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This manual was prepared by the competition Coordinator of the Maryborough Castlemaine District Football & Netball League (MCDFNL). The manual is designed to act as a reference source for all MCDFNL clubs and should be read in conjunction with the MCDFNL Rules, the current AFL Victoria Country Handbook & Netball Victoria Policies and Guidelines.

Should any club or club representative have suggestions for improvement of this publication, it would be appreciated if they could be passed on to the Competition Coordinator of the League, to ensure that the publication is as beneficial as it is intended.

Timelines for Review

Requests for review of content or changes to the By-Laws are to be submitted to the MCDFNL Competition Coordinator before the Annual General Meeting each year.

Penalties and Sanctions

For any breach of the MCDFNL Rules and by-laws, the MCDFNL Board can impose the following penalty or sanctions:

- Monetary fines
- Loss of premiership points
- Suspension
- Expulsion / Ban

Specific by-laws may have a penalty outlined and highlighted in yellow.



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PRELIMINARY FINALS 6TH/7TH SEPTEMBER

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BOARD MEETINGS				
MCDFNL Board Meeting	Wednesday 5th Feb	Online	7:30pm	
MCDFNL Board Meeting	Wednesday 5th Mar	Carisbrook Rec	7:30pm	
MCDFNL Board Meeting	Wednesday 2nd Apr	Online	7:30pm	
MCDFNL Board Meeting	Wednesday 7th May	Online	7:30pm	
MCDFNL Board Meeting	Wednesday 4th Jun	Online	7:30pm	
MCDFNL Board Meeting	Wednesday 2nd Jul	Online	7:30pm	
MCDFNL Board Meeting	Wednesday 6th Aug	Carisbrook Rec	7:30pm	
MCDFNL Board Meeting	Wednesday 3rd Sep	Online	7:30pm	

NETBALL CO-ORDINATORS MEETINGS			
Sub-Committee Meeting	Monday 17th Feb	Carisbrook Rec	
Sub-Committee Meeting	Monday 19th May	Online	
Sub-Committee Meeting	Monday 28th Jul	Carisbrook Rec	



FOOTBALL CO-ORDINATORS MEETINGS			
Sub-Committee Meeting	Monday 24th Feb	Carisbrook Rec	
Sub-Committee Meeting	Monday 26th May	Online	
Sub-Committee Meeting	Monday 21st Jul	Carisbrook Rec	

PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES MEETINGS			
MCDFNL Delegates Meeting	Wednesday 5th Mar	Carisbrook Rec	
MCDFNL Delegates Meeting	Wednesday 4th Jun	Online	
MCDFNL Delegates Meeting	Wednesday 6th Aug	Carisbrook Rec	

FINALS SERIES			
MCDFNL Finals Series - Week 1	Saturday 23rd August & Sunday 24th August		
MCDFNL Finals Series - Week 2	Saturday 30th August & Sunday 31st August		
MCDFNL Finals Series - Week 3	Saturday 6th September & Sunday 7th September		
MCDFNL Grand Final	Saturday 13th September		



AWARDS NIGHTS			
MCDFNL Junior Presentation Night	Wednesday 3rd September	Maryborough Harness Racing Club	ТВС
MCDFNL Berry Powell - Tracey Nalder Medal	Monday 8th September	Maryborough Highland Society	ТВС

INTERLEAUGE			
Netball Victoria Association Championships	Sunday 1st June	Warrnambool	All Day
MCDFNL v Horsham DFNL Juniors	Sunday 22nd June	Home Game	

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MCDFNL Annual General Meeting	Monday 8th December	Carisbrook Rec	7.30 PM



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PART 1. COMPETITION OPERATION



OPERATIONS – GAME DAY PREPARTIONS

Checklist

- Review team lists from the weekend and submit any jumper changes to the MCDFNL Competition Coordinator.
- Advise if additional Footy Records are required Prior to Tuesday 12.00pm. (All clubs are issued 100 per home game)
- Contact the League regarding any queries ahead of forthcoming matches this allows the Competition Coordinator to resolve any issues before the weekend.
- Confirm junior numbers with the opposition club for forthcoming matches.
- Ensure Umpires changeroom is prepared prior to the next home game. E.g. Clean umpire changerooms, have all paperwork report book, match report book, umpire signatory book.
- Prepare all matchday paperwork ready for the weekend ensure cards, envelopes, score sheets, report books etc.
- Records for home games to be collected (these are delivered to the home clubs every Friday)
- Submit selected Senior Football and A Grade Netball teams online by Friday before the game at 10.00am.



Post Gameday

- Review team sheets to ensure all details are correct and advise the League if there are discrepancies in submitted results and actual results.
- Inform any players who were reported that they may be requested to appear at the tribunal on Tuesday or Wednesday night.
- Contact the League by phone regarding any major concerns or email the League regarding any minor concerns.

OPERATIONS – GAME DAY ROLES

UMPIRES ESCORT

The role of the Umpire Escort is to escort all umpires to and from the ground at the beginning, half time and completion of the match.

GROUND MANAGER

The role of the Ground Manager consists of but is not limited to:

- Ensure the Umpire's change room has the necessary paperwork.
- Ensure both teams have supplied correct and timely team sheets to the umpires prior to the match.
- Ensure goal umpires and timekeepers have correct cards to score and record time with.
- Notify teams of time allocation for quarter time, half time and threequarter time breaks.



- Ensure all relevant paperwork is collated at the completion of each match and passed onto the person responsible for results entry / submission.
- Ensure all football and netball paperwork submitted is correct and accurate.

RESULTS ENTRY / SUBMISSION

The role of the results entry / submission person is to:

- Ensure that all required results and paperwork is communicated with the league results officer by the deadlines provided.
- Collate all match day paperwork. The club is to keep the hard copy.
- Ensure official umpires travelling to Ballarat are given the completed match day paperwork envelope.

If unable to send match day paperwork back with umpires, clubs will need to have need to do one of the following:

- Scan or provide photos of all team sheets, scoresheets, goal and time umpire cards, any report sheets and email through to League Competition Coordinator. Post via regular post with the votes still enclosed in vote envelopes and inform the Competition Coordinator.
- Express Post this on Monday morning and inform the Competition Coordinator.



OPERATIONS – RESULTS SUBMISSION

TEAM SHEETS

All players must be registered to the club they are playing for before taking the field. Permit players must have completed their permit application on PlayHQ prior to the start of their game.

Any player who is not available to upload on the online team sheet must not take the field.

RESULTS SUBMISSION ONLINE:

Home clubs are responsible for entering all football results on Play HQ and all netball results on Netball Connect for both clubs and must be completed by 6.00pm.

It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure that both clubs have their results submitted to the League by this deadline.

PENALTY: A warning will be issued and subsequent fines may be applied for any repeated breaches of this rule.

PAPERWORK SUBMISSION

The following items must be scanned and emailed through to the League Competition Coordinator upon completion of the day's play:

- Any report sheets made and completed by the Umpire(s).
- Match Report Sheet completed by umpires (can be completed online)



- 1 x Completed team sheets for each match of football (signed by both team managers)
- 2 x Goal umpire cards for each match of football.
- 1 x Netball score sheet per game of netball (signed by both team captains)

To be supplied via the post or sent back with Officiating Umpires:

- 1. 1 x Netball vote card in an envelope supplied per game of netball.
- 2. 1 x Football vote card in an envelope supplied per game of football.

If you have Ballarat-based umpires, hand them the match day envelope for return to Saxon House. If umpires are not Ballarat based, see above in Game Day Roles for options.

In the event that the Umpire (s) or a senior club representative are unable to take the paperwork with them to Saxon House the following steps need to be taken:

- 1. Email any reports immediately after the game to MCDFNL Competition Coordinator
- 2. Enclose any report sheets that were sent and seal the envelope.

USING THE TIMEKEEPER / GOAL UMPIRE CARDS

Goal umpires and timekeepers are provided the same card for use to record the scores for the game.

Timekeepers are to record and complete the cards with all appropriate details of the match they are officiating. This includes both the timing of the game and recording of scores.

The goal umpire's record of the score is used where there may be a discrepancy between goal umpire cards.



OPERATIONS – MEDIA RESPONSIBILITIES

MCDFNL Clubs are requested to co-operate with all members of the media, who provide a valuable service in covering any MCDFNL news and stories. MCDFNL clubs are requested to provide any interesting news and stories (e.g., milestones, human interest, etc.) to the MCDFNL Competition Coordinator and/or media outlets who will try to ensure appropriate coverage.

MCDFNL clubs will have the following responsibilities regarding media and results coverage.

SUBMISSION OF SELECTED SIDES

1. SENIORS & A GRADE:

Each club must submit their selected sides in the Senior Football and A Grade Netball into the system prior to 10:00am on the Friday preceding a round of matches. Players must be named in their corresponding position and must also have their allocated number entered into the system.

Failure in providing an accurate submission of the side will result in a fine to be determined by the MCDFNL Board.

Clubs will be allowed to name no more than a squad of up to 24 players for football and 12 players for netball. The system will generate an automatic email that will be distributed to all media contacts for their use as they see fit. The above still applies to clubs competing on a Sunday.

2. RESERVES, U/17.5, U/14.5 & U/11.5:

Each club must submit their completed team lists into the system any time prior to the commencement of their game. The team sheets which represent a 100% accurate account of the players who take the field on a weekly basis.



Late changes may be recorded by hand on the official match day team sheet however these changes must be submitted on the system immediately following each game in time for submission of results deadline.

SUBMISSION OF FINAL RESULTS

All clubs will be responsible for the submission of final results immediately following the completion of each game. It will be the responsibility of the HOME club to enter the final scores of each game, however each club is responsible for entering their own best players and goal kickers for every match.

The deadline for submission of all results for each match day is 6pm. Night games will require results to be submitted online by 11:00pm. All final scores, best players and goal kickers must be submitted by this time.

All final scores, best players and goal kickers must be submitted by this time. Clubs failing to meet this deadline may incur a fine. A reoccurrence of the above offence will see fines applied as per the discretion of the MCDFNL Board.

OTHER CLUB/LEAGUE NEWS

Clubs are encouraged to share newsworthy items with the MCDFNL Competition Coordinator from time to time so that these items can be used to help with the promotion of the League. Special games, milestones and achievements are just some examples of League promotional material.

MCDFNL MEDIA OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

The MCDFNL shall appoint suitably qualified and experienced media officer(s) each year. The media officer(s) shall work in conjunction with the Ballarat FNL's Media & Marketing officer to promote the MCDFNL through various publications.



The role of the MCDFNL Media Officer(s) shall include:

- a. Compiling and submitting the MCDFNL Preview to any media outlets who request it.
- b. Compiling and submitting the MCDFNL Preview to the Competition Coordinator for publication in the weekly MCDFNL Advocate (Record)
- c. Compiling and submitting the MCDFNL Review to any media outlets who request it for publication every Monday.
- d. Doing any feature stories as & when appropriate.
- e. Doing the MCDFNL Review on the radio show when requested.
- f. Assisting the MCDFNL Competition Coordinator with uploading newsworthy articles and media releases on the MCDFNL website.
- g. Compile votes for best & fairest awards, preparation of slideshows and occasional photography.

CLUB MEDIA RESPONSIBILITIES

MCDFNL Clubs are requested to co-operate with all members of the media, who do provide a valuable service in covering any MCDFNL news and stories. In particular, MCDFNL Clubs are requested to provide any interesting news and stories (e.g., milestones, human interest, etc.) to the Media, Marketing & Events Manager and/or media outlets who will try to ensure appropriate coverage.

MCDFNL RECORDS

Each Club has an allocation of programs for all matches in the home and away season. All Clubs may purchase additional records from time to time by contacting the League Competition Coordinator at least two (2) weeks in advance.

MCDFNL RECORD CONTENT

All participating Clubs are required to submit separate team lists for all competing teams in each grade of competition across football and netball.

After the first three (3) home and away rounds are played, Clubs player/number lists will be expected to be accurate, and this will become mandatory after round



four (4). Players may appear on each list and up to 30 players may be named per list.

All information required and/or requested shall be with the League by the close of business on the Monday before the match. A decision on the content, advertising, delivery time and notes included in the programs will be organised with the Clubs and the League on an individual basis.

OTHER MEDIA RESPONSIBILITIES

Clubs should make coaches and players aware that media representatives may be in the rooms before, during and or after a match. It will be expected of media representatives that they do not interfere in any way with the operations of the team, its coaches or officials, during the preparation for play.

Clubs should make coaches, captains and players available for such events as the MCDFNL Board determines are necessary for the promotion of MCDFNL. Such events may include the MCDFNL Season Launch, MCDFNL Awards Nights, Interleague Events, etc.



OPERATIONS – FINALS SERIES ROSTER

	Bar	Canteen & Bar	Raffle
GRAND FINAL	Avoca	Navarre	Carisbrook
2 ND PRELIMANARY FINAL	Newstead	Campbells Creek	Harcourt
1 ST PRELIMANARY FINAL	Talbot	Carisbrook	Maldon
2 ND SEMI FINAL	Trentham	Harcourt	Maryborough Giants
1 ST SEMI FINAL	Dunolly	Maldon	Avoca
1 ST QUALIFYING FINAL	Campbells Creek	Maryborough Giants	Lexton
2 ND QUALIFYING FINAL	Carisbrook	Avoca	Newstead
2 ND ELIMINATION FINAL	Harcourt	Newstead	Natte Bealiba
1 ST ELIMINATION FINAL	Natte Bealiba	Lexton	Talbot
	Navarre	Trentham	Trentham
	Maldon	Talbot	Navarre
	Lexton	Dunolly	Dunolly
	Maryborough Giants	Natte Bealiba	Campbells

*If a club does not wish to complete their allocated raffle/fundraising please let the League Competition Coordinator know so this can be offered to another club.



OPERATIONS – MATCH TIMES

The MCDFNL will adhere to the following schedule for ALL Home and Away Rounds:

Football Grade	Start Time	Qtr Length	Breaks
Senior	2:35pm	20 mins + Time on	5 - 20 - 7
Reserves	12:50pm	20 mins	3-6-4
Under 17.5	11:15am	15 mins	3-4-3
Under 14.5	10:10am	15 mins	3-4-3
Under 11.5	9am	12 min	2 - 4 - 2
Netball Grade	Start Time	Qtr Length	Breaks
A Grade	3:00pm	15 mins	3 - 4 - 3
B Grade	2:00pm	12 mins	2 - 2 - 2
C Grade	1:00pm	12 mins	2 - 2 - 2
17 & Under	12:00pm	10 mins	2 - 2 - 2
15 & Under	11:00am	10 mins	2 - 2 - 2
13 & Under	10:00am	10 mins	2 - 2 - 2
11 & Under	9:00am	10 mins	2 – 2 – 2

Note (1): Start times for finals matches will be as directed by the MCDFNL. The times above are for Home & Away games and are provided for reference.

Note (2) – Any time adjustments made between clubs will need to be in writing with all clubs involved as well as the Competition Coordinator. This allows for all timing to be adjusted on all platforms.



OPERATIONS – TIME ON PROCEEDURE

Time on shall be blown in accordance with Law of the Game 10.6.1: The Timekeepers shall stop the clock which is used for the timing of a match when:

- 1. Directed to do so by a field umpire in accordance with Law 10.6.3 (signalling by blowing whistle and hand in the air).
- 2. The goal umpire signals that a goal has been scored.
- 3. The goal umpire signals that a behind has been scored; or
- 4. When the field umpire crosses his or her arms to indicate they are going to bounce or throw the ball up.

Please note: The AFL laws of the game state that time on can also be blown when the boundary umpire signals that the ball is out of bounds or out of bounds on the full.

In the MCDFNL do NOT apply "time on" when the ball is out of bounds or out of bounds on the full.

All timekeepers are to keep the clock running when the ball is out of bounds or out of bounds on the full.

OPERATIONS – 2025 ADMISSION PRICES

Adults:	\$10.00 (Includes Footy Record)
Age 14.5 – 17.5:	\$2.00
Under 14:	FREE
Pensioner:	\$6.00

Refunds of \$5 may be given to members attending junior games and exiting prior to 12:30pm.



PART 2. GENERAL BY-LAWS



GENERAL BY-LAWS

1. POWERS

The League shall, subject to its Statement of Purposes, and to its Rules, comply otherwise with the Laws of Australian Football (released by the AFL) and AFL Victoria Country & Netball Victoria.

2. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

In the event that any matter arises which is not provided for in the Rules; in these By-Laws; or in the AFL Victoria Country rules and Netball Victoria rulings and laws, the Board shall have full power and discretion to determine such matter.

3. CHANGE OF VENUE

The MCDFNL Board reserves the right to review and make determinations regarding the use of any club venue.

4. CODES OF CONDUCT & POLICIES

The MCDFNL have adopted various Codes of Conduct and policies as provided by the respective governing bodies for football and netball. Refer to APPENDICES.

5. FINES

The Bylaws empower the MCDFNL Board to levy fines on clubs at their discretion, contingent upon the severity and outcome of their actions.

6. NON-ATTENDANCE AT LEAGUE MEETINGS

Clubs failing to have at least one delegate present at a general meeting (AGM or SGM) will incur a fine unless a satisfactory explanation is submitted in writing to the Operations Manager within seven (7) days.



7. OUTSTANDING DEBT

Club fees and charges must be paid in accordance with the MCDFNL Rules and the <u>MCDFNL Fees and Charges Policy</u>. Any outstanding debt must be settled in accordance with these documents.

All clubs must ensure any outstanding debt to the League does not exceed 60 days. Clubs that require assistance to pay outstanding debts must follow the MCDFNL Fees and Charges Policy – Financial Hardship and Payment Plans.

The following process shall apply to clubs where outstanding debt exceeds 60 days:

- 7.1 Clubs shall be given written formal notice and provided with seven (7) days to pay all outstanding debt exceeding 60 days.
- 7.2 Should a club fail to pay the full amount that has exceeded 60 days within the seven (7) day period provided, the Board shall determine which of the following penalty(ies) may be applied:
 - Additional financial penalty at the discretion of the Board
 - Loss of premiership points for the current and/or following season, which may be applied to age groups at the discretion of the Board
 - Application to the AFL Goldfields Commission to apply for the loss of Community Club Sustainability Program points under the player points system for the current and/or following season.
- 7.3 Clubs who have any debt exceeding 60 days on 1st August in each season without a payment plan in place, may be deemed ineligible to compete in the League's finals series. In addition, the club will not be considered to host any finals matches or provided with any catering/bar/fundraising rights.



All clubs must settle all outstanding debts with the League before the AGM in each year (with the only exception being debts relating to FootyMart Ballarat orders placed after November 1st).

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The MCFDNL Rules and the MCDFNL Fees and Charges Policy outlines the fees the League shall issue to clubs, for the purpose of carrying on the functions of the league.

Refunds of out-of-pocket expenses payable to League officials shall managed in accordance with the MCDFNL Fees and Charges Policy and MCDFNL Remuneration and Honorariums Policy.

The League Administration shall be reimbursed for any costs throughout the season.

The MCDFNL shall affiliate with AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria annually, and pay such fees as requested.

9. AUDITOR

The League shall appoint an Auditor for the financial matters concerning the League at the Annual General Meeting of the League, the year prior to requirement.

The Auditor shall have all financial matters handed to them at such time as to have an audited statement of the financial affairs of the league ready for presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the League each year.



10. CLUB OFFICIALS, NOTIFICATION OF OFFICE BEARERS & ANNUAL REPORTS

Each club must submit a complete Club Contacts list by the date set by the Board. Any personnel or contact detail changes must be immediately reported to the League. Clubs must also submit financial reports within fourteen (14) days of their AGM.

11. AFFILIATION: LEAGUE

Each Club affiliated with the League during the previous season shall be deemed to be an affiliated member for the following season upon payment of the affiliation fee for such coming season.

The MCDFNL Board will determine the affiliation fee for the coming season as part of the budget process and advise Clubs of all costs at the League's AGM, or as soon as possible thereafter.

The League may admit and duly affiliate such other Clubs as it deems fit, from time to time, provided that said Club(s) are able to comply with the rules of this League and the precepts of the AFL Victoria Country, and that the members of the MCDFNL approve the admission of new Club as per the rules outlined in the MCDFNL Constitution.

12. AFFILIATION: BALLARAT FNL & NETBALL VICTORIA BALLARAT FNL

- Clubs shall be notified of the various fees for the following season by the league and shall be instructed as to the payment process of each.
- Clubs will be invoiced directly by AFL Victoria for fees that are due to AFL Victoria (which includes player insurance and team registration).
- Clubs shall be invoiced by the league for fees that are due to BALLARAT FNL and the MCDFNL.



NETBALL VICTORIA

- Affiliation fees shall be fixed as part of the budget process (provided available from Netball Victoria) and payable before taking the court of the first game.
- Clubs must not play unaffiliated players (see Rule 68).

13. NAMING RIGHTS

No affiliated Club shall be permitted to enter into an agreement with a Naming Rights sponsor that may bring them into opposition with the League and its sponsors. Should there be any question, the matter is to be put in writing to the Competition Coordinator of the League, for decision by the League Board. Any action pertaining to this matter must be in hand and approved prior to the start of the season.

14. MCDFNL SPONSORS

Clubs shall, where requested, display MCDFNL sponsor signage at their venue at no charge to the MCDFNL. The MCDFNL will be responsible for maintaining such signs. Clubs shall, where requested, offer sponsor products for purchase at their venue.

15. ADMISSION CHARGES

All admission charges will be determined by the League Board prior to the commencement of the forthcoming season.

League Passes

All passes that grant access to any game within the League shall be strictly governed by the League Board. The various types of passes that will be available are listed below:

Life Members: Sponsors: BFUA: AFL VIC Country: Complimentary admission to bearer only and vehicle Complimentary admission to bearer, guest & vehicle Umpires only. Complimentary admission to bearer only Complimentary admission to bearer and guest



MCDFNL Board:	Complimentary admission to bearer and vehicle
MCDFNL Subcommittee:	Complimentary admission to bearer and vehicle
MEDIA Pass:	Complimentary admission to bearer and vehicle.

16. FIXTURE

The Competition Coordinator is responsible for compiling the fixture. Clubs may submit requests for consideration before the draft fixture is released. The fixture will be completed following the MCDFNL fixture procedure.

17. CHANGE TO FIXTURE

The League reserves the right to alter the fixture when necessary. Venue changes may be made for safety, facility suitability, or operational reasons, subject to Board approval.

18. POINTS

All matches within the League shall have points allocated as follows:

1.	Win	4 points
2.	Draw	2 points each team
3.	Вуе	4 points
4.	Forfeiture	4 points
5.	Loss	0 points

If, after the home and away season, two or more Clubs are equal on points, the position on the ladder shall be determined by the percentage of the goals and points scored both for and against.

19. FORFEITURE

All clubs must enter teams in all grades of football and netball. Any club unable to field a side must apply for a one-year exemption by the 1st of March of the given season.

Should any Club forfeit a match in any grade of football or netball or forfeit any grade for the entire season (provided such opposing Club has a completed team sheet), four premiership points shall be awarded to the opposing Club, which also



shall have added to its percentage account, the average number of goals and behinds scored in matches against the defaulting Club during the season.

Fines and premiership point deductions will be imposed by the MCDFNL to Clubs who forfeit scheduled fixtures or any scheduled match within the MCDFNL.

19.1. The following fines will apply to teams who forfeit scheduled MCDFNL fixtured games:

\$1,000.00
\$500.00
\$250.00
\$1,000.00
\$500.00
\$200.00
\$150.00

19.2. Each club will be billed for all registered grades each season. If a club is unable to field a team in a certain grade, it will still be invoiced for that grade.

19.2. A club may apply to the League Board for a refund if it does not field a team in a particular grade. The application must include:

- Proof of efforts made to field the team.
- A clear plan outlining how the club intends to field the team next season.
- Justification for the absence of a team (e.g., lack of junior players progressing through the age groups).

19.3. If a team forfeits ten (10) or more scheduled fixtures in a single season, that team will be deemed withdrawn from the competition and may be fined at the discretion of the MCDFNL Board.



20. UNAVAILABILITY

Should a Club or Clubs be unavailable for play, and in such cases where the MCDFNL determines that an acceptable reason has been provided (and such advice is received prior to the due time for commencement of the match), the MCDFNL may allow for the game to be played on another date.

Such by-law may not be invoked in the case of a game being called off owing to conditions of the day, however the League may make such determination in regard to replaying such match, or make such award of points, as it deems fit.

21. POSTPONED

Notwithstanding by-law 20 - Unavailability, no other match may be postponed without consent of the MCDFNL Board and both clubs. In cases where, following the ground inspection, a decision to postpone a game is made, the MCDFNL Board may consider the matter and make such decisions as it deems fit and for the good governance of the League.

22. WALKOVERS

22.1. Consecutive Walkovers A senior team that gives two (2) consecutive walkovers or three (3) walkovers in a season may be disqualified for the remainder of the season.

22.2. Player Eligibility Restrictions If a team is disqualified, all registered players of that club will also be ineligible for the remainder of the season and may not receive a clearance to another AFL Victoria Country club.

23. ANY OTHER FIXTURE MATTER

For any matters not explicitly covered by these by-laws, the MCDFNL Board may make decisions in the best interests of the League, including rescheduling matches as necessary.



24. RESTRICTIONS ON PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS BETTING

The MCDFNL strictly prohibits MCDFNL registered players and officials from placing bets or wagering in a game or competition where players or officials are engaged.

For clarity, MCDFNL players and officials are not permitted to place bets on the MCDFNL premiership. Where players and/or officials do breach this bylaw, they shall face sanction(s) as determined by the Board of the MCDFNL.

25. TRAINERS & INJURY MANAGEMENT

It is important that sports trainers and first aid providers are well trained in the first aid needs relevant to Australian Football at the level at which they are involved. A sports trainer or first aid provider involved with a Club should have a clear understanding of the role and importance of injury prevention and immediate emergency and injury management in Australian Football. Each Club must ensure that at each match or training session:

The MCDFNL has aligned in 2024 with AFL Victoria policy 16. Injury Management – AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook which describes trainers' requirements as below and in which the League will now recognise qualified medical practitioners as trainers.

OPEN AGE, UNDER 17.5 - Must have one trainer who is an accredited Level 1 Sports trainer or Qualified Medical Practitioner. This trainer must not be a player or coach of the grade they are officiating as head trainer.

JUNIORS U/11.5, U/14.5 – Must have one trainer who is Level 1 First Aid, or Level 1 Sports Trainer or is a Qualified Medical Practitioner. This trainer must not be a player or coach of the grade they are officiating to as head trainer.

The MCDFNL takes player welfare and duty of care seriously and having a nonplaying head trainer ensures that medical support is available at all times, without delays or conflicts of interest.



Definitions

- 1. First Aider means a person who has obtained a nationally accredited first aid certificate that is current and up-to-date and includes assessed competencies HLTAID003 (Provide First Aid)
- Level 2 Sports Trainer means a person who has completed a Controlling Body-approved Level 2 Sports Trainer Course which is current and up to date;
- 3. Level 1 Sports Trainer means a person who has completed a Controlling Body-approved Level 1 Sports Trainer Course which is current and up to date;
- 4. Qualified Medical Professional (QMP) means a qualified doctor, paramedic, physiotherapist, osteopath, chiropractor, registered nurse or firefighter with Emergency Management Competency and/or appropriate first aid competencies.

26. AWARDS

27.1 BEST & FAIREST AWARDS

An award shall be made to the best and fairest player in all grades of competition both in Football and Netball.

- Votes are cast in secret by umpires and counted at season's end.
- Suspended players are ineligible.
- In the event of a tie, multiple awards will be presented.



The awards will be known as:

FOOTBALL		NETBALL	
Senior Football	Berry Powell Medal	A Grade	Nalder/Tracey Medal
Reserve Football	The Reserves Football Best & Fairest Award	B Grade	The B Grade Netball Best & Fairest Award
Under 17.5	The Under 17.5 Football Best & Fairest Award	C Grade	The C Grade Netball Best & Fairest Award
Under 14.5	The Under 14.5 Football Best & Fairest Award	17 & Under	The 17 & Under Netball Best & Fairest Award
Under 11.5	The Under 11.5 Football Best & Fairest Award	15 & Under	The 15 & Under Netball Best & Fairest Award
		13 & Under	The 13 & Under Netball Best & Fairest Award
		11 & Under	The 11 & Under Netball Best & Fairest Award

Other awards that may be awarded include:

- Goal-kicking awards.
- Life Member recognitions.
- The Max Martin Medal for outstanding League Administration service.
- The **Club Champion Award**, determined by cumulative wins across all grades.

The MCDFNL Football Team of the Year

• The MCDFNL Netball Team of the Year



27.2 CLUB CHAMPION AWARD

An award shall be made to the "Champion Club" of the MCDFNL on an annual basis and will be known as the Carlton FC Club Champion Shield.

One vote will be awarded for each win in each grade of football and netball and will be compiled by the Competition Coordinator of the League.

27.3 GRAND FINAL TROPHIES

An award shall be made to the best and fairest player in all grades of competition in football and netball based on their performance in the MCDFNL Grand Finals.

In the Senior grade of football, this will be referred to as the "The Merv & Mary Howard Memorial Medal". This League medal is presented in addition to the AFL Victoria Country Medal (as provided by the AFL Victoria Country) for Best on Ground. Other awards that are to be awarded at the Grand Final include:

Football

- 1. Premiership Medallions in all grades of competition,
- 2. Premiership Cup for all grades of competition

Netball

- 3. Premiership Medallions in all grades of competition,
- 4. Premiership Cup for all grades of competition

In addition to the above, any other presentation for football or netball that may be required or approved by the Board.



FOOTBALL		NETBALL	
Senior	McDonald's Maryborough Cup	A Grade	McDonald's Maryborough Cup
Reserve	Best Family Trophy	B Grade	Margaret Staley Cup
Under 17.5	Under 17.5 Premiership Cup	C Grade	C Grade Premiership Cup
Under 14.5	Under 14.5 Premiership Cup	17 & Under	The 17 & Under Premiership
Under 11.5	Under 11.5 Premiership Cup	15 & Under	The 15 & Under Premiership
		13 & Under	The 13 & Under Premiership
		11 & Under	The 11 & Under Premiership

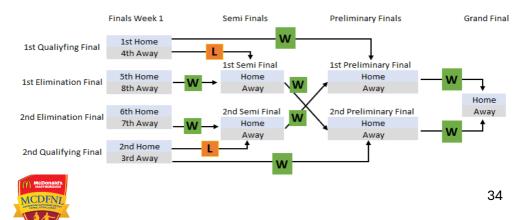
27.4 The Premiership Cups are referred to as follows:

27. LEAGUE BEST & FAIREST MEDAL TICKET ALLOCATION

All senior Clubs will receive a minimum of fifteen (15) tickets with the option to purchase more for the League Best & Fairest Medal event – the Berry Powell / Nalder Tracey Medal - which is the premier evening on the MCDFNL calendar.

28. FINALS

MCDFNL finals for football and netball shall follow the "Final Eight" format (as pictured



FINALS SERIES STRUCTURE

At the completion of the home and away rounds, a final eight shall be drawn to play in a finals series of games for the Premiership of the League.

These games shall be played in the following order.

- 1. 2 x Qualifying Finals
- 2. 2 x Elimination Finals
- 3. 2 x Semi Finals
- 4. 2 x Preliminary Finals
- 5. Grand Final



2024 Qualifying & Elimination Finals
Saturday 23 rd August 2024
Qualifying Final 1: (1 st) vs (4 th) Qualifying Final 2: (2 nd) vs (3 rd)
Sunday 24 th August 2024
Elimination Final 1: (5 th) vs (8 th) Elimination Final 2: (6 th) vs (7 th)
2024 Semi Finals
Saturday 3o th August 2024
Semi Final 1: Loser of Qualifying Final 1 vs Winner of Elimination Final 1
Sunday 31 st September 2024
Semi Final 2: Loser of Qualifying Final 2 vs Winner of Elimination Final 2
2023 Preliminary Finals
Saturday 6 th September 2024
Preliminary Final 1: Winner of Qualifying Final 1 vs Winner of Semi Final 2
Sunday 7 th September 2024
Preliminary Final 2: Winner of Qualifying Final 2 vs Winner of Semi Final 1
2024 McDonald's MCDFNL Grand Final
Saturday 13 th September 2024
Grand Final: Winner of Preliminary Final 1 vs Winner of Preliminary Final 2

FINALS HOSTING

All MCDFNL Finals venues will be decided by the League Board, these decisions will be based on where they deem to be in the best interests of the League. Taking into consideration:

- Ability to lock and secure the facility
- Optimal visibility for spectators
- Ground Suitability



FINALS CATERING, BAR & FUNDRAISING

The MCDFNL Board shall allocate the rights to conduct catering, refreshments and raffles at all Finals.

Once a Club has been drawn for catering, refreshments or the raffle, they will not be eligible again for that aspect of the Grand Final until all Clubs have had their opportunity.

Clubs may pass or on sell their opportunity if they choose another MCDFNL Club. Once passed on, the Club must inform the League Competition Coordinator of this change.

SPONSORSHIP PROTECTION

The MCDFNL Board shall have the authority to require for the clubs conducting the catering or bar for any such finals game to adhere to exclusive supply arrangements as per any applicable Sponsorship exclusivity agreement.

Failure to adhere to such requirements shall see offending Clubs incur such penalty as deemed appropriate by the MCDFNL Board.

Note: It is very important that ALL CLUBS abide by these conditions, as MCDFNL does not want the actions of one Club who fails to comply with the sponsorship requirements to jeopardize the sponsorship arrangements that benefit all Clubs.

ROOMS

The Home Rooms will be allocated on the basis of superior ladder position after the game(s) in question. Consideration will be given to a Club that has more than one (1) team participating on the same day. In cases of dispute, the final arbiter shall be the League Board.



29. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL & NETBALL

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL & NETBALL

All MCDFNL affiliated Clubs will support the representative program for all grades, where the league delegates have approved the League's participation in representative football and netball for the upcoming season. All ancillary services and personnel shall be drawn from the clubs, where possible, other than for the position of Senior Football and Netball Coach.

The MCDFNL Board shall appoint the MCDFNL Senior Football Interleague and Senior Netball Representative Coach at their discretion. All players in all affiliated Clubs are to make themselves available for selection in any representative game.

The League shall supply football jumpers, shorts, socks the appropriate colour for Open age teams. Football Jumpers & Netball Uniforms shall be returned after the game. Should any player receive serious injury in any representative match, players must lodge any insurance claims through their Home Club's insurance policy.

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL & NETBALL

All MCDFNL affiliated Clubs will support the junior representative program for all grades, where the League Delegates have approved the leagues participation in junior representative football and netball for the upcoming season.

All ancillary services and personnel shall be drawn from the Clubs, other than for the position of Coach. The MCDFNL Board shall, in conjunction with the MCDFNL Junior Development Officers, appoint the MCDFNL Junior Interleague Coaching staff at their discretion. The League shall supply jumpers, shorts, and socks of the appropriate colour for Junior age teams. Football Jumpers & Netball Uniforms shall be returned after the game. Should any player receive a serious injury in any Inter-League match, players must lodge any insurance claims through their home Club's insurance policy.



30. GROUND & COURT LIGHTING

If natural light is deteriorating during a game, Clubs or umpires shall have the authority to turn on ground or court lighting to improve conditions to allow a fixture to continue. The Umpire shall however have the authority to call a game off if they consider the conditions unsafe. Prior to a venue being considered suitable for night games, Clubs must apply to the League for permission to host a night game, and meet criteria as determined by the League.

31. CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

All persons working with juniors up to the age of 18 years including coaches, officials, umpires, trainers and volunteers must obtain a Working With Children's Check (WWCC). Clubs must maintain records of WWCC of their members on a yearly basis in accordance with the Child Safe Standards.

Clubs must notify the MCDFNL Competition Co-ordinator of any teams that cannot be photographed or filmed during the season if they have players that have not provided photo/filming consent. Club will be notified of any teams that are not for photographing or filming and are required to advise the relevant people in their club to adhere to these guidelines.

32. ALL OTHER MATTERS

In the event that any matter arises which is not provided for in the Rules; in these By-Laws; or in the Rules of the Australian Football, or AFL Victoria Country, the League Board shall have full power and discretion to determine such matter, and make such decisions, issue directives, fines or any other decree as it deems fit for the good governance and which it determines is in the best interests of the MCDFNL.



PART 3. FOOTBALL BY-LAWS



CLUB COLOURS

All teams in all grades shall play in the colours of their Club. The registered colours of each MCDFNL Club are:

CLUB	JUMPER	SHORTS	SOCKS
AVOCA	Red, White & Royal Blue vertical stripes	Royal Blue	Red, White & Blue
CAMPBELLS CREEK	Black with White V	Black	Black
CARISBROOK	Black with Red CFC initials	Red	
DUNOLLY	Gold with Eagle Emblem	Royal Blue	Red & Black Royal Blue & Gold
MARYBOROUGH GIANTS	Charcoal with an outlined orange G	Charcoal	Orange
HARCOURT	Royal Blue with Gold inverted chest panels	Royal Blue	Black & Yellow
LEXTON	Black with Yellow sash	Black	
MALDON	Red & Black vertical stripes	Black (H) White(A)	Red & Black
NATTE BEALIBA	Red with White V	Red	
NAVARRE	Bottle Green with Gold NFC	Bottle Green	Bottle Green / Gold Cuff
NEWSTEAD	Royal Blue & White vertical strips with Kangaroo logo	White	
TALBOT	Brown with Gold V	Brown	
TRENTHAM	Black, White & Red vertical stripes	Black	

Clubs will compete in their registered club colours, or face sanctions as determined by the delegates of the MCDFNL.

The registered colours of the MCDFNL are Maroon, Gold and Royal Blue.



33. ACCREDITATION: COACHES

All coaches within the League shall be accredited as per AFL Victoria Country Rules. Such accreditation shall be completed prior to the commencement of the current season, and as per AFL Victoria Country regulations.

PENALTY: Loss of four premiership points for coach not accredited.

34. MCDFNL FOOTBALL COMPETITION HIERARCHY

- 1. Senior Football
- 2. Reserves Football
- 3. Under 17.5 Football
- 4. Under 14.5 Football
- 5. Under 11.5 Football

When reading the Finals Eligibility by-laws, the above hierarchy of competitions, with Senior Football at the top and U/11.5 Football at the bottom should be taken into consideration when trying to figure out where a player can compete during the finals.

When players qualify to compete in finals, they are eligible for that competition and any competition that sits above them on the hierarchy (e.g., If a player qualifies in the U/17.5, that player qualifies for finals in competitions 3 up to 1, but not competitions 4 down to 5).

35. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

36.1 Junior players (U/11.5, U/14.5, U/17.5) must have played their minimum three (3) games in the lowest grade they qualify for but can also play in any higher competition within the hierarchy. (For Example, If a player plays 3 games



in U/14.5s they are also eligible for U/17.5s but not U/11.5s). This rule only applies if Clubs are affiliated with the applicable grade.

Under-age exemptions – All junior players that play in a grade above their age must complete an under-age exemption form.

Over-age exemptions – Clubs may apply for an over-age exemption for players using the <u>correct application form</u> and must meet the criteria for consideration. The Football Sub-Committee shall consider all applications according to the rules and their decision shall be final.

Any junior player with an over-age exemption will be monitored for a minimum of 5 weeks. The exemption may be revoked if the player is determined to not meet the requirements granted in the application.

If, after Round 5, the exempted players' Club feels that the exempted player has progressed further they are to contact the MCDFNL Competition Coordinator to come and observe again and ask for the exemption to be revoked.

If the exempted player plays up a grade, the exemption is automatically revoked.

Clubs may only ask for a player exemption once (i.e., if an exemption has been approved once, the Club may not request an exemption again for the same player the following season).

36.2 Any player eligible to play in the Senior Grade Final Series must have played in at least three (3) Home & Away games with his Club during the current season on different days. Such three games may have been in either Seniors or Reserves or both.

36.3 Any player eligible to play in the Reserve Grade Finals Series must have played in at least three Home & Away games with the Reserves. If a player has played 10 or more games for their clubs Senior team in the current home and away season they cannot play in the reserves final series.



36.4 Rule (36.3) does not apply in the event of a Club's Senior and Reserve Grade Teams both playing on the same weekend provided they meet the minimum 3 club games. This exemption applies for that day only.

36.5.1 If a player is playing on a permit, they must have played at least six (6) of the home and away season matches for the grade they wish to participate in.

36.5.2 All Club registered players who are qualified to play finals, either in their registered age group or who are registered in a lower age group and who have played 6 or more games in the higher age group, must be selected before permit players can receive endorsement to play.

PENALTY: Any breach will incur a loss of four premiership points and/or other sanctions imposed by the MCDFNL Board.

36. FINALS REPLACEMENTS

Where a Club is involved in finals matches on a Saturday or Sunday of the same weekend in more than one grade, the following eligibility of player's requirements shall apply:

A player who has participated for the Senior side on the Saturday shall not be eligible to play with the Reserve side on Sunday.

A player being in the 22 for the Reserves on Saturday will, save as provided below, be ineligible to play with the Seniors on the Sunday, however a Senior team playing on Sunday will be permitted, where a replacement player is required due to a late withdrawal of a selected senior player, to draw a replacement from the Reserves team that has played on the Saturday. For all underage teams the above rule will apply to the Interchange between grades from Saturday to Sunday.

PENALTY: Any breach will incur a loss of four premiership points and/or other sanctions imposed by the MCDFNL Board.



37. FINALS SUSPENSION

A suspended player serves their suspension in the grade they were suspended from. Other games do not count toward their suspension. Example: If a player is suspended for 3 matches in seniors they are suspended for three senior matches and therefore unable to participate in any match till three senior matches have passed.

38. FINALS CLUBROOM & COACHES BOX ALLOCATION

The MCDFNL will be responsible for the allocation of change rooms & coaches boxes. The highest-placed side will be given the home clubrooms while the other competing side will use the visitors rooms. The MCDFNL will make all room allocations, but special consideration will be given if a side has more than one (1) team competing.

The Club in the homerooms must use the home coaches' box unless the MCDFNL has given specific approval to determine otherwise.

CLUBS TO SUPPLY:

During the final series, the competing Clubs must supply the following:

- Team Sheets
- 1 x Timekeeper
- Cleaning of change rooms
- Umpires as below outlined in 48.1
- Nominated team manager that the league ground manager can get best players and goal kickers from (all Clubs must supply)
- Trainers, Runner, Water boys
- Stretchers
- And, where required, a scoreboard attendant

MCDFNL TO SUPPLY:



During the final series, the MCDFNL will supply the following:

- Scorecards
- Ground Manager
- Club room allocations (The MCDFNL will nominate rooms that Clubs will be in for the weekend's matches and send them out on Monday. No changing of rooms is allowed).
- Football Records
- Gate Keepers
- Report Book
- Ground Inspection MCDFNL will complete Match Day Checklist
- Footballs and pump
- Umpires (Central, Boundary & Goal)

The MCDFNL requires that all clubs participating in the final series be responsible for cleaning the change room they use after they have finished playing.

For example, the U/17.5 team will clean up after their game, followed by Reserves after their game, and likewise by the Senior Club after their game - so the rooms will be cleaned three times during the day.

The MCDFNL Ground Manager will inspect the rooms after every finals game, and if they aren't cleaned satisfactorily, the Club may be fined.

39. FINALS UNIFORMS

During Finals, only after a Club has approached their opponent and received that Club's approval can a request for a change of shorts colour be approved by the MCDFNL Board.

40. DRAWN GAMES IN FINALS SERIES – FOOTBALL

If a finals match (including Grand Final) is drawn, the following shall occur:

• Teams will change ends after a 3-minute break.



- Two 5-minute halves will be played (time-on applies in Senior Football only).
- There will be **no break between halves**. If scores remain level after extra time, play continues **until the first score is registered.UMPIRES**

41.1. General

The Ballarat Football Umpires Association (BFUA) will supply central umpires for use in all senior games of the league, and a "Memorandum of Understanding" shall be negotiated with the BFUA to that respect on an annual basis.

For the Grand Final, the BFUA shall supply central and boundary umpires in all grades, and for other finals matches the BFUA will supply central umpires (only) for all games unless otherwise advised.

41.2. Club umpires

All Clubs will be required to provide Boundary and Goal Umpires in Senior games, and a central, boundary and goal Umpire in all other grades.

Club central umpires shall have all other such powers and privileges as may be accorded the BFUA umpire, including the right to report and/or send off players. Club boundary or Goal Umpires also have the authority to report players.

41.3. Club boundary and club goal umpires

The umpires carrying out these duties shall be in all cases of such standard as to not affect the proper running or conduct of the game.

Each Club shall supply a set of white flags for their goal umpire in each game, who shall meet in the centre of the playing arena at the end of each quarter and check that the scorecards agree with one another and that the correct score is displayed on the scoreboard.



The goal umpires are responsible for the correction of the scoreboard, should it be incorrect.

41.5. Age limits – club boundary and goal umpires

Club boundary and goal umpires shall be of sufficient age and maturity to adequately perform the duties required.

41.6. Club not supplying

A Club not supplying an umpire for a game shall be responsible for the remuneration of a second umpire supplied by the opposing Club.

Should a Club not supply umpires for each match during the day, they may incur a fine or other penalty as seen fit by the League.

41.7. Inappropriate umpires

Clubs who supply umpires who by way of age or other constraint are found to be unsatisfactory may incur a sanction or penalty as deemed appropriate by the League.

41.8. Club umpire attire

The League requires Club Umpires to be dressed in the manner necessary when officiating in MCDFNL games. Club Umpires will be attired as follows:

- CENTRAL: MCDFNL Umpire top & white shorts, dark socks
- BOUNDARY: MCDFNL Umpire top, club shorts and club socks
- GOAL: White coat with white flags

41.9. Club umpire reporting powers

Under AFL Victoria Country Rules and League by Laws any person who takes the field and acts as an Umpire (whether a BFUA official or a Club volunteer) does



have the full powers of an "officially accredited" umpire, and therefore can report or send off players.

Volunteer Club umpires who lodge a report are also represented by the BFUA advocate at any subsequent tribunal hearings.

It is further worth noting the following rules from the AFL Victoria Country Rules Handbook to clear up any confusion. In the AFL Victoria Country Rule Book the definition of an umpire includes all the field, boundary and goal umpires officiating or at a match.

Therefore, once we establish that any Volunteer Club umpires are "official umpires" they have an obligation to report as part of their duties as an umpire.

Note: Further to this it is worth noting that the official BFUA Umpires Observer at any League does also have the power to report players/officials and due process will be followed under AFL Victoria Country Rules.

41.10 Umpire registration

It is compulsory for Club Umpires to be registered with OfficialsHQ for insurance purposes and to meet the legislative requirements for Child Safety and the Child Safe Standards.

42. GAME DAY & MATCH CONDITIONS

Game start times and quarter lengths.

The MCDFNL will adhere to the following schedule for ALL Home and Away Rounds:



Grade	Start Time	QTR Length	Breaks Min
Seniors	2:35pm	20 mins + TO	5 - 20 - 7
Reserves	12:50pm	20 mins	3 - 6 - 4
Under 17.5	11:30am	15 mins	3 - 4 – 3
Under 14.5	10:10am	15 mins	3 - 4 - 3
Under 11.5	9:00am	12 mins	2 – 4 - 2

The Schedule for all finals matches will be advised by the MCDFNL after the completion of the final round of Home & Away matches.

42.1 Time on for Senior games

Time On for Senior matches will apply follow AFL Victoria Country Rules, and Timekeepers shall stop the clock only when:

- 1. Directed to do so by a Field Umpires (AFL Laws of Game 10.5.3)
- 2. The goal umpire signals that a goal has been scored.
- 3. The goal umpire signals that a behind has been scored.

Note: The clock DOES NOT stop when the ball is out of bounds or out on the full.

42.2 Team numbers - Number of players

Failing to achieve this minimum number by playing start time shall result in a forfeit.

NOTE: The principle is to have players playing, and the MCDFNL encourages Clubs to always maintain this as the highest priority in any decision-making.

43. INTERCHANGE AGREEMENTS

On an annual basis, all Leagues affiliated with AFL Goldfields Region and AFL Central Victoria shall enter into an Area Agreement to allow those Clubs with Junior teams in those competitions to interchange players to assist with player numbers. Clubs must be aware of the terms and conditions associated with the agreement and must have the appropriate approvals in place before allowing



any player to take the field on an interchange/area agreement. The MCDFNL will also enter into Interchange Agreements with other Leagues as required.

44. USE OF TWO FOOTBALLS

In the event of extreme weather conditions, two footballs may be used in a match, with the change of footballs occurring at each quarter-time break to ensure no advantage is gained by either Club. Both Clubs must agree to the use of two footballs. If no agreement is reached, only one football may be used.

	U/11.5	U/14.5	U/17.5	Reserves	Seniors
Start Time	9am	10:10am	11:30am	12:50pm	2:35pm
Playing Numbers	16*	16*	16*	16*	18
Interchange	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	6*	4
Minimum Number of Players	8	8	12	14	14
Size Ball	Size 4 Synthetic	Size 4 Leather	Size 5 Match	Full Size	Full Size
Mentors	Permitted	Х	Х	Х	Х
Mercy Rule	Applied	Applied	Applied	Х	Х
Penalty Distance	15m	25m	50m	50m	50m
Kicking off the Ground	х	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
	X 2	Permitted Unlimited	Permitted Unlimited	Permitted Unlimited	Permitted Unlimited
Ground	*				
Ground Bouncing the Ball	2	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

45. MATCH CONDITIONS



46. PLAYING NUMBERS* – JUNIORS (All grades)

Where both competing teams have more than 16 players, the following applies:

- Where both teams have less than 16 players, a team shall consist of equal players on the field of play and the balance as interchange players.
- Where both competing teams have 18 or more players, a team shall consist of 18 players on the playing field with unlimited interchange players.

Where teams have less than 16 players, then the following shall apply:

• If one side fails to field the required players (8 players for Under 11.5 and U/14.5 and 12 players for U/17.5) or falls below the minimum number of players during the course of the game (e.g., through injury or send off), the points are automatically forfeited to the other team.

46.1 Lending players

It is encouraged that the opposing team 'lend" players to that team so that a match (not subject to points) can be played.

If both teams have less than 8 players, then the game cannot commence, however, if agreed between the coaches, then the game can be played on a smaller oval – however this game will not count for premiership points.

If one team has less than 16 players, but more than 8, then pursuant to By-Law 51.3 the opposing coach must equalize by "lending" players to the opposing team. If the opposing coach refuses to equalize accordingly, this must be reported to the League.

A game is to proceed even if points are forfeited, and players are expected to be loaned in any game to make numbers up to an even fourteen or as close to as possible.



Loaned players must be listed on the opposition team sheet, with a note that they are from the opposing Club and will be eligible for any fairest and best votes cast by the umpires and any goals kicked.

These votes and/or goals will be credited as if the players were playing for their own Club.

The team that has requested and/or received loaned players must provide playing jumpers in their team colours for the loaned players to wear.

Where Clubs are reliant on players covered under an Area or Interchange Agreement (e.g., MCDFNL / BFNL Area Agreement) to field a team and who are not present for the start of a match then the game will commence with equal numbers on the playing field.

When such players arrive at the venue, they shall report to their Coach's Box ready to take the field. Each team can then always increase their numbers accordingly but equal numbers on the field shall apply.

47. PLAYING NUMBERS* – RESERVES

Where both competing teams have more than 16 players the following applies:

- Where both teams have less than 20 players, a team shall consist of 16 players on the field of play and the balance as Interchange players.
- 2. Where both competing teams have 20 or more players, a team shall consist of 18 players on the playing field with a maximum of 4 Interchange players.
- 3. Where one competing team has less than 16 players the teams shall play with equal numbers on the playing field.
- The team with 16 or more players can have up to but not exceeding
 6 Interchange players.



48. MINIMUM NUMBERS

If any side fails to achieve the minimum number of players to constitute a game in the table above prior to the start of play. This will result in a forfeited match. NOTE: Again, it is pointed out that the principle is to have players playing, and the MCDFNL encourages clubs to always maintain this as the highest priority in any decision-making.

49. GENERAL UMPIRING

Order off rule

The MCDFNL has adopted the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Rule 11.0 'Order Off Rule' as set out in the AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Handbook.

The central Umpire may warn any players or officials if behaviour is deemed to be inappropriate. Any player who is heard swearing by the Umpire shall, at the Umpire's discretion, be sent from the field for 5 minutes without a replacement.

A free kick and distance penalty (15 metres) shall be awarded to the opposing team. Any player who uses abusive or insulting language towards an umpire, official or another player shall be sent from the ground for the remainder of that quarter and the next quarter and cannot be replaced during that time.

Any second offence by a player will result in the removal of such player from the ground for the remainder of the game, and such player cannot be replaced. Clubs will provide all required Umpires unless otherwise advised. Central umpires are to ensure that players do not leave the field at the half-time break.

50. UNDER 11.5 UMPIRING RULES

Out of bounds from a kick

A free kick shall be awarded against the player who last kicked the ball. If there is doubt, then the Umpire shall call a ball up five (5) metres in from the boundary.

Out of bounds from hands or body

The Umpire shall call a ball up five (5) metres in from the boundary.



51. OFFICIALS BEHAVIOUR

Any official who uses abusive or insulting language towards an umpire, another official or player shall be sent from the ground for the remainder of that quarter and the next quarter, however, such official can be replaced.

Any second offence by an official will result in the removal of such an official from the ground for the remainder of the game. Again, such an official can be replaced.

52. MERCY RULE

In U11.5 games, an automatic mercy rule shall be implemented when either side reaches a margin of ten (10) goals (60 points) in front. At this point, the Scores will cease to be updated on the Scoreboard and the Goal Umpires & Timekeepers will cease to record any further scores and the score upon the mercy rule being implemented will be the final and official score for the game.

In *mercy time*, it is expected that in the fair spirit of the game, Coaches will allow less skilled players to play in key roles or in circumstances where players are loaned, allow better players to be loaned.

Any player doubling up into Under 14.5 or Under 17.5 football has the option of being rested at this point.

53. HEAD GUARDS AND HELMETS

Head guards and helmets are not mandatory and will be up to each club's discretion to enforce/implement.

54. DELAYED GAMES

Should the Reserves game be delayed (for any reason), the timekeepers are to establish the time remaining at half time to allow for a 2.20pm finish and to calculate two (2) even quarters (3rd and 4th quarter) and so alter the length of these quarters to ensure a 2.25pm finish.



In the event of a Senior Club not being ready by 2.35pm, a fine of \$20 per minute, or part thereof shall apply until the team arrives on the playing surface ready to play.

Should a Club not be on Ground ready to commence play by 2.55pm it shall forfeit the match and incur any such penalty as so determined by the Board of the MCDFNL.

55. BREACH OF ON-FIELD PLAYER NUMBERS

Any side that is found to have breached the pre-determined number of players allowed on the field during play will have the following sanctions imposed:

- All points scored in the quarter that the breach occurred will be forfeited.
- In addition, offending clubs may be issued a fine at the MCDFNL Board's discretion.

56. TIMEKEEPERS

All Clubs shall supply a timekeeper with all required equipment and documentation for each game. The home Club will be responsible for the provision and location of an audible signalling device and backup for the use of Timekeepers.

Timekeepers at all matches shall be required to keep the scores. The Goal Umpires scorecards are to be used on the day, but in case of a dispute, the timekeeper's scores will be forwarded as evidence to the League.



57. PLAYER AND OFFICIAL ATTIRE & GUIDELINES

Bike shorts

Bike shorts (or lycra shorts or similar) under a player's Football shorts may be worn provided they are skin toned or the same colour as the Club shorts.

Full-leg length versions of the above may be worn for junior grades only.

Colour of socks

Must be the Club colours.

Water carriers

Club Water Carriers shall wear blue water carriers' shirts as provided by MCDFNL and Club shorts. Clubs can use up to four (4) Water Carriers in any given game.

Water Carriers can be spread around the ground but must be positioned against the fence and not on the boundary line when at rest. The MCDFNL understand that players do require fluids when playing, however water carriers are not permitted to remain on the oval, or to attempt to instruct players in any way, once having delivered the drink they must remove themselves from the playing surface as quickly as possible.

Runners

Club Runners shall wear pink runners' shirts as provided by the MCDFNL and Club shorts. Clubs using two runners must enter and exit through the interchange gates. Teams are allowed two (2) runners per team. Runners must wear the official MCDFNL uniform. Runners must not assist/coach but relay messages only – and must leave the ground immediately after relaying the message.

Only ONE (1) Runner is allowed on the playing field at one time during the game and enter/exit the playing field through the interchange gate.



Mentors

Mentors are permitted in U/11.5 matches. Only 1 (one) mentor is permitted on the ground at any time per Club. Club mentors can be the coach of the side. Mentors are not allowed to carry a coach's board on the field whilst the match is being played. Club mentors are only permitted on the ground to talk to players who are not in the direct play. At no stage should a mentor be anywhere near the ball. Mentors are to deliver their message to the player and return to the coaches' box straight away. The difference between a mentor and a runner is that the mentor can deliver coaching advice whilst on the ground while a runner cannot. A runner is to deliver a message and leave the playing field immediately. Mentors are allowed inside the forward 50m during a kick-out if they are not near the play. A free kick will not be awarded for this infringement.

Ground managers

Ground managers are to wear Fluro yellow vests as provided by the MCDFNL and purchase from the League Competition Coordinator.

Each MCDFNL home club shall appoint a ground manager who will be responsible for the smooth running and operations of the MCDFNL fixture at their club's ground.

Should an MCDFNL Club fail to appoint a Ground Manager for their home fixture, or so appoint a Ground Manager who fails to adequately perform the above duties, the Club shall be liable to a penalty as determined by the MCDFNL Board.

All other officials

Timekeepers, Medical Personnel (other than trainer), Interchange Stewards, Property Stewards, Coaches and their Ground Staff.

These officials are not required to wear a particular uniform or attire other than their Club attire, note however should a doctor be called on to the ground, the



Central Umpires must be notified immediately, to avoid any problems with unidentified personnel on the playing arena.

Non-playing - on ground personnel

Any on ground official or player shall remain outside of the boundary line, and should the ground be so marked with lines to denote the coaches box, shall not move outside of that area, when not involved with play.

Failure to do so may lead to an Umpires report, or the game being held up until the matter is resolved. All on Ground personnel must be listed on the team sheet.

Junior coaches

The Club junior coach shall wear a Fluro vest as supplied by the MCDFNL which identifies this person as the coach of the game being played. The junior coach must wear this vest at all times to allow umpires to be aware of who is responsible for the personnel within the coaches box.

Officials in bench area

Only persons authorised may enter the playing arena during the playing of a match and must remain within the marked area around the interchange box.

Clubs competing in the MCDFNL Senior competition are permitted to have up to four (4) officials (including Coach, Asst Coach, Chairman of Selectors, etc.) within the marked confines of the Interchange box.

All officials, apart from Trainers and Water Carriers, are to remain seated in the coaches box at all times during play, or within the confines of the perimeter lines surrounding the Coach's Box. If no lines are marked, all must remain within the confines of the Coach's Box.

If there is insufficient space within the coach's box, or no box is provided, then remaining officials are to be situated outside the boundary fence. Trainers and



Water carriers may be spread around the ground but must be positioned against the fence and not on the boundary line when at rest.

All other personnel not mentioned above are considered unauthorised, and umpires have been instructed to remove them from the ground. Any Club desiring authorisation of any other officials must apply to the League for such authorization, prior the commencement of the fixture.

PENTALTY: Coaches and their coaching staff who don't remain within the perimeter lines surrounding the coaches box will be penalised \$50 per offence.

58. **REGISTRATIONS**

The minimum age of players shall be 7 years of age before April 30th of the current calendar year. Each player must complete an online registration with Play HQ prior to the start of the season.

Any Club playing an unregistered player at any level will be penalised as per AFL Victoria Country Rule.

PENALTY: Loss of match points and fines not less than \$500 (Senior, Reserve & Underage games) or not greater than \$250 (Underage games).

A player participating without completing an online registration through Play HQ is not insured and the Club may be held liable for any injury via negligence, therefore, such a process exists to protect Clubs.

Clubs will forfeit points from the match that an unregistered player plays in, unless extraordinary circumstances exist, and the decision is overruled by the Board of the MCDFNL and the AFL Victoria Country Region Manager.

59. SCOREBOARDS

Each venue used for MCDFNL matches, both open-age and underage, must be equipped with an operational scoreboard.Scoreboard attendants must be of a



suitable age and competent to do a satisfactory job. Scoreboards should operate throughout all games and be kept as accurate as possible. Clubs must supply scoreboard attendants for each and every game.

PENALTY: A \$50 fine will be imposed on each game that doesn't have a scoreboard attended and operational.

60. INCORRECT NUMBERS

All players must wear AFL Victoria Country approved uniforms complying with the registered colours of their Club and including numbered jerseys, and wear shorts and socks of registered colours.

The numbers worn by players must correspond with the player's team sheet and official League program, otherwise the Club shall be liable to a fine as determined by the Board of the MCDFNL for each such offence.

In the event of the replacement of a jersey during a match, the Ground Manager and Central Umpire must be notified of the change of player's number, or the Club shall be liable to a fine.

61. LOGOS ON UNIFORMS

A maximum of four logos may be attached to the front of all MCDFNL Club playing Guernsey's, each of which must not exceed 10 cm x 6 cm, one of which must be the AFL Victoria Country & AFL Victoria Country Sponsor logo (if applicable) and the MCDFNL Major Sponsor logo.

A maximum of 5 logos are permitted under the number on the back of Guernsey so long as it does not exceed 35cm x 15cm. One logo is also permitted above the numbers and must not exceed 15cm x 15cm.

Two logos are permitted on the shorts. Each logo is 10cm x 6cm and one must be the MCDFNL league logo, the other is permitted for club use.



FOOTBALL DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDURES

The following Disciplinary By-Laws should be read in conjunction with the Ballarat FNL Independent Tribunal, Match Review Panel and Investigations Overview documents available to clubs.

62. CODES OF CONDUCT

The MCDFNL has adopted various codes of conduct, which include (and are available from the league website):

- Junior Coaches & Club Officials
- Junior Players & Parents and Spectators of Junior Football
- Senior Coaches & Team Officials
- Senior Players & Spectators
- Club Officials

63. INVESTIGATIONS

The investigation procedure is dictated by AFL Victoria Country Rule concerning Unbecoming Conduct in the AFL Victoria Country Handbook.

When the League Investigations Officer conducts an investigation in the League, they shall provide at least 48 hours' notice in writing to a club notifying of any interviews.

All interviews will be conducted at Saxon House, or at a place to be determined by the Investigations Officer.

63.1 INVESTIGATION FEES

In instances where a club lodges a request for an independent investigation in accordance with <u>AFL Victoria Country Rule 5.0</u> (Unbecoming Conduct) the required fee of \$500 shall be lodged, the full amount of \$500 shall be retained by



the league. Investigations must be logged in accordance with the timeframes outlined in Rule 5 Investigations.

If a club requests an investigation, they are required to pay a fee of \$500. The club requesting an investigation shall only receive a refund in full if the reported party is found guilty. If there is no case to answer, then the club that requested the investigation forfeits the fee in its entirety. This includes any investigation that goes to the independent tribunal.

In extenuating circumstances (e.g., more difficult, complex or lengthy investigations) the Investigations Officer may request an amount over & above the flat rate of \$500 and which will be negotiated with the MCDFNL accordingly. In such instances, the MCDFNL will adjust the amount of \$500 to the revised amount in the above case. Should a club fail to be able to commit to attend investigation interviews at Saxon House and as such the venue is changed to suit the need of the club affected, a flat fee of \$100 shall be charged to that club which shall be paid to the Investigations Officer.

Clubs who fail to cooperate with the investigation process shall be fined a minimum of \$200. The League, in conjunction with the Investigations Officer, shall determine if a club has failed to cooperate with the investigation process. Examples of failing to cooperate include players/officials not turning up for interviews, clubs failing to confirm their availabilities for interviews or clubs withholding members from the investigation process.

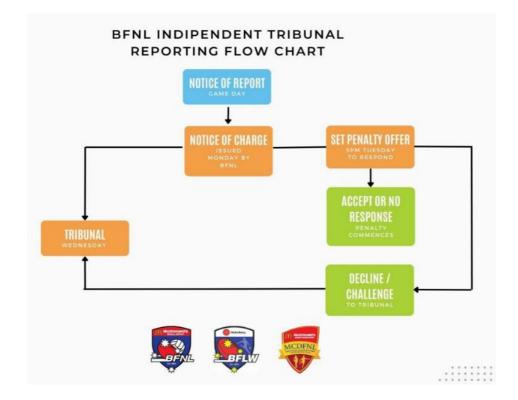
Any other fines implemented as a result of recommendations from the Investigations Officer or as a result of a subsequent Tribunal hearing shall be issued to the club in question on top of any other fines or fees that apply.



64. TRIBUNAL

The Ballarat FNL Independent Tribunal is held on the Wednesday or Thursday following a round of matches at BFNL Headquarters. Hearings are to commence from 6:30pm with a maximum of three hearings scheduled on any night.

Reporting flowchart for BFNL Independent Tribunal:





Following the Notice of Charge being issued:

If the Club fails to respond by 5pm the following day, the Base Sanction will be automatically applied (if available). Other clubs, the reporting Umpire or the MCDFNL may request the hearing proceed, prior to the above times. The tribunal will not commence a new case after 10.30pm with any pending cases held over until a later night. Club attire or smart casual attire must be worn at all tribunal cases.

Clubs not represented at Tribunal hearings shall incur a fine in addition to any fine imposed by the Independent Tribunal. Thursday nights will be used as a backup night for cases overflowing to the next day in any given week.

STATUTORY DECLARATIONS

Statutory Declarations may be accepted if any party to a report (i.e., the reported player, the player allegedly offended against and the reporting umpire), is unable to attend owing to work or study commitments, or in the case of illness or injury.

NOTE: A "letter" submitted as evidence will not suffice, and the Statutory Declaration must be signed by a certified signatory (E.g., Justice of Peace, Police Officer, etc.) and date stamped at least 12 hours earlier than the scheduled start time for a tribunal case. Providing the League is notified as early as possible after the report, and that such Statutory Declaration is lodged with the league no later than 12 hours prior to start time on the day of the hearing, the Statutory Declaration may be accepted.

Any Statutory Declaration submitted must set out:

The reason for the missing party's inability to attend the hearing of the person cannot attend the Tribunal on the scheduled night

A full description of the incident (or incidents) being the subject of the report. This must include – Time of incident (e.g., early in 3rd quarter), location of



incident (e.g., right side wing), location of ball, any provocation, details of incident (e.g., blow with right hand), force of blow, result of impact/collision/blow, etc.

Any reported player who fails to attend or fails to submit a Statutory Declaration as outlined above, or fails to give notice as above, may have the charge or charges heard in their absence.

Similarly, any witness who fails to attend or submit a Statutory Declaration or fails to give notice as above, may be dealt with as the Tribunal sees fit. Any such non-attendance may result in action as determined by the Tribunal and can include fines upon a Club or the suspension of the player.

Any reported player, witness or Umpire who has a legitimate request for an early hearing e.g., work or study commitments, must submit such request by telephone to the Ballarat FNL as early as possible, and no later than 12 noon on the day of the hearing.

ADVOCATES / APPEARANCE

The BFNL Independent Tribunal also requires that the reported player bring along a Club Advocate with them to the hearing.

The BFNL Independent Tribunal also requires that both the reported player and the offended player / witness, and their advocate(s), do dress in an appropriate manner (minimum of smart casual or Club attire) that recognizes and respects the sanctity of the Tribunal.

No tracksuits or hats will be allowed into the tribunal.

Anyone who is a Barrister or Solicitor or is qualified to act as a Barrister or Solicitor is prohibited from acting as an Advocate.

VIDEO/DVD EVIDENCE

If clubs wish to use their own video/DVD evidence they must provide a signed Statutory Declaration, which certifies that the video/DVD has not been altered or



tampered with. League video evidence does not require a statutory declaration to be used as part of any tribunal case or investigation.

This does not apply to Match Review Panel vision.

INDEPENDENT TRIBUNAL AND APPEAL BOARD

The MCDFNL in accordance with Section 25 of the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook, shall engage the BFNL Independent Tribunal as their independent tribunal.

All AFL Victoria Country affiliated Leagues and Regions shall adopt the Tribunal Provisions detailed at Section 25 of the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook

TRIBUNAL DUTIES

The Tribunal shall deal with and decide protests, disputes, and charges against clubs, players, officials, and office bearers of clubs and to fine, suspend or otherwise deal with such protests, disputes or charges as they think fit.

MATCH REVIEW PANEL

The Match Review Panel is an independent panel of members who shall be asked to review incidents raised by clubs and Umpiring Associations from official league video evidence and asked to determine if a specific player or players in question may have a case to answer to under AFL Victoria Country rules (as stipulated on the AFL Victoria Country report form).

See By Law 65 for an overview of how the Match Review Panel process is conducted.

TRIBUNAL & MATCH REVIEW PANEL MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Tribunal and Match Review Panel shall not hold any other office in the League, nor be an official of any Club affiliated with the League, nor have been an official of any Club affiliated with the League for a period of 12 months. Any person wishing to become a member of the Ballarat FNL Independent Tribunal or Match Review Panel must have not played for a period



of 24 months. A person may not be a member of both the Tribunal and Match Review Panels at the same time.

UNSATISFACTORY EVIDENCE

The Tribunal shall have the power to fine any player or official who, in the opinion of the Tribunal, does not present their evidence in a satisfactory manner.

REPRESENTATION

If desired, any Club or player concerned in any protest or charge, may be represented by a delegate or representative, provided such delegate or representative is not a qualified member of the legal profession. Refer to AFL Victoria Country Handbook "Tribunal Procedure Information".

DECISIONS FINAL

Notwithstanding any appeals to the AFL Victoria Country Appeals Board, the Tribunal's decisions and penalties shall be final and such penalties may extend beyond its term of office.

SUSTAINED REPORTS

A Club who, in a grade, has six (6) sustained reports for the season shall show the League why they should not be suspended from the League.

LACK OF QUORUM

In the absence of a Quorum at a meeting of the Tribunal, or if for any other reason it is unable to meet, any players charged shall be eligible to play for their Club until the matter is heard and determined by the Tribunal. In the event of a member of the Tribunal reporting a player or an official of a Club, such person charged shall be dealt with by the officers of the League.

PLAYER ATTENDANCE FOR TRIBUNAL HEARING

In instances where a charged player is unable to attend a scheduled hearing of the Ballarat FNL Independent Tribunal due, they shall be ineligible to play until the matter is heard and determined by the Tribunal.



ATTENDANCE AT TRIBUNAL HEARING

Subject to Sections 25.3(b), a charged Person, and their representative, must attend a Tribunal hearing at the date, time and place/forum (including by video or telephone conferencing) notified by the Controlling Body. Any Football Official, Player, parent, or guardian of a Player must appear before the Tribunal if requested to do so by the Controlling Body or Tribunal.

In respect of a Tribunal hearing:

- The Chairperson may excuse a Person from appearing at a Tribunal hearing if the Chairperson is satisfied that the Person is suffering from an injury or medical condition that will reasonably prevent that Person's attendance.
- Any Person, including a charged Person's representative, who wishes to attend a Tribunal hearing via video or telephone must first seek the prior approval of the Controlling Body (except where video or telephone conferencing is the forum fixed by the Controlling Body).
- The Controlling Body or Tribunal may, at any time prior to the Tribunal hearing, vary the date, time and place/forum of the Tribunal hearing and upon doing so, must advise all directly interested parties of such variation; and
- If a Person issued with a Notice of Charge or Notice of Breach, or that Person's representative, fails to appear at a Tribunal hearing at the notified date, time and place/forum, the Tribunal may proceed to hear and determine the matter and impose any sanction in the absence of that Person or that Person's representative or postpone the Tribunal hearing.

GUILTY VERDICT FEE FOR INDEPENDENT TRIBUNAL HEARING OUTCOMES

Any Club whose player is found guilty of an offence by the Independent Tribunal shall be fined \$200 per guilty offense in addition to any other penalty handed down by the Independent Tribunal. This is to assist with the increasing costs associated with hosting tribunal cases. Funds received via this fee shall be retained by the League.



USING VIDEO EVIDENCE IN TRIBUNAL CASES

Where video evidence is available from an authorised media outlet video production team, this evidence WILL be shown in accordance with AFL Victoria Country guidelines for video evidence at the commencement of the case. Where a Club wishes to tender a Club or non-authorised video as evidence in a particular case, the Club must notify the League no later than 10am on the day of the hearing and such video must be delivered to the League no later than Noon on the scheduled day of the tribunal hearing.

The video evidence MUST also be accompanied by a signed statutory declaration confirming that the footage provided is true and correct and has not been altered in any way (excluding slow-motion footage).

Video evidence received after this time, unless agreed to by the league, will not be accepted as evidence in the case. A member of the MCDFNL Board, Regional General Manager, MCDFNL Competition Coordinator and the Umpiring Association General Manager or Umpiring Association Chairman has the right to lay a report and/or request an investigation based on video footage presented to them.

CLUB UMPIRE REPORTING POWERS

Under AFL Victoria Country Rules and MCDFNL By-Laws any person who takes the field and acts as an Umpire (whether a BFUA official or a Club Volunteer) does have the full powers of an "officially accredited" Umpire, and therefore can report or send off players at their discretion.

Volunteer Club Umpires who lodge a report are also represented by the BFUA advocate at any subsequent tribunal hearings.

It is further worth noting the following rules from the AFL Victoria Country Rules Handbook to clear up any confusion – In the AFL Victoria Country Rule Book the definition of an umpire includes all field, boundary and goal umpires officiating or at a match. Volunteer Club Umpires shall register with the AFL Victoria



Country Football Development Manager and Players can be umpires if there are insufficient numbers of umpires available.

Therefore, once we establish that any Volunteer Club Umpires are "official umpires" they have an obligation to report as part of their duties as an umpire. To ensure that your Volunteer Club Umpires are registered as Volunteer Club Umpires and that they have the full power as outlined above, all Clubs must ensure that these Volunteers do complete the official AFL Victoria Country Clearance/ Registration Form – circling the Registration field, and then write at the top of this form "CLUB UMPIRE". The League shall then register these Umpires with the AFL Victoria Country Football Development Manager as a Club Umpire. Clubs must also carry out this step to ensure that your Club Umpire is covered by the AFL Victoria Country Insurance Policy.

MCDFNL BOARD MEMBERS/UMPIRES OBSERVER POWER TO REPORT

Where a MCDFNL Board Member or Umpires Observer is in attendance at a junior game (Under 17, Under 15, Under 13, Under 11 and Under 9, they shall have the same powers of reporting offences as the appointed Umpire.

NOTE: In addition to the above, any official BFUA Umpires Observer/coach at any League game also has the power to report players/officials and due process will be followed under AFL Victoria Country Rules.

TRIBUNAL AUDIO FILES

Clubs will be provided with a copy of the audio file from a Tribunal Hearing when requested. The BFNL shall charge a fee of \$100 for providing this copy.

COMMENTS IN THE MEDIA

Any Club Member (player or official) found to have made inappropriate comments in the media towards a member of the MCDFNL, AFL Victoria Country, or Umpiring Association shall be fined an amount at the discretion of the Board. The MCDFNL Board shall decide the appropriateness of the comments made and the offending party will be given the opportunity to explain their actions prior to a fine being handed down.



TEAMS NOT BREAKING FROM THE HUDDLE

When the single siren is blown to indicate the end of a break the club/s not breaking from the huddle will be fined 5 penalty units per occasion with clubs to be named on the Umpire's match report sheet.

LEAVING PLAYING FIELD

The senior grade shall be permitted to leave the playing field during the half time interval - including the Finals Series. All other grades must remain on the field at ½ time, except under extreme weather conditions. Clubs leaving the playing field inappropriately shall be liable to a fine of 20 penalty units for all Senior teams and a fine of 10 penalty units shall apply to all other teams.

Failure of Clubs to return to the playing field by the specified time will result in a fine of 2 Penalty Units per Minute being applied.

65. MATCH REVIEW PANEL PROCESS*

*In the event of an MCDFNL-authorised match being filmed.

The MCDFNL/BFNL introduced a Match Review Panel of up to five members who are appointed to review incidents raised from official MCDFNL footage and asked to make a determination on whether the player(s) in question may have breached one of the AFL Victoria Country rules as outlined on the official report sheet. The process for incidents raised by clubs and referred onto the Match Review Panel is as follows:

Step 1: Incident Raised with the League

Any on-field incident that may have been missed by the officiating Umpire(s) can be raised with the league for further review. Requests to review footage must be submitted through a club's Board or Umpiring Association and incidents must be raised with the league via email prior to 12pm on a Tuesday following a round of matches. From there, the league puts in a request to our media partners to send a copy of the footage in three different speeds which is then forwarded on to all Match Review Panel members. If footage of the incident cannot be found, the



person requesting the review will be informed and the case shall go no further. NOTE: At this point a club may wish to take the incident to investigation if they feel the incident still requires attention.

At this point, both clubs involved as well as the Umpiring Association, are informed that a case is currently sitting with the Match Review Panel and a decision is pending on an incident that occurred during the game in question.

Step 2: Review of the Incident by the Match Review Panel

Once the footage has been found, it is sent to all panel members along with a copy of the official report sheet. Panel members are asked to review the footage and determine if an AFL Victoria Country rule (as listed on the report form) has been breached.

Step 3: Informing the BFNL of Final Decision

Once all Match Review Panel members have had a chance to review the footage, each member must then inform the League via email by the close of business on the same day of their decision on whether or not an AFL Victoria Country rule has been breached. The Match Review Panel is made up of an odd number of members at all times meaning the majority rules on any decision made on whether or not a case is referred to the tribunal.

Step 4: Informing the Club of the Match Review Panel Outcome

Once a decision has been determined by the Match Review Panel, all clubs will be informed of the decision made. Either of the following will happen:

- a. The Match Review Panel will determine whether a player or players may have a case to answer to and the case will be referred to the Independent Tribunal for hearing.
- b. The Match Review Panel will determine that a player or players have no case to answer to and the case will go no further NOTE: At this point a club may wish to take the incident to investigation if they feel the incident still requires attention.



If a case is referred to the tribunal, both clubs and the Umpiring Association will be provided a completed report sheet informing the breach of AFL Victoria Country rule(s), this sheet will also be used during the tribunal case.

Step 5: Case Moves on to Tribunal Hearing (If Applicable)

Should the case be referred to the Independent Tribunal, the case shall run the normal course that any other tribunal case would run.

NOTE: A fee of \$200 shall apply for Match Review Panel requests in the following instances: - To the club who requests a MRP incident, and it DOES NOT proceed to the Tribunal - To the club who has a player sent to the Tribunal resulting from a MRP case review

IMPORTANT: This fee is in addition to any guilty verdict fees or fees handed down by the Tribunal.

66. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES / PROVISIONS CLAUSE:

Where this by-law is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the Maryborough Castlemaine District Football Netball League, football competition is maintained always.

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PART 3. NETBALL BY-LAWS



These by-laws are the rules governing the internal affairs of the MCDFNL Netball Competition. They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct and direction of the organisation. These By-laws are specific to the MCDFNL Netball competitions and are an appendix to the MCDFNL By-Laws. Rules in these Netball By-Laws can be overruled by the MCDFNL By-laws when deemed necessary by the MCDFNL Sub Committee.

Effective: February 2025

67. CONTROLLING BODY

The administering body will be known as the MCDFNL Netball Sub-Committee and will meet each year as often as deemed necessary by the Committee.

The Netball Sub-Committee is chaired by the Netball Manager and will report directly to the MCDFNL League Board.

68. COMPETITION RULES

All MCDFNL matches shall be conducted according to Netball Australia Rules unless otherwise stated in these by-laws. However, MCDFNL by-laws should be referred to before any other rules.

Starting times and match duration times will be set by the Management Committee for each season (see Rule X).

The MCDFNL senior competition (A, B, and C Grade) and MCDFNL junior competition (17 & Under, 15 & Under, 13 & Under, and 11 & Under) are considered to be two separate competitions.

69. VENUES

Each Club plays their home matches within the confines of the ground where their football club is playing.



Each home club will be responsible for providing a court in fit condition, which must be approved by Netball Victoria & the MCDFNL.

The Netball Australia Safe Netball Checklist must be completed via the Safe Netball app before the commencement of the first game of the day.

All courts are to be situated outdoors, as the MCDFNL is an outdoor competition. In the event that a scheduled home and away match is unable to be played on the netball court at the scheduled venue, an alternative outdoor venue will need to be sought by the home club.

70. PARTICIPANT REGISTRATIONS

Players, coaches, and umpire registrations must be completed by the individual on the Netball Connect system prior to taking the Court.

PENALTY: If a team plays an unregistered player or has an unregistered coach or umpire officiate a game, they will incur a loss of four premiership points and a \$50 fine.

71. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Any player having played 8 OR MORE games of the season (Including finals) in any senior grade shall NOT be permitted to compete in any remaining home and away games in a lower grade.

For example: A club may not drop an A Grade player to their B Grade once that player has competed in more than eight games of the season in the A Grade team.

The highest-graded game played on the day that will be recorded as a qualifying game. Any other game played on that day will not be recorded as a qualification game in a lower game. Players may play a maximum of two games per round during the home and away season with their club e.g., one 17s & one A grade or one C Grade & one B Grade.



Any player who has played less than eight (8) games of the total home and away season in any grade or age group shall be allowed to move freely between grades or age groups that they are eligible for.

Any player that has played in a higher level than A Grade, e.g. Suncorp Super Netball, Australian Netball League or the Victorian Netball League Championship Division, within the last 12 months will be permitted to play NO LOWER than A Grade in the MCDFNL home and away and finals competition.

There is one exception to this bylaw: If the player is a junior player and playing VNL Championship level they are able to play in their junior age group within the MCDFNL competition.

PENALTY: Loss of four premiership points for playing an ineligible player.

72. AGE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum age requirement for the senior competition is turning 15 years of age by the 31st of December, *in the current year*.

Participant age is determined as of 31st December of that year. Maximum age requirements are:

A, B & C grades - Open age

17 & Under – Players must be 17 years of age or younger as of 31st December 'of the current year'. Therefore, players cannot turn 18 this year. This is a female only competition.

15 & Under – Players must be 15 years of age or younger as of 31st December 'of the current year'. Therefore, players cannot turn 16 this year. This is a female only competition.



13 & Under – Players must be 13 years of age or younger as of 31st December 'of the current year'. Therefore, players cannot turn 14 this year. This is a mixed competition.

11 & Under – Players must be 11 years of age or younger as of 31st December 'of the current year'. Therefore, players cannot turn 12 this year. This is a mixed competition.

For 11 & under grade competition, the minimum age limit set for participants must be turning 7 years old in the year of competition.

Where clubs have players aged 5-7 years, they are encouraged to run a Tier 1 NetSetGo! program.

Where clubs have players aged 8-10 years, they are encouraged to run a Tier 2 NetSetGo! program.

73. PLAYER EXEMPTIONS – HOME & AWAY SEASON

Clubs may seek player exemptions for junior grades using the correct <u>exemptions online form</u>. Exemptions will be considered on a minimum combination of the following requirements:

- The person has never played netball before
- Low numbers in the selected team
- Medical reasons (proof must be shown)

Any exemption granted will be confirmed in writing by the MCDFNL Competition Coordinator. The MCDFNL Netball Sub Committee will observe any exemptions up until Round 7. If deemed by the Netball Sub Committee that the player has ability above their age group, the exemption may be revoked.

If, after Round 7, the exempted players' Club feels that the exempted player has progressed further they are to contact the MCDFNL Competition Coordinator to come and observe again and ask for the exemption to be revoked.



If the exempted player plays up a grade, the exemption is automatically revoked.

Clubs may only ask for a player exemption once (i.e., if an exemption has been approved once, the Club may not request an exemption again for the same player the following season).

PENALTY: Loss of match and four premiership points

74. FINALS ELIGIBILITY

A player must play in at least five matches (senior grades) and at least four matches (junior grades) for their club in the home and away rounds, in a grade, to qualify to play in the finals series.

To qualify for Senior Grades

"A player must play at least five home and away games for their club in the lowest grade they wish to qualify to play in the finals series."

Example: Player A plays five games in B grade, three games in C grade – Player A is only eligible to play finals in either A or B grade.

To qualify for Junior Grades

"A player must play at least for home and away games for their club in the eligible grade they wish to qualify to play in the finals series."

Example: If Player A plays eight games in 17&U & five games in A grade in the home and away rounds – then Player A is only eligible for 17s & A grade.

If Play B plays 6 Games in 15&U and 4 games in the 17&U – then Player B is only eligible for 15&U and 17&U

PENALTY: Match is forfeited and the non-offending team is awarded the game.



75. FINALS PLAYER EXEMPTIONS

A club seeking an exemption to qualify a player for the finals must apply to the MCDFNL Competition Coordinator in writing. Exemptions must be submitted no later than 2 weeks before the final series commences. Any requests after the 2-week mark will not be accepted. The exemption request will be presented to the MCDFNL Netball Sub Committee for a decision.

The Board will consider the following:

- The number of players who have qualified for finals in this team
- If the request for exemption is needed to put a team on the court in finals.

Exemptions are only given for extenuating circumstances, where the club can clearly articulate a need to put a team on the court.

76. PERMIT PLAYERS

Clubs may play a player on a single-game voucher through NetballConnect and the cost will be \$20 per voucher.

A player may use a single-game voucher for a maximum of three games for the home & away season.

A player can only use a single-game voucher for one game per match day. For example a player that obtains a single-game voucher for C Grade, they cannot then play B or A Grade.

A player cannot use a single-game voucher for any finals matches.

A single-game voucher must be purchased prior to the game commencing.

A player playing on a single-game voucher is not eligible for votes (umpires may still award votes, but they will not be recognised) and the game/s do not count towards finals eligibility.



PENALTY: Loss of match and four premiership points

77. GENDER REGULATION

The league observes the Netball Victoria Gender Regulation in regard to male participation:

Males who are 13 years (and older) are not permitted to participate in the female competition. This means that males must be less than 13 years of age (actual age) as at the first day of the competition or season; and

males that turn 13 during that competition or season will be permitted to participate for the duration of that competition or season. There is no limit to the number of males on the court at any time in mixed competitions.

78. ROLLING SUBSTITUTIONS

Rolling Substitution (all grades) are permitted in the MCDFNL Competition. They will be conducted in-line with the <u>Netball Victoria rules</u> for rolling substitutions.

79. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

The MCDFNL will comply with the Player Uniform Guidelines set by Netball Australia. It is important that netball recognises that everyone participating can wear a uniform that caters for individual preferences and religious beliefs.

Each team shall play in club colours, and any changes to design or colour must be made in writing and approved by the MCDFNL Netball Sub-Committee. Netball bibs do not have to be the same colour of the uniform, but must be in the team colours, excluding clash bibs. Bibs must have the Worksafe logo.

Uniform options:

- A Dress
- A Singlet
- A Bodysuit
- A t-shirt long or short-sleeved shirt



- A Skirt
- Shorts
- Long Pants, either compression/lycra or tracksuit style (no pockets)
- Shorts under the skirt or dress must be of an appropriate length

When teams wear the same colour uniform, the home team has the right to stay the same and the away team must change their bibs to another colour. All bibs must include the WorkSafe Logo. Sponsorship logos are permitted to be placed on player uniforms, all branding and placement of logos must be approved by the MCDFNL Board prior to production of uniforms. The MCDFNL Sponsor Logo must be included on the front of the uniforms.

Gloves may be worn if a medical certificate is provided to the umpire (In Home and Away Matches) and or Competition Coordinator (in Finals) before the player takes the court. Only plain cotton gloves with no metal clips, sharp adornments, velcro, rubber spikes or any other covering to enhance the catching of the ball shall be allowed to be worn.

In the event of extreme weather, long sleeve t-shirts can be worn. Home team are to be white and away team in black. No other-coloured t-shirt is permitted.

Unisex uniforms which may consist of a dress, skirt or shorts and singlet or Tshirts which must be of club colours can be worn. Must be approved by the MCDFNL Board. Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players and will participate in accordance with the INF Rules of Netball.

The two sock options below are the only ones permitted in the MCDFNL:

- 1. Black or white socks with no inappropriate logos/images/ wording.
- 2. League approved Club Socks with club colours and/or logos



80. HOME AND AWAY MATCHES

The playing rules shall be those of Netball Australia unless otherwise stated in these by-laws. Each Match must consist of four quarters, with the following starting times and breaks for each grade:

GRADE	START TIME	QUARTER LENGTH	BREAK TIMES
A Grade	3.00pm	4 x 15 mins	3 - 4 - 3
B Grade	2.00pm	4 x 12 minutes	2-2-2
C Grade	1.00pm	4 x 12 minutes	2-2-2
17 & Under	12.00am	4 x 10 minutes	2-2-2
15 & Under	11.00am	4 x 10 minutes	2 - 2 - 2
13 & Under	10.00am	4 x 10 minutes	2 - 2 - 2
11 & Under	9.00am	4 x 10 minutes	2 - 2 - 2

In the case of a draw, there will be no extra time allowed during Home and Away season. Start times for matches can be changed prior to the match with approval from both delegates and notification to the League.

Any club with ONLY one team will be an A grade team. A Grade team should always be the stronger side fielded. A and B grade must be filled before C grade; 17 & under stay at the same time unless agreed by the clubs.

All clubs must enter teams in all seven grades of netball. Any club unable to field a side must apply for a one-year exemption by the 1st of March of the given season. Clubs not fielding teams will be subject to appropriate fines and penalties as per **MCDFNL By-Law 19.1**

In the situation where teams entered in the netball competition are due to play, Clubs without teams shall constitute a bye for the team entered, and they will receive four premiership points.



The Home Club shall supply the approved netballs for all home matches and in the case of an inadequate netball the umpire's decision will be final.

81. TEAMS FOR MATCH DAYS

All Clubs must enter their teams for each grade in the Netball Connect system by 10.00am Friday morning.

PENALTY: A warning will be issued and subsequent fines may be applied for any repeated breaches of this rule.

82. MERCY RULE

In junior games, an automatic mercy rule shall be implemented in the 11&U, U&13 competition when either side reaches a margin of 30 goals in front. At this point, the scores will cease to be updated on the scoreboard only. The full score will continue to be recorded on the official scoresheet.

83. UMPIRING

Refer to the <u>MCDFNL Umpiring Handbook</u> for the correct umpire uniform. This is located on the MCDFNL Website.

Umpire merchandise is available online for umpires to purchase (see the MCDFNL Netball Umpire Handbook).

Umpires should be badged where possible and MUST be unbiased.

Umpires are to attend training clinics where scheduled by the MCDFNL and must be registered with Netball Victoria.

Umpires are not to umpire more than two (2) games in one day. 11&U, 13&U do not count as part of the 2 games, however an umpire cannot officiate more than 2 consecutive games (e.g. 11&U, 13&U and 15&U). See the MCDFNL Netball Umpires Handbook for further clarification.



Players who umpire are only to umpire one game if they are playing on the same day unless the matches they umpire are before they play.

Every umpire must attend one or more courses or sit the theory exam and achieve a pass of 70% or above if due for reaccreditation and must attend training clinics as scheduled.

Clubs unable to supply an Umpire for a match are to make arrangements with the opposition to supply another umpire at the clubs cost of \$70 for EACH GAME or as agreed with otherwise prior to the commencement of the match.

If a team cannot provide an umpire on the day, that team will be deemed to have forfeited the game.

Forfeited games are subject to the fines outlined in By-Law 19.1

It is recommended umpires umpiring A + B Grade games should hold a minimum current C badges accreditation or are working towards attaining a C grade badge accreditation. A coach must not umpire the grade they are coaching.

Umpires who officiate for clubs during the home & away season may be used in finals.

Umpires booked for finals must be badged & can only officiate two (2) games and sit as an emergency for two (2) additional games per day.

The use of training bibs and umpire mentors is strongly encouraged. Further information and guidelines for the use of training bibs and mentors can be found in the MCDFNL Netball Umpires Handbook on the MCDFNL website.

84. OFFICIALS

The match officials are umpires, scorers and timekeepers. The team officials are coach, assistant coach, manager, 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.

All coaches must have the minimum foundation-level coaching qualification by Round 3 of the season.

PENALTY: Loss of match and four premiership points for each game the coach coaches without the minimum qualification.

The maximum of five players not on court at start of play, shall constitute the Team Bench.

Team Officials and bench players MUST NOT engage in any inappropriate comments or any form of inappropriate behaviour, including moving up and down the sidelines or along the goal lines, during play.

Club Coaches and Team Officials must stay in the designated bench area during all Home & Away and Finals matches.

The appointed coach/s is the only member/s of the Club that is/are allowed to coach on Match Day.

85. RESULTS

All results including the scoresheet and League Best and Fairest vote cards must be to the Administration Hub by the Tuesday following the match.

All team details and results must be entered by the home club into the Netball Connect System by 6.00pm on the day of play.

Entered match results must include quarter-by-quarter scores, best players (3,2,1 - 3 being the best) for each side and goal scorer's statistics.

PENALTY: A warning will be issued and subsequent fines may be applied for any repeated breaches of this rule.



86. SCORERS & TIMEKEEPERS:

The home team shall supply one scorer and one timekeeper, and the away team shall provide one scorer.

The scorers from each team will officiate the scoresheet and the timekeepers from each team shall officiate the match time, interval time, injury/illness, and suspension times.

The Scorers must be seated next to each other, and the timekeeper must also be seated next to the scorers for the duration of the match.

NOTE: Scorers and timekeepers are not permitted to use electronic devices e.g., Mobiles, IPads etc. for personal use whilst on the score bench.

Scorers and Timekeepers cannot play in a game in which they are officiating on the official Bench.

The home team must complete the starting positions on the printed scoresheet for their team list.

The opposing team must complete the starting positions on the printed scoresheet for their team list.

Scorers must fill in the following:

- The position of players at every quarter (even if no change).
- Centre passes.
- Each goal and ensure it is confirmed by the opposing team's scorer.
- All players who take to the court and their position marked against their name or the League shall not recognise the player for this game.
- All goal attempts must be recorded on the score sheet, excluding 11&U and 13&U matches.
- The score at the end of each quarter by tallying each goaler's score and circling the tally in the running numerals.
- The final score



All players who take the court must have their position marked against their name player must be named on the team sheet prior to taking the court.

At the game conclusion, to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the official scoresheet is correct, the official scoresheet is to be signed by:

- The captains of both competing teams, and
- The scorers
- The officiating umpires only sign the score sheet to state they have officiated that game.

A team official shall inform the scorers of all changes so they can complete their duties accurately.

The TIMEKEEPER must be a separate person to the SCORERS.

If a scorer, Team, or Club believes the score sheet is incorrect, they must not sign it and follow the grievance procedures to protest. If the score sheet has been signed, but if there is a simple addition error affecting the result, the scores can be amended by the MCDFNL and the amended result will stand.

A TEAM WISHING TO PROTEST A SCORESHEET MUST:

- Contact the MCDFNL Competition Coordinator in writing within 48 hours of the game being played.
- The MCDFNL Competition Coordinator will contact all relevant parties involved to gather all information available.
- The Competition Coordinator will advise the result of the protest and this decision shall be final.

87. INCIDENT MANAGEMENT AND COMPLAINTS

The MCDFNL has appointed an Independent Complaints Officer (ICO) who can be engaged to investigate a complaint or code of conduct breach. Clubs wishing to make a formal complaint about a breach of these rules or any other Codes of Conduct are required to follow this process:



- 1. Netball Umpire or Club Coordinator submits an incident referral to the Competition Coordinator by 12 noon Monday following the incident.
- 2. The Independent Complaints Officer (ICO) will assess the incident referral.
- 3. The ICO will contact the Netball Coordinator of the Club of the offending player, provide them with details of the allegation and ask for the player's account of the incident.
- 4. The Club in question will then be given until midday on Wednesday following the match to respond in writing to the allegation.
- 5. Should the Club elect not to respond to the allegation as per this process, consideration will be given to the player in question being made ineligible from participating in the next match/matches.
- 6. Both accounts will be assessed by the ICO. If enough information is presented a finding can be reached. If the complaint is substantiated, the complaint manager may impose a penalty which can be done in using the information in the regulations. If more information is required, the complaint manager can seek further information from other witnesses or call a Tribunal hearing.
- 7. A recommendation will be made from the ICO to the MCDFNL Board regarding any penalties that may be applied.
- 8. The investigation fee will be \$500 and the club wishing to open investigation will be invoiced accordingly.

If a club requests an investigation, they are required to pay a fee of \$500. The club requesting an investigation shall only receive a refund in full if the reported party is found guilty. If there is no case to answer, then the club that requested the investigation forfeits the fee in its entirety.



88. BEST AND FAIREST VOTES

Umpire League vote cards must be signed by both umpires and the votes should be given as three (3), two (2) and one (1) vote.

If voting envelopes are opened once they have been sealed on the day, then the Umpires are required to initial the back of the envelopes over the seal when they have been resealed.

89. MATCH ABANDONMENT

SERIOUS INJURY

If a serious injury occurs and requires significant medical intervention (e.g., an ambulance to be called), advice from the medical team/trainers/paramedics regarding patient care will be followed (e.g., injured player to remain where they are, if they are not able to be safely moved).

The match can be postponed for no longer than 30 minutes, if required to accommodate medical assistance.

If the game cannot be re-started after the allocated postponement break of 30 minutes, the match will be abandoned.

If the injury occurs before half-time, a draw will be awarded, and 2 points will be allocated to each team. If the injury occurs at or after half-time, the score will stand, and 4 points will be awarded to the team that is leading the match.

If the game can be re-started within the allocated postponement break time, and one team wishes to abandon the match, and the other team wishes to play, the abandoning team is considered to have forfeited the match, and 4 points will be awarded to the team that wishes to play.



ADVERSE WEATHER OR OTHER SERIOUS INCIDENT

A match may be postponed and/or abandoned in the event of a serious incident occurring that poses a danger or risk to players and/or umpires. A match may be postponed for up to 30 minutes while the incident is appropriately managed, and the risk/danger is removed.

If the game cannot be re-started after the allocated postponement break or 30 minutes, the match will be abandoned.

The incident occurs before half-time, a draw will be awarded, and 2 points will be allocated to each team. If the incident occurs at or half-time, the score will stand, and 4 points will be awarded to the team that is leading the match.

If the game can be re-started within the allocated postponement break time, and one team wishes to abandon the match, and the other team wishes to play, the abandoning team is considered to have forfeited the match, and 4 points will be awarded to the team that wishes to play.

90. FINALS

All netballs and scoresheets for finals matches are to be supplied by the League and be approved netballs.

Start times will be as directed by MCDFNL. These times will be communicated to delegates as soon as available.

95.1 Drawn games

During a final at the end of the game when scores are tied there is a two (2) minute break during which time there may be substitutions and/or team changes.



At the end of the 2 minutes once the score has been verified, there are a further 2 halves played.

11 & Under	2 x 5 minutes	1-minute break
13 & Under	2 x 5 minutes	1-minute break
15 & Under	2 x 5 minutes	1-minute break
17 & Under	2 x 5 minutes	1-minute break
C grade	2 x 6 minutes	1-minute break
B grade	2 x 6 minutes	1-minute break
A grade	2 x 7 minutes	1-minute break

Teams change ends to begin the second half of time on, after a one-minute interval. If at the end of the second interval the scores are still level, then play continues until one team has a two (2) goal advantage.

During extra time, normal injury or illness procedures shall apply as per the INF Rules of Netball.

If teams nominated to score and time keep in finals fail to provide required numbers to do so, a fine of \$100 per rostered game will be imposed.

Individual clubs score and time keep their own matches with an independent scoring supervisor in attendance as nominated by the league.

Team Sheets for finals must be entered by 10.00am on the Friday prior to the game.

PENALTY: A warning will be issued and subsequent fines may be applied for any repeated breaches of this rule.

91. CLEARANCES

A clearance is required if a player wishes to transfer to another Club within the MCDFNL during the current season or at the end of a season. Each club must process a clearance through the Netball Connect Database System.



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

A clearance will not be granted after the 30th of June.

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

The player must complete all details on NetballConnect.

The exiting Club has 7 days to complete the clearance on the Netball Connect system or the League will automatically clear the player to the new Club.

If the Club refuses to clear the player (refer: conditions of clearance), the system will notify the clubs advising the reason why. Any dispute arising from clearance restrictions will be dealt in accordance with the grievance procedure. Approval must be processed on the Netball Connect System by the MCDFNL before the player can play for the new club.

PENALTY: Loss of 4 premiership points for every match the non-cleared player has played.

92. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

The MCDFNL Competition Coordinator & Netball Manger, in conjunction with the sub-committee and allocated coach/es, will organise the Representative Team selection trials.

Teams will be published on the MCDFNL website/Facebook page within seven (7) days of the final selection trial, as well as receive an email of the final selection.

MCDFNL representative players MUST play for a club in the MCDFNL for the entirety of the current season (excluding finals). The selector's decision shall be final.



92.1 TEAM OFFICIALS FOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

The Team Officials for Representative Teams are coach, team manager, scorer, timekeeper, and umpire.

92.2 COACHES

A coach shall be appointed for each selected team.

Calls for applications to coach shall be made no later than one month prior to the first tournament, unless already appointed.

Applications, if required, must be in writing stating the applicant's qualifications and experience. All appointed coaches must have the minimum Development level coaching qualification.

A Scorer/Timekeeper shall be appointed for each selected team.

93. RISK MANAGEMENT

93.1 Injury reporting

All clubs are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players' guardian (player under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheets available on the Netball Victoria Website.

93.2 Pre-match checklist

A Willis Matchday checklist will be completed prior to the first match of the day. Another checklist can be done if conditions change. This checklist MUST be returned to the hub with the match day paperwork.

Any hazards identified will be:

- Documented
- Rectified if possible
- Reported to the appropriate agency (local council, reserve committee) if major repair is required



93.3 Indemnity clause

Except where provided or required by laws and such can't be excluded, the (Maryborough Castlemaine DFNL) and its respective Board, officers, members, servants or agents are absolved from all liability arising from injury or damage, however caused, arising whilst participating as a member.

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PART 4. ADOPTED POLICIES



The MCDFNL adopts the following policies in conjunction with AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria.

Rules and Regulations

Laws of Australian Football AFL National Community Policy Handbook AFL Victoria Country Rules

Community Club Sustainability Program

Community Club Sustainability Program

Player Transfer & De-registration

National Player Registration and Transfer Regulations Addendum National Player Registration and Transfer Regulations National Player and Official De-registration Policy

Online Media

AFL Social Media Engagement Policy Netball Victoria Cyber Safety Policy

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Duty of Care

Negligence and the Law in Football Netball Victoria Concussion Policy

National Age Dispensation Policy 2019

Age Dispensation Application Template

AFL Respect & Responsibility Policy

Respect and Responsibility policy Make a report



AFL Victoria Smoke Free and Alcohol Management Policy & Resources:

AFL Victoria Smoke Free Policy AFL Victoria Alcohol Management Policy

Infectious Control:

AFL Infectious Control Club Help

Safeguarding Children and Young People

Safeguarding Children Commitment Statement Safeguarding Children Policy Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct Safeguarding Children Reporting Procedure AFL commitment to child safety (poster) Say something (poster) Safe kids code of conduct (poster) Make a report

Affiliate Regulations:

AFL Vic Community League Affiliate Regulations AFL Vic Member to Member – Movement of Clubs or Teams

Additional Resources:

AFL Victoria Extreme Weather Policy Member Protection Policy AFL Privacy Policy AFL Vilification Policy AFL Match Policy

Female Community Football Guidelines

Female community football guidelines



Young Person Resources

Flagging unsafe behaviours in footy Rights and responsibilities in footy Safe/unsafe behaviour in footy What does abuse in footy look like?

Gender Diversity Policies

AFL community football GDP policy AFL GDP FAQs Gender diversity policy - companion guide Netball Victoria Inclusion Policy

Mental Health and Wellbeing

AFL mental health and wellbeing strategy The AFL industry mental health clinical governance framework How to seek help 2021 AFL community football



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U/11.5 Coach			
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		NETBALL	
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NETBALL						
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