



ANZAC DAY Commemoration

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The following order of ceremony is to be conducted at the centre of the ground with both sides full number of players and coaches gathered in a circle before all games on the weekend of 25-26 April. The words are to be spoken by a veteran identified by the club, one of the team's coaches or by the match official. This order of service and commemoration must not be altered in any way and must be conducted on all games held on 25th April 2015 as a mark of respect.

(Please ensure all players are silent before proceeding)

Introduction (Veteran, Coach or Match Official)

“ANZAC Day is a day of national commemoration when we pause to remember Australia's servicemen and women who served our country to ensure we can live in freedom and peace. We are free to play our game on this special day because of the sacrifice these men and women made for us, and so we take the time now to remember them before we play.”

Prayer of remembrance

“Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.”

Ode of Remembrance

“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.”

One Minute's Silence

“We now reflect in a minutes silence on the significance of this occasion and those being remembered.”

The Rouse (Optional – play on phone or other audio device if available)

<http://www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au/sites/default/files/The-Rouse.zip>

At the conclusion of the one minutes silence or Rouse, the players should be quietly asked to take the field and the match may proceed.