Queenscliff	Home
Saturday May 17	Ocean Grove	Away
Saturday May 31	Anglesea	Home
Saturday June 7	Modewarre	Away
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Saturday June 28	Newcomb	Away
Saturday July 5	Ocean Grove	Home
Saturday July 19	Queenscliff	Away
Saturday July 26	Barwon Heads	Away
Saturday August 2	Modewarre	Home
Saturday August 9	Drysdale	Home
Saturday August 16	Anglesea	Away

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Saturday April 26	Anglesea	Away
Saturday May 3	Barwon Heads	Home
Saturday May 10	Portarlington	Away
Saturday May 17	Torquay	Away
Saturday May 31	Modewarre	Home
Saturday June 7	Newcomb	Home
Saturday Jun 14	Drysdale	Away
Saturday Jun 21	Anglesea	Home
Saturday June 28	Barwon Heads	Away
Saturday July 5	Geelong Amateur	Away
Saturday July 19	Portarlington	Home
Saturday July 26	Modewarre	Away
Saturday August 2	Ocean Grove	Home
Saturday August 9	Newcomb	Away
Saturday August 16	Torquay	Home

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Saturday April 19	Modewarre	Home
Saturday April 26	Ocean Grove	Home
Saturday May 3	Portarlington	Away
Saturday May 10	Anglesea	Home
Saturday May 17	Queenscliff	Home
Saturday May 31	Newcomb	Away
Saturday June 7	Drysdale	Home
Sunday Jun 15	Modewarre	Away
Saturday Jun 21	Portarlington	Home
Saturday June 28	Ocean Grove	Away
Saturday July 5	Barwon Heads	Home
Saturday July 19	Anglesea	Away
Saturday July 26	Drysdale	Away
Saturday August 2	Newcomb	Home
Sunday August 10	Geelong Amateur	Away
Saturday August 16	Queenscliff	Away

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Saturday April 26	St Albans	Away
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Saturday May 10	Geelong West St Peters	Away
Saturday May 17	Grovedale	Away
Saturday May 31	Newtown & Chilwell	Home
Saturday June 7	South Barwon	Home
Saturday Jun 14	North Shore	Away
Saturday Jun 21	Colac	Home
Saturday June 28	St Marys	Away
Saturday July 5	Lara	Away
Saturday July 19	Geelong West St Peters	Home
Saturday July 26	St Albans	Home
Saturday August 2	Newtown & Chilwell	Away
Saturday August 9	South Barwon	Away
Saturday August 16	Grovedale	Home
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Saturday May 10	St Albans	Home
Saturday May 17	Newtown & Chilwell	Away
Saturday May 31	Leopold	Home
Saturday June 07	Grovedale	Away
Saturday Jun 14	St Josephs	Home
Saturday Jun 21	Bell Park	Away
Saturday June 28	North Shore	Away
Saturday July 05	Geelong West St Peters	Home
Saturday July 19	St Marys	Home
Saturday July 26	Lara	Away
Saturday August 02	Grovedale	Home
Saturday August 09	Newtown & Chilwell	Home
Saturday August 16	St Albans	Away
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Saturday May 3	Newtown & Chilwell	Home
Saturday May 10	St Josephs	Away
Saturday May 17	Bell Park	Home
Saturday May 31	Lara	Away
Saturday June 7	Colac	Home
Saturday Jun 14	St Marys	Away
Saturday Jun 21	St Albans	Home
Saturday June 28	Leopold	Home
Saturday July 5	Newtown & Chilwell	Away
Saturday July 19	South Barwon	Away
Saturday July 26	St Josephs	Home
Saturday August 2	Colac	Away
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Saturday August 16	Bell Park	Away
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Saturday Jun 21	Lara	Home
Saturday June 28	South Barwon	Home
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Saturday May 17	St Albans	Away
Saturday May 31	Grovedale	Home
Saturday June 7	Leopold	Home
Saturday Jun 14	South Barwon	Away
Saturday Jun 21	Geelong West St Peters	Away
Saturday June 28	Newtown & Chilwell	Home
Saturday July 5	Bell Park	Home
Saturday July 19	North Shore	Away
Saturday July 26	Colac	Home
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Saturday June 7	Lara	Away
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Saturday Jun 21	St Marys	Home
Saturday June 28	Grovedale	Away
Saturday July 5	St Josephs	Home
Saturday July 19	St Albans	Away
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Saturday June 28	Lara	Away
Saturday July 5	Grovedale	Home
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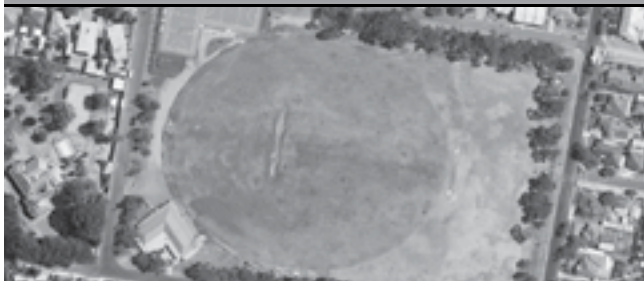
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Saturday May 31	St Marys	Home
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Saturday June 28	Colac	Home
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Saturday May 17	Leopold	Away
Saturday May 31	St Albans	Home
Saturday June 7	Bell Park	Away
Saturday Jun 14	Lara	Home
Saturday Jun 21	St Josephs	Away
Saturday June 28	Geelong West St Peters	Away
Saturday July 5	North Shore	Home
Saturday July 19	Grovedale	Home
Saturday July 26	St Marys	Away
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Saturday May 31	South Barwon	Away
Saturday June 7	North Shore	Home
Saturday Jun 14	Newtown & Chilwell	Home
Saturday Jun 21	Grovedale	Away
Saturday June 28	St Josephs	Away
Saturday July 5	St Marys	Home
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Saturday June 14	Grovedale	Home
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Preamble

These Rules must be read in conjunction with

- Laws of Australian Football
- AFL Vic Country Rules and Regulations

as published in the AFL Vic Country Handbook each year or as amended by notification from AFL Vic Country after the printing of the AFL Vic Country Handbook.

1. Definitions And Interpretation

In these By-Laws unless the contrary intention appears:

"BFNL" means Bellarine Football & Netball League Incorporated. In these rules referred to as "BFNL" or "the Bellarine Football & Netball League".

"Commission" means the Commission of AFL Barwon.

"GFNL" means Geelong Football & Netball League Incorporated. In these rules referred to as "GFNL" or "the Geelong Football & Netball League".

"GDFL" means Geelong & District Football League Incorporated. In these rules referred to as "GDFL" or "the Geelong & District Football League".

"GJF" means Geelong Junior Football. In these rules referred to as "GJF" or "Geelong Junior Football"

"C.O.G.G." means City Of Greater Geelong

"RGM" means AFL Barwon Regional General Manager

"FDM" means AFL Barwon Football Development Manager

"Laws of Australian Football" means the laws of the game of Australian Football adopted by the Australian Football League as modified for the League

"League" means BFNL or GFNL.

The appendices and schedules attached should be read in conjunction with and form part of the By-Laws of the GFNL & BFNL.

2. Club Affiliation

2.1 Affiliation

Each Club shall affiliate with AFL Barwon by signing an Affiliation and Agreement Form and submit the Affiliation and Agreement Form to AFL Barwon.

2.2 Annual Affiliation Fee

Each Affiliated Club shall pay an annual affiliation fee of the sum prescribed by the Commission from time to time and payable in accordance with AFL Barwon invoicing provisions.

2.3 Player registration

Every senior player must be registered with the BFNL or GFNL. Each registration shall incur a fee of \$4 per registered player

2.4 Payment of accounts

Each Club must pay all outstanding tax invoices to AFL Barwon as determined by the Commission

All monies due to be paid to the League by Affiliated Clubs shall be payable in full no later than Thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice issued by the League unless contrary arrangements are specifically authorised by the Commission

2.5 Clubs in default of payments

In the case of clubs failing to make such payments, unless acceptable alternative arrangements are made with the RGM, Clubs will be subject to AFL Barwon's Payments Default Policy as outlined below.

Failure to meet payment within specified 30 day period, unless that Club has entered into a formal agreement with the RGM, will result in that Club being subject to the following process.

Step 1: As a reminder, Club President to be contacted by AFL Barwon on the day after payment falls due via email. The email will contain details of the relevant outstanding invoice/s.

Step 2: Payment of any outstanding amount to be made within 5 business days of reminder being issued. Failure to pay within this time will result in a \$100 administration fee being imposed relevant to the outstanding amount.

Step 3: For each subsequent period of 5 business days that elapses until payment is made, an additional \$100 administration levy will be imposed **with NO limit**.

Step 4. If, at the close of the AFL Barwon financial year (October 31st) where a club has gone through Steps 1 to 3, and has payments outstanding, processing of player transfers into that club for the following season shall not commence until all payments are met or an alternative arrangement has been made with the RGM.

2.6 Disputed Invoices.

Any dispute must be finalised within payment date period through negotiation with the RGM. In such instances payment of original or negotiated amount must still be made within period indicated on original invoice.

3. Club Annual Meetings and Annual Reports

3.1 Club Annual Meetings

All affiliated Clubs must hold their annual meeting no later than 30 November unless the Commission gives approval. **Penalty: \$100.**

3.2 Club Annual Reports

Affiliated Clubs must submit to AFL Barwon a copy of their Annual Report including audited financial reports showing Profit and Loss Statements, Balance Sheet, and the AFL Barwon standard chart of accounts for the previous year within 14 days of the conduct of the Annual General Meeting.

Penalty: \$500

4. Club Office Bearers

Not later than 30 November each year, all senior and junior affiliated clubs must lodge with the league (on the form provided from time to time), a list of all club office bearers for the ensuing year. **Penalty: \$100**

5. Rules Committee

5.1 Appointment

An AFL Barwon Rules Committee shall be formed at the discretion of the Commission.

The Rules Committee will investigate required amendments to the rules and provide interpretations and application of the rules in the event of disputes over the rules.

5.2 Alteration to By-Laws and Competition Rules

The Competition Rules and By-Laws may be amended by the Commission from time to time pursuant to the Rules and advised to affiliated Clubs.

5.3 Fines for breach of By-Laws and Competition Rules

Fines may be imposed by the Commission or RGM or his/her deputy for non-compliance with or violation of these by-laws.

(a) at the rates specified in the By Laws and or Competition Rules; or

(b) if no rate is specified in the By Laws and or Competition Rules, at the rate determined by the Commission or RGM.

6. Independent Tribunal

6.1.1 Appointment

The Commission shall annually appoint an Independent Tribunal panel in accordance with AFL Vic Country Rule 7 consisting of up to twelve persons, three of whom will comprise any one sitting. Such persons will not be directly associated with any Club in the Leagues but will be thoroughly conversant with the rules of the game and the Leagues and, in the opinion of the Commission, will be thoroughly capable of handling any cases or disputes which may be put before them.

This Independent Tribunal will deal with players and officials reported in accordance with the Laws of the Game, Rules of AFL Vic Country and AFL Barwon. They may also sit in judgment on any football or netball issue or matters for AFL Barwon at the direction of the Commission within its jurisdiction.

They are to meet when occasion demands and their decision is to be final and binding. All divisions affiliated with AFL Barwon will come under the jurisdiction of the Commission Independent Tribunal.

6.1.2 Chairman of Independent Tribunal

The AFL Barwon Commission shall appoint the Chairperson of the Independent Tribunal.

6.2 Club Advocates

A Club advocate shall accompany any player attending the Independent Tribunal. **Penalty: \$100**
Advocates are not permitted to be a member of the Legal profession.

Penalty: \$500 and represented player may be subject to a rehearing if deemed appropriate by the RGM

6.3 Attendance at Tribunal hearings

6.3.1 Players or officials charged with an offence must attend the Independent Tribunal Meeting. If necessary the Meeting will be adjourned and the player or official penalised until attendance is confirmed. Club Secretaries (unless an alternate club official is notified to AFL Barwon at the commencement of the season) will be contacted with dates and times of Tribunal hearings.

6.3.2 Players or officials as witnesses, who are personally unable to attend the tribunal hearing for business or schooling reasons only, are allowed to submit a Statement to the tribunal, outlining reasons for non-attendance, their impressions of the circumstances or events relating to the report. The statement must include a telephone contact number that the witness will be available on and contactable at the scheduled time of the tribunal hearing. Failure to supply contact number or be available may render the witness liable to punishment.

Submission of such statement must be approved by the RGM or deputy and be provided to AFL Barwon offices no later than 12 noon on the day of the tribunal hearing.

6.4 Hearings – Reported Players

In normal circumstances the AFL Barwon Independent Tribunal will meet, when required, on Monday nights commencing at 7pm.

In the event that more than one case is scheduled, they will be heard in the order determined by the Tribunal Secretary, allowing approximately 45 minutes for each case. Should there be more than 3 cases to be heard on the one night a second Tribunal will be convened at a time, date and venue organised by AFL Barwon. The schedule of all cases will be published on the AFL Barwon Website.

6.5 Video Evidence

Where video evidence is available from the AFL Barwon authorized media outlet video production team, this evidence WILL be shown in accordance with AFL Vic Country guidelines for video evidence at the commencement of the case.

Where a Club wishes to tender a Club or non authorized video as evidence in a particular case, the Club must notify AFL Barwon no later than 10am and such video must be delivered to AFL Barwon no later than Noon on the scheduled day of the tribunal hearing.

6.6 Power to report GFUL

6.6.1 The GFUL panel as nominated to the AFL Barwon Commission, and any AFL Barwon Commissioner will have the power to report players if deemed necessary.

6.6.2 If requested, any of the officiating GFUL umpires from a game or accredited GFUL Coach or observer may view specific incidents from the authorised match video of their match within the required time frame as outlined in current processes, and if deemed appropriate they may lodge a report based on this video evidence.

6.7 Reporting of Players

6.7.1 A current years AFL Vic Country player report pad is to be placed in the umpire's room at the beginning of the day and left there for the duration of the day's games (including Junior games). **Penalty \$100**

6.7.2 If a report is made, a copy of the report must be provided electronically by the home club to the

AFL Barwon Operations Manager, no later than 6.00pm on the day of that match. Information required: Reported player, Offended player (if applicable), Reporting umpire, alleged offence, if a tribunal is required. If electronic hardware is not available, or not functioning, this information must be conveyed directly to the Operations Manager in the same time frame by mobile 0438 416 774. The original copy of the Notice of Report must be included in the match day paperwork envelope regardless of whether a set sanction has been accepted or not. **Penalty \$100**

6.8 Set Sanctions

Note the following variation to AFL Vic Country Rule 12.2

If after the game the reporting umpire doesn't indicate on the player report sheet that the offence warrants a tribunal hearing, the offending player can choose to accept the prescribed penalty by signing the player report sheet in the space provided. He can also delay this decision until noon the following morning at the latest.

The reporting umpire, the offending player and the offended player's club secretary all have until noon the day following the incident to inform the league that they wish the matter to be heard by a tribunal. If one party initially chooses the set sanction, they can change their decision within the time frame.

Once one of the above parties indicates the matter should be heard at tribunal, the set sanction will not be an option. That decision cannot be changed. If there is no official indication within the designated timeframe that the player wishes to accept the set sanction, the matter will be heard at tribunal.

Players and/or team managers from both teams must sign the Player Report to acknowledge receipt of the form from the umpires. (inserted January 2013)

Notifications regarding this section of the rule must be made to the Tribunal Secretary or nominated representative.

7. Investigation Officer

An Investigation Officer will be appointed by AFL Vic Country from its panel of Investigation Officers to investigate any matter referred to him pursuant to AFL Vic Country Rule 5.2 (Unbecoming conduct).

8. Unbecoming Conduct

8.1 AFL Barwon Commission members or staff, Club members, Players or Umpires who allege that a player or an official of a Club has been guilty of conduct which is unbecoming to a Player or an Official of a Club or which is likely to bring the game of football into disrepute may lodge with the League a notice in writing setting out the particulars of the allegation within 5 days.

A notice under this paragraph must be lodged with the Operations Manager within five days after the date of the act or omission to which it relates unless the Commission agrees to extend this period to a maximum of 30 days. An extension agreed to by the Commission may be for such period and subject to such conditions as the Commission thinks fit. Such investigation shall be completed within 21 days of the matter being referred to the Investigation Officer, unless, at the completion of the 21 days, the League at the request of the Investigation Officer then grants an extension of time up to a maximum of 10 days.

A Deposit of \$500 from a club requesting an investigation shall accompany the notice, which shall be forfeited in whole or part in the event that the Investigation Officer or Independent Tribunal consider it frivolous.

\$150 will be deducted from the deposit to cover investigation costs.

8.2 Notice of any allegation received under By-Law 8.1 shall be referred to the Investigation Officer for investigation. The Investigation Officer may investigate the allegation as he sees fit.

8.2.1 Within 2 days of receiving the official request for an investigation, the league is required to provide all parties notification of the investigation outlining details of the incident or matter for investigation.

8.3 If the Investigation Officer, after investigation of the allegation, is of the opinion that the Player or Official in question may have been guilty of conduct unbecoming to a Player or an Official of a Club or is likely to bring the game of football into disrepute and that the allegation ought to be dealt with by the League Independent Tribunal as hereinafter provided, he may lodge with the League a notice in writing setting out details of the allegation.

8.4 If a notice is lodged with the League under By-Law 8.3, the Operations Manager or his delegate shall fix a date, time and place for a hearing of the allegation before the League Independent Tribunal, being a date not later than 9 days after lodgement of the notice and shall advise the Player or Official in question of those particulars and forward to the Player or Official direct or care of the Club Secretary in question a copy of the notice lodged under By-Law 8.3

8.5 The League Independent Tribunal may regulate any proceedings brought before it under this Rule as it thinks fit, but in any such proceedings, the Player or Official against whom the allegation has been made and his advocate shall be entitled to appear before the League Independent Tribunal.

8.6 In any proceeding brought before a tribunal under this rule the Investigation Officer shall personally appear before it and lay any necessary charge or charges and act as the prosecuting officer for the League.

8.7 If the League Independent Tribunal decides that the Player or Official in question has been guilty of conduct which, in the opinion of the League Independent Tribunal, is unbecoming to a Player or Official of a Club or which is likely to bring the game of football into disrepute, it may make such orders and give such directions in the manner as it thinks fit.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the League Independent Tribunal may:

- (a) impose a fine of such amount as it thinks fit on the Player or Official in question; or
- (b) may disqualify the Player or Official in question for such period as it thinks fit.

8.8 The decision of the League Independent Tribunal in respect of any allegation brought before it under this Rule shall be final and binding on all parties.

9. Player transfers and Appeals

9.1 Player transfers

Player transfers are conducted under the current AFL Vic Country Rules.

All player transfers will be conducted using the AFL Vic Country approved electronic data base system.

The AFL Barwon Clearance Secretary will not endorse player transfers over the telephone.

9.2 Appeals against refused Transfer

All appeals against refused player transfers are handled under AFL Vic Country rules by the FDMs.

10. Football "Record"

10.1 Club Editorial material

10.1.1 All Club scribes for the 'Football Record' must have their name, email address and contact number registered with the Record Editor.

10.1.2 Each Club will be allocated approximately half a page in the weekly 'Record' for notes. These notes, as well as any alterations to player names/numbers must be sent via e-mail to the publishers by Tuesday 9.30am. **Penalty \$100**

10.1.3 Club notes must use full names, not abbreviations or nicknames, e.g. 'Bomber' Thompson.
Penalty \$50

10.2 "Record" Team Lists

10.2.1 All senior Affiliated Clubs shall forward to the League at least 10 days prior to the commencement of the first competition match in each season, one list for "Senior and Reserve" grades and one list for "Colts" grade accurately stating all the club registered players' first name, surname and jumper numbers for inclusion in the record for the first game. **Penalty: Post Round 4 in each competition - \$30 per name.**

10.2.2 All senior Affiliated Clubs shall forward to the League, no later than 9.30am each Tuesday prior to the next round of the fixture, any changes of player names and numbers for "Senior and Reserve" grades or "Colts" grades team lists published in the "Record".

10.2.3 Team Lists for finals fixtures must be separated to reflect 'Seniors' 'Reserves' 'Colts' with a recommended maximum number of 30 players on each list.

10.3 Production details

10.3.1 Minimum number of records per round will be 100, a Club desiring additional records can arrange extra copies by contacting the League

10.3.2 All records shall be collected by home club from the Football & Netball Geelong office prior to 5.00 p.m. on the Friday prior to each match.

11. Correspondence

The RGM must be advised, and provided with a copy, of any relevant correspondence with the GFUL, AFL Vic Country or other Leagues.

12. Unauthorised Media Statements

No club shall permit any of its officers or members to make any statement to the media (including radio, television and all newspapers) in connection with any policies or acts of the Commission (or Colts Committee) without the prior approval of the Commission (or Colts Committee). To do so shall render the club concerned liable to:

- (a) a fine for any breach at the discretion of the Commission;
- (b) suspension from the League;
- (c) expulsion from the League in accordance with the Rules of the Association

13. Competition and Fixtures

13.1 Fixture

The Commission shall be responsible for the organisation of matches in all competitions by preparing fixtures for each team in each Division for each season. The Commission may amend a fixture as required.

13.2 Home and Away Rounds

The league shall conduct a series of 18 (or such number as the Commission shall from time to time determine) home and away matches for Senior, Reserve and Colts Grades.

13.3 Failure to fill an engagement:

- (a) A fine of up to \$2,000 may be imposed on Clubs who withdraw a team from any obligatory competition section. All of that Club's teams may be disqualified from the League's competition for that season by resolution of the Commission.
- (b) Any Club forfeiting a match in any section of the League during the season will be subject to a penalty fine of \$500 and shall be liable for the cost of umpires scheduled for that match.
- (c) In the event of a Club failing to field a team or part thereof within half an hour of the arranged starting time of a match, the opposing Club may claim the match. The Commission shall investigate the circumstances and may apply provisions or By-Law 15.3 - Forfeit Calculations

13.4 Fixture Alterations

Clubs desiring to conduct Senior, Reserve or Colts grade matches on a day or time other than that published by the league in the official fixture may do so providing the following requirements have been satisfied:

- (i) that all appropriate licences and permissions to conduct the game have been received and copies forwarded to the League Office prior to the game;
- (ii) that 28 days notice is forwarded to the League office indicating times of commencement of all games and any alterations of venues to the published fixture;
- (iii) that 28 days notice in writing requesting approval from the League that the fixture be altered is forwarded to the League office from each club;
- (iv) that an advertisement be taken in the League weekly record at least one week prior to the scheduled match advertising the change to the published fixture.
- (v) The finals series will be developed at the discretion of the Commission.

14. Colts Competitions

14.1 Teams

14.1.1 Clubs with one team entered must have at least 14 Colts players registered 14 days prior to first scheduled round to allow the fixture to be completed.

14.1.2 Clubs wishing to enter a 2nd Colts Team, must have a minimum of 40 players registered as at the end of the grading rounds.

14.1.3 Clubs wishing to enter a 3rd Colts Team, must have a minimum of 70 suitably aged registered players at their club, at least 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the relevant season

Note:

These 70 players must comprise only existing players currently registered to your club, new players who have transferred from competitions other than GFNL, BFNL, GDFNL or GJF or those who haven't played in the region for a minimum of 12 months.

Existing Forfeit Rules will apply, and Penalties will be enforced.

(amended Jan 2014)

14.2 Age Qualification

The qualifying age date must be under 18 years of age on the 1st July of the previous season/year. For season 2014, players must have been born on or after 1st July 1995.

Initial placement of Teams will be determined by the Geelong Colts Committee, taking into account individual club assessments, under 16 results from two years prior (same group of players) and movement of known key players.

14.3 Grading

14.3.1 Regrading will take place after the first 4 rounds, with the Divisions then set for the rest of the season at the discretion of the Colts Committee.

14.3.2 Percentage from the first 4 Grading Rounds will not be retained, and points in those first 4 rounds will be halved. (ie 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw)

14.3.3 Division 1 will consist of a minimum 10 teams.

14.4 Sponsor Badging

"Senior" League sponsor's badges will be retained on jumpers regardless of the division in which the team is participating.

14.5 Fixturing

Fixturing will be such that on every possible occasion, Teams will precede their Club Reserve and Senior Grade Teams at their Home venue, and where possible when they are playing away from Home.

14.6 Finals

Finals will be fixtured in conjunction with the 3 Senior League Finals Series, relative to the participants' Senior League where possible. To ensure maximised alignment with senior clubs, this will be determined at season's end and reviewed on a weekly basis throughout the respective finals series.

14.7 Player Transfers

If clubs are reluctant to allow an eligible Colts player to be transferred out of the club due to the impact directly impeding the club's chances to field a team, the Colts Committee will assess their position, allow the club to negotiate with the player and where appropriate may deny the transfer application

15. Ladders

15.1 Point Allocation and match ratio calculations

(a) In the home and away matches, four points will be allotted for a win, four points for a team in whose favor a forfeit or walkover is ruled, two points for a draw and zero points for a loss. Where an affiliated Senior Club deemed to be not financial competes in a home and away match, four points will be awarded to the opposition club. In competitions involving an uneven number of byes for competing teams, the League shall also prepare a match ratio which reflects the number of wins by each team against the number of matches played by each team.

(b) The League shall prepare a weekly ladder for each Division and in addition to awarding points for each win, forfeit, walkover, draw or loss it shall also prepare a percentage table comparing the total points scored by each team against the total points scored against each team and in the event that selection for the finals series is between teams with the same number of points, the team with the highest percentage points will be entitled to participate in the finals series ahead of a team with lower percentage points. All decisions of the League in respect of the calculation of the points and percentages shall be final and binding.

15.2 Scores Used to Calculate

The scores used by the League to calculate the points and percentages for each Divisional ladder shall be based upon the scores contained in the goal umpires cards. Should these scores disagree; the timekeeping cards may be used as the basis for calculating points and percentages in accordance with Rule 12.7 of "Laws of the Game of Football" as published in the AFL Vic Country Handbook each year.

15.3 Forfeit Calculations

Will be determined by the AFL Barwon Operations Manager in accordance with AFL Victoria Country Rule 21, and in conjunction with Laws of Australian Football 10.7.

15.4 Non-Completion of Matches

(a) Failure by any club to play an arranged match as set out in the fixture of the League from time to time shall render the club liable to a Fine for breach to be fixed by the RGM unless a satisfactory reason is received by 5.00 p.m. on the Monday following the failure to play the arranged match.

(b) If any match which has been started and cannot be completed for reasons beyond the control of the affiliated Senior or affiliated Junior Club or Clubs, or where a match has been cancelled at the direction of the officiating umpire, the following procedures shall apply:

(i) Subject to clause (iii) below, if a game is concluded prior to half time and the match cannot proceed within the scheduled time, the teams shall depart the arena and the match will be declared a draw. Each team will be awarded two premiership points and the scores of the teams at the time the match was interrupted would be used to calculate the percentages.

(ii) Subject to clause (iii) below, if a game has progressed beyond half time and is unable to proceed with the scheduled time for the match, the teams will depart the arena and the scores of the clubs at the time the match was interrupted shall be deemed to be final scores of the match and shall be used to calculate percentages.

The team with the highest score will be declared the winner and awarded four premiership points.

(iii) If a match has been started and cannot be completed within the time scheduled for reasons within the control of any club, such club will be dealt with by the Commission at its absolute discretion in any way it sees fit.

16. Finals

16.1 Finals Arrangements

(1) On completion of the home and away matches, the Affiliated Clubs gaining positions one to five on the premiership lists of each of the Senior, Reserves and Colts grades shall form the Final Five, except where altered by the Commission, and shall compete to determine the premiership under the system adopted by the Commission.

(2) All finals matches shall be played on grounds to be decided by the Commission and where a charge for admittance can be made.

(3) Participating Affiliated Clubs shall be supplied with tickets for free entry to the finals matches according to schedule endorsed by the Commission.

16.2 Fixtures and venues

The Commission shall exercise full control in relation to the arrangement of the times and places of the playing of all finals matches.

16.3 Entrance Fees

The Commission shall be responsible for the fixing and collection of all entrance fees at all finals series matches. The Commission may delegate its authority for the collection of entrance fees from time to time.

16.4 Finals Uniforms

(a) The team placed highest on the ladder prior to the commencement of the finals series shall wear their registered guernsey and home shorts unless this is varied by the Commission. After the Elimination and Qualifying games the first team to proceed to the next round will be considered the home team.

(b) The team placed highest on the ladder prior to the commencement of the finals series shall use the home team rooms and Coach's box unless this is varied by the League or its appointee. After the Elimination and Qualifying games the first team to proceed to the next round will be considered the home team.

17. Ground Inspections

17.1 All clubs in C.O.G.G. who have home games are expected to complete the standard C.O.G.G. Ground Inspection Form on the Thursday night prior to the game. Forms do not need to be forwarded to COGG if no issues have been identified.

17.2 For both home and away and finals matches, the Commission retains the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary to address any issue arising from the ground inspection report, including but not limited to; moving the game to another venue, cancelling the game or re-scheduling the game to another day or time.

17.3 On the day of any official senior, reserve, or Colts match arranged by AFL Barwon, a designated representative from each participating team must make a full inspection of the ground on which the match will be played prior to the match commencing. The representative shall complete the official Match Day Checklist (as provided each year by AFL Vic Country and their Insurer)

17.4 If the same Clubs are competing in all games on the same day at the same venue only one check is required, if more than two Clubs are competing on the same day at the venue then separate checks are to be completed by the Clubs competing in that match.

18. Interleague Matches

18.1 The Commission may select any players registered with the League from time to time to participate in inter-league matches to represent the Commission.

18.2 Any player selected to participate in inter-league matches must play for the Commission and any failure to do so shall be dealt with by the Commission as it sees fit.

18.3 In all cases under 18.2 of this Rule it shall be sufficient to answer:

(a) That the RGM received from the player not less than two clear days before the date of the match a written explanation of his inability to play satisfactory to the Commission.

(b) That the RGM received within two days after the date of the match a medical certificate that the player was unfit owing to illness or injury to play.

(Refer to AFL BARWON Interleague Policy)

18.4 In the case of a registered playing coach of any Affiliated Club it shall not be sufficient explanation under 18.3 that business affairs prevented him from playing.

18.5 The Commission may continue with home and away matches notwithstanding any representative fixture on the same day. No player selected for a representative team shall take part in a home and away match on the same day.

18.6 No person shall be qualified to play in any interleague team unless he is qualified to play for a League Affiliated Club in matches played under the auspices of the League.

19. Coach Requirements

Refer AFL Vic Country Rule 16

All coaches of AFL Vic Country clubs are required to obtain or update Level 1 Accreditation prior to the commencement of the season. The penalty to be imposed by leagues if coaches continue to coach having not obtained the necessary accreditation must be i) a \$200 fine (Senior) or \$100 fine (Junior) and ii) the loss of match points for the matches won by the team whilst the unaccredited coach continues to coach. In the event of no match points being received the league must apply the above fines. Fines are applied once only (\$200 or \$100) and are not applicable to every match.

In the instance where coaches are not accredited and commit to completing the next available (or otherwise agreed upon) AFL Victoria Coach Accreditation Course, the following bonds for clubs are to apply \$200 (Senior) and \$100 (Junior).

Where a coach fails to complete the agreed upon AFL Victoria Coach Accreditation Course, the bond paid by the club is forfeited and the above penalties will be enforced..

20. Life Members and AFL Barwon Service Awards

AFL Barwon may at its discretion annually elect as AFL Barwon Life Members any person/s who has/have rendered outstanding service to the Commission.

In accordance with Rule 41 of Rules of Association for the Bellarine FL Inc and Rule 6 of Rules of Association for the Geelong FL Inc the Bellarine FL and Geelong FL may annually elect Life Members to the respective leagues.

AFL Barwon may at its discretion annually award AFL Barwon Service Awards to any person/s who has/have rendered outstanding service to the Commission.

20.1 Life Membership Criteria

The criteria for nomination for AFL Barwon Life Membership are that the nominee must have:

- served as an AFL Barwon Commissioner with a minimum 10 years service or
- given outstanding service to AFL Barwon for a minimum total period of 15 years or
- acted as Chairperson of the Independent Tribunal serving for 10 continuous years or
- held a role appointed or ratified by the Commission
- and offered the service voluntarily

The criteria for nomination for Geelong FL or Bellarine FL Life Membership are that the nominee must have:

- held the position of Football Club President, Secretary or Treasurer with 10 years accumulated service in any of the three roles . This would also include service for a continuous period in a combination of any of the three positions or
- provided 15 years continuous service directly for either league and continuous throughout each season or
- held the position of chairperson of Netball section of a Club serving for 10 continuous years
- and offered the service voluntarily

20.2 Service Award Criteria

The criteria for nomination for AFL Barwon Service Awards are that the nominee must have:

- acted as a Club personnel with 15 years or more continuous service with their Club or
- provided 10 years continuous service to AFL Barwon or
- provided service where a remuneration from AFL Barwon or
- provided 10 years continuous service in non-chairperson positions (ie: Tribunal Member) or
- been a player with 300 games at senior level for football or netball at an affiliated AFL Barwon Club

(Added February 2011)

20.3 Nomination Process

Nominations for Life Membership or AFL Barwon Service Awards must be forwarded to the RGM no later than 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting on the appropriate nomination form.

Financial Members or Affiliate Clubs may nominate persons for Life Membership on a nomination form and in the manner approved by the Commission. (Form available from AFL Barwon).

Life Memberships for Club individuals for the Bellarine FL and Geelong FL must be on a club letterhead. The person nominated does not have to be a member of the Association.

Each nomination form must be signed by the nominator and also be seconded.

Both the nominator and the seconder must be financial Members of the Association at the time of the nomination.

- Details of the service of the nominee must be supplied on the nomination form with any appropriate support documents
- The Commission will accept nominations and determine those nominees who meet the published criteria for the Award of Life Membership to be awarded Life Membership of the Association for recommendation to the Annual General Meeting
- Presentation will be at the Annual General Meeting or other appropriate function as determined by the Commission
- The Commission will accept nominations and determine those nominees who meet the published criteria for the award of an AFL Barwon Service Award for recommendation to the Annual General Meeting or other appropriate AFL Barwon function

(Amended February 2011)

20.4 Life Member Entitlements

Life Members of AFL Barwon, the Geelong FL and Bellarine FL are entitled to:

- Annually receive a letter from AFL Barwon acknowledging their Life membership of their respective League and
- Annually receive a complimentary BFNL & GFNL Season Pass for entry into all games within their particular League
- Receive notification of the AFL Barwon and Geelong or Bellarine FL Annual General meeting or Special General meeting. Note: Life members are entitled to attend but NOT vote at a League General Meeting in their own right.

21. Meetings of Club Representatives

21.1 The Commission may convene compulsory meeting(s) for Club Presidents and/or officials as stipulated by the Commission from time to time. These meetings shall include, but are not limited to: Presidents, Club Administrators, Team Managers, Senior and Junior Coaches Forums and Junior Meetings.

21.2 The designated person may, with the prior approval of the RGM, appoint another person to attend Annual and Special Meetings or other compulsory meetings in their place.

21.3 All Clubs must be represented when requested at all official League meetings (e.g. presidents, secretaries, managers, coaches etc.) and functions. Penalty: \$100.

22. Codes of Conduct and Other Policies

22.1 All players, officials and Club members at all League matches shall be subject to the Policies and Codes of Conduct as issued by the Commission from time to time.

22.2 The Commission is required to adopt complementary rules and regulations in football competitions under their respective control and jurisdiction as those of AFL Vic Country and AFL Victoria.

22.3 The Commission has adopted the following AFL Victoria and AFL Vic Country policies (as published by AFL Victoria and/or AFL Vic Country) as policies of the Commission the following policies:

- Infectious Diseases Policy;
- No Smoking & Alcohol Management Policy;
- AFL Vilification and Discrimination Policy;
- Anti-Doping Policy;
- Codes of Conduct - Players, Coaches, & Parents;
- Gender Policy;
- De-Registration Policy;
- Privacy Policy;
- Responsible Serving of Alcohol;
- Looking After Mates;
- Junior Coach Code of Conduct
- AFL Kids First
- Cyber Safety Policy

23. Annual Awards

23.1 Best and Fairest Awards

23.1.1 Official League field umpires shall immediately following the conclusion of the match select their three fairest and best players in the match. They shall then number one, two and three in order of preference in a sealed addressed envelope their three nominations. Their number one nomination to receive three votes, number two nomination two votes, and number three nomination one vote. They shall then hand the sealed envelope to the Home Club Secretary or Team Manager.

23.1.2 In the event that the two or more Central Umpire system is in operation, then the Central Umpires shall confer, agree upon a joint nomination and otherwise comply with paragraph 23.1.1 hereof.

23.1.3 At the end of the Home and Away rounds of matches, the League shall gather all votes made during the minor rounds and the votes shall be counted and the player or players receiving the largest number of votes shall be awarded the medal. In the case of an equal number of votes being awarded to more than one player, then players receiving such equal number of votes shall be declared joint winners and separate medals shall be struck and awarded. **23.1.4** Any player found guilty by the Independent Tribunal on any charge shall be ineligible for the award of Best and Fairest during the current season, except where the charge relates to time wasting.

23.1.5 Where the highest vote getter has been ruled ineligible, the second highest vote getter will be declared the winner. In the event that more than one player finishes second on votes, the winner will be decided on a count back based on most three votes; most two votes; and most one votes.

23.2 Geelong Football & Netball League Football Awards

Mathieson Medal

An award known as the "Mathieson Medal" shall be made each year to the fairest and best player or players in the Geelong Football League senior grade competition. Jim & Bill Allthorpe Medal An award known as the "Jim & Bill Allthorpe Medal" shall be made each year to the fairest and best player/s in the Geelong Football League Reserve Eighteen competition Jim Vivian Medal An award known as the Jim Vivian Medal shall be made each year to the fairest and best Geelong Football League player/s in the Colts competition.

23.3 Bellarine Football & Netball League Football Awards

Les Ash Medal An award known as the "Les Ash Medal" shall be made each year to the fairest and best player or players in the Bellarine Football League senior grade competition. Don Cole Medal An award known as the "Don Cole Medal" shall be made each year to the fairest and best player/s in the Bellarine Football League Reserve Eighteen competition.

23.4 Geelong Colts Divisional Medals

As required an award known as the Geelong Colts Divisional Medal shall be made each year to the fairest and best player/s in each of the Geelong Colts competitions.

23.5 Club Championships

Each Year Club Championship Awards will be in both the Geelong and Bellarine Football & Netball Leagues

The Geelong Football & Netball League Club Championship Award will be known as the Mal McArthur Cup – a perpetual cup trophy will be awarded

The Bellarine Football & Netball League Club Championship Award will be known as the Bellarine Football & Netball League Club Championship – a perpetual shield will be awarded

23.6 Goal Kicking Awards

Goal kicking awards will be made in each of the grades of football conducted by AFL Barwon in the home and away fixtures but not finals fixtures.

The winner of each award will be the player kicking the most goals for each home and away season.

23.7 Interleague Awards

The player adjudged best by the Geelong Football & Netball League Football Interleague Match Committee over the current year's Interleague carnival will be awarded the Bob Cahir Memorial Trophy:

The player adjudged best by the Bellarine Football & Netball League Football Interleague Match Committee over the current year's Interleague carnival will be awarded the Brian Bennett Medal:

23.8 Special Awards

From time to time AFL Barwon may make awards for other categories or formats for each League. The Awards and Formats will be at the discretion of the League from time to time and may be sponsored by AFL Barwon Corporate Partners.

24. Selected Teams – Media

24.1 Senior teams must be entered with their playing position selected, onto the Sporting Pulse database each Thursday night prior to 6.00 pm. **Penalty: \$100**

24.2 Clubs must enter separate positions for eighteen players, four interchange and up to three emergencies. **Penalty: \$100**

24.3 Fines will be issued for each player named on the official team sheets that were not named in the selected list of twenty-five. **Penalty \$100**

24.4 For all Finals games; Senior, Reserves and Colts grade teams must be submitted in accordance with the above rules and their respective maximum bench numbers. ie Reserves and Colts may have up to 5 interchange players.(Normal penalties apply) Deadline for team entries during the Finals Series may vary and be advised by the Operations Manager prior to the finals commencing

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Preamble

These Rules must be read in conjunction with

- Laws of Australian Football
- AFL Victoria Country Rules and Regulations

as published in the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Handbook each year or as amended by notification from AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY after the printing of the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Handbook.

1. Definitions and Interpretation

In these Competition Rules unless the contrary intention appears:

"BFNL" means Bellarine Football & Netball League Incorporated. In these rules referred to as "BFNL" or "the Bellarine Football & Netball League".

"Commission" means the Commission of AFL Barwon.

"GFNL" means Geelong Football & Netball League Incorporated. In these rules referred to as "GFNL" or "the Geelong Football & Netball League".

"Laws of Australian Football" means the laws of the game of Australian Football adopted by the Australian Football League as modified for the League

"League" means the BFNL or GFNL.

The appendices and schedules attached should be read in conjunction with and form part of the By-Laws of AFL Barwon.

2. Laws of Australian Football

All games shall be played in strict accordance with the "Laws of Australian Football" as determined by the AFL, or modified by AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY or the League.

3. Registrations

3.1 Every player must be a registered member of their Club and approved by their Club Committee.

3.2 A player must be registered with AFL Barwon and the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY prior to the commencement of the first game he plays for the Club each year. The registration must be entered and confirmed on the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY database.

4. Ground Facilities

4.1 Each Club is to provide a ground that in the opinion of the Commission is suitable for match play.

4.2 Goal posts must be correctly padded in accordance with AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Rules. **Penalty: \$100**

4.3 Goal posts must have flag-holders. **Penalty: \$100**

4.4 The ground must be marked in accordance with the Laws of the Game unless impractical to do so. Variations are to be approved by the Commission. **Penalty: \$100**

4.5 In terms of the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Acceptable Ground Conditions & Layout it is recommended that the actual boundary line of the playing area shall be no less than three (3) metres from the fence line.

4.6 A stretcher must be provided by the home Club and located in or near the coaches' box. **Penalty: \$100**

4.7 All clubs must provide locks on doors to visiting team and umpires' dressing rooms. **Penalty: \$100**

4.8 A separate dressing room must be available for umpires. Clubs should also provide dressing room facilities for female umpires when applicable.

4.9 Clubs must provide suitable weather proof coaches boxes of design approved by local council building regulations and AFL Barwon. Elevated coaches boxes must be approved by AFL Barwon. Coaches are NOT permitted to use coaches boxes in a manner that does not comply with local council building regulations or Occupational Health & Safety requirements.

4.10 A box 12 metres in length, one metre from the boundary line, with its sides returning to the fence shall be marked parallel to the boundary line in front of each of the coaches' boxes. **Penalty: \$100**

4.11 Home Club must provide two (2) trainers tables in the visitor's rooms **Penalty: \$100**

5. Interchange/Order Off

Interchange and order off rules are to operate for Seniors, Reserves and Colts as per AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Rule 11.0 & AFL Laws of Australian Football Rule 7.

5.1 Interchange bench numbers in the Bellarine and Geelong Football Leagues are Seniors four (4), Reserves five (5) and Colts six (6).

5.2 For all AFL Barwon competitions, Clubs shall be required to field a minimum of 14 players to commence the game. Failure to do so will result in their side forfeiting the match.

5.3 If any irregularities are noted on the Interchange sheet, the Commission shall have the power to determine a fine and to deal with the match.

5.4 It is the responsibility of the timekeepers to ensure that players ordered from the ground under a yellow card, remain off without replacement for fifteen minutes of actual playing time and those ordered from the ground under a red card remain off for the remainder of the game and are not replaced for 20 minutes of actual playing time. All Clubs must have installed red and green lights for the purpose of acknowledgment of the umpires' carding decisions and the notification to the Clubs when the player is eligible to return the playing field. The timekeepers must therefore:

- (a)** identify the umpire's signal (a yellow or red card), which indicates a player has been ordered off;
- (b)** acknowledge the umpire's decision by flashing the red light on and off or other signal by holding aloft the appropriate card;
- (c)** record the relevant amount of actual playing time from the moment the player crosses the interchange area in the space provided on the time cards (failure to record the implementation of this rule on the timecards will result in a \$30 penalty) ; and
- (d)** signal the conclusion of the fifteen or twenty minute penalty by signalling through the use of the green light.

The interchange steward will continue to record the change as has been the case. The onus remains with

the clubs to ensure that this procedure operates effectively.

NB: In the event of more than one player being off at any given time, the onus is on the Club to confer with the interchange steward/timekeepers to determine which player is eligible to come on.

(e) any player ordered off under a red card is not permitted to take any further part in the game

5.5 Clubs in breach of procedure: In the event a Club believes an opposition player has been replaced early, that Club must call a team count to verify the number of players on the ground and the score at that particular time. The Umpire will record the result of the count on the Umpire's Match Report. 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 Centre Circle or where play was stopped, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending team.

(b) a Fifty (50) Metre Penalty shall then be imposed from the position where the Free Kick was awarded; and

(c) The Goal Umpires shall write the current scores as at the time of the Head Count on their Score Card

(d) the matter will be referred to the League to investigate and ultimately determine the outcome as they see fit - note that the offending team does not lose all points scored in the Match up to the time of the count on matchday

5.6 The team official must advise the steward to make the replacement of one player by another player as per rule 7.2 of the AFL Laws of the Game. Breach will incur a fine.

Penalty: \$50.

6. Interchange Steward

6.1 The Home Club is responsible for the appointment of an interchange steward for each game.

6.2 The responsibilities of the interchange steward are outlined in AFL Laws of the Game Rule 7. The Interchange Steward will record the jumper numbers of players who commence on the interchange bench at the commencement of each quarter. It is the responsibility of team managers from both competing Clubs to notify the appointed Interchange Steward of the jumper numbers of players on the interchange bench at the commencement of the game and then at the end of each quarter break

Penalty \$100 (offending Club)

7. Player Uniforms

7.1 All Club uniforms shall comply with AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY rules. The AFL Barwon Commission, before adoption, must approve club colours.

7.2 Every player must be fully uniformed in his Club colours with his number prominent and securely fixed on his back.

7.3 All playing jumpers and shorts must carry logos as specified by the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY and AFL Barwon. Clubs must formally request the Commission's approval to display sponsorship logos on Club jumpers. This request must include details such as size and positioning.

7.4 White shorts shall be worn by sides playing away unless approval otherwise is granted by the Commission.

7.5 The Commission will decide choice of shorts for finals matches with priority going to the highest finisher of the two sides playing.

7.6 Bike shorts worn under playing shorts must be neutral or beige colour.

Penalty for incorrect attire: \$25 per garment.

8. Coaches

8.1 The non-playing coach of any team is not allowed on the playing arena during the progress of the match except at the quarter intervals. During the progress of the match the non-playing coach, interchange players (other than in warming up) and other officials must be in the restricted area as marked by the 12 metre line as per Rule 4.10.

8.2 Only the team captain of the day shall be permitted to speak to the Field Umpire at the intervals during the progress of the match (other than if requesting the umpire for a count of players on the playing surface). Any breach of this rule shall be reported by the Umpire and be referred to the League Independent Tribunal and if found guilty shall incur the following maximum penalty:

1st offence – \$100.

2nd offence – \$200.

3rd or any further offence – \$400.

9. Runners

9.1 No of Runners

First and Reserve eighteen grades only are permitted two (2) runners.

9.2 Eligibility to act as runner

9.2.1 No person who is a registered player or an official of any club, other than his home club whether affiliated or not, nor who is under disqualification or suspension by his home club or League, shall act as an official runner in any competition match, or any other match in which a AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY affiliated Club or League is participating.

9.2.2 No coach or assistant coach of an AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY open age team shall act as a runner in a match in which a team of his club is participating.

9.2.3 No coach or assistant coach of an AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY team shall act as a runner, trainer or water carrier in a match in which the team that he coaches is participating.

9.3 Duties of Runners

9.3.1 Team runner (s) shall not have affixed to his or her person communication device which includes but is not limited to headsets, microphones or earpieces or water bottles.

9.3.2 Runners shall enter and exit the playing arena via the interchange area where two (2) club runners are used. Only one runner from each club is permitted on the playing surface at any given time. Failure to adhere to these restrictions, prohibits the offending runner from entering the playing surface for the

remainder of the game. Should a club use one (1) runner only, the runner may enter and exit the playing area from any point of the ground.

9.3.3 The sole duty of the runner shall be to confer with the player or players of his/her club and to immediately leave the playing arena.

9.4 Runners uniforms

All runners are to wear uniforms as approved by AFL Barwon at the commencement of each season. Runner tops must carry the club name and the word "Runner". Where a Club uses two Runners in the Senior or Reserves section the uniforms must be numbered to distinguish the runners. Uniforms for additional runner in the two (2) runner system will be at the expense of the club.

Penalty \$100

9.5 Breaches of Rule 9

Any club that breaches Rule 9.1, 9.2 or 9.3 shall appear before the League's Independent Tribunal to determine the penalty which may be a substantial fine, and/or a loss of points: and/or such other penalties as determined appropriate.

10. Trainers and Medical Staff

10.1 Club trainers may enter the arena at any time during the match or intervals, but only to attend to an injured player or to replace a damaged uniform and for no other purpose whatsoever. Trainers may also carry water as part of their duties.

10.2 Club trainers will wear uniform dress consisting of a white top and white, navy blue or black pants or shorts. The top must bear the Club name, the word 'trainer' and a number (trainers to be numbered 1 – 5).

10.3 Medical staff are to wear a clear and identifying armband. Medical staff means a qualified medical practitioner, physiotherapist or similar qualified person. **Penalty \$100**

11. Water-Carriers

11.1 Eligibility to act as water carrier

11.1.1 A maximum of three (3) water-carriers is permitted in any game

11.1.2 Water carriers must be aged over fourteen years.

11.1.3 No coach or assistant coach of an AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY open age team shall act as a water carrier in any Football Geelong match.

11.2 Water carrier uniforms

11.2.1 Water-carriers are to wear a white shirt bearing the Club name and the word 'water carrier' and be correctly numbered with black or blue shorts or tracksuit pants. **Penalty \$50**

11.2.2 Water-carriers must be numbered 6, 7 and 8 respectively and names and number must appear on the official team sheet. **Penalty \$50**

11.3 Water carrier duties

11.3.1 Water-carriers may enter the arena at any time during the match or intervals but only to provide water to players and for no other purpose whatsoever and to immediately leave the playing arena once the drink has been delivered (Refer AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Rule 18.2.)

11.3.2 Water carriers are not permitted to operate constantly from the Coaches box area but must be around the boundary area against the fence while not delivering water.

12. Timekeepers

12.1 One responsible Timekeeper is to be provided by each competing Club. No person shall be permitted to act as a timekeeper unless they have attained the age of 18 years. Each Clubs must provide a suitable clock that is to be synchronized with the other Club's timekeeper at the commencement of each match. Where only one clock is available that shall be the official time.

Failure to supply a timekeeper – Penalty \$50

12.2 In finals matches competing Clubs are to also supply their own timekeepers.

12.3 Matches shall start at the times decided by the Commission.

12.4 Matches shall be played in accordance with the time intervals set out by the Commission.

12.5 A bell, gong, or siren, capable of being heard across the ground at its farthest point must be provided.

Penalty: \$50

12.6 Number of Occasions Siren To Be Sounded:

Start of Match

Five minutes prior to scheduled starting time of the Match and as Umpires enter the Arena (once)

Two minutes prior to the scheduled starting time (twice)

One minute prior to the scheduled starting time (once)

Scheduled starting time (Start of Match) (once)

First Quarter time Intervalrt of Second Quarter

Two minutes prior to the scheduled starting time (twice)

One minute prior to the scheduled starting time (once)

Scheduled starting time (Start of Quarter) (once)

Half Time IntervalStart of Third Quarter

Five minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the Quarter and as Umpires enter the Arena (once)

Two minutes prior to the scheduled starting time (twice)

One minute prior to the scheduled starting time (once)

Scheduled starting time (Start of Quarter) (once)

Three Quarter Time IntervalStart of Final Quarter

Two minutes prior to the scheduled starting time (twice)

One minute prior to the scheduled starting time (once)

Scheduled starting time (Start of Quarter) (once)

12.7 Timekeepers shall keep accurate records of scores on cards supplied by AFL Barwon to each Home Club. Times of starts and finishes of quarters; appearance times of teams; elapsed playing time of players ordered from the ground. The timekeeper must sign the cards and return them to the Central Umpire for counter signature. Penalty \$30

12.8 Light system to be used for order off rule as outlined in AFL Barwon ByLaws.

13. Team Managers

13.1 Home Team Manager

The Home Team Manager is responsible for the following match day duties

- Provide Time keepers cards as issued by the League
- Provide Umpires with Score Cards as issued by the League, Best & Fairest Vote Cards and envelopes as issued by the League and a current years report form pad.
- Provide umpires with AFL Barwon Umpires Report form
- Provide Interchange steward with Interchange Sheets as issued by the League
- Provide footballs as per Rules
- Provide any sponsors Special Award vote sheets for all grades
- Enter Match Details on AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY web based data base as provided by both clubs at the end of each game in accordance with these rules, including Geelong Advertiser or Echo Votes for both teams
- Email ALL player reports to AFL Barwon at the end of each game

13.2 Away Team Manager

The Away Team Manager is responsible for the following match day duties

- Provide opposition team manager with details of Goalkickers, Geelong Advertiser or Echo Votes and best players as soon as possible after the conclusion of the game.

13.3 Both Home and Away Team Managers

Both Team managers are responsible for the following match day duties

- Provide Team Sheet to the umpires, showing all players with correct jumper numbers and all officials with correct numbers where applicable generated from AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Data Base and signed by the Team Manager
- Complete the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Match Day Ground Safety checklist
- Ensure Time keeper is available
- Ensure Field, Goal and Boundary Umpires are available where no GFUL appointment is made
- Ensure Umpire Escort is appointed, is aware of and fulfils their duties
- Obtain advice of any reported players from the central umpires after each game, sign and collect a copy of any player reports from that game
- Complete Geelong Advertiser or Echo Votes for opposition team

14. Playing Times

14.1 Duration of Games

Playing times for Seniors, Reserves and Colts games will be:

Home & Away Games

	Teams on field	Start	Quarters	¼ time	½ time	¾ time
Seniors	2.05pm	2.10 pm	20 min +TO	5 min	15 min	7 min
Reserves	11.55am	12.00 pm	23 min	5 min	15 min	5 min
Colts	9.55am	10.00 am	20 min	5 min	10 min	5 min

Finals Games

	Start	Quarters	¼ time	½ time	¾ time
Seniors	2.10 pm	20min +TO	5 min	15 min	7 min
Reserves	11.50 am	18min +TO	5 min	15 min	5 min
Colts	09.45 am	16min +TO	5 min	10 min	5 min

Grand Final

	Start	Quarters	¼ time	½ time	¾ time
Seniors	2.10 pm	20 min +TO	5 min	15 min	7 min
Reserves	11.30 am	18 min +TO	5 min	15 min	5 min
Colts	09.15 am	16 min +TO	5 min	15 min	5 min

Penalty: Clubs responsible for late starts at any point of any match will incur a fine of \$50 per occurrence.

In finals late start penalty will be \$100 per minute for each Club causing the delay

If early games (prior to Seniors) are running behind time at half time the last 2 quarters are to be shortened accordingly to allow the game to finish on time. **This provision is NOT applicable in finals games**

NB. Colts game times may vary according to the schedule

14.2 "Time On"

14.2.1 Home & Away Games

- Seniors "Time on" is signalled by the field umpires by either raising one hand above his head OR by crossing both arms across his chest or when a goal umpire signals a score is recorded (NOT when he completes waving his flags). If the Field umpire fails to signal "time on" when the ball goes out of

bounds the clock is to be stopped when the signal is given by the boundary umpire, and restarted when the ball is thrown into play.

- Reserves and Colts Time on only where a team count is called, a stretcher is on ground or there is a lengthy delay as deemed by the umpire/s in charge

14.2.2 Finals

- Seniors will play Time On according to rules applicable during Home and Away season
- Reserves and Colts games will be played according to advertised times WITH Time On for excessive stoppages only.
- When the ball goes out of bounds time on will NOT be added unless the central umpire signals that he/she considers there will be an excessive delay caused by the ball going over the fence or another significant delaying factor.
- "Time on" is signalled by the field umpires by either raising one hand above his head OR by crossing both arms across his chest or when a goal umpire signals a score is recorded (NOT when he completes waving his flags).

Teams must have entered the field by the designated time in table: Competition Rule 14.1. **Penalty \$50**

15. Extra time in Finals:

15.1 There will be no drawn games in any finals.

In the case of equal scores at the end of scheduled time, the teams will play two (2) five (5) minute periods with time on. The match will recommence with the teams kicking to the same end as they were in the last scheduled quarter.

15.2 Coaches are permitted to address players at the end of the game prior to the commencement of extra time. Players must be in position to recommence the game prior to the goal umpires returning to their position.

15.3 A five minute quarter will be played (including time-on) before immediately changing ends for another five minute quarter (including time-on). There is to be no break between these quarters.

15.4 In the event of scores still being tied at the conclusion of these periods of extra time, play will recommence at a centre bounce (without change of ends) and the team to score first will be the winner.

16. Footballs

- All footballs used for matches will be determined by the Commission including any sponsor brand requirements
- Football for all senior, reserves and Colts games will be Size 5
- Two new branded footballs are to be provided by the home Club in each senior match.
- Two suitable branded footballs in good order and condition are to be provided by the home Club for each Reserve and Colts match.
- In finals, branded footballs will be provided by AFL Barwon.

17. Team Sheets

17.1 Team sheets must include:

- Registered AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Player entered
- Registered AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Official entered
- Be signed by a Club Official or Captain
- Coach, Captain and Vice-captain should be identified on the team sheet
- Numbers opposite names in the Record must be the same as is on the team sheet

17.2 Players

Team sheets generated from the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Data Base and web site with full name and numbers signed by Captain or Club Official responsible are to be handed to central umpire prior to commencement of each game. Only players registered with the relevant AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY club are eligible to compete.

Club Secretaries are responsible for ensuring all participating players are registered with their club at the time of the game, names are correct, as well as seeing that the names of trainers, runners and medical staff are shown in the space provided. Coach, captain, and vice captain and any other official entering the arena should be identified on the team sheet.

Player number must match the number recorded in the football record. A notation of a variation of jumper number must be made on the team sheet to indicate exceptional circumstances.

Penalty for not signing – \$50

Penalty for failure to include all players in team list – \$100

Penalty for failure to include other information – \$30

Penalty for player number not matching football record – \$30.

Penalty for including names of players not participating in match – \$100

17.3 Officials

The maximum allowable number of officials is:

- Runners shall be two (2) for seniors and reserve grade teams (see Competition Rule 9) and one (1) for Colts
- Trainers shall be no more than five (5)
- Medical staff means a qualified medical practitioner, physiotherapist or similar qualified person
- Water carriers – no more than three (3).

“Officials” positions that are allowable on the AFL Barwon team sheet and inside the fence are:

Coaching staff (not to exceed 3 (three))

Team Manager	Trainer Number 3	Water Carrier Number 8
Runner Number 1	Trainer Number 4	Doctor (qualified)
Runner Number 2	Trainer Number 5 (accredited trainers only)	Physiotherapist (qualified)
Trainer Number 1	Water Carrier Number 6	
Trainer Number 2	Water Carrier Number 7	

All authorised persons, apart from Runners, Trainers and Water Carriers, are to remain in the Coaches Box at all times during play, or within the confines of the perimeter lines surrounding the Coach's Box.

Other match day staff must be stationed outside the perimeter fence or fence line.

18. Match Reports

18.1 The Secretary of the home Club must complete the match results, on line using the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Data Base, for the matches played that day. Scores must be entered no later than 30 (thirty) minutes from the conclusion of each game. The final scores for the Senior Game (1st eighteen) must be entered no later than 5.15pm.

18.2 The Full Match Details must be entered on the Club AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY data base on the day the game is played by:

Seniors 6.00pm

Reserves 3.30pm

Colts 12.30pm (if played at 10.00am)

Where Friday night or Sunday games are played other arrangements MAY BE put in place.

18.3 If a report is made, a copy of the report must be scanned and emailed through by the home club to the AFL Barwon Operations Manager, no later than 6.00pm on the day of that match. If a scanner is not available, the home club must email the following details to the AFL Barwon Operations Manager michael@aflbarwon.com.au within the same time frame. Reported player, Offended player (if applicable), Reporting umpire, alleged offence, if a tribunal is required. The original copy of the Notice of Report must be included in the match day paperwork envelope, regardless of whether a set sanction has been accepted or not.

If for some unforeseen reason the home club is unable to send these details electronically. A detailed message is to be conveyed to the AFL Barwon Operations Manager by phone (0438 416 774) within the required timeframe.

19. Match Day Paperwork

The Home Club secretary shall assume responsibility for the contents of the Match Envelopes and should ensure that they are delivered to AFL Barwon Headquarters by 9.30am on the Monday following the game.

Penalty \$100

20. Match Day Penalties

20.1 Team manager failing to receive the all clear regarding player reports from officiating umpires in Home and Away games and the AFL Barwon appointed Ground Manager at all finals. – Penalty \$50

20.2 Failing to include the signed Interchange/order off form in the Matchday envelope. **Penalty \$50**

20.3 Failing to submit Umpires' Notice Of Report Form or required details to AFL Barwon Operations Manager by 6.00 pm on the day of the match. **Penalty: \$100**

20.4 Approved paperwork must not be altered under any circumstances.

20.5 Match Details submitted via AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY on line web site to AFL Barwon must be entered by the required time and contain correct scores as per Goal Umpires Cards, accurate best players, Geelong Advertiser or Echo Vote getters as required, and goal kickers for both competing teams.

Penalty: \$50 for first occurrence, \$100 for subsequent occurrences.

21. Eligibility for Home & Away Games

21.1 A player playing in a game with the senior team of his Club, shall be ineligible to play in any lower grades in that round.

22.2 A Club playing an ineligible player will:

(a) In the event of it winning the game forfeit all match and scored points and be subject to a fine to be set by the Commission.

(b) In the event of it losing the game, forfeit all scored points and be subject to a fine to be set by the Commission.

The opposing Club shall be awarded the match points and retains its scored points.

22. Eligibility for Finals

22.1 Definitions:

A player must be in attendance, in suitable attire to take the field and at a minimum be on the field in the club's interchange area.

In this rule a reference to Seniors = BFNL or GFNL Club's First Senior grade team, Reserves = BFNL or GFNL Club's Second Senior grade team, Colts = AFL Barwon Club's Under 18.5 grade team.

22.2 Eligibility for Club

A player must have played at least three (3) games with his Club during the season to be eligible to play in finals.

22.3 State League Players

22.3.1 A player who has played a Senior Game for a Club affiliated with the VFL, WAFL, SANFL, QAFL, ACTAFL, TAFL, or NTLF to qualify for the finals for their respective League must have played seven (7) games with their AFL Barwon Club in the current season.

22.4 TAC Under 18 Player

22.4.1 Any player that plays ten (10) or more games in the TAC Cup Under 18 competition, may, provided he has qualified under the rules, return to play with the League in the finals of the senior competitions only. (Existing Rule 22.7.2 does not apply for these players)

22.4.2 Any player that plays one (1) game in the TAC Under 18 Cup competition but less than ten (10) games must comply with section 22.7.1

22.5 Permit Player

22.5.1 A player who is playing on a day permit (refer AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY rule 2.0) must play a minimum of 7 games with their club.

22.5.2 A player who is playing under area permit (Refer AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Rule 2.10) must comply with all aspects of rule 22.7 of the AFL Barwon Handbook to qualify for finals in their respective section.

22.6 Higher grade Games

22.6.1 For the purpose of eligibility for finals, the higher-level game only will be applied to a player listed on the team sheet in two or more matches for his Club on the same weekend.

22.6.2 A game played by a player during the season in the first or reserve team of a Club affiliated with the AFL, VFL, WAFL, SANFL, QAFL, ACTAFL, TAFL, or NTF or TAC Under 18 Competition shall count as though it is a senior game played with his Club, only for the purposes of Rules 22.7 when assessing eligibility for finals in lower sections.

22.7 BFNL or GFNL games

22.7.1 A player who has played with the senior team of his BFNL or GFNL Club during the season is eligible to play with the BFNL or GFNL reserve or Colts teams in finals provided he has played at least six games in the respective lower section during the home and away season and satisfied all other relevant requirements.

22.7.2 A player who plays more than nine games with his BFNL or GFNL club's senior team during the home and away season, shall be ineligible to play in any lower section final, EXCEPT THAT, players ineligible through rule 22.7 will be eligible to play in a reserve or Colts final if the Football & Netball Geelong Club senior team is also competing in the same weekend.

22.8 One Game per weekend

22.8.1 A player may not play a game for their BFNL or GFNL club and also for their VFL or TAC club on the same weekend, unless they play less than 25 minutes of actual playing time for their VFL or TAC club on that weekend. (see AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY & VFL player transfer agreement page 111 AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Handbook). If this occurs the BFNL or GFNL club will be deemed as having played an ineligible player and penalised accordingly.

22.8.2 A player may only play in one game over a weekend of finals if his Club is competing in more than one section. "This includes divisions of the Geelong Junior Football League (cannot play in a Geelong Junior Football Under 16 or 14 final and Colts, Reserve or Senior final on the same weekend)

Amended Nov 2003

22.9 Ineligible player in finals

A Club playing an ineligible player in a finals game will:

- (a) Forfeit the match in the event of it scoring more points than the opposing team.
- (b) Be subject to a fine to be set by the Commission.

23. AFL Barwon Colts Competitions

23.1 Player Qualification Criteria

23.1.1 Divisions 1, 2 & 3 are deemed to be an "18 a side competition"

23.1.2 Division 4 is deemed to be a "16 a side competition", unless both sides can field 18 or more

players on the day, in which case both teams will field 18 players. Note: In this instance, if both teams are in agreement, the game may still be played as 16 a side.

23.1.3 Should a club have less than the relevant, required number of players at the commencement of the game, then the opposing team shall only field one more than the same number of players respectively.

23.1.4 In the Colts Competition a player can only play ONE COLTS game per weekend (including Friday night).

23.2 Byes

In the instance of a split round or bye (Senior grade or Colts), a player can be selected in a higher grade to that which he played the week prior, but not in a lower grade.

(amended October 2013)

23.3 Finals

23.3.1 A player must play at least five Colts games with his or her club to play in any finals game.

23.3.2 For the purpose of eligibility to play with a particular team in Colts Finals, a player who has played in a higher grade/division must play at least six (6) games with a particular Colts team to be eligible to play in finals with that team.

23.3.3 Furthermore, any player who has played more than half the season with a higher grade or division is ineligible to play in the lesser grade of the Colts Competition.

23.3.4 Should a player qualify to represent more than one team, the Colts Committee has clarified that players may only play in one final on the same weekend, regardless of division.

23.3.5 To be eligible to play in a particular team during the finals series a player must meet the requirements of the above Colts Finals eligibility Criteria, EXCEPT THAT, players ineligible through rule 23.2.2 or 23.2.3 will be eligible to play in a Colts final if their Club's senior team or higher graded Colts Team is also competing in the same weekend.

23.4 Higher Grade Games

AFL Barwon Competition Rule 22.6 will apply

23.5 TAC Under 18 players

AFL Barwon Competition Rule 22.4 will apply

23.6 Club Playing Uniform Clashes

23.6.1 Away clubs are responsible to obtain alternative playing strips if there is a clashing of playing uniform strips for all home and away games and finals.

23.6.2 For the purposes of finals, the lower positioned team is deemed to be the away team.

Alternative guernseys are obtainable through the Coaches Resource Centre at Highton Reserve. Please contact a Football Development Manager on 5241 6774 at least 4 days prior to the game to book the guernseys.

Recognised clashes are:

- Torquay, Grovedale, St Josephs, Bannockburn

- Queenscliff, Sth Barwon, Portarlington, Bell Post Hill
- GWSC, North Shore
- Corio, Ocean Grove, GWSP
- Werribee Centrals, Leopold, Geelong Amateur
- St Albans, Winchelsea
- Inverleigh, Drysdale

If any other clashes are identified please follow the above steps.

24. Umpires

24.1 Central Umpires must make available to the home Club Secretary immediately after the match, the following:

- (a) Team sheets of opposing teams.
- (b) General report of match, starting time, uniforms, officials on AFL Barwon form.
- (c) Selection of three best and fairest players in order of preference marking the 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice using players' team name, names shown in team lists and numbers of such players. This vote card is to be placed in the separate sealed envelope.
- (d) Charges against Clubs or players (with numbers) for breaches of rules and any matter they consider should be brought up.
- (e) Spirit of Sport Award Scoring Sheet (Colts only)

24.2 Central Umpires must see that Club Goal and Boundary Umpires are properly uniformed. Goal Umpires must be appropriately attired and equipped in white coats, where provided, and equipped with suitable white flags, and two timekeepers are to be in position prior to commencement of the game.

24.3 The Field Umpire shall have full control of the play and shall award penalties in accordance with the laws of the game. No appeal shall be entertained against any of his decisions.

24.4 In the event of an Official Umpire not being available, a substitute umpire shall be appointed by agreement of both Captains. Such Central Umpires shall have the power to:

- (a) issue yellow cards;
- (b) issue red cards; and
- (c) report players.

A player can be reported by a non-GFUL appointed Umpire. Normal reporting procedures are to be followed. The GFUL are to provide their advocate to support the non GFUL appointed Umpire.

24.5 Where a substitute Central Umpire has been appointed he shall fill in the Best and Fairest votes.

24.6 Where Goal Umpires are not provided by the Geelong Football Umpires League, they must be supplied by the competing Clubs. Any Club Goal Umpire officiating in an AFL Barwon match must be at least 16 years of age. They must be conversant with the rules, wear white coats and be provided with white flags at least 45 cm square by Clubs and must use the League scorecard which must be signed by

both Goal Umpires, Timekeepers and Central Umpires at the match conclusion, failing which it may not be recognised as official. They must keep their goal area clear of spectators.

Club-appointed goal umpires must wear a white coat. **Penalty \$50.**

24.7 Where Boundary Umpires are not provided by the Geelong Football Umpires League, they should be supplied by the competing Clubs. Where a club does NOT supply a boundary umpire players from that Club must take responsibility for throwing the ball back into play for the entire boundary on one side of the ground. If both Clubs do not supply a boundary umpire players from the forward line of respective teams will take responsibility for throwing the ball back into play for the boundary in their forward half of the ground.

25. Umpire Escorts

At all Senior, Reserve and Colts matches, both competing clubs shall supply an escort for umpires who shall (in accordance with the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Policy):

- (i)** Be listed on the Official team sheet
- (ii)** Move quickly to the umpires at the end of each quarter
- (iii)** Escort the field and goal umpires from the ground at half time and at the completion of the game to the door of the umpires room;
- (iv)** Where the club is the home club, offer umpires cool drinks between each quarter;
- (v)** Remain in the centre of the ground with the umpires during quarter time and three quarter time breaks;
- (vi)** Show courtesy at all times and NOT question or give comment on the umpire's performance;
- (vii)** Be over the age of 18 years; and
- (viii)** Wear approved League Escort Bib at all times whilst officiating as an umpires escort.

Penalty \$100

26 Ground Encroachment

26.1 With the exception only of the quarter time, half time and three-quarter time interval, no persons other than officials provided for in these Rules may encroach upon or enter the playing arena, or stand sufficiently close to the boundary line to impede or hamper the progress or movement of the Boundary Umpires in the execution of their duties.

26.2 The officiating umpires are empowered to send off any of these officials if they are not correctly attired or are deemed to be exceeding their duties.

26.3 Team "huddles" at both quarter and three quarter times (and extra time in finals) must be located outside the centre square. **Penalty: \$100**

27. Disputes

To be read in conjunction with AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Rules

27.1 The Commission has the power to deal with and settle all disputes arising out of or in connection with this competition with the exception of appeals as defined in AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY rules. The

Commission may have such disputes heard and decided by the Independent Tribunal. Should the party or parties concerned refuse or neglect to abide by such decision they shall be suspended from the competition for such time as the Commission or Tribunal may determine, and shall be liable to a fine in default of payment of such fine the party or parties concerned may be excluded from playing in the competition.

27.2 Any party referring any dispute to the Commission shall forward a statement of such dispute in writing to the AFL Barwon Operations Manager not later than 5pm on the Monday following the match and 5pm on the Tuesday if Monday is a public holiday. This notice must be accompanied with a deposit for \$500.

28. Barrackers and Supporters

Any supporters or barrackers who are known to be members of any Club, within the League who, in the opinion of the Central, Boundary or Goal Umpire, Emergency Umpire, Commissioner or AFL Barwon Officer, behave in an offensive manner by spoken remarks, or openly incite players on the field to play in a manner not conducive to the best interests of the game, or are the cause of any disturbance between onlookers, will render the Club to which they belong liable to appear before the Commission or Tribunal who will have the power after dealing with the case to impose a special fine, suspend or expel such Club from the League.

29. Practice Matches

29.1 In all practice matches played by an affiliated Club whether within the League or against a Club from another League the Club Secretary shall ensure that a team sheet is completed and handed to the Central Umpire.

29.2 As the host club, the Secretary shall forward copies of all such team sheets and other relevant paperwork to the AFL Barwon Operations Manager in the event of a player being reported. A copy of the report or required details, must be provided to AFL Barwon by 6.00pm on the day of the match.

29.3 Any player who plays in a practice match and is not a registered player of the participating Club must have his registered Club identified on the team sheet.

29.4 All practice matches will be conducted under AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY rules and under normal match conditions. Umpires will have the right to report and order off. Umpires have been instructed that the Order Off Rule will not be used in lieu of reporting a player when a reportable offence has been committed.

29.5 All reports will be heard by the Independent Tribunal of the league of the host Club and any investigations referred from a practice match, will be conducted by the Host Club's League Investigation Officer.

29.6 All practice matches played exclusively between GFL, BFL and GDFL clubs must engage the use of GFUL umpires from this region when available.

29.7 Clubs shall deal directly with the GFUL for appointment of umpires for a practice match and shall forward umpires' fees direct to the GFUL.



GEELONG JUNIOR FOOTBALL

To be read in conjunction with the 2014 AFL Victoria Country Handbook and 2014 AFL Barwon Handbook.

The information contained in this document may be subject to change without notice.

To the knowledge of Geelong Junior Football all information was accurate as at the time of printing.

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GEELONG JUNIOR FOOTBALL AFL BARWON

UNDER 10'S & 12'S

It is agreed that the Geelong Junior Football Under 10 & 12 competition should be viewed as a 'development competition' and the priority is to give all players a fair go and that players should feel free to participate in a safe, friendly, non-pressured environment to further learn the skills of Australian Football in a game situation.

Geelong Junior Football Under 10 & 12 competition encourages all coaches, players, umpires and spectators to take this into consideration at all matches and match venues. Any activity that opposes this development competition will be dealt with severely, as the position of the players will not be compromised. We encourage all players, coaches, umpires and spectators to view and abide by the codes of conduct that can be found at the back of this document.

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2014 JUNIOR CALENDAR

Month/Day	Date	Calendar Event
January		
Monday	13	AFL Barwon Office Opens
Wednesday	29	Clearance Secretaries Meeting - Jnr & Snr Football - (Highton) 6.30pm
February		
Saturday	1	Football Clearances Open
Monday	24	Newtown Little League Delegates Meeting - (Highton) 6.00pm
Monday	24	GJF & Youth Girls Co-ordinators Meeting - (Highton) 7.00pm
March		
Wednesday	5	Read the Play Season Launch at North Shore Football Club
Monday	17	GJF Team Managers & Coaches Meeting - (Buckleys) 6.30pm
Sunday	23	Level 1 Football Coaches Course Youth - (Geelong Grammar)
Wednesday	26	Football Club Umpire Training - (Highton) 6.00pm
Monday	31	Season Launch - (Blood Toyota) 6.30pm
Monday	31	Geelong Falcons U16 Carnival Game 1
April		
Saturday	5	GJF U10, U12, U14, U16 & NLL Round 1
Saturday	5	Geelong Falcons U16 Carnival Game 2
Sunday	6	AFL Victoria Trainer Course (Highton)
Sun - Wed	6 - 9	V-Line Cup - Under 15 Boys & Youth Girls
Wednesday	9	Geelong Falcons U16 Carnival Game 3
Saturday	19	Easter Bye
Saturday	26	Youth Girls Round 1
May		
Sunday	18	Level 1 Football Coaches Course Auskick & Junior - (Buckley's)

Month/Day	Date	Calendar Event
June		
Monday	2	Junior Club Night (GFC Players at Youth Training)
Wednesday	4	Newtown Little League Delegates Meeting - (Highton) 6.00pm
Wednesday	4	GJF Junior Co-ordinators Meeting - (Highton) 7.00pm
Fri/Sat/Sun	6/7/8	Read the Play Round
Sunday	15	Read the Play AFL Game Geelong vs St Kilda
Monday	30	Football Clearances Close
July		
Saturday	5	GJF & Youth Girls - Bye
Wednesday	9	GJF & Youth Girls Interleague v Ballarat (Ballarat)
Saturday	12	GJF & Youth Girls - Bye
Wednesday	30	Newtown Little League Delegates Pre Finals Meeting - (Highton) 6.00pm
August		
Wednesday	6	GJF Coordinators Pre Finals Meeting - (Highton) 6.00pm
Saturday	9	NLL Under 12's Semi Finals (TBA)
Sat/Sun	16/17	GJF & Youth Girls Semi Finals (TBA)
Saturday	16	NLL Under 12's Preliminary Finals (TBA)
Tuesday	19	GJF U14 Vote Counts - (Highton) 6.00pm
Wednesday	20	GJF U16 & Youth Girls Vote Counts - (Highton) 6.00pm
Sat/Sun	23/24	GJF & Youth Girls Preliminary Finals (TBA)
Saturday	23	NLL Under 12's Grand Finals (TBA)
Sat/Sun	30/31	GJF & Youth Girls Grand Finals (TBA)
September		
Monday	15	Geelong Junior Football Appreciation Night - (Buckleys) 6pm
December		
Friday	19	AFL Barwon Office Closes

GEELONG JUNIOR FOOTBALL RULES

Geelong Junior Football acts under the rules and constitution of AFL Barwon, but also operates special rules for clubs, which are essential for the operation of Geelong Junior Football. Geelong Junior Football offers clubs age groups of Under 10, 12, 14 & 16.

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1. Team Affiliation

The cost of affiliating teams in the competition are –

Under 14s – 16s

\$300 per club, plus \$50 for each team entered and \$8 per player registered (inc \$6 finals levy). (Amended Jan. 2008)

All fees are GST exclusive. These fees are due and payable at the end of April, May and July respectively.

Under 10s – 12s

\$200 per team due and payable by 30th April.

2. Registrations

Every player must be a registered member of their club and approved by that club committee. All players must be registered with Geelong Junior Football before playing.

All initial registrations must be accompanied by suitable proof of age documents. A copy of such documentation must be provided to Geelong Junior Football Data Management if requested prior to the player participating in another game.

3. Minimum Age

U10 – Must be 7 years of age by January 1st of the current season (AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Ruling)

U12 – Must turn 10 before the end of the current season (Recommendation only)

4. Overage

There will be no over age permits issued by Geelong Junior Football in season 2013, with exception to an authorised physical disability, which shall be sent to the Football Coordinator of Geelong Junior Football for consideration. Any team found to have played an over age player without permission will lose any match points and percentage achieved in those games and be liable for a fine as deemed suitable by the AFL Barwon Commission.

5. Player Transfers

1. All enquiries relating to transfers to be directed through the AFL Barwon Clearance Secretary.

Sean Atkinson

AFL Barwon Clearance Secretary

PO Box 6007, Highton Vic 3216

Ph: (03) 5241 6774 Fax: (03) 5241 6776

Email: sean@ aflbarwon.com.au

2. Player transfers are conducted under the current AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Rules.

Each player automatically transferred under the above regulations must complete a 2014 AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Clearance/ Registration form. These automatic transfers still must be transacted on the Sporting Pulse Membership Data Base so Clubs will see these and must action them as soon as possible.

All player transfers will be conducted using the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY approved electronic data base system.

The AFL Barwon Clearance Secretary will not endorse player transfers over the telephone.

3. Transfers commence on February 1st and close midnight on June 30th.

6. Appeals

A player, whose application for a clearance has been refused by his club, may lodge an appeal to the regional tribunal.

Appeals are to be made to the Area Appeal Committee initially with the appeal by submission only.

Appeal is to be submitted to the relevant Football Development Manager.

The Player Transfer Appeal Form on the AFL VICTORIA webpage must be completed and submitted supported with two cheques.

- The Application Fee \$250
- Deposit of \$250 for junior clubs

Should the deposit not be with the General Manager at least 48 hours prior to the hearing, the league will grant the clearance to the player.

7. Report to League

Any club official preferring a charge shall do so in writing on official club stationery, giving a brief but clear statement of facts, correct names and club numbers (where applicable, i.e. players). Such statements must be in the hands of the General Football Coordinator of Geelong Junior Football by 5.00pm on the 5th day after the alleged incident has occurred. A cheque for \$500 must accompany the charge.

8. Area Permits

Geelong Junior Football operates an area permit between the three leagues, which allows clubs to permit players to other teams during the season. Junior grades only, Under 16 and Under 14.

9. Tribunal

1. The Geelong Junior Football independent tribunal will meet if there are any reports to be heard from the previous round on the Monday night following at 7.00pm at AFL Barwon Highton Reserve. (Unless otherwise advised)
 2. A club advocate must attend a Tribunal hearing when requested (even if a player does not attend).
 3. Generally the Tribunal Chairman is more than happy to allow any prospective club advocates to sit in on Tribunal hearings for experience. It would be a good idea to make the most of this opportunity.
- Non-attendance at tribunal – maximum fine \$150.

10. Payment of Accounts

Amounts must be paid to the Football Coordinator of Geelong Junior Football by the due date. Failure to pay accounts on time may result in clubs playing for no premiership points and clubs persistently not meeting payment terms will be subject to AFL Barwon's Payment Policy

Clubs may not enter teams into the upcoming competition until they have cleared any outstanding accounts.

11. Fines

All fines must be paid and not deducted from accounts owing. Clubs have the right to appeal against any fine imposed by the league after payment has been made.

12. Coaches

All coaches officiating in Geelong Junior Football competitions must be accredited to Level One and abide by the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Code of Conduct. Clubs should ensure that coaches not accredited attend the appropriate course for the 2013 season. Coaches are to be seated in the Coaches' Box or if standing, stand directly in front of the Coaches' Box behind the marked white line positioned between the coach's box and the boundary line. Only team managers, trainers, water carriers and runners are allowed inside the playing arena. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that all spectators are behind the boundary fence. Also read the 'Junior Coaches' Code of Conduct' at the back of this handbook.

13. Players

All players in Geelong Junior Football competitions must abide by the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Code of Conduct. Players must only wear appropriate AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY club colored shorts. Thermal or support shorts must be neutral in color.

Gloves are BANNED in all AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY underage competitions unless they are required to be worn for medical reasons. In such incidents, a medical certificate must be furnished to the Football Coordinator of Geelong Junior Football for validation and approval. Team Managers are to present certificates to the opposing team manager and umpires prior to each game. Please read the 'Junior Players' Code of Conduct' in the back of the book.

Be responsible and control language of players, particularly in juniors, including in the change rooms after the match. (Club theme songs)

All playing jumpers must carry logos as specified by Geelong Junior Football.

14. Finals (Under 14s & 16s)

The cost of conducting the finals series will be met in part, in the form of a levy charged to each club on a per registered player basis.

The amount of this levy will be determined by the AFL Barwon Commission and is payable by 31st July in the current year.

There will be no admission costs to any finals matches whilst this levy is in place. (amended Jan 2008)

There are no finals played in Under 10 and Under 12 competitions.

15. Umpires

1. Home club to notify league where umpires have not attended for Under 12, 14, 16 games.

2. (i) Ensure that two escorts are provided for the umpires (one from each competing club) at half and full time. The club runners are to perform this important function as they are clearly identified and they must escort the umpires to their rooms unless instructed otherwise by the umpires.

(ii) Where the club is the home club, offer umpires cool drinks between each quarter;

(iii) Remain in the centre of the ground with the umpires during quarter time and three quarter time breaks;

3. Umpires will be instructed to check players, runners and trainers in all grades to ensure that they are not wearing rings or jewellery that could be regarded as a danger to other participants. Plaster casts and injury protection type equipment will have to pass the umpire's inspection before being passed for use. Clubs should seek approval from Geelong Junior Football prior to this.

4. Ensure that all people within the playing area are authorised to be there. These must be included on the team sheet. It will be within the authority of any official of the Geelong Football Umpires League to order

anyone off the ground who is not clearly identified. This includes players, trainers, runners, water carriers and medical staff.

5. Umpires have been instructed that no game is to commence without a stretcher provided in or near the coach's box.

7. Separate change rooms and shower facilities for the umpires are preferable.

8. Geelong Football Umpires League operates an Umpire Mentor Program for new umpires. They are identifiable by their GREEN tops. Central Umpires Books are available from GFUL.

16. Club Playing Uniform Clashes

Away clubs are responsible to obtain alternative playing strips if there is a clashing of playing uniform strips for all home and away games and finals. For the purposes of finals, the lower positioned team is deemed to be the away team. Alternative guernseys are obtainable through the Coaches Resource Centre at Highton Reserve. Please contact any of the 3 Football Development Managers at least 4 days prior to the game to book the guernseys.

Recognised clashes are:

- Torquay, Grovedale, St Josephs, Bannockburn
- Queenscliff, Sth Barwon, Portarlington, Bell Post Hill
- GWSC, North Shore
- Corio, Ocean Grove, GWSP
- Leopold, Geelong Amateur
- St Albans, Winchelsea

If any other clashes are identified please follow the above steps.

17. Number of Players

In Under 14 and Under 16 games where one team is short of numbers, the opposition team is to loan players to make up the numbers to 18 a side and ensure that they are entered onto the correct team sheet with reference to their home club. If teams have less than this number and the teams cannot reach an agreement, then the game shall be played with the numbers of the team that has the least amount of players plus one for the team with the greater number of players.

There shall be a maximum of 23 players for Under 16s and 25 players for Under 14s.

Fines: Clubs playing in excess of recommended players – penalty \$100 per player and loss of match points.

The minimum number of players allowable is fourteen (14) to constitute a game. If a team has less than fourteen (14) players, then that team shall forfeit the game. Game points will be awarded to the opposition team. Under agreement from both coaches, it is acceptable that the teams stage a 'non play for points' game. This shall apply to all age groups.

Under 10s and 12s don't play for match points.

18. Order Off Rule

A player ordered from the ground shall not be replaced.

Depending on the severity of the offence, the central umpire can order a player off for the following:

1. 15 minutes and not be reported. (Yellow card)
2. 15 minutes and be reported. (Yellow card)
3. Reported. (Red card) Ordered off the ground for the remainder of the match.

(i) Any player who is ordered off three times during the season will receive an automatic suspension of one game in home and away or finals matches. A player who is ordered off for a fourth time during the current season will face the Geelong Junior Football Tribunal whose decision will be binding.

(ii) All Geelong Junior Football players reported for using abusive, insulting, threatening and obscene language towards an umpire or official receive a mandatory one-week suspension.

If the player wishes to contest it, normal tribunal proceedings occur.

If the umpire wishes to upgrade the sentence, normal tribunal proceedings occur.

If the reported player has been suspended in the current or preceding season, the set penalty to apply shall be one match increased by one match for each time the player has been suspended.

(iii) A current player report pad is to be placed in the umpire's room at the beginning of the day and left there for the duration of the day's games

(iv) If a report is made, a copy of the report must be scanned and emailed through by the home club to the Football Coordinator, no later than 6.00pm on the day of that match. If a scanner is not available, the home club must email the following details to the Football Coordinator within the same time frame. Reported player, Offended player (if applicable), Reporting umpire, alleged offence, if a tribunal is required. The original copy of the Notice of Report must be included in the match day paperwork envelope, regardless of whether a set sanction has been accepted or not.

(v) Note the following variation to the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Rule 13.0.3

(With the exception of 3 (ii)) If after the game the reporting umpire doesn't indicate on the player report sheet that the offence warrants a tribunal hearing, the offending player can choose to accept the prescribed penalty by signing the player report sheet in the space provided. He can also delay this decision until 12.00pm the following morning at the latest.

The reporting umpire, the offending player and the offended player's club secretary all have until 12.00pm the day following the incident to inform the league that they wish the matter to be heard by a tribunal. If one party initially chooses the set sanction, they can change their decision within the above time frame. Once one of the above parties indicates the matter should be heard at tribunal, the set sanction will not be an option. That decision cannot be changed. If there is no indication on the form that the player wishes to accept the set sanction, the matter will be heard at tribunal.

Notification must be made to the Tribunal Secretary or nominated representative.

19. Change of Venue and/or Starting Times

Clubs wishing to change venue and/or starting times shall forward their request to the Football Coordinator of Geelong Junior Football by the Monday prior to the fixtured game following agreement established with the opposition team. Geelong Junior Football will contact umpires and confirm the outcome with the club that forwarded the request. Venues and start times of four game fixtures cannot be altered.

20. Grounds and Clash of Grounds

Clubs are to advise Geelong Junior Football of any double scheduling of home grounds and advise of any other grounds that may be used. Clubs are urged to plan ahead and allow time for changes so all parties can be advised.

The playing ground for Under 10s – 12s is reduced to around 120m x 90m. (+/- 10%)

21. Footballs

For match day, all Under 16 (Size 5) & Divisions 1 - 4 Under 14 (Size 4) home team before each match must provide two (2) leather footballs in good condition as authorized by Geelong Junior Football.

In Under 14 competitions other than Divisions 1, 2, 3 & 4 the all weather synthetic football size no. four (4) in good condition and authorised by Geelong Junior Football must be used.

In Under 10 -12 competitions size 3 synthetic football must be used as authorized by Geelong Junior Football. GJF will provide these. Three will be provided per team at the commencement of the season. The first named team in the fixture or the home team will ensure a football in good condition is provided for the match.

22. Jumper Badging

Jumpers must have league and major sponsors' logos attached on the front as below.

All Junior Jumpers



Under 14 and 16



Under 10 and 12



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Club sponsorship badges are not to be placed on the front of the jumpers, but may be positioned on the back either above or below the number. This applies to all Junior Grades.

23. Facilities

(Also refer AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Risk Management Manual)

1. Ensure goal posts are correctly padded.
2. Ensure goal posts have flag holders.
3. Ensure all time clocks have been checked prior to the start of the season.
4. Ensure responsible people operate scoreboards and that the scores can be seen at all times. Attendants are to be instructed not to obscure the viewing of the scoreboard.
5. Ensure that stretchers are in or near the coaches' box and that the opposition is notified of its location.
6. Notify the central umpire where the spare football will be located.
7. Ensure grounds are marked correctly.
8. Ensure that Interchange stewards remain at their post for the duration of the entire game. This may mean that adequate shelter is to be provided.

24. Fines

In all age groups, maximum fines will be as follows:

Non-attendance at meetings or official functions	\$100
Forfeit prior to season	(max) \$100
Forfeit during season	(max) \$500
Forfeit during a match	(max) \$1000
Incorrect playing apparel ... Inc Bike Shorts	\$10/garment
No or late Results Entry	\$100
Incorrect Results Entry	\$50
Late start	\$40
No ground marking	\$30
No goal post padding	\$50
No Umpires' escort	\$50
No all-clear	\$50
No Timekeeper	\$50
No or late Match Envelope	\$100
Relevant paperwork not included in Match Envelope	\$.25/item
No notification of Player Report	\$100
Non appearance at Tribunal	\$150
Substandard or non-approved footballs	\$100
No Goal Umpires	\$50
Incorrect attire for Goal Umpires	\$50
Player not on team sheet: Poss. loss of Match Points and	\$100
Club representatives are not to speak to media over GJF	\$500
Incorrect Runner attire	\$50
Too many people in field of play and/or not on team sheet	\$100
Code of Conduct poster not displayed in rooms	\$50
Bringing the game into disrepute	\$ Discretion of FNG Commission

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1. Starting Times

Games Played as Curtain Raisers for Senior Fixtures

Under 12 games will generally start at 8:30

Under 10 games will generally start at 8.40

Colts games will start at 10.00.

Late start penalty – maximum fine \$50. Other games may be scheduled throughout the weekend including Friday nights, starting times will be advised.

Under 10 – 12 games played at Ervin Reserve, Sth Barwon or Belmont Common will commence at 9.00am, 10.20am, 11.40am (or 11.50am).

2. Times of Play

Under 10

Matches will be 4 x 12 minute quarters

With breaks of 3mins, 7 mins & 5 mins.

Under 12

Matches will be 4 x 15-minute quarters.

With breaks of 3 mins, 7 mins & 5 mins.

3. Match Day Paperwork

Results are to be submitted by the home club via Sporting Pulse on line web site no later than 6pm on the day the match is played, and must contain correct scores as per Goal Umpires Cards, accurate best players and goal kickers for both competing teams. (amended Jan 2008)

\$100 Fine for information not being entered by the required time, \$50 fine for incorrect details. (inserted Jan 2008)

Official GFUL Umpires will have the power to report. The home side is required to send details of any players reported via the Report of Umpires. A copy of the report must be scanned and emailed through by the home club to the Football Coordinator, no later than 6.00pm on the day of that match. If a scanner is not available, the home club must email the following details to the Football Coordinator within the same time frame

Match Day envelope is also required by 12.00pm Monday at AFL Barwon Offices. **Maximum fine \$100.**

Correct Match Day Envelope:

1. Team Sheets – Copy of sheets generated through on-line service (amended Jan 2008)
2. Score Cards x 4 – (if timekeepers are present) signed by Umpires and Timekeepers
3. Match Day Checklist – Risk Management Officers to complete

\$25 Fine for each.

4. Team Personnel

Team officials should consist of no more than a coach, team manager, runner, trainer, goal umpire, and timekeeper. All team officials shall be clearly marked on the team sheet. Only officials listed on the team sheet may be inside the fence during playing time.

It is Government legislation that all team officials engaged in activities where they are likely to work alone with children under the age of 14 undergo a Working with Children Check prior to the commencement of the season.

Forms are available at Australia Post Offices. (Inserted Jan 2008)

Club goal umpires and runners are not to become involved in melees or handling of players. Hefty fines and suspensions will apply.

Water bottle runners must wear white tops with club identification and must also only attend a maximum of three players at any one time on entering the field. Umpires have been instructed to send off any officials not correctly attired.

5. Team Sheets

The team sheets are to be constructed using the online facility and presented to the umpires prior to the commencement of the game. Players that were listed on the team sheet but did not play, need to be deleted from the team sheet.

6. Team Managers

The team managers' duties are to prepare and handle all match day paperwork with reference to the following:

1. The home team manager is responsible for the team sheet (this should be given to the umpires prior to the start of the match), results entry, umpire's report, match day checklist, scorecards and timekeeper's cards, goal kickers, best players and the match day envelope. A current reporting of players pad must be placed in the umpires' room prior to commencement of the play.
2. The away side team manager is responsible for their team sheet and this should be given to the umpires prior to the start of the match. The paperwork for best players and goal kickers is to be forwarded to the home team manager at the earliest opportunity after the conclusion of the match.

7. Runners

Club runners in Geelong Junior Football competitions are to have a Geelong Junior Football top and black Track Suit Pants or shorts as their uniform dress.

In Geelong Junior Football only ONE runner is allowed

Nominated Team Coaches must not act as runners.

8. Timekeepers

The timekeeper must record starting and finishing times of quarters on the scorecards. They must also record times of players being sent off the ground (on departure and re-entry to the ground). Time clocks should only be stopped when the stretcher enters the playing arena, a head count is taking place, blood rule or a player has been sent off. Scorecards must also correspond.

9. Umpires

Every attempt will be made to provide GFUL Field Umpires for Under 12 games. Where clubs are required to provide umpires, please note the following.

All Field and Goal Umpires must be a senior and mature person and be wearing appropriate attire. (i.e. GJF umpire's top and White Goal Umpires Coat).

Both the home and away teams must each supply 1 Field Umpire, who will umpire only in their team's defensive half of the field.

Umpires will be instructed to check players, runners and trainers in all grades to ensure that they are not wearing rings or jewellery that could be regarded as a danger to other participants. Plaster casts and injury protection type equipment will have to pass the umpires inspection before being passed for use. Clubs should seek approval from GJF prior to this.

Ensure that all people within the playing area are authorised to be there. These should be included on the team sheet. It will be within the authority of any official of GJF to order anyone off the ground who is not clearly identified. This includes players, trainers, runners, and medical staff.

Umpires have been instructed that no game is to commence without a stretcher provided in or near the coach's box.

No Club or Team Official, player or spectator shall approach an umpire during a match.

Separate change rooms and shower facilities for the umpires are preferable.

10. Trainers

They are not to become involved in melees or handling of players. Hefty fines and suspensions will apply. The training staff participating at a game is restricted to no more than five trainers (including water carriers) and one runner.

Each member shall be included on the team sheet.

Any suspended player cannot act as a trainer or runner. No person who is a registered player or an official of any club, other than their home club whether affiliated or not, nor who is under disqualification or suspension by their home club or League shall act as an official runner in any competition match, or any other match in which AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY affiliated club or league is participating. Any club, which infringes this rule, shall automatically forfeit the match, provided an Independent Tribunal sustains the charge.

An injured player cannot act as a trainer unless that player has a trainer's qualification.

Training staff should be accredited and clubs should ensure that the education and re-education of the training staff is continually updated.

11. Eligibility for Season

In Geelong Junior Football a player can only play ONE game in a particular age group per weekend (including Friday night).

Fine \$100.00 and loss of match points.

12. Field Ball Ups

Prior to the throw up, the umpire shall encourage all players to return to their positions.

Players contesting the ball-up shall be no more than 3 metres apart.

No more than three players from each team shall be closer to the ball-up than approximately 20 metres.

Players contesting the hit out are not permitted to take full possession at any ball ups. A penalty free kick will be awarded to the opposing ruckman.

13. Out of Bounds

A free kick is awarded against the player who last kicked or hand passed the ball.

If there is doubt, or if the ball came off hands or body, the umpire shall call ball-up 5 metres in from the boundary

14. Tackling

An opponent wrapping both arms around the area below the top of the shoulders and on/above the knees may tackle a player in possession of the ball. The tackle may be from either side or from behind providing the tackle from behind does not thrust forward the player with the ball.

A player in possession of the ball, when held by an opponent applying the wrap around tackle, should be given a reasonable chance to dispose of the ball by kick or by handball, or by attempting to kick or handball, otherwise a free kick shall be awarded to the tackler for holding the ball.

The Field Umpire shall ball up when the player with the ball has the ball held to the body by an opponent, unless the player has had a reasonable time to dispose of the ball prior to being tackled, in which case a free kick shall be awarded to the tackler for holding the ball.

The Field Umpire shall allow play to continue if an opponent knocks the ball out of a player's hand.

A player not in possession of the ball, when held by an opponent, shall be awarded a Free Kick.

No player shall be deliberately dumped/thrown/slung to the ground by any tackle.

A Sling is determined if the player being tackled feet leave the ground in the process of the tackle.

15. Barging

When the umpire considers that a player who has had a reasonable opportunity to dispose of the ball chooses to barge, fend off or chop past opponents, a free kick shall be awarded to the nearest opponent.

16. Marking

Any player marking a ball directly from the kick of another player, provided the ball has travelled at least 10 metres, shall be awarded a mark.

17. Bouncing

Bouncing is optional, but no more than one bounce is permitted in U10's and two bounces in U12's.

18. Kicking off the Ground

None permitted except accidental.

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1. Starting Times

Games Played as Curtain Raisers For Senior Fixtures

Under 14 games will generally start at 8:30 with 15-minute quarters and breaks of 3 minutes for $\frac{1}{4}$ time, 10 minutes for $\frac{1}{2}$ time and 5 minutes for $\frac{3}{4}$ time. Under 16 games will generally start at 8.15 with 18 minute quarters and breaks of 5 minutes for $\frac{1}{4}$ time, 10 minutes for $\frac{1}{2}$ time and 5 minutes for $\frac{3}{4}$ time. Colts games will start at 10.00.

Late start penalty – maximum fine \$50. Other games may be scheduled throughout the weekend including Friday nights, starting times will be advised.

2. Match Day Paperwork

Results are to be submitted by the home club via Sporting Pulse on line web site no later than 6pm on the day the match is played, and must contain correct scores as per Goal Umpires Cards, accurate best players and goal kickers for both competing teams. (Amended Jan 2008)

\$100 Fine for information not being entered by the required time, \$50 fine for incorrect details. (Inserted Jan 2008)

The home side is required to send details of any players reported via the Report of Umpires. A copy of the report must be scanned and emailed through by the home club to the Football Coordinator, no later than 6.00pm on the day of that match. If a scanner is not available, the home club must email the report details to the Football Coordinator within the same time frame

Match Day envelope is also required by 12.00pm Monday at AFL Barwon Offices. Maximum fine \$100.

(The above duties will be performed by the GJF appointed Ground Manager during the Finals Series.)

Correct Match Day Envelope:

1. Team Sheet – Through on-line service (amended Jan 2008)
3. Umpire's Match Report (All Clear)
4. Best and Fairest Votes
5. Score Cards x 4 – signed by Umpires and Timekeepers
6. Interchange Sheet – Fully Completed (even if there are no players starting the game on the bench)
7. Match Day Checklist – Risk Management Officer to complete

\$25 Fine for each.

3. Team Personnel

Team officials should consist of a coach, team manager, runner, trainer, boundary umpire, goal umpire, timekeeper, interchange steward and water persons. All team officials shall be clearly marked on the team sheet. It is compulsory that the home club provides an interchange steward and the interchange sheet be handed to the central umpire with all other match details.

It is Government legislation that all team officials engaged in activities where they are likely to work alone with children under the age of 14 undergo a Working with Children Check prior to the commencement of the season.

Forms are available at Australia Post Offices. (Inserted Jan 2008)

Club goal umpires and runners are not to become involved in melees or handling of players. Hefty fines and suspensions will apply.

Water bottle runners must wear white tops with club identification and must also only attend a maximum of three players at any one time on entering the field. Umpires have been instructed to send off any officials not correctly attired.

4. Team Sheets

The team sheets are to be constructed using the online facility and presented to the umpires prior to the commencement of the game. Players that were listed on the team sheet but did not play, need to be removed from the team sheet.

5. Team Managers

The team managers' duties are to prepare and handle all match day paperwork with reference to the following:

1. The home team manager is responsible for the team sheet (this should be given to the umpires prior to the start of the match), results entry, umpire's report, match day checklist, scorecards and timekeeper's cards, goal kickers, best players and the match day envelope. A current reporting of players pad must be placed in the umpires' room prior to commencement of the play.
2. The away side team manager is responsible for their team sheet and this should be given to the umpires prior to the start of the match. The paperwork for best players and goal kickers is to be forwarded to the home team manager at the earliest opportunity after the conclusion of the match.
3. During the Finals series, a ground manager will be appointed by the GJF to coordinate and distribute the relevant paperwork to the respective team managers as required. All communication relating to match details in Finals, including the Reporting of players is to be directed through the Ground Manager.

6. Runners

Club runners in Geelong Junior Football competitions are to have a Geelong Junior Football top and black Track Suit Pants or shorts as their uniform dress.

In Geelong Junior Football only ONE runner is allowed

Runners are permitted to make contact with two players only each time the runner enters the playing arena. Runners found to be coaching on the field will be sent from the field, repeat occurrences may result in the runner being sent from the ground for the remainder of the game.

Nominated Team Coaches and or Club Senior Coaches must not act as runners.

7. Interchange Steward

The home club is to provide an interchange steward for the entire game. Paperwork is to be provided by home club. The responsibilities of the interchange steward are outlined in AFL Laws of the Game Rule 7. The Interchange Steward will record the jumper numbers of players who commence on the interchange bench at the commencement of each quarter. It is the responsibility of team managers from both competing Clubs to notify the appointed Interchange Steward of the jumper numbers of players on the interchange bench at the commencement of the game and then at the end of each quarter break

8. Timekeepers

The timekeeper must record starting and finishing times of quarters on the scorecards. They must also record times of players being sent off the ground (on departure and re-entry to the ground). Time clocks should only be stopped when the stretcher enters the playing arena, a head count is taking place, blood rule or a player has been sent off. Scorecards must also correspond.

9. Goal Umpire

The Goal Umpire must be a senior and mature person, be attired in a white coat and have flags.

10. Trainers

They are not to become involved in melees or handling of players. Hefty fines and suspensions will apply.

The training staff participating at a game is restricted to no more than five trainers (including water carriers) and one runner.

Each member shall be included on the team sheet.

Any suspended player cannot act as a trainer or runner. No person who is a registered player or an official of any club, other than their home club whether affiliated or not, nor who is under disqualification or suspension by their home club or League shall act as an official runner in any competition match, or any other match in which AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY affiliated club or league is participating. Any club, which infringes this rule, shall automatically forfeit the match, provided an Independent Tribunal sustains the charge.

An injured player cannot act as a trainer unless that player has a trainer's qualification.

Training staff should be accredited and clubs should ensure that the education and re-education of the training staff is continually updated.

11. Boundary Umpire

In Under 14 matches during the home and away season, when the ball has gone out of bounds, the central umpire will bring the ball in 15 metres and throw the ball up. When the ball is deemed out on the full, a free kick will be awarded to the opposition team.

In Under 14 finals matches, boundary umpires will be supplied, however, the season practice of bringing the ball in 15 metres and thrown up will continue.

Where no boundary umpire is appointed in Under 16 games, only forward line players of either side will throw the ball in. No spectators or team officials are permitted to throw the ball in. Where one team appoints a boundary umpire, the boundary umpire will run one side of the arena and the opposing team will throw the ball in on the other side. Club boundary umpires must be clearly marked on the team sheet.

12. All Clear

All clubs are to receive the "all clear" to confirm any potential player reports and pick up match report, score cards and Best and Fairest envelope from the central umpire or GJF appointed Ground Manager during Finals Series.

13. Eligibility for Finals/Season

1. A player must play at least three Geelong Junior Football games with his or her club to play in any finals game.
 2. For the purpose of eligibility to play with a particular team in Geelong Junior Football Finals, a player who has played in a higher grade/division must play at least six (6) games with a particular team to be eligible to play in finals with that team.
 3. Furthermore, any player who has played more than half the season with a higher grade or division is ineligible to play in the lesser grade of Geelong Junior Football finals.
 4. Should a player qualify to represent more than one team, Geelong Junior Football has clarified that players may only play in one final on the same weekend, regardless of division and/or age group.
 5. To be eligible to play in a particular team during the finals series a player must meet the requirements of 14.1, 14.2 and 14.3. Regardless of the participation in finals of any other teams from their club on that weekend.
 6. In Geelong Junior Football a player can only play ONE game in a particular age group per weekend (including Friday night).
- Fine \$100.00 and loss of match points.

14. Extra Time in Finals

1. There will be no drawn games in any finals. In the case of equal scores at the end of scheduled time, the teams will play two (2) five (5) minute periods. The match will recommence with the team kicking to the same end as they were in the last scheduled quarter, with an immediate change of ends at the conclusion of the first extra time period.
2. Coaches are permitted to address players at the conclusion of the fourth quarter. Players must be in position to recommence the game prior to the goal umpires returning to their position.
3. In the event of scores still being tied at the conclusion of these periods of extra time, play will recommence (without change of ends) and the team to score first will be the winner.

NEWTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE REGULATIONS SEASON 2014

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1. GENERAL

1.1 AGE GROUPS AND DIVISIONS.

- 1.1 a.** The Newtown Little League competition will be for Under 9, 10, 11 and 12 age groups. Finals will be played in Under 12 only.
- 1.1 b.** ALL players must be aged under their respective age groups at midnight on December 31, of the previous year. I.e If Player A is 10 as of the 31/12/2009 and their birthday is 1st January, they can play Under 11 for Season 2010.
- 1.1 c.** The correctness of each player's age is the responsibility of each club. In the event of a dispute or query, a Birth Certificate will be requested. If disputes are upheld by the Newtown Little League Executive Committee or if there is sufficient evidence of ineligible players taking part in competition matches, then the Premiership points will be deducted.
- 1.1 d.** If an age group comprises more than ten (10) teams, with the discretion of the Executive Committee, the competition will be split into two divisions.

DIVISION 1- WALPOLE SHIELD

DIVISION 2- KAYE SHIELD

If there are 18 or more teams, the competition will be split into three divisions.

DIVISION 3- EDGERTON SHIELD

- 1.1 e.** Medals will be presented to each player and coach of each premier team.
- 1.1 f.** Grand Final match footballs will be presented to the best player on the ground.
- 1.1 g.** Ground Dimensions: Under 9 and 10: at least 90 x 70 metres up to 110 metres x 80 metres
Under 11: 120 metres x 92 metres
Under 12: 150 metres x 100 metres maximum
- 1.1 h.** In all age groups, if teams with similar jumpers play each other, it is the responsibility of the away team to arrange for the use of contrasting jumpers.
Contact the League's Property Officer to borrow the NLL Interleague Jumpers and the cleaning and/or replacement of any losses will be the responsibility of the borrower.

1.2 REGISTRATIONS

- 1.2 a.** Team Registration Forms showing each player's name and date of birth are to be submitted to the Club and with AFL Victoria by Round 5. **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**
- 1.2 b.** Names and birth dates of players registered after this date must be submitted to the registered with Club and AFL Victoria prior to playing. Failure to comply will result in loss of match points to the offending club or team.

1.3 FEES

- 1.3 a.** Registration Fees will be determined for each Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 and Under 12 team at the AGM.
- 1.3 b.** Total Payment (an account will be forwarded to each club by the Treasurer) must be paid to the Treasurer by specified date. **(Newtown Little League meeting date)** .
- 1.3 c.** Failure to comply with either a. or b. above will result in loss of match points to the offending team from the respective cut-off date onward until such time as payment is received by the Treasurer.

1.4 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 1.4 a. FINALS**—: A player must have played at least six (6) fixtured matches in the current season for the team that the player wishes to represent to be eligible to participate in finals for that nominated team.
- 1.4 b.** A player, who has **played in six (6) or more** fixtured matches for a team within the same club, will only be eligible to play in the finals for the team he/she is **REGISTERED** with.
- 1.4 c.** .NO player is permitted to play for **more than one** team in the same division. Players from a lower division or under age group are permitted to 'come up' to play; however, to play in a final the player must qualify and have played 5 games with this team to play in the finals.
- 1.4 d.** Players who play six (6) matches in an age group higher than that for which they are eligible, will not be eligible to return to the lower age group unless approval is given by the N.L.L. Executive.

1.5 FINALS

- 1.5 a.** Goal Umpires are to be appointed from the list of Field Umpires at the usual rate for Field Umpires for the entire Finals Series.
- 1.5 b.** See "Player Eligibility" section for applicable rule.
- 1.5 c.** Drawn game: If any final (Inc Grand Final) ends in a draw and only when the scores are confirmed by the Goal Umpires, the teams will be allowed to be spoken to by their coach for two minutes only. Then two five minute halves will be played. If after this scores are still level, then the first team to score will win the game."

1.6 TRIBUNAL

- 1.6 a.** The Newtown Little League will now sit under the Geelong Junior Football independent tribunal and will meet if there are any reports to be heard from the previous round on the Monday night following at 7.00pm at AFL Barwon Highton Reserve. (Unless otherwise advised)
- 1.6 b.** A club advocate must attend a Tribunal hearing when requested (even if a player does not attend).
- 1.6 c.** Generally the Tribunal Chairman is more than happy to allow any prospective club advocates to sit in on Tribunal hearings for experience. It would be a good idea to make the most of this opportunity.
Non-attendance at tribunal – maximum fine \$150.

1.7 FOOTBALLS

- 1.7 a.** The Newtown Little League will provide each team with a football suitable for the age group.
Under 9- size 2
Under 10- size 3
Under 11- size 3
Under 12- size 4
- 1.7 b.** This ball must be used for that team's home matches ONLY.
- 1.7 c.** Newtown Little League will endeavor to provide yellow footballs for those teams participating in night games.

1.8 MATCH VENUES AND STARTING TIMES

- 1.8a.** Match venues and starting times may be varied with the consent of both competing clubs.
- 1.8b.** The home side must inform the Umpires Advisor and the President one week before the date of the fixture.
- 1.8c.** If no contact is made and the match proceeds, the Umpire will still receive payment. The club umpires for the amended game will not be paid.

1.9 INCLEMENT WEATHER

- 1.9 a.** Coaches, by mutual agreement may call off play at the respective ground before the start of the match.
- 1.9 b.** If agreement cannot be reached between the coaches then the game is to continue. Every effort should be made to play the game.
- 1.9 c.** If a game is cancelled because of poor conditions, a replay will be played during the week under lights. The N.L.L. Executive will decide when and where this match will take place.

1.10 PADDING OF GOAL POSTS

- 1.10 a.** The home team at each ground should ensure that all posts have protective pads fitted before game commencement.

2.PLAYING REGULATIONS

2.1 RULES FOR EACH AGE GROUP

See individual sheets for specific rules for each age group. Located under Downloads on NLL sporting pulse website

2.2 MATCH RESULTS / NEWSPAPER REPORT

- 2.2 a.** The away team is responsible for the completion and delivery of the match report envelope to the designated delivery point.
ALL REPORTS MUST BE PRINTED AND CLEARLY LEGIBLE OR THEY WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED.
- 2.2 b.** The match reports envelope must contain the following items:
 - Umpire's match report
 - Two Goal Umpire score cards
 - Two N.L.L. Team Sheets
- 2.2 c.** The match report must be delivered to AFL Barwon Office by 12.00pm Monday.

2.3 FIELD UMPIRES

- 2.3 a.** The field umpire should be dressed in green official NLL umpire tops.
- 2.3 b.** The umpire should arrive at least 20 minutes before the match is due to start.
- 2.3 c.** The umpire should introduce him/herself to both coaches; collect the match football, umpire's report sheet. N.L.L. vote's sheet and envelope from the home team and collect both completed team sheets.

- 2.3 d.** If during the match the N.L.L. Junior Players Code of Conduct is broken by a team's players, supporters or officials the Umpire shall speak to the Coach at the next break. It is the Coach's responsibility to deal with the offending party. If further trouble occurs, the Umpire shall submit a report to the N.L.L. Executive for consideration.
- 2.3 e.** At the conclusion of the match, the Umpire will give their completed match report, team sheets, Goal Umpire score cards to the away Team Manager.
- 2.3 f.** The Umpire must supply the Coach of a reported player or official the name of the player or official and the nature of the charge (using the umpires report sheet provided)
- 2.3 g.** The coach can also submit a report regarding the Umpire to the N.L.L. Executive for consideration.
- 2.3 h.** If the umpire does not arrive in time for the start of the match a mutually acceptable umpire may be used. If no such person can be agreed upon then the home team shall provide an umpire for quarters 1 and 3 and the away team shall provide an umpire for quarters 2 and 4. If the designated umpire arrives he should take over the game at the start of the next quarter or earlier by mutual agreement of the two coaches.

2.4 PLAYERS DRESS

- 2.4 a.** Players are not permitted to wear jewelry during matches.
- 2.4 b.** Prescription spectacles may be worn; however, lenses must be either plastic or shatter proof. Metal frames must be covered by Elastoplast tape along the arms and rims and plastic frames must be covered at the join of the arm and the frame. The spectacles must be strapped to the player's head.
- 2.4 c.** All players with shoulder length hair must be tied back during matches.

2.5 GOAL UMPIRES

- 2.5 a.** Each team will provide one goal umpire with flags.
- 2.5 b.** Scorecards will be supplied by each team and both scorecards should be signed by both goal umpires at the end of the match and returned to the field umpire.
- 2.5 c.** Goal umpires must not make ANY comments to or harass players in any way.
- 2.5 d.** The area behind the goals should be kept clear to allow goal umpires an undisturbed view of the match.
- 2.5 e.** The Goal Umpire must be at least the age of 16 years.

2.6 TIMEKEEPERS

- 2.6 a.** One adult timekeeper from the home team is required in all age groups.
- 2.6 b.** The home team will supply a reliable timepiece and sounding device (not a car horn)

2.7 BEFORE EACH GAME

HOME GAME TEAM

- 2.7 a.** Provide one timekeeper with a reliable timepiece and suitable sounding device.
- 2.7 b.** Supply on Goal Umpire with flags and scorecards

- 2.7 c.** Supply to the umpire before the start of the game the following items.
- Match football (in good condition and correctly inflated) .
 - Umpires match report sheet
 - Completed Team Sheet showing players and numbers

AWAY TEAM

- 2.7 d.** Provide one timekeeper to check home timekeeper.
- 2.7 e.** .Provide one Goal Umpire with flags
- 2.7 f.** Supply to the Umpire before the start of the game completed Team Sheet showing players and numbers

2.8 AFTER EACH GAME

HOME GAME

- 2.8 a.** Players are to give three cheers for the opposing team and also for the Umpire. Team songs may be sung but there are to be NO add on derogatory ditties as they are definitely not in the spirit of the game.
- 2.8 b.** Players are to shake hands with the players of the opposing team.
- 2.8 c.** Collect from the umpire both team sheets, goal umpire scorecards votes and umpire's match report.
- 2.8 d.** Collect from away team, team goal kickers and best players.
- 2.8 e.** Complete paperwork to be placed in the envelope, print age group, date and participating teams on the envelope.

AWAY TEAM

- 2.8 f.** Players are to give three cheers for the opposition team and also for the umpire.
- 2.8g.** Players are to shake hands with the players of the opposing team.
- 2.8 h.** Provide Team Sheet completed with goal kickers and best players to opposition official.
- 2.8 i.** Ensure match report envelope is delivered to the drop off point ON TIME.

3 BEHAVIOUR

ALL coaches, officials, players, parents and spectators SHOULD be aware of and refer to the Newtown Little League Code of Behaviour and Spectator Code of Conduct. Located under Downloads on NLL sporting pulse website.

3.1 COACHES AND OTHER OFFICIALS

- 3.1 a.** The coach (assisted by the Team Manager) should ensure that ALL players behave in a sportsmanlike manner both on and off the field.
- 3.1 b.** The best way for players to learn is by example so it is expected that all coaches, team managers and other club officials will behave in an adult, responsible and sportsmanlike manner at all times.
- 3.1 c.** The coach should ensure that all other officials, parents and spectators obey the N.L.L. Code of Behaviour and Spectator Code of Conduct It is the responsibility of each club to police the behaviour of its members.
- 3.1 d.** All players should be treated fairly and reasonably by the coach, remembering that each player must play at least two quarters of each match that the player is fit to play.

3.2 PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

- 3.2 a.** Parents and spectators should be aware that the league is organised for the benefit of the players and NOT as entertainment for spectators.
- 3.2 b.** It is expected that all parents and other spectators will behave in an adult, responsible and sportsmanlike manner at all times. Bad language or abuse of players, umpires, officials or other spectators will NOT be tolerated.
- 3.2 c.** Parents and spectators should be encouraging in their comments and appreciative of good play by players of both teams.

UNDER 9'S & 10'S RULES

THE TEAM

- a) Teams will consist of 15 players
- b) When one of the competing teams has 12, 13 or 14, the opposing side is allowed to play one more player. Once numbers reach 15 it is even numbers, i.e 15 per side.
- c) If a team has less than twelve (12) players then the forfeit rule applies. The opposition will be awarded the points. A practice match will be played with even amount of players per side.
- d) NO rucks or rovers.
- e) Interchange of players may take place at any time.
- f) All players must play at least two quarters of each game.
- g) Players should be rotated to experience playing in all positions on the ground.
- h) If clubs have 2 or more teams, players registered with one team cannot play in other teams of that club. (i.e Team Blue players cannot play for Team Red)

PLAYING TIME (Under 9's)

- a. Four quarters of 12 minutes each.
- b. Quarter / three-quarter time of 5 minutes each.
- c. Half-Time of 8 minutes.

PLAYING TIME (Under 10's)

- a. Four quarters of 13 minutes each.
- b. Quarter / three-quarter time of 5 minutes each.
- c. Half-Time of 8 minutes.

START OF PLAY (EACH QUARTER AND AFTER A GOAL)

- a. Ball up between two centerline players.
- b. A player cannot grab the ball at ball ups, he must hit it. He cannot touch the ball until it hits the ground or is touched by any other player.
- c. No more than three players from each team shall be closer to the ball-up than about 20 metres.

SCRIMMAGE

- a. Where a scrum develops, the umpire will stop play, send players back to their positions and have a ball-up between two players of approximately even size. The umpire will select these players.
- b. Full possession at the ball-up is not permitted.

OUT OF BOUNDS

- a. When the ball goes out of bounds the umpire shall call a ball-up 10 meters from the boundary.
- b. Full possession at the ball-up is not permitted.

TACKLING (Under 9's Only)

- a. Hold an opponent with their hands (slinging an opponent is not permitted).
- b. Bump an opponent in the side only.
- c. Knock the ball out of an opponent's hands.
- d. Steal the ball out of an opponent's hands.

TACKLING (Under 10's Only)

- a. Tackling is permitted, although the umpire will penalize crude or unduly rough tackles.

MARK

- a. A mark will be awarded irrespective of the distance traveled by the ball.

BOUNCING THE BALL

- b. A player can bounce the ball only once. He must then dispose of the ball and cannot regain possession until the ball has been touched by another player.

KICKING OFF THE GROUND

- a. A player is NOT permitted to **deliberately** kick the ball off the ground.

NOTE: If the player accidentally kicks the ball off the ground, the Umpire will call play on (excluding Rule 11. c.)

- b. Drop kicks are NOT permitted.
- c. If an accidental kick off the ground results in a score (goal or behind), the score will not be recorded, and the umpire will call for a ball-up approx. 10m from the goal line (edge of kick off square).

FIFTEEN (15) METER PENALTY.

- a. A fifteen (15) meter penalty will be applied by the umpire for time wasting and any other offences.

ORDER OFF RULE

NOTE: See general regulations for order off procedure.

Players can be ordered off for:

- a. Objectionable language, remarks or behavior,
- b. Disputing umpire's decisions,
- c. Fighting or other violent offences,
- d. Persistent or deliberate breaking of rules,
- e. Players ordered off can be replaced by a reserve but must stay off for the remainder of the game.

COACHES

a. The coach ONLY is allowed on the ground during play for the purpose of teaching. The coach must remain clear of play at all times. Officials are ONLY allowed on the ground to treat an injured player. Coaches are NOT permitted to linger in the center of the ground.

OTHER RULES

- a. Kicking in after a behind is scored – Umpire must wait for Goal Umpire to wave flags before ball is brought back into play.
- b. Unless specified above, rules will be those of AFL Victoria Country Rulings.

UNDER 11'S & 12'S RULES

THE TEAM

- a. Teams shall consist of 18 players.
- b. When one of the competing teams has 14, 15, 16 or 17 players, the opposing side may play one more player (unless agreed to by both coaches) .
- c. If a team has less than fourteen (14) players then the forfeit rule applies. The opposition will be awarded the points. A practice match will be played with an even amount of players per side.
- d. Interchange of players may take place at any time.
- e. All players must play at least two quarters of each game.
- f. Players should be rotated to experience playing in all positions on the ground.
- g. If clubs have 2 or more teams, players registered with one team cannot play in other teams of that club. (i.e. Team Blue players cannot play for Team Red)
- h. If teams are short on numbers, then players should be sought from lower age Divisions.

PLAYING TIME

- a. Four quarters of 15 minutes each.
- b. Quarter / three-quarter time of 5 minutes each.
- c. Half-Time of 8 minutes.

GENERAL RULES OF PLAY

(Unless specified above, rules will be those of AFL Victoria Country Rulings)

- a. No centre square is used.
- b. 15 metre penalty applies (not 50 metres) . However this can be at least doubled if disputes or offences continue.
- c. "Kicking in danger" Kicking the ball off the ground (deliberately) is not permitted.
- d. A mark will be awarded to a player when the ball has traveled at least 10 metres (not 15 metres) .
- e. It is permitted for a player to take possession of the ball at the ball-ups.
- f. Out of Bounds. When the ball goes out of bounds (except on the full) , the umpire shall call a ball-up 10 metres from the boundary.
- g. Kicking in after a behind is scored – Umpire must wait for Goal Umpire to wave flags before ball is brought back into play.
- h. Players are allowed unlimited bounces

KICKING OFF THE GROUND

a.A player is NOT permitted to **deliberately** kick the ball off the ground.

NOTE: If the player accidentally kicks the ball off the ground, the Umpire will call play on (excluding 9(c)) .

b.Drop kicks are NOT permitted.

c.If an accidental kick off the ground results in a score (goal or behind) , the score will not be recorded, and the umpire will call for a ball-up approx. 10m from the goal line (edge of kick off square) .

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c.Fighting or other violent offences,

d.Persistent or deliberate breaking of rules,

e.Players ordered off can be replaced by a reserve but must stay off for the remainder of the game.

RUNNER.

a.The runner is the only official permitted on the ground during play.

b.The runner **MUST** be clearly identified. E.g.: red shirt.

c.The runner must **ONLY** relay a message from the coach to a player and then return. He must not interfere with players from the opposing team.

d.If the umpire considers the runner to be on the ground excessively or to be interfering with play he will order the runner from the ground for the remainder of the match and **NOT** to be replaced.

e.The runner must keep clear at all times.

COACHES

a.The coach (or any other official except the runner) is not permitted on the ground during play except to treat an injured player.

JUNIOR CODES OF CONDUCT

Junior Coaches' Code of Conduct

1. Be familiar with the Laws of Australian football and abide by the rules and conditions of your league and club.
2. Teach your players that rules of the game are mutual agreements, which no player should evade or break.
3. Group players according to age, height, skill and physical maturity whenever possible in any competitive practice session.
4. Avoid over-playing the talented players. The 'just average' players need and deserve equal time, if not more.
5. Remember that the players involved play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Emphasise the importance of the learning and development of skills and positive attitudes. Never ridicule or yell at your players for making mistakes or losing a competition.
6. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability of the players.
7. The scheduling and length of practice times and competitions should take into consideration the maturity level of the players.
8. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as for the judgment of umpires and opposing coaches.
9. Follow the advice of a qualified person when determining when an injured player is ready to play or train again.
10. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound junior coaching principles and developments. Endeavour to attain coaching accreditation and to become an active member of the local branch of the Australian Football Coaches Association.
11. Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender or race.

Junior Players' Code of Conduct

1. Abide by the rules of the game and rules set down by your coach, club and league.
2. Never argue with an official or umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal or physical abuse of officials, umpires spectators or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your team, opponent or the other team. Be proud to walk off the ground after each game knowing that you have given your best effort and never

JUNIOR CODES OF CONDUCT

involve yourself in an argument with opposing players, umpires or officials.

6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. Your involvement to play is for fun and enjoyment and winning is only part of it.
7. Co-operate with your coach and team mates, and respect the ability of your opponent. Without them there would be no game.
8. Play for the 'fun of it' and not just to please parents and coaches.
9. Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender or race.

Parents and Spectators of Junior Football Code of Conduct

1. Encourage children to participate if they are interested. However if a child is not willing do not force them.
2. Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to their ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
3. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
4. Encourage your child always to play by the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember your child should be involved in football for their enjoyment, not yours.
7. Remember your child learns best by example. Applaud good play by both your team and by members of the opposing team.
8. If you disagree with an official or umpire raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgment and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
9. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from junior sporting activities.
10. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child and deserve your support.
11. Support your club officials in maintaining the highest standard of behavior both on and off the field for the betterment of the league and your family. Offer your assistance to the team that your child is playing in so that every opportunity is being provided for the very best supervision and support. Your involvement will give both yourself and your child far more satisfaction.
12. Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender or race.



NETBALL CALENDAR 2014

Month/Day	Date	Calendar Event
January		
Monday	13	AFL Barwon Office Opens
February		
Saturday	1	Netball Clearances Open
Monday	17	GFNL & BFNL Netball Database & Registration Training 10:30am Highton
Monday	17	GFNL & BFNL Netball Database & Registration Training 6:30pm Highton
Saturday	22	Geelong Netball Club (Cougars - VNL) Home Game - Christian College Highton
Sunday	23	Netball Foundation Coaching Course - Grovedale Secondary College
Wednesday	26	Netball Umpire Co-ordinator Meeting - Highton
March		
Monday	3	GFNL & BFNL Netball Presidents Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday	5	Read the Play Season Launch at North Shore Football Club
Thursday	6	Netball Pre-Season Competition Kardinia Park C & D Grade
Thursday	13	Netball Pre-Season Competition Kardinia Park - A & B Grade
Sunday	16	Netball - Coaching For U Day - Kardinia Park
Tuesday	18	Netball Team Manager & Secretaries Information Night (Highton)
Friday	21	Netball Panel Umpires Meeting - Kardinia Park 7:00pm
Sunday	23	Netball Foundation Coaching Course - Grovedale Secondary College
Sunday	23	Netball C Badge Umpiring Day
Monday	24	MyNetball Database Training 10:30am Highton
Monday	24	MyNetball Database Training 6:30pm Highton
Sunday	30	Netball - Introduction to Umpiring Workshop - Kardinia Park
Monday	31	Season Launch 6:30pm at Blood Toyota
April		
Friday	4	Netball Friday Night Competition Commences
Saturday	5	Round 1 GFNL & BFNL
Sunday	6	AFL Victoria Trainer Course (Highton)
Sunday	6	Netball Development Coaching Course - Grovedale Secondary College
Sunday	6	Netball Level 1 Umpiring Course - Kardinia Park
Saturday	12	Round 2 GFNL & BFNL
Friday	18	Good Friday Fixture GWSP v Colac

Saturday	19	Round 3 BFNL
Saturday	19	Easter Bye GFNL & GJF
Friday	25	ANZAC Games GFNL & BFNL
Saturday	26	Round 3 GFNL Round 4 BFNL
May		
Saturday	3	Round 4 GFNL Round 5 BFNL
Sunday	4	Netball Foundation Coaching Course - Grovedale Secondary College
Saturday	10	Round 5 GFNL Round 6 BFNL
Sunday	11	Geelong Netball Club (Cougars - VNL) Home Game - Christian College Highton
Monday	12	GFNL & BFNL Netball President's Meeting
Saturday	17	Round 6 GFNL Round 7 BFNL
Sunday	18	Netball Development Coaching Course - Grovedale Secondary College
Saturday	24	BFNL Bye
Saturday	24	BFNL Interleague v Casey Cardinia FNL
Saturday	24	GFNL Bye
Saturday	24	GFNL Interleague v Mornington Peninsula FNL
Sunday	25	Netball Victoria Association Championships Qualifying Tournament
Saturday	31	Round 7 GFNL Round 8 BFNL
June		
Fri/Sat/Sun	6/7/8	Read the Play Round
Saturday	14	Round 9 GFNL Round 10 BFNL
Sunday	15	Read the Play AFL Game Geelong vs St Kilda
Sunday	15	Netball Level 1 Umpiring Course - Kardinia Park
Saturday	21	Round 10 GFNL Round 11 BFNL
Saturday	28	Round 11 GFNL Round 12 BFNL
Sunday	29	Netball Victoria Association Championships Grand Finals (SNHC)
July		
Saturday	5	Geelong Junior Football – Bye
Saturday	12	GFNL Bye
Saturday	12	BFNL Bye
Saturday	12	Round 12 GFNL Round 13 BFNL
Monday	14	EJ Whitten Rivalry Round Foundation Function at Sphinx Ent Centre
Saturday	19	Round 13 GFNL Round 14 BFNL (EJ Whitten Foundation Rivalry Round)
Saturday	26	Round 14 GFNL Round 15 BFNL

August		
Saturday	2	Round 15 GFNL Round 16 BFNL
Saturday	9	Round 16 GFNL Round 17 BFNL
Saturday	16	Round 17 GFNL Round 18 BFNL
Sunday	17	Netball 11/U Carnival - Kardinia Park
Wednesday	20	GFNL & BFNL Netball President's & Pre-Finals Meeting
Friday	22	Netball Friday Night Competition Semi Finals (Kardinia Park)
Saturday	23	Round 18 GFNL
Saturday	23	BFNL Qualifying Finals
Sunday	24	BFNL Elimination Finals
Tuesday	26	BFNL Netball Junior Presentation Night
Friday	29	Netball Friday Night Competition Preliminary Finals (Kardinia Park)
Saturday	30	GFNL Qualifying Finals
Saturday	30	BFNL 2nd Semi Finals (Football)
Saturday	30	BFNL Preliminary Finals (Netball)
Sunday	31	GFNL Elimination Finals
Sunday	31	BFNL 1st Semi Finals (Football)
September		
Tuesday	2	GFNL Junior Netball Presentation Night
Wednesday	3	BFNL Ash Medal and BFNL Netball Count (Buckleys)
Friday	5	Netball Friday Night Competition Grand Finals (Kardinia Park)
Saturday	6	GFNL 2nd Semi Finals
Sunday	7	GFNL 1st Semi Finals
Sunday	7	BFNL Grand Finals (Netball)
Tuesday	9	GFNL Netball Vote Count/Presentation Night (Buckleys)
Saturday	13	GFNL Preliminary Finals & BFNL Grand Finals
Saturday	20	GFNL Grand Finals
Saturday	27	AFL Grand Final
October		
Monday	13	GFNL & BFNL Netball President's Meeting
November		
Wednesday	26	AFL Barwon Annual General Meeting
Wednesday	26	GFNL Annual General Meeting
Wednesday	26	BFNL Annual General Meeting
December		
Sunday	7	GFNL & BFNL Christmas Party Geelong Race Course

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These By-Laws are the rules governing the internal affairs of AFL Barwon, incorporating the Geelong Football Netball League & the Bellarine Football Netball League . They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct and direction of the organisations. AFL Barwon shall follow the Official Netball Rules as set down by Netball Australia, and abide by the Policies for Affiliated Associations as set down by Netball Victoria, unless these have been superseded by Local By-Laws.

1. CLUB PRESIDENT MEETINGS

- (a)** At least 4 Club Presidents Meetings will be held annually.
 - (b)** All Clubs must be represented by at least one delegate at all Club President Meetings.
- Penalty for non-attendance: \$100 fine.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a)** All correspondence from the Club must be from the Club President, Secretary, or authorised person to the Netball Manager, AFL Barwon.
- (b)** All correspondence from AFL Barwon will be addressed to the Club President, Secretary, Junior Co-ordinator or authorised person.

3. AFL BARWON NETBALL SUB-COMMITTEES

AFL Barwon shall appoint the following sub-committees to assist the Netball Manager throughout the season if required. Clubs will be requested to nominate members to sit on these committees. Members do not have to sever ties at Club level to be involved on these sub-committees.

- (a)** Representative Teams Sub-Committee
- (b)** Junior Development Programs Sub-Committee
- (c)** By-Laws Review Sub-Committee

4. AFL BARWON INFORMATION TO CLUBS

- (a)** AFL Barwon shall provide the following information via email to all clubs prior to the start of the season:
 - (i)** AFL Barwon contact details
 - (ii)** Club venue addresses
 - (iii)** AFL Barwon By-Laws
 - (iv)** Fixtures
 - (v)** AFL Barwon Calender of Events
 - (vi)** Details of Coaching and Umpire Courses, Seminars, etc.

5. AFL BARWON INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM CLUBS

- (a)** Clubs shall provide the following information via email to AFL Barwon:
 - (i)** Club contact details listing Committee members, coaching staff and umpire co-ordinators for ALL grades including contact phone numbers and active email addresses.
 - (ii)** Club contact details for the AFL Barwon Season Handbook with at least two general contacts – e.g. President, Secretary, Senior Coach; plus the Club Umpire Co-ordinator details and Junior Co-ordinator

details including postal address; contact phone numbers and an active email address.

6.NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP

(a) Netball Victoria membership fee is set annually by the Victorian Netball Association Inc.

VNA Prices for 2014 are as follows:

Senior's: \$65 (incl.GST) Senior's are born on or before 31/12/1995

Junior's: \$45 (incl.GST) Junior's are born between 1/1/1996 and 31/12/2001

Net Set Go: \$45 (incl. GST)

Disability: \$45 (incl.GST) Netballers with a disability - must show current annual Disability Service Pension Card or Health Care Card.

Players, coaches & umpires must be registered with Netball Victoria before taking the court or prior to commencing participation. Clubs must take payment and register all participants on the AFL Barwon database prior to player/s taking the court.

Penalty for playing a player who is not registered with Netball Victoria: Loss of 4 Premiership Points and \$50 fine to the offending club on each occurring occasion.

7.Codes Of Conduct & Other Policies

AFL Barwon adopts the following policies, regulations and procedures:

- i Netball Victoria CyberSafety Policy
- ii. Netball Victoria Competition Regulation
- iii. Netball Australia Member Protection Policy
- iv. AFL Vilification and Discrimination Policy
- v. AFL Barwon Constitution

8.WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Working with Children

APPLICABLE TO ALL PERSONS WORKING WITH JUNIORS UP TO AND INCLUDING THE UNDER 18 GRADE.

This check replaces the police check and is free for volunteers. It is mandatory by law as of January 2007 for coaches and volunteers to obtain this check if they undertake any of the following roles:

(a) Club personnel including coaches, trainers etc appointed or seeking appointment for reward (\$70 charge for employees)

(b) Volunteer personnel who will or are likely to travel away overnight with teams of players under 18 years of age and

(c) Persons appointed or seeking appointment to a role in which that person is likely to have individual and unsupervised contact with players Under 18 years of age.

How to apply?

- Complete a Working with Children Check application form. Application forms are available from participating outlets of Australia Post.
- Organise your proof of identity documentation.

- Organise a Passport size photo.
- Take your completed application form, proof of identity documentation, passport size photo to a participating Australia Post outlet. If you are in PAID employment you must pay the \$70 fee. If you are a Volunteer there is no fee payable.

We strongly suggest that you get this process underway ASAP and organize all your junior personnel to undertake the check. Perhaps organize a club representative to collect the forms from Australia Post and hand them out to each coach.

For further information go to internet site address:

<http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/CA25711C001EBB33/HomePage?OpenForm&1=Home-&2=-&3=->

9. TEAMS

(a) All Clubs must field teams in all Grades – A, B, C, D, 19/U, 17/U Sec 1 & 2, 15U Sec 1 & 2, 13/U Sec 1 & 2, 11/U. **Penalty: \$200 fine per team not represented.**

Clubs must field teams from "A" Grade down.

(b) Should a Club be unable to field a team in any of these sections, a letter requesting exemption from ANY Grade must be sent to AFL Barwon as soon as possible. AFL Barwon will then assess the request.

(c) Should team re-grading be required, all re-grading will be completed at the conclusion of round 4 of the season by AFL Barwon. In cases of re-grading a team will 'carry' its premiership points (if any) to the higher or lower grade but not its percentage.

10. REGISTRATION

(a) AFL Barwon must receive all Club Affiliation and Team Registration money by 30 March 2014.

Club Affiliation: \$600 plus GST – Total of \$660.

Team Affiliation (Saturday) : \$80 plus GST – Total of \$88 per team.

Team Affiliation (Friday night) : \$80 plus GST – Total of \$88 per team.

Friday Night Umpires: \$200 per team entered (incl. GST)

Penalty: \$50 fine per item.

(b) Player Registration

Registrations close on the 30th of June in line with clearances.

Every player must be a registered member of their Club and approved by their Club Committee.

Clubs will be responsible for having members complete membership forms. The club representative will then register all players on the AFL Barwon database.

Penalties for not registering players before they take the court:

Score line will be recorded as 10 - nil in favour of the non offending team OR match result whichever is the better outcome for the non offending team.

Fine \$100 for offending club.

11. CLEARANCES

(a) Any player requiring a clearance will need to complete a 2014 Clearance Application on the MyNetball Database.

(b) Players are ineligible to play for a club in each of the GFNL & BFNL leagues in the one season subject to normal clearance rules contained herein.

(c) A clearance is required if a senior or junior player wishes to transfer to another Club within AFL Barwon if the player has competed for a AFL Barwon Club within the previous two years (2012 & 2013) .

(d) No player will be granted more than one (1) clearance per season.

(e) Clearances open at 9am on 1st February 2014.

(f) Clearances close at 12 midnight on 30 June 2014.

(g) Players who owe outstanding playing fees or are in possession of Club property will not be granted a clearance.

(h) A player must be registered with the new Club before taking the court.

Penalties for breaching ANY part of Rule (a) thru (h) :

Score line will be recorded as 10 - nil in favour of the non offending team OR match result whichever is the better outcome for the non offending team.

Fine \$100 for offending club for each game the uncleared player takes the court.

(i) Players must have their new club request a clearance online through the MyNetball Database

(j) An email will be sent to the existing club – i.e. the Club the player is requesting a clearance from - requesting attention.

(k) The existing club has (10) working days from the date of the email received from the new club to consider the clearance and respond. In event of a non response the player will be automatically cleared by AFL Barwon to the new club.

(l) An email will be sent to the new Club detailing if the clearance has been accepted or rejected. In the case of a rejection the Club will be informed of the reasons given by the players current Club.

(m) If the Club refuses to clear the player, it is up to that player to ensure that the issue is resolved before another clearance application is submitted.

(n) Best & Fairest votes will transfer with the player should they be remaining in the original league.

(o) The number of quarters played will NOT transfer with a player when he/she begins with the new Club.

12.PLAYERS

(a) Participant age is determined as at 31st December of that year - 2014.

(b) Boys may play in the sections 13/U and 11/U only.

In the 13/U section boys may play out the season in which they turn 12. They are not allowed to play in the year in which they turn 13.

In the 13/U section, only three (3) boys are allowed on the court at any one time, that being one (1) boy in each third of the court. Centre Court includes Wing Attack and Wing Defence.

(c) Players may not take the court in more than two games on any given home and away Round.

(d) In the **GFNL competitions** a junior player is not able to play in the same age group more than once over any one day - for example a player cannot play in both Division 1 & 2 in the same age group) .

(e) Once a player has qualified in the higher division of an age group they are not allowed to play in the lower division of that age group.

(f) Juniors are eligible to play in a senior grade in the year they turn 15 years of age.

(g) In the GFNL competitions any player who plays in either 'A' or 'B' senior Grade competitions during a season are not permitted to participate in the 19/U competition for that season.

(h) Any conduct deemed to be unbecoming or bringing the game into disrepute will be reportable by either one or both officiating umpires. Any report is to be recorded and submitted to AFL Barwon. AFL Barwon will consider any report. Offenders may receive any or all of the following penalties as deemed suitable by AFL Barwon:

Fine up to \$100.

Loss of Premiership Points for their team.

Suspension from AFL Barwon home and away games, finals, and/or Interleague.

13. PLAYER QUALIFICATION: GFNL

(a) Players in A, B, C, D & 19/U must take the court in at least 24 quarters in a division throughout the home and away season to be eligible to participate in that division's finals series. If the minimum of 24 quarters is not played the player is ineligible to play finals. **NOTE – to be eligible under this rule – a player MUST have PLAYED ON COURT during the games that player team sheets have been submitted throughout the home and away game series. Where teams play less than 80% of the maximum number of scheduled games, a pro rata system will apply.**

(b) PLAYER QUALIFICATION: GFNL - Junior

Players must take the court in at least 24 quarters throughout the home and away season to be eligible to participate in the finals series. Players qualified in Division 2 of their age group automatically qualify to play in Division 1 finals of that age group. If the minimum of 24 quarters is not played the player is ineligible to play finals. **NOTE – to be eligible under this rule – a player MUST have PLAYED ON COURT during the games that player team sheets have been submitted throughout the home and away game series. Where teams play less than 80% of the maximum number of scheduled games, a pro rata system will apply.**

(c) Once a player takes the court in the 25th quarter they are ineligible to play in a lower grade/division

(d) No player is able to take the court in more than two games on any given home and away round.

(e) Once a senior player has taken the court in a specific grade they are ineligible to play in a grade 2 grades lower i.e.- A&C/D or B/D. This applies to senior grades only.

(f) A player can only play in one senior game over one weekend of finals.

(g) In the GFNL any Junior is eligible to play in two finals (one junior and one senior) over one weekend of finals as long as they are qualified as per 13(a). This does not include Division 3 finals.

(h) The 19/U Competition falls under the senior by-laws

(i) In the GFNL, 19/U players only, are allowed to play C & D grade finals also as long as they are qualified as per 13(a).

PLAYER QUALIFICATION: BFNL

(a) Players must take the court in at least 20 quarters (minimum) in a division throughout the home and away season to be eligible to participate in that division's finals series. If the minimum of 20 quarters is not

played the player is ineligible to play finals. **NOTE – to be eligible under this rule – a player MUST have PLAYED ON COURT during the games that player team sheets have been submitted throughout the home and away game series.** Where teams play less than 80% of the maximum number of scheduled games, a pro rata system will apply.

(b) Once a player takes the court in the 24th quarter they are ineligible to play in a lower grade/division

(c) No player is able to take the court in more than two games on any given home and away round.

(d) Once a senior player has taken the court in a specific grade they are ineligible to play in a grade 2 grades lower i.e.- A&C/D or B/D. This applies to senior grades only.

(e) A player can only play in one senior game over one weekend of finals.

Penalty for breaching any part of Rule 13: Score line will be recorded as 10 – nil in favour of the non offending team or match result, whichever is the better outcome for the non offending team. Fine \$100 for the offending club.

14.COACHES & COACHING

(a) All coaches must hold or obtain a minimum of the "Foundation" Accreditation for the first season in which they coach.

(b) All 'A' Grade/Head coaches must hold or obtain, at least, the "Development" Accreditation.

(c) Accreditations must be obtained prior to 30th June of current year.

(d) All coaches must have a current Netball Victoria Membership (VNA)

(e) All coaches must hold a current pass level, or sit and pass the All Australian Netball Section 1 Umpire Theory Exam during the season in which they coach.

(f) All 'A' grade coaches must attend or show that they have attended at least one netball Victoria accredited coaching/development course in each year they coach. Minimum requirement – coaches in the field workshop.

(g) In the event of the appointed Coach being absent, the nominated person in charge of that team must be accredited.

(h) All 11/U and Friday Night coaches must be under a credited Coaches Co-ordinator who has completed their Netball Victoria Foundation Course and must be present on the evening. The coaching co-ordinator must sign in each evening at the competition office.

(i) Team Officials and bench players may coach while play is in progress provided that they remain seated or stand at their Team Bench. Coaching is also allowed during intervals (refer Rule 2.1 and 2.2) and during Stoppages (refer Rule 7) . Team Officials and bench players may not indulge in inappropriate comments or behaviour (refer rules 20 (iv) and 20.1.2) .

(j) Coaching is permitted during any stoppage by any Team Official who may approach the players at the Side Line. Bench players may also approach the Side Line if coaching occurs. During a Stoppage any Team Official may approach the players at the Side Line for the purpose of providing rehydration. (Refer Rule 3, 7, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3) .

(k) At no time during a match (including intervals) are coaches permitted to approach umpires. Any discussion made with the umpires MUST be made by the team captain.

Penalty: \$100.00 fine to the offending club.

15. UMPIRES

(a) All Clubs must appoint an Umpire Co-ordinator for the season. It is preferred that this person is a badged umpire who within the last 2 years (minimum) completed, or enrolled to complete, the "Rules in Action Course".

(b) AFL Barwon will appoint an Umpire Development Panel to oversee the development and badging of all umpires throughout the season and to roster panel umpires for all GFNL & BFNL 'A' & 'B' Grade Senior Matches.

(c) All Club and Panel Umpires must have a current season VNA membership.

(d) Umpires shall not be changed during a game, but for exceptional circumstances. Refer Rule 16 (k)

(e) Voting for Best & Fairest shall be as follows:

(i) The match umpires shall award votes of the best and fairest three players in each game, Voting shall be 3 votes for the best and fairest player, 2 votes for the second best and fairest player and 1 vote for the third best and fairest player.

(ii) Club & Panel Umpires shall register votes on respective League and Club vote cards where requested/supplied. Votes shall be placed in the envelope provided by AFL Barwon and included in the Match Day Envelope. It is to be clearly signed by both umpires on the card and also across the seal of the envelope once the card is enclosed.

(iii) Club Umpire co-ordinators, panel umpire or a nominated person within the club, may assist trainee umpires with the voting.

Penalty: \$20 fine to those umpires who do not comply

(f) Umpires must supply their own whistle and Clubs must have a current rulebook and the competition by-laws at the court.

(g) Club and Panel Umpires are to be dressed appropriately in umpire's attire: white t-shirt or jumper, white shorts or skirt, correct sport shoes. White or navy tracksuit pants and a white rain jacket are permitted.

Penalty: \$20.00 fine to the offending Club or Panel Umpire

(h) Umpires are authorised to umpire three (3) games on any given match day. However, umpires are only allowed to umpire two (2) consecutive games and must have a one-match break and then return and umpire another game.

(i) Any conduct deemed to be unbecoming or bringing the game into disrepute will be reportable by one or both officiating umpires. Any report is to be recorded and submitted to AFL Barwon no later than 24 hours post match. AFL Barwon will consider any report. Offenders may receive any or all of the following penalties as deemed suitable by AFL Barwon:

Fine: up to \$100.

Loss of Premiership Points for their team.

Suspension from AFL Barwon home and away games; finals, and/or Interleague games.

16. CLUB UMPIRES

(a) Umpires officiating at the 17 & Under Div. 1 & 2, 19/U, 'D' Grade and 'C' Grade matches must have a minimum 'C' Grade Umpires Badge.

(b) Note: Special circumstances will apply for the assessment and badging of trainee umpires. These will be determined by AFL Barwon.

(c) Club umpires are not permitted to coach the team for which they are umpiring. If, in an emergency, a coach needs to umpire his/her team, then a substitute coach must take over.

(d) Club umpires must complete a Theory Exam/Introduction to Umpiring prior to the start of the season.

(e) With the exception of 'A' & 'B' Grade, one Club umpire from each Club will officiate at each Saturday game.

(f) Friday afternoon all matches will be umpired by trainee/beginner & badged umpires as organised by the Friday Night Umpire Co-ordinator as part of the Umpire Development Program.

(g) Proposed payment scheme for club umpires for 2014 is:

a.11U, 13U,15U & 17U Matches - \$15 per game (\$10 without a badge)

b.19U, 'C' & 'D' Grade - \$20 per game (must have a minimum C Grade badge)

(h) Friday Night Competition Umpire Payments: Trainee: \$ 5.00 Beginner \$8.00, Badged \$10.00

(i) In the case of a forfeit the offending team must pay the umpire fees for both clubs in accordance of rule16 (g) & (h) in addition to penalties as per rule 22(a) .

(j) Trainee umpires may have a badged umpire or a badged umpire's co-ordinator of that club running with them in junior & senior games.

(k) When one or more trainee umpire is to officiate in the game, a change of umpire is permitted, provided both captain and the opposition umpire are advised before the match commences.

(l) Umpires must clearly sign any corrections or alterations to the scoresheet.

(m) Club umpires shall ensure that teams abide by AFL Barwon by-laws with regard to uniform; nails; the wearing of jewellery; all hard plastic headbands and gloves. Medi-alert bracelets by be padded and tape securely.

PANEL UMPIRES

(n) Panel Umpires shall be appointed by AFL Barwon.

(o) Panel Umpires must register all relevant contact details with AFL Barwon BEFORE taking the court as an umpire.

(p) The Home club shall pay both Panel Umpires during the home and away games.

Payments for 2014: \$ 40.00 for 'A' Grade; \$ 40.00 for 'B' Grade - per club, per round

(q) Panel Umpires must be available to support and assist club/trainee umpires when requested by AFL Barwon or the League Umpires Co-ordinator.

(r) Panel Umpires shall support the participation of representative teams in other competitions, and be paid a fee as will be determined by AFL Barwon.

17.DRESS CODE

(a) Each Club must register its official playing uniform - which includes all uniform colours and designs - prior to the commencement of the season for AFL Barwon approval.

(b) AFL Barwon will review each clubs submitted uniforms and advise Clubs of the review outcome. The AFL Barwon uniform review outcome is final.

(c) Clubs must also notify AFL Barwon in writing of any proposed changes to their uniform. AFL Barwon will review proposed changes and advise Clubs of the review outcome. The AFL Barwon outcome is final.

(d) Uniform requirements as per Netball Victoria Infonet M1 (available at www.netballvic.com.au)

(e) All Players must be in correct approved uniform by the first match. If uniforms are not ready - approval must be requested from AFL Barwon on an agreed interim uniform.

(f) No bikini pants, see through pants, slacks, bike pants, or tracksuit pants - except in extreme circumstance (refer (j)) and with the approval of AFL Barwon Netball Manager - are permitted. The ONLY exception is the 11/U players, who may wear matching coloured tracksuit pants & windcheaters - if the weather is inclement.

(g) Skirts must be an appropriate length and may not contain badges or any other advertising.

(h) Club and Panel umpires shall ensure that players:

- Are wearing no jewellery, earrings or nose piercing. NOTE - wedding ring or medical alert bracelet may be taped.
- Fingernails are short & smooth. No taping allowed.
- No gloves except where a qualified and registered medical certificate is provided to the officiating umpires prior to the player taking the court for medical conditions requiring the wearing of gloves.
- Sunglasses are not permitted.

Penalty for breaking any part of Rule 16(e) thru (h) : The offending player may not take the court until rectified.

(i) Bibs must display AFL Barwon approved sponsor/s & Worksafe on the front bib. Worksafe & Club sponsor logo's may ONLY be displayed on the BACK of the bib.

Penalty: \$20 fine per player without the correct sponsor logos displayed.

(j) Clubs are able to register with AFL Barwon – prior to its use - a colour for tracksuit pants and warm up top for use in extreme weather conditions for all grades.

18. CONDUCT OF MATCHES

(a) Timing

(i) 11/U, 13/U (Divisions 1 & 2) ; 15/U (Divisions 1 & 2) ; 17/U (Divisions 1 & 2) ; 19/U; 'D' Grade matches -

- 4 x 10 minute quarters with an interval of 2 minute between the first - second quarters; an interval of 3 minutes at half time; and another 2 minute interval between third and fourth quarters.
- **GFL Only:** C grade matches are to consist of four 4 x 12 minute quarters with a two (2) minute interval at $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ time and with a three (3) minute interval at $\frac{1}{2}$ time
- **BFL Only:** C grade matches are to consist of 4 x 10 minute quarters with an with a two (2) minute interval at $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ time and with a three (3) minute interval at $\frac{1}{2}$ time

(ii) 'A' & 'B' Grade matches -

- 4 x 15 minute quarters with an interval of 3 minutes between the first- second quarters; an interval of 5 minutes at half time; and another 3 minute interval between third and fourth quarters.

(iv) **INJURY OR ILLNESS** - each team is allowed ONE stoppage in each quarter which shall be up to 2 minutes from when time is called by the officiating umpire. Only the Primary Care Personnel is permitted on the court to decide whether an injured or ill player is fit to continue.

(v) For each subsequent stoppage for each team, an injured or ill player must leave the court and has thirty (30) seconds to do so. The player must be treated courtside and not on the court. Player can be substituted or the position left vacant.

Officials

(vi) The Match officials are: Umpires, Scorers, and Timekeepers.

(vii) The Team Officials are Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Captain and up to three (3) other personnel, **ONE** of whom **MUST be a Primary Care Person who is qualified to diagnose and treat injured or ill players.**

(viii) In addition - the maximum of five players not on court at start of play, shall constitute the **Team Bench.**

(ix) Team Officials and Bench players **MUST NOT** engage in any inappropriate comments or any form of inappropriate behaviour; including moving up and down the side lines or along the goal lines, during play.

2014 GFNL Game times

2 Court Venues

8:15am	13 & Under Division 1 & 13 & Under Division 2
9:10am	15 & Under Division 1 & 15 & Under Division 2
10:05am	'D' Grade & 17 & Under Division 1
11:00am	'C' Grade & 17 & Under Division 2
11:55am	'B' Grade & 19 & Under
1:35pm	'A' Grade

1 Court Venues (St Albans ONLY)

8:00am	13 & Under Division 1
8:55am	15 & Under Division 1
9:50am	17 & Under Division 1
10:45am	19 & Under
11:40am	D Grade
12:35pm	C Grade
1:35pm	B Grade
3:00pm	A Grade

1 Court Venues

Friday Night Div. 2 Matches

4:30pm	13/U Division 2
5:30pm	15/U Division 2
6:30pm	17/U Division2

Division 2 Matches will be scheduled on a Friday Night at the home club venue.

2014 BFNL Game times

8:30am	11/U	and	13&U Sec1
9:25am	13&U Sec2	and	17&U Sec1
10:20am	15&U Sec1	and	19/U
11:15am	'D' grade	and	15&U Sec2
12:10pm	'C' grade	and	17&U Sec2
1:05pm	'B' grade		
2:20pm	'A' grade		

(a) After appropriate consultation between competing Clubs where night or twilight matches are scheduled, the Home Club MUST submit the match times to the AFL Barwon Netball Manager no later than 7 days PRIOR TO the proposed playing of the games for necessary approval.

(b) The Home Captain shall toss the coin and visiting Captain shall call.

(c) Any team failing to start play on time shall, after 5 minutes, forfeit 5 goals to the opposition, and a further goal per minute until 10 minutes have elapsed. A forfeit shall then be declared, providing the opposing team has at least 5 or more players present.

Players who umpire must be given appropriate time to change between games. Under these circumstances conditions of a forfeit do not apply. Players who umpire must not delay between games.

(d) In the event of a walkover, a ten (10) goal to nil (0) score will stand in favour of the non-offending team.

Penalty: 'A' Grade - \$80 'B' Grade - \$60 'C' Grade - \$40
 'D' Grade - \$40 19U - \$40 Juniors - \$20

In addition, the offending club is to pay BOTH officiating Panel umpires.

(e) All matches are to be played irrespective of weather conditions. However, if the conditions are considered by either of the officiating umpires, or the Executive Members of both participating Clubs, to present a physical risk to either the players or the umpires, then the umpires shall call a ten (10) minute break. Following this ten (10) minute break the officiating umpires, in consultation with the Executive Members of both participating Clubs, will make a decision as to the future of the match.

(f) If only one match is being played at the time and there are two courts available, the other court can be considered. However, the venue is NOT to be changed.

(g) A decision made by two (2) umpires to abandon a game due to weather conditions must be recorded on the Score card, stating the time, and at what stage in the match that decision was made.

(h) If a junior umpire or a trainee umpire is officiating with a senior umpire for either a junior or senior match, one (1) Executive member from the club represented by the junior umpire/s should make the decision, along with the senior umpire, to abandon a game.

(i) Play in any match, delayed due to weather conditions, is to commence, or resume, upon the direction of the two (2) officiating umpires.

(j) Should a match be abandoned due to dangerous conditions before half time, a draw will be awarded. Should a match be abandoned due to dangerous conditions after half time, the score will stand.

Penalty Any team, which fails to take the court when so directed, will be declared as forfeiting the match and four (4) Premiership points will be awarded to the non-offending team. Payment of the fees applicable to the two (2) umpires will be charged to the offending Club.

(k) In the event of an equipment fault, the umpires shall consult with Executive Members of both Clubs. The umpires shall then make a decision as to whether the match can be continued on an adjacent or alternative outdoor court, or abandoned. A decision made by two (2) umpires to abandon a game due to equipment fault, must be recorded on the Score card, stating the equipment fault and the time at what stage in the match that decision was made.

(l) It is compulsory for Clubs to use AFL Barwon Match day ball as nominated by AFL Barwon this season

for all junior and senior matches (including Division 3) . These balls are available from the AFL Barwon offices.

(m) No alcohol or smoking is permitted within the court area or surrounding area. Such area's shall be appropriately marked – e.g. signs – by each club at its home courts.

RESCHEDULED MATCHES

(a) Starting times of Home and Away matches can only be changed, with consent of both teams, AFTER seeking and receiving approval from the AFL Barwon Netball Manager. If approval is not given, times are to be adhered to.

(b) Promotional and/or Fundraising Matches - Any two clubs involved in such matches are to apply to the AFL Barwon Netball Manager by phone **AND** email for approval to reschedule any matches outdoors or indoors to be played within seven (7) days of such scheduled match.

(c) Both Club Presidents/Directors must be in agreeance with the request for rescheduling before submitting the request to AFL Barwon. Such request is to include the proposed venue for the match – either outdoor or indoor. Upon approval from AFL Barwon a match can be changed in accordance with the advised decision.

(d) Requests for a re-scheduled match must be e-mailed to AFL Barwon Netball Manager at least 14 days prior to the original match date. Requests within 14 days of the original match date will not be considered.

(e) The AFL Barwon Umpire Co-ordinator must be advised immediately of rescheduled 'A' or 'B' grade matches.

19. SCORING

(a) Each team must provide a non-participating scorer for all matches.

Penalty: \$20.00 fine to the offending club.

(b) Each home team must provide a scoreboard and a non-participating score board attendant for all matches.

(c) The Home team scorer is to record on the official scoresheet. The Away team scorer is to act as check-scorer and timekeeper. The timekeeper shall walk behind the umpire for the final 10 seconds of each quarter.

(d) Notify the umpire when there are 30 seconds and 10 seconds remaining prior to the start of the game and the end of an interval or stoppage.

(e) Subsequent stoppage for injury or illness notify the umpire when 10 seconds remain prior to the end of the stoppage.

(f) The official scoresheet and timing device must, at all times, be placed in full view of both scorers for the duration of matches.

(g) Scorers must be 14 years of age or over.

Penalty: \$20.00 fine to the offending club.

(h) The official scorers must sit together for the duration of the match at the location to be known as the score bench. Scorers **MUST** be allowed a clear and uninterrupted view of the game when locating the score bench.

(i) AFL Barwon official scoresheets are to be used.

(j) The scoresheet will list the complete names (both given and surname) of all players intending to take the court in alphabetical order (surname first) prior to the commencement of play.

(k) Names on the scoresheet must not be added or altered after the commencement of play. Any player's who take the court without having been named on the scoresheet, must be removed immediately and cannot participate in the rest of the match. The scoresheet shall also indicate the positions played each quarter, the goals scored and the match score.

Penalty: Offending player to be removed immediately from the court. For the period the player was on the court, the score for that team is removed – scorers to notate on scoresheet - plus a \$100.00 fine to the offending Club.

(l) At the match conclusion, to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the official scoresheet is correct, it is to be signed by:

- i. the captains of both competing teams,
- ii. both the officiating umpires, and
- iii. both the scorers

Penalty: \$20 fine to Club or Panel Umpire

(m) On match day, the Home Club is responsible for entering the results onto the internet by 4:30pm. and is to include the following:

- Quarter by quarter scores and the Final Score
- Best Players (No team effort)
- Successful Goals
- No of Goal Attempts (not in 11/U, 13 & U and 15 & U)
- Quarters played for each player

Please Note: It is the responsibility of the **HOME** team to ensure all this information is correct before entering the data.

Penalty: \$100.00 fine.

(m) It is the responsibility of the Home Club to ensure that all match day paperwork (score sheets, votes, playing area checklist be sealed in the AFL Barwon Match Day Envelope and delivered to AFL Barwon by 10.00am on the first working day following the match. Outside office hours, it should be placed in the window slip at AFL Barwon.

Penalty: \$100.00 fine

(l) Should there be a discrepancy in the score at the conclusion of any match, the officiating umpires will, after consultation with the Official Scorer and Check Scorer and, if required, coaches and Club officials, make a determination as to the score which will be recorded as the Official Match Score.

(m) It is the responsibility of the 'A' Grade Coach from each club to email the 'A' Grade Media Report to the AFL Barwon Netball Manager & nominated publicity officer by 6 p.m. on Match Days.

Penalty: \$50 fine if media report is not received by deadline set.

20. LADDERS

(a) 4 Premiership Points will be awarded for a win in the Home and Away matches.

2 Premiership Points will be awarded to each side in the event of a drawn Home & Away match.

4 Premiership Points will be awarded for a Bye.

2 Premiership Points will be awarded to each side in the event of a game abandoned due to weather, or equipment fault, before half time.

4 Premiership Points will be awarded to the team in front (i.e. score will stand) in the event of a game being abandoned due to weather, or equipment fault after half time.

In competitions involving an uneven number of byes for competing teams, the AFL Barwon shall also prepare a match ratio which reflects the number of wins by each team against the number of matches played by each team.

21. FINALS

(a) The number of points gained during the season shall determine teams qualifying for finals. In the event of teams being equal on points, positions shall be determined by percentage of goals scored for and against. In the event of teams being equal on percentage, positions shall be determined by the greater number of goals scored for.

All decisions of the League in respect of the calculation of the points and percentages shall be final and binding.

(b) GFNL Finals Series

Qualifying Final (i) 2nd v 3rd

Elimination Final (ii) 4th v 5th

1st: Week off

First Semi Final (iii) Loser of (i) v Winner of (ii)

Second Semi Final (iv) 1st v Winner of (i)

Preliminary Final (v) Winner of (iii) v Loser of (iv)

Grand Final (vi) Winner of (iv) v Winner of (v)

BFNL Finals Series

Semi Final 1 (i) 1st v 2nd

Semi Final 2 (ii) 3rd v 4th

Preliminary Final (iii) Winner of (ii) v Loser of (i)

Grand Final (iiii) Winner of (i) v Winner of (iii)

(c) Teams found playing an ineligible player during finals will be considered to have lost that match and be subject to a fine set by AFL Barwon.

(d) Matches shall be conducted for finals as for home and away matches. The starting times may vary and Clubs will be advised accordingly.

(e) Drawn matches in finals:

(i) There is a two (2) minute time allowance to enable teams to change ends and scores to be verified on the scoresheet.

(ii) Positional changes and substitutions may be made during change over time.

(iii) 2 x 5 minute halves will be played (13U thru 'C' Grade) ; 'B' Grade – 2 x 6 minute halves; and 'A' Grade – 2 x 7 minute halves. C GRADE IN GFL ONLY: 2 x 6 minute halves will be played

(iv) At the end of the first half teams have a 1 minute break, teams change ends, positional changes & substitutions are allowed.

(v) Should there still be a draw at the end of the second half of extra time, Play continues until one team has a two-goal advantage and is therefore declared the winner.

(vi) Each team will be allowed ONLY ONE 2 MINUTE INJURY STOPPAGE DURING THE TWO 'EXTRA TIME' QUARTERS, and only the Primary Care Personnel are permitted on the court to decide whether an injured or ill player is fit to continue.

(vii) For subsequent injury stoppages for each team, the injured or ill player must leave the court and has thirty (30) seconds to do so. The player must be treated courtside and not on court. The player can be substituted or the position left vacant.

(viii) Should an injury occur after the playing of the two quarters of 'extra time', it will be deemed to be a subsequent injury as per (vii) above.

(f) In each finals match the Captain whose team finished lowest at the conclusion of the Home & Away games shall toss the coin and the Captain whose team finished the higher at the conclusion of the Home & Away games shall call.

(f) In the **GFNL ONLY** any Junior is eligible to play in two finals - one junior and one senior - over one weekend of finals as long as they are qualified as per 13(b) .

(g) In the **BFNL ONLY** any Junior is eligible to play in two finals on the same day but not in the same age group. All players must be qualified as per rule 13(a)

(h) Senior players are only eligible to play in one final, per weekend.

(i) In the GFNL ONLY 19/U players only - are allowed to play 'C' & 'D' grade finals also as long as they are qualified as per 13(a) .

(j) Presentation Ceremonies for both Junior and Senior divisions will be determined by AFL Barwon in consultation with Member Clubs.

(k) If requested by AFL Barwon - all clubs will be allocated a responsibility during the Final series.

(l) In the event of a team being unable to contest a Final series match, the AFL Barwon Netball Manager must be notified by the Thursday prior to the scheduled day of the match.

Walkover fees will apply.

(m) Where a team, scheduled to play in the first round of the Final series, advises that it is unable to contest that match, the team which was placed fifth (5th BFNL) or (6th GFNL) at the conclusion of the Home & Away series will be promoted, and each other team within the top 4 (BFNL) or 5 (GFNL) five promoted accordingly.

(n) Where a team, scheduled to play in any subsequent round of the Final series, advises that it is unable to contest that match, a walkover will be given to the opposing team which will then have automatic entry to the next round of the series.

(o) A team which is unable to contest one final will not be permitted to take part in subsequent finals in the same season.

(p) Club officials are responsible for submission of the starting team list to the Convener of finals for that day - at least thirty (30) minutes prior to commencement of the match. Players must take the court in the nominated positions.

(q) Final matches are to be played irrespective of weather conditions. However, if the conditions are considered by either or both the officiating umpires, or the Executive Members of both participating Clubs, to present a physical risk to either the players or the umpires, then the umpires shall call a ten (10) minute break. Then after the break, the officiating umpires, in consultation with both the Executive Members of the participating Clubs, and with the AFL Barwon Netball Manager, will make a decision as to the future of the match.

(r) Play in any match, delayed due to weather conditions, is to commence, or resume, upon the direction of the (2) officiating umpires.

(s) A decision made by the two (2) officiating umpires to abandon a match due to weather conditions must be recorded on the Score card, stating the time, and at what stage in the match that decision was made.

(t) Alternative arrangements will be determined by AFL Barwon in consultation with Member Clubs.

(u) Each match will be individually timed. The time keeper must be up and stay with the Umpire 10 seconds before the end of each quarter, including the end of the game. At no time are the scorers or timekeepers to be approached or indicate to playing team members or officials during a match to clarify scores or to answer queries regarding the amount of time remaining. It is the responsibility of the Captain ONLY to approach officials at the intervals or after the match.

(v) Independent scorers will be allocated to each Junior & Senior finals game by AFL Barwon.

(w) Blood Policy and Injury Time Rules must be adhered to during matches as per Netball Victoria rules. At no time is a player allowed to leave the court unless directed to do so by the Umpire/Coach/Sports Trainer in order that any bleeding and/or injury can be assessed.

22.FORFEITS

(a) In the event that a team forfeits a match, the Club must notify the AFL Barwon Netball Manager in writing prior to the match day.

Penalty: 'A'- 10 - nil score line awarded to the non-offending team.

'A' Grade: \$100 fine

'B' Grade: \$80 fine

'C' Grade: \$60 fine

'D' Grade: \$40 fine

19U Grade: \$40 fine

Juniors: \$40 fine

(b) In the event of a match-day forfeit, the penalties outlined in Rule 22(a) apply and **IN ADDITION, the offending team must pay both umpires' match fees.**

(c) Qualifications will be awarded to the non-offending team entered on the database. 28 quarters will be allocated across the players at coaches instruction. If teams are not entered on the database by the time set by the league at the commencement of the season, qualification quarters will not be awarded.

23. GEELONG JUNIOR NETBALL

(a) Overflow 11/U, 13/U, 15/U and 17/U teams will participate at Kardinia Park (outdoor courts) on a Friday afternoon following a fixture that will be devised according to the number of teams entered.

(b) Once a player takes the court for a Division 1 Saturday team they are unable to play in the Friday Night Competition.

(c) Players commencing the season in Division 2 Saturday competition are permitted to play the Friday Night Competition but only in the next age group above ie: 13/U - 15/U

Players Commencing the season in the Friday Night Competition (Any Division) can play Division 2 Saturday only. Once they play 24 quarters in the Saturday Div 2 team they can no longer play Friday Night in that age group.

Players Cannot play in both Saturday Div 2 & Friday Night Finals

Netball manager can grant approval for players to swap division if request is received within the first 3 weeks of competition. ie Div 2 Saturday to Div 3 Friday in the same age group

(d) Players must take the court in at least 20 quarters in a division throughout the home and away season to be eligible to participate in that division's finals series. If the minimum of 20 quarters is not played the player is ineligible to play finals. **NOTE – to be eligible under this rule – a player MUST have PLAYED ON COURT during the games that player team sheets have been submitted throughout the home and away game series. Where teams play less than 80% of the maximum number of scheduled games, a pro rata system will apply.**

Penalty: Score line will be recorded as 10 - nil in favour of the non offending team or match result which ever is the better outcome for the non offending team. Fine for the offending team: \$100.

(e) Clubs must provide enough Badged umpires to cover their under 11's matches

(f) . Clubs must provide a Badged umpire for all Under 17's teams entered

(g) In the event of a club fielding 2 or more teams in the same age group, movement of players between teams is allowed throughout the first 4 weeks whilst grading takes place, after which players may not move between teams.

Penalty: Score line will be recorded as 10 - nil in favour of the non offending team or match result which ever is the better outcome for the non offending team. Fine for the offending team: \$100

(h) Trophies will be awarded as per Rule 26 – AWARDS.

(i) In the event of inclement weather or dangerous court conditions a decision will be made by AFL Barwon to cancel matches by 3.30pm and teams will be notified by phone or email by 4p.m. on the day of proposed play.

24.11 & UNDER: GFNL & BFNL Division 2 11/U

(a) 4 x 10 minute quarters with an interval of 1 minute between the first-second quarters, a 3 minute interval at half time and a further 1 minute interval between the third and fourth quarters.

(b) 11 & Under teams will participate at Kardinia Park (outdoor courts) on a Friday afternoon following a fixture that will be devised according to the number of teams.

- (c) 11 & Under teams do not compete for premiership points.
- (d) Results to be entered onto Netball Vic database by AFL Barwon Staff for the purpose of grading for the 11/U Carnival only. Ladders will not be published online or in the media.
- (e) Results and Best Players will be published on the AFL Barwon Website and through the media.
- (f) In the 11 & Under Grade, boys can participate on an unrestricted basis with respect to number of boys on court and positions played.
- (g) All 11 & Under players will be presented with a participation trophy after the completion of the season.
- (h) All players playing in the 11/U competition must be 9 years of age before 31/12/2014.

25. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

AFL Barwon will impose the prescribed penalty or any other penalty to any member/team that fails to adhere to these Bylaws. AFL Barwon as the governing body have the authority to identify breaches and enforce the by-law penalties to ensure the integrity of the competition is maintained at all times.

A team wishing to protest a scoring issue must:

- (i) Not sign the Official scoresheet; but mark it with notice of intention to protest - then notify AFL Barwon Netball Manager of the protest.
- (ii) Lodge the protest in writing with the AFL Barwon Netball Manager within 48 hours of the match being played / finished.
- (iii) AFL Barwon will then discuss the issue with the relevant Club or Teams and make a decision regarding the matter. AFL Barwon shall inform the party/ies involved of their decision either verbally or in writing; or
- (iv) Have an informal meeting with the relevant party/ies in order to discuss and resolve the dispute.
- (v) AFL Barwon's decision on all By law breaches is final and cannot be appealed.

Any member of a Club or Team who does not agree with a penalty imposed by AFL Barwon for breaches of Netball Victoria/Australia codes of conduct, policies & regulations, may appeal through the AFL Barwon Appeals Officer (Region General Manager) as per the process stipulated in the Netball Victoria Competition regulations.

The appeal must be accompanied by a \$250 cheque of which:

- (ii) \$150 will be returned to the Club if the appeal is upheld.
- (iii) Up to \$150 will be returned to the Club if the appeal is dismissed. (At the discretion of the Appeals Board)
- (iv) Up to \$150 will be returned to the Club if the appeal is not heard. (At the discretion of the Appeals Board)

26. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Refer to documentation circulated by AFL Barwon Netball Manager at the appropriate times throughout the season.

27. INTERLEAGUE MATCHES

27.1 The Commission may select any players registered with the League from time to time to participate in inter-league matches to represent the Commission.

27.2 Any player selected to participate in inter-league matches must play for the Commission and any failure to do so shall be dealt with by the Commission as it sees fit.

27.3 In all cases under 26.2 of this Rule it shall be sufficient to answer:

(a) That the Region General Manager received from the player not less than two clear days before the date of the match a written explanation of his inability to play satisfactory to the Commission.

(b) That the Region General Manager received within two days after the date of the match a medical certificate that the player was unfit owing to illness or injury to play. (Refer to AFL Barwon Interleague Policy)

27.4 In the case of a registered playing coach of any Affiliated Club it shall not be sufficient explanation under 26.3 that business affairs prevented her from playing.

27.5 The Commission may continue with home and away matches notwithstanding any representative fixture on the same day. No player selected for a representative team shall take part in a home and away match on the same day.

27.6 No person shall be qualified to play in any interleague team unless she is qualified to play for a League Affiliated Club in matches played under the auspices of the League.

28. AWARDS

(a) The following player awards will be presented for each season, in each grade except 11 & Under.

(i) Best & Fairest

(ii) Runner-Up Best & Fairest

(b) Voting for Best & Fairest shall be as follows: (in line with By-Law 15 (d) (i) & (ii) -

The match umpires shall award votes of the best and fairest three players in each game, Voting shall be 3 votes for the best and fairest player; 2 votes for the second best and fairest player and 1 vote for the third best and fairest player. The players name must be written in full and the players club must also be completed.

Votes shall be placed in the envelope provided by AFL Barwon and included in the Match Day Envelope. It is to be clearly signed by both umpires on the card and also across the seal of the envelope once the card is enclosed.

Penalty: \$10 fine to the Home Club per missing signature on the back of the envelope. \$10 fine to the offending umpire/s.

(d) A Best & Fairest trophy shall be awarded to the player who receives the highest number of votes in each of the Senior and Junior sections.

(e) A Runner-up trophy shall be awarded to the player who receives the second highest number of votes in each of the Senior and Junior sections.

(f) In the event of a draw for either award, trophies shall be awarded to each of the applicable players.

(g) The AFL Barwon Operational Staff shall be responsible for the counting of Best & Fairest votes.

(h) A Club Championship trophy shall be awarded at the end of the current season.

(i) Best & Fairest votes transfer with a player who transfers between Clubs.

(j) A team which has won every match during the **HOME & AWAY and FINAL SERIES shall be declared CHAMPIONS**. A drawn match is not deemed a win.

(k) All 11 & Under players will receive an appropriate participation award.

(l) The AFL Barwon operational staff or any member of an affiliated club may put forward a nomination for any of the following awards:

Details of the following awards are available on the AFL Barwon website (www.footballgeelong.com.au)

(i) Junior Umpire Encouragement Award

(ii) Rookie of the Year (Player)

(iii) Umpire of the Year

(iv) Junior Coach Encouragement Award

(v) Life Membership

(vi) Football Netball Geelong Service Recognition award

(m) Other forms of recognition will be awarded by AFL Barwon as deemed appropriate.

BFNL Awards Only:

(i) Dow Junior Educational Scholarship

(ii) Dow Educational Scholarship

CRITERIA FOR ALL AWARDS CAN BE FOUND ON AFL BARWON WEBSITE ALONG WITH APPLICATION FORMS AND NOMINATION CLOSING DATES.

29. RISK MANAGEMENT

(a) Injury Reporting

(i) All Clubs are responsible for recording ALL injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players' guardian (if aged under 18) Clubs are to store the Injury Reporting Sheets.

(ii) All players in a AFL Barwon representative teams are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players' guardian (if aged under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheet.

(b) Pregnancy – as per Netball Victoria Infonet RM1 – Pregnancy & Netball (available at www.netballvic.com.au)

(c) First Aid

(i) Clubs shall be responsible for their own first aid through the home and away season and finals.

(ii) Clubs are to have ice available at courtside.

(d) Codes of Behaviour – AFL Barwon will adopt Codes of Behaviour as prescribed in the Netball Victoria Member Protection Regulation. Please refer to Netball Victoria Infonet RM12 – Codes of Behaviour (available at www.netballvic.com.au)

(e) Playing Area Safety Checklist

(a) Checklist to be completed before any games played. There may be a need to review this checklist throughout the day - e. g. inclement weather.

(b) If after the review has taken place, a category has the answer "NO", then actions should be taken to fix the problem before any matches begin.

(c) Any matters concerning Court Surface, Goal Posts or Weather should be referred immediately to the AFL Barwon Netball Manager (0458 416 775) .

(f) A copy of the completed Match Day Checklist must be submitted in the Match Day paper work envelope.

(g) A copy of the Match Day Checklist can be found on the AFL Barwon Website. (www.footballgeelong.com.au)

(h) Heat Policy

In the event of extreme weather conditions above 28 degrees, the following steps must be taken:

(i) All quarters will be reduced and breaks extended by the following:

- 11, 13, 15, 17 & 19 Under Matches

7 minute quarters

3 minute $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$ Breaks, 5 minute $\frac{1}{2}$ time break

- 'C' & 'D' Grade

7 Minutes quarters

3 minute $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$ Breaks, 5 minute $\frac{1}{2}$ time break

- 'B' & 'A' Grade

12 minute quarters

5 minute $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$ Breaks, 7 minute $\frac{1}{2}$ time break

In the event of weather conditions of over 35 degrees it will be up to the discretion of the two clubs and umpires as to whether games will go ahead.

Clubs will be emailed on the Friday to advise if the above changes will be put in place on the weekend's matches. It is up to the clubs to inform both Club and Panel Umpires of these changes on match day.

(ii) In the event of weather conditions on a Friday of over 35 degrees at 4pm the decision will be made by AFL Barwon to cancel the matches. And all clubs will be notified by email or phone by 4 pm.

Please ensure that sunscreen is readily available courtside for players and umpires.

(i) Photography / Video Footage

No photographs or video footage is to be taken at junior matches without the written consent of the opposing coach or team manager.

Clubs will be given a list of teams within the League that may not be photographed under any circumstances.

30. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Where a By-law is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of AFL Barwon Netball Competitions is maintained at all times. An appropriate penalty may also be enforced.

The Appeals Committee may, in using its reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in this By-Law relating to AFL Barwon.

31. INDEMNITY

Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, AFL Barwon and its representative directors, officers, members, servants or agents are absolved from all liability however arising from injury or damage, however caused, arising whilst participating as a member.

32. CLUBS IN DEFAULT OF PAYMENTS

In the case of clubs failing to make such payments, unless acceptable alternative arrangements are made with the AFL Barwon RGM - clubs will be subject to AFL Barwon's Payments Default Policy as outlined below.

Failure to meet payment within specified 21 day period, unless that Club has entered into a formal agreement with the AFL Barwon RGM, will result in that Club being subject to the following process.

Step 1: As a reminder, Club President to be contacted by AFL Barwon on the day after payment falls due via email. The email will contain details of the relevant outstanding invoice/s.

Step 2: Payment of any outstanding amount to be made within 4 business days of reminder being issued. Failure to pay within this time will result in a \$100 administration fee being imposed relevant to the outstanding amount.

Step 3: For each subsequent period of 5 business days that elapses until payment is made, an additional \$100 administration levy will be imposed with NO limit.



GFNL 2014 FIXTURE

Round 1		Venue
Saturday, April 5		
Bell Park vs. Leopold		Hamlyn Park
Colac vs. Lara		Central Reserve
Grovedale vs. South Barwon		Burdoo Reserve
North Shore vs. Newtown & Chilwell		Windsor Park
St Albans vs. Geelong West St Peters		St Albans Reserve
St Marys vs. St Josephs		St Mary's Oval
Round 2		Venue
Saturday, April 12		
Bell Park vs. St Josephs		Hamlyn Park
Grovedale vs. North Shore		Burdoo Reserve
Leopold vs. St Albans		Leopold Memorial Park
Newtown & Chilwell vs. Lara		Elderslie Reserve
South Barwon vs. St Marys		McDonalds Reserve
Friday April 18 (Good Friday)		
Geelong West St Peters vs. Colac		West Oval
Saturday, April 19 (Easter Saturday)		
No club Football or Netball		
Round 3		Venue
Friday April 25		
South Barwon vs. St Josephs		McDonalds Reserve

Round 3 (Cont'd)		Venue
Saturday, April 26		
Lara vs. North Shore		Bisinella Oval
Newtown & Chilwell vs. Leopold		Elderslie Reserve
St Albans vs. Bell Park		St Albans Reserve
St Marys vs. Colac		St Mary's Oval
Sunday, April 27		
Geelong West St Peters vs. Grovedale		West Oval
Round 4		Venue
Saturday, May 3		
Bell Park vs. Lara		Hamlyn Park
Colac vs. South Barwon		Central Reserve
Grovedale vs. Newtown & Chilwell		Burdoo Reserve
North Shore vs. Geelong West St Peters		Windsor Park
St Josephs vs. Leopold		Drew Reserve
St Marys vs. St Albans		St Mary's Oval
Round 5		Venue
Saturday, May 10		
Colac vs. St Albans		Central Reserve
Geelong West St Peters vs. Bell Park		West Oval
St Marys vs. Lara		St Mary's Oval
Leopold vs. North Shore		Leopold Memorial Park
South Barwon vs. Newtown & Chilwell		McDonalds Reserve
St Josephs vs. Grovedale		Drew Reserve

Round 6		Venue
Saturday, May 17		
Grovedale vs. Bell Park		Burdoo Reserve
Leopold vs. South Barwon		Leopold Memorial Park
Newtown & Chilwell vs. Colac		Elderslie Reserve
North Shore vs. St Josephs		Windsor Park
St Albans vs. Lara		St Albans Reserve
St Marys vs. Geelong West St Peters		St Mary's Oval
Worksafe AFL Vic Country Championships		Venue
Saturday, May 24		
GFNL vs. Mornington Peninsula		TBA
Round 7		Venue
Saturday, May 31		
Bell Park vs. Newtown & Chilwell		Hamlyn Park
Colac vs. Leopold		Central Reserve
Geelong West St Peters vs. St Josephs		West Oval
Lara vs. Grovedale		Bisinella Oval
North Shore vs. St Marys		Windsor Park
South Barwon vs. St Albans		McDonalds Reserve
Round 8		Venue
Saturday, June 7		
Bell Park vs. South Barwon		Hamlyn Park
Grovedale vs. Colac		Burdoo Reserve
Lara vs. Leopold		Bisinella Oval
Newtown & Chilwell vs. Geelong West St Peters		Elderslie Reserve
St Albans vs. North Shore		St Albans Reserve
St Josephs vs. St Marys		Drew Reserve

Round 9		Venue
Saturday, June 14		
Colac vs. St Josephs		Central Reserve
Leopold vs. Geelong West St Peters		Leopold Memorial Park
North Shore vs. Bell Park		Windsor Park
South Barwon vs. Lara		McDonalds Reserve
St Albans vs. Newtown & Chilwell		St Albans Reserve
St Marys vs. Grovedale		St Mary's Oval
Round 10		Venue
Saturday, June 21		
Bell Park vs. Colac		Hamlyn Park
Geelong West St Peters vs. Lara		West Oval
Grovedale vs. St Albans		Burdoo Reserve
Leopold vs. St Marys		Leopold Memorial Park
Newtown & Chilwell vs. North Shore		Elderslie Reserve
St Josephs vs. South Barwon		Drew Reserve
Round 11		Venue
Saturday, June 28		
Geelong West St Peters vs. South Barwon		West Oval
Grovedale vs. Leopold		Burdoo Reserve
Lara vs. Newtown & Chilwell		Bisinella Oval
North Shore vs. Colac		Windsor Park
St Josephs vs. St Albans		Drew Reserve
St Marys vs. Bell Park		St Mary's Oval

Round 12		Venue
Saturday, July 5		
Colac vs. Geelong West St Peters		Central Reserve
Lara vs. Bell Park		Bisinella Oval
Leopold vs. St Josephs		Leopold Memorial Park
Newtown & Chilwell vs. Grovedale		Elderslie Reserve
South Barwon vs. North Shore		McDonalds Reserve
St Albans vs. St Marys		St Albans Reserve
LEAGUE BYE		
Saturday, July 12		
Round 13 (EJ Whitten Foundation Rivalry Round)		Venue
Saturday, July 19		
Bell Park vs. Geelong West St Peters		Hamlyn Park
Colac vs. St Marys		Central Reserve
North Shore vs. Lara		Windsor Park
South Barwon vs. Grovedale		McDonalds Reserve
St Albans vs. Leopold		St Albans Reserve
St Josephs vs. Newtown & Chilwell		Drew Reserve
Round 14		Venue
Saturday, July 26		
Bell Park vs. St Albans		Hamlyn Park
Geelong West St Peters vs. North Shore		West Oval
Grovedale vs. St Josephs		Burdoo Reserve
Lara vs. Colac		Bisinella Oval
Leopold vs. Newtown & Chilwell		Leopold Memorial Park
St Marys vs. South Barwon		St Mary's Oval

Round 15		Venue
Saturday, August 2		
Colac vs. Grovedale		Central Reserve
Newtown & Chilwell vs. Bell Park		Elderslie Reserve
North Shore vs. Leopold		Windsor Park
St Albans vs. South Barwon		St Albans Reserve
St Josephs vs. Geelong West St Peters		Drew Reserve
Lara vs. St Marys		Bisinella Oval
Round 16 "Just Think" Round		Venue
Saturday, August 9		
Colac vs. Newtown & Chilwell		Central Reserve
Geelong West St Peters vs. St Albans		West Oval
Grovedale vs. St Marys		Burdoo Reserve
Leopold vs. Lara		Leopold Memorial Park
South Barwon vs. Bell Park		McDonalds Reserve
St Josephs vs. North Shore		Drew Reserve
Round 17		Venue
Saturday, August 16		
Bell Park vs. Grovedale		Hamlyn Park
Geelong West St Peters vs. Leopold		West Oval
Lara vs. St Josephs		Bisinella Oval
Newtown & Chilwell vs. South Barwon		Elderslie Reserve
St Albans vs. Colac		St Albans Reserve
St Marys vs. North Shore		St Mary's Oval

Round 18		Venue
Saturday, August 23		
Lara vs. St Albans		Bisinella Oval
Leopold vs. Bell Park		Leopold Memorial Park
Newtown & Chilwell vs. St Marys		Elderslie Reserve
North Shore vs. Grovedale		Windsor Park
South Barwon vs. Geelong West St Peters		McDonalds Reserve
St Josephs vs. Colac		Drew Reserve

FINALS		Date
August		
GFNL Qualifying Finals		Saturday 30
GFNL Elimination Finals		Sunday 31
September		
GFNL 2nd Semi Finals		Saturday 6
GFNL 1st Semi Finals		Sunday 7
GFNL Preliminary Finals		Saturday 13
GFNL Grand Finals		Saturday 20



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Round 1	Venue
Saturday, April 5	
Newcomb v Ocean Grove	Grinter Reserve
Torquay v Geelong Amateur *NIGHT MATCH	Spring Creek Reserve
Queenscliff v Drysdale	Queenscliff Recreation Reserve
Portarlington v Barwon Heads	Portarlington Recreation Reserve
Anglesea v Modewarre	Alcoa Oval
Round 2	Venue
Saturday, April 12	
Ocean Grove v Queenscliff	Ocean Grove Memorial Oval
Geelong Amateur v Portarlington	Queen's Park
Newcomb v Anglesea	Grinter Reserve
Barwon Heads v Torquay	Howard Harmer Oval
Drysdale v Modewarre	Drysdale Recreation Reserve
Round 3 (Easter Weekend)	Venue
Saturday, April 19	
Ocean Grove v Drysdale	Ocean Grove Memorial Oval
Torquay v Modewarre *NIGHT MATCH	Spring Creek Reserve
Queenscliff v Geelong Amateur	Queenscliff Recreation Reserve
Anglesea v Barwon Heads	Alcoa Oval
Portarlington v Newcomb	Portarlington Recreation Reserve
Round 4	Venue
Friday, April 25	
Drysdale v Portarlington	Drysdale Recreation Reserve
Saturday, April 26	
Anglesea v Queenscliff	Alcoa Oval
Barwon Heads v Newcomb	Howard Harmer Oval
Modewarre v Geelong Amateur	Community Bank Oval
Torquay v Ocean Grove *NIGHT MATCH	Spring Creek Reserve

Round 5		Venue
Saturday, May 3		
Ocean Grove v Modewarre		Ocean Grove Memorial Oval
Portarlington v Torquay		Portarlington Recreation Reserve
Queenscliff v Barwon Heads		Queenscliff Recreation Reserve
Newcomb v Drysdale		Grinter Reserve
Geelong Amateur v Anglesea		Queen's Park
Round 6		Venue
Saturday, May 10		
Torquay v Anglesea		Spring Creek Reserve
Portarlington v Queenscliff		Portarlington Recreation Reserve
Drysdale v Geelong Amateur		Drysdale Recreation Reserve
Barwon Heads v Ocean Grove		Howard Harmer Oval
Modewarre v Newcomb		Community Bank Oval
Round 7		Venue
Saturday, May 17		
Ocean Grove v Portarlington		Ocean Grove Memorial Oval
Torquay v Queenscliff		Spring Creek Reserve
Barwon Heads v Modewarre		Howard Harmer Oval
Newcomb v Geelong Amateur		Grinter Reserve
Anglesea v Drysdale		Alcoa Oval
Worksafe AFL Vic Country Championships		Venue
Saturday, May 24		
Bellarine FNL v Casey Cardinia FNL		Simonds Stadium
Round 8		Venue
Saturday, May 31		
Queenscliff v Modewarre		Queenscliff Recreation Reserve
Newcomb v Torquay		Grinter Reserve
Portarlington v Anglesea		Portarlington Recreation Reserve
Geelong Amateur v Ocean Grove		Queen's Park
Drysdale v Barwon Heads		Drysdale Recreation Reserve

Round 9		Venue
Saturday, June 7		
Torquay v Drysdale		Spring Creek Reserve
Modewarre v Portarlington		Community Bank Oval
Queenscliff v Newcomb		Queenscliff Recreation Reserve
Anglesea v Ocean Grove		Alcoa Oval
Geelong Amateur v Barwon Heads		Queen's Park
Round 10		Venue
Saturday, June 14		
Saturday , Ocean Grove v Newcomb		Ocean Grove Memorial Oval
Drysdale v Queenscliff		Drysdale Recreation Reserve
Portarlington v Geelong Amateur		Portarlington Recreation Reserve
Barwon Heads v Anglesea		Howard Harmer Oval
Sunday, June 15		
Modewarre v Torquay		Community Bank Oval
Round 11		Venue
Saturday, June 21		
Torquay v Portarlington		Spring Creek Reserve
Queenscliff v Anglesea		Queenscliff Recreation Reserve
Newcomb v Barwon Heads		Grinter Reserve
Drysdale v Ocean Grove		Drysdale Recreation Reserve
Geelong Amateur v Modewarre		Queen's Park
Round 12		Venue
Saturday, June 28		
Anglesea v Geelong Amateur		Alcoa Oval
Newcomb v Portarlington		Grinter Reserve
Barwon Heads v Queenscliff		Howard Harmer Oval
Ocean Grove v Torquay		Ocean Grove Memorial Oval
Modewarre v Drysdale		Community Bank Oval

Round 13		Venue
Saturday, July 5		
Drysdale v Newcomb		Drysdale Recreation Reserve
Torquay v Barwon Heads		Spring Creek Reserve
Modewarre v Anglesea		Community Bank Oval
Portarlington v Ocean Grove		Portarlington Recreation Reserve
Geelong Amateur v Queenscliff		Queen's Park
LEAGUE BYE		Venue
Saturday, July 12		
Round 14 (EJ Whitten Rivalry Round)		Venue
Saturday, July 19		
Ocean Grove v Barwon Heads		Ocean Grove Memorial Oval
Anglesea v Torquay		Alcoa Oval
Queenscliff v Portarlington		Queenscliff Recreation Reserve
Newcomb v Modewarre		Grinter Reserve
Geelong Amateur v Drysdale		Queen's Park
Round 15		Venue
Saturday, July 26		
Ocean Grove v Geelong Amateur		Ocean Grove Memorial Oval
Drysdale v Torquay		Drysdale Recreation Reserve
Modewarre v Queenscliff		Community Bank Oval
Barwon Heads v Portarlington		Howard Harmer Oval
Anglesea v Newcomb		Alcoa Oval
Round 16		Venue
Saturday, August 2		
Portarlington v Modewarre		Portarlington Recreation Reserve
Queenscliff v Ocean Grove		Queenscliff Recreation Reserve
Torquay v Newcomb		Spring Creek Reserve
Barwon Heads v Geelong Amateur		Howard Harmer Oval
Drysdale v Anglesea		Drysdale Recreation Reserve

Round 17 ("Just Think" Round)		Venue
Saturday, August 9		
Newcomb v Queenscliff		Grinter Reserve
Modewarre v Barwon Heads		Community Bank Oval
Ocean Grove v Anglesea		Ocean Grove Memorial Oval
Portarlinton v Drysdale		Portarlinton Recreation Reserve
Sunday, August 10		
Geelong Amateur v Torquay		Queen's Park
Round 18		Venue
Saturday, August 16		
Modewarre v Ocean Grove		Community Bank Oval
Queenscliff v Torquay		Queenscliff Recreation Reserve
Geelong Amateur v Newcomb		Queen's Park
Anglesea v Portarlinton		Alcoa Oval
Barwon Heads v Drysdale		Howard Harmer Oval

FOOTBALL FINALS		Date
August		
BFNL Qualifying Finals		Saturday 23
BFNL Elimination Finals		Sunday 24
BFNL 2nd Semi Finals		Saturday 30
BFNL 1st Semi Finals		Sunday 31
September		
BFNL Preliminary Finals		Saturday 6
BFNL Grand Finals		Saturday 13

NETBALL FINALS		Date
August		
BFNL 2nd Semi Finals		Saturday 23
BFNL 1st Semi Finals		Sunday 24
BFNL Preliminary Finals		Saturday 30
September		
BFNL Grand Finals		Sunday 7