



POLICIES AND DELEGATIONS



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1. GVL Season Fixture

- a. The fixture is to consist of the following
 - i. Season is to be 18 games duration (home and away)
 - ii. Grand Final to be held the Sunday prior to the AFL Grand Final
 - iii. 1 Full round bye (AFL Victoria Country Community Championships)
 - iv. 1 Split Round
- b. Fixture process
 - i. July – Next year fixture dates circulated to all clubs, per rolling fixture
 - ii. July/August – Request window open (ANZAC Day, special occasions etc, for consideration)
 - iii. Mid September – Draft fixture tabled to delegates for written feedback/comment
 - iv. Club negotiation window (eg. ANZAC Day, Sunday, night etc)
 - v. End October – Feedback period closed
 - vi. November – Annual General Meeting, final draft tabled for ratification
 - vii. December – Final fixture released to the public
- c. Any variation from the normal schedule of Saturday fixtures (u18s 10.00am, reserves 12.00pm and seniors 2.00pm) to be negotiated by both clubs. If the clubs are unable to reach an agreement, a request, can be submitted to the board for assessment.
- d. For night fixtures the GVL, in accordance with the Australian Standards relating to sports lighting, requires a minimum of an average of 100 lux illumination and that at no point on the playing surface is the illumination to be less than 50% of the average illumination, this is a uniformity of 0.5 or higher. For example, if the average illumination across the entire playing surface is 120 lux then at no point on the playing surface can the illumination be less than 60 lux (50% of 120 lux). This is for insurance purposes.

2. Match times

- a. Matches shall start in all home and away day games at -
 - i. 15 & Under netball – 9.15am
 - ii. Under 18 football- 10.00am
 - iii. 17 & Under netball – 10.30am
 - iv. B Reserve netball – 11.45am
 - v. Reserves football - 12.00 midday
 - vi. B grade netball – 1.00pm
 - vii. Senior football - 2.00pm
 - viii. A grade netball – 2.15pm
 - ix. Or any other times agreed to by both competing teams and approved by the Board.
- b. Matches to be played in accordance with the rules of AFL Victoria Country & Netball Victoria or otherwise approved by the Board.
- c. Matches shall start for all home and away night games at –
 - i. 15 & Under netball – 1.45pm
 - ii. Under 18 – 2.00pm
 - iii. 17 & Under netball – 3.00pm
 - iv. Reserves football – 4.00pm
 - v. B Reserve netball – 4.15pm
 - vi. B grade netball – 5.30pm
 - vii. Senior football – 6.00pm
 - viii. A grade netball – 6.45pm
 - ix. Or any other times agreed to by both competing teams and approved by the board.

Netball start times for night games are reliant on the host club having lighting which complies with Netball Victoria lighting standards.

- d. In the event the host club does not have lighting which complies with Netball Victoria lighting standards, the starting time of netball games for night fixtures shall be –
 - i. 15 & Under – 10.30am
 - ii. 17 & Under – 11.45am
 - iii. B Reserve – 1.00pm
 - iv. B Grade – 2.15pm
 - v. A Grade – 3.30pm
 - vi. Or any other times agreed to by both competing teams and approved by the Board.

3. Football playing times

- a. Playing time of home and away football matches
 - i. Under 18 – Four quarters of 20 minutes, no time on.
 - ii. Reserves – Four quarters of 20 minutes, no time on.
 - iii. Seniors – Four quarters of 20 minutes, plus time on.
- b. Playing time of finals football matches
 - i. Under 18 – Four quarters of 20 minutes, plus time on in quarters three and four only.
 - ii. Reserves – Four quarters of 20 minutes, plus time on in quarters three and four only.
 - iii. Seniors – Four quarters of 20 minutes, plus time on.
- c. The breaks for all matches are as follows
 - i. ¼ time – 5 min
 - ii. ½ time – 15min (u18s & Reserve), 20min (Seniors)
 - iii. ¾ time – 5 min
- d. All times are to be recorded on the Leagues official time card and the League shall have the power to inflict fines as follows:-
 - i. The Club not ready to start at the prescribed time in respect to the first quarters of each match may be fined.
- e. All affiliated clubs must have an efficient siren be sounded at the proper time for the determination of the match.
 - i. A backup emergency bell or siren must be available if the main siren breaks down

4. Netball playing times

- a. Playing times for all grade matches shall be four (4) fifteen minute quarters. The time breaks between quarters are –
 - i. A grade – three (3) minutes for quarter and three quarter time intervals and five (5) minutes for half time
 - ii. B grade, B reserve, 17 & Under, and 15 & Under – two (2) minutes for quarter and three quarter time intervals and three (3) minutes for half time.
- b. Commencement time for all grades during finals shall be decided at a League meeting at least four (4) weeks prior to the elimination final.
- c. Time breaks during all finals will be –
 - i. Quarter time and three quarter time – three (3) minutes
 - ii. Half time – five (5) minutes.

5. Finals format

- a. The Finals format of the League shall be played as a Final six, as follows –
 - i. Elimination Finals
 - 3rd placed team vs 6th placed team – Elimination final 1
 - 4th placed team vs 5th placed team – Elimination final 2
 - ii. Qualifying Final
 - 1st placed team vs 2nd placed team
 - iii. 1st Semi Final
 - Loser Qualifying final vs Lower placed winner of Elimination finals
 - iv. 2nd Semi Final

- Winner Qualifying final vs Higher placed winner of Elimination finals
 - v. Preliminary Final
 - Loser 2nd Semi Final vs winner 1st Semi Final
 - vi. Grand Final
 - Winner 2nd Semi Final vs winner Preliminary Final
- b. Group 1 - Benalla, Euroa, Mooroopna and Rochester – One final to be out to tender for clubs (odd years) and group 2 - Kyabram, Echuca, Mansfield, Seymour and Tatura Football Clubs (even years) to host the Elimination finals, Qualifying Final, 1st and 2nd Semi Finals and the Preliminary and Grand Finals shall be played on grounds to be arranged by the Board.
 - c. Grand Final Raffle Rotation – *to be advised*.
 - d. Gatekeepers for all finals matches shall be appointed by the League.
 - e. In the event of a club having two teams in a final on the same day, those teams to use the same dressing rooms.
 - f. Matches will start in all semi-finals and preliminary finals matches: for the u18's at 9.45am, for the reserves at 12.00 noon, for the seniors at 2.30pm.
 - g. Grand Final matches will start for the u18's at 9.00am, for the reserves at 11.40am, for the seniors at 2.35pm. The finals matches times are subject to change at the discretion of the board.

6. Trophies and medal presentations

- a. There shall be a medal known as the "MORRISON MEDAL" which shall be awarded each year to the player obtaining the greatest number of votes as the Fairest and Best Senior player as awarded by the field umpires each week.
- b. There shall be a medal known as the "ABIKHAIR MEDAL" awarded to the Fairest and Best Reserves player.
- c. There shall be a medal known as the "PATTISON MEDAL" awarded to the Fairest and Best Under 18 player.
- d. There shall be a medal known as the "WELLMAN FAMILY MEDAL" awarded to the Fairest and Best A grade netballer.
- e. There shall be a medal known as the "SANDRA COX MEDAL" awarded to the Fairest and Best B grade netballer.
- f. There shall be a medal known as the "GAYE EATON MEDAL" awarded to the Fairest and Best B reserve grade netballer.
- g. There shall be a medal known as the "CAROL RYAN RISING STAR" awarded to the Fairest and Best 17 & Under netballer.
- h. There shall be a medal known as the "JACQUI HUDGSON MEDAL" awarded to the Fairest and Best 15 & Under netballer.
- i. The Morrison Medal/Wellman Family presentation night shall be held on the Monday immediately following the semi final round of matches.
- j. Any player found guilty, or accepting of a set penalty for a field offence, involving the suspension of such player, during the current season shall be ineligible to receive any medal. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes where the suspension period is suspended for any length of time, but does not include the penalty of a reprimand.
- k. In the event of a tie by two or more players following the counting in the best and fairest votes in any competition, joint winners will be declared and each player will receive a medal.
- l. The winner of the leagues Fairest and Best awards each competition shall be presented with their medals on the night of the league medal count.
- m. The League shall award a Football 'Rising Star' Award each season based on the following criteria –
 - i. The player is under the age of 21 years as at 1st of January; and
 - ii. Must not have played more than eight GVL senior games in previous seasons.
- n. The League shall award a Netball 'Future Star' Award each season based on the following criteria –
 - i. The player's age

- ii. The number of years the player has been playing GVL
- iii. The level at which the player has played in the GVL (i.e. did she start in 15&U and advance up quickly)
- iv. The players commitment to the game
- v. The players general attitude and sportsmanship on and off court
- vi. The players willingness to undertake extra coaching/participate in rep teams or Zone academy
- i. Any other pertinent/extraordinary factors which the club feels are relevant to the nomination which should be taken into account (eg the player has shown courage to overcome a significant illness/injury/personal trauma which has impacted on her game).
- o. The “BOB DAWSON”, “BILL ENDERS” and “HASTIE” Premiership cups shall be presented along with a Premiership medal immediately following the U18, Reserves and Senior Grand Finals respectively.
- p. There shall be a perpetual cup known as the “GEORGE HUNTER” Champion Club Cup which shall be presented to the champion club each year. The method of scoring shall be 12 points for a Seniors win, 6 points for a Reserves win, 6 point for a U18 win and in addition 8 points shall be scored for a win in A Grade Netball, and 4 points awarded for each win in each of B, B Reserve and 17&U Netball.
- q. In the event of a tied result in relation to the overall points between the clubs, the winner shall be decided on a count back system:- firstly on the number of Senior games won by the club involved, if the result is still tied then the number of Reserves games won shall decide the issue. If the result is still tied then the same procedure shall apply in relation to U18 games, and so on.
- r. Prior to the senior Grand Final a member of the Connolly family shall be involved in tossing the Barry Connolly coin which shall be presented to the premier team.
- s. Following the Grand Final each year the League shall present the “WILF COX MEDAL” to the player judged the best player in the Senior Grand Final. Selection to be made by the media.
- t. Following the Grand Final each year, the AFL Victoria Country shall present the “AFL Victoria Country MEDAL” to the player judged best player in the Senior Grand Final. Selection to be made by the umpires.
- u. Following the Reserves Grand Final each year, the League shall present the “PETER RYAN MEDAL” to the player judged best player in the Reserves Grand Final. Selection to be made by the umpires and media.
- v. Following the Under 18 Grand Final each year, the League shall present the “FREDDO MCMAHON MEDAL” to the player judged best player in the Under 18 Grand Final. Selection to be made by the media.
- w. Following the Under 18 Grand Final each year, the AFL Victoria Country shall present the “AFL Victoria Country MEDAL” to the player judged best player in the Under 18 Grand Final. Selection to be made by the umpires.
- x. Any club holding a trophy of the League shall be responsible for maintaining the trophy in good condition.
- y. League perpetual trophies to be returned to the League when requested.

7. Delegate’s general meetings and the club signatory

- a. There will be five delegates meetings held every year (March, May, July, October and November)
- b. Additional special meetings may be held if deemed necessary by the League.
- c. The President of each club shall be the Delegate to represent their Club at League Delegate meetings, with each Club entitled to one vote.
 - i. In the absence of the President, a proxy may be appointed to attend Delegate meetings who shall have the right to vote on behalf of their President.
 - ii. Clubs may appoint up to three other delegates each year to attend meetings, and these delegates have the right to vote on behalf of their President. (One vote per club.)

- iii. Name and official club role of the other delegates must be supplied to the League Operations Manager by 31st January of each year.

8. Committees

- a. The Board may appoint committees of the League at its discretion.
- b. The Chairman and one member of AFL Goulburn Murray will be the ex officio member of all committees.

9. Protests, complaints & penalties

- a. It shall be the duty of the Board to inquire into and determine all protests disputes and charges other than those referred to the Independent Tribunal, and any player who, or club which feels aggrieved, at the determination of the Board, shall have the right of appeal to the League Independent Tribunal, refer Rule 9-14 of the GVL Rules, but otherwise such determination shall be final.
- b. It shall be the responsibility of the League Operations Manager to refer all matters of protest, complaint or penalty to the appropriate authority.

10. Disputes to the Board - Time limits

- a. All clubs or persons referring disputes or charges against clubs, officials or players to the Board, or umpires reporting any infringement of these rules shall within five days of the occurrence, if it is sought thereby to affect the result of any match, or within reasonable time in all other cases, forward particulars in writing through their Club/Association to the League.
- b. Clubs and persons, other than umpires, shall with the protest, dispute or charge, lodge a fee of \$200.00 which shall be dealt with by the Board or Independent Tribunal, as determined by the League. For the avoidance of doubt, this procedure does not include requests for an investigation under rule 5.0 Unbecoming Conduct in the AFL Victoria Country handbook.
- c. All documentary evidence tendered upon the hearing of dispute, protest or charge before the League or Independent Tribunal shall be filed by the League and shall remain the property of the GVL.

11. Timekeepers and press box

Timekeepers and press areas are to be exclusive for the use of club timekeepers and press representatives and suitably signed.

12. GVL Hall of Fame

To provide recognition for players, administrators and officials who have given exemplary service to the GVL and Australian Football. (Full terms and conditions available from the League on request).

13. Representative team apparel

Each player who takes part in a match representing the League at senior or under 18/17/15 & Under level, shall receive all apparel allocated to the interleague team for that season including the Guernsey where applicable.

14. Finals car parking

As per direction of the Board.

15. Finals raffles

The minimum prize value of raffles supplied by clubs during finals shall be \$250.00

16. GV Weekender

- a. Each club shall receive a minimum of 100 G.V. Weekenders for each home game.
- b. Clubs may nominate a permanent minimum order in excess of 100 by notifying the League Operations Manager

- c. Clubs may nominate a one off order of additional copies by notifying the League Operations Manager by 3.00pm on the Monday preceding the game requiring the additional copies.

17. Delegations

- a. The League Operations Manager may approve payments of all league accounts up to and including \$1,000.00.

18. Public/Media comments

To ensure a consistent communications protocol, the following people are authorised to speak on the following GVL issues with the media.

- a. Board related (governance/policy/strategy) – Chairman
- b. League related (operational) – Chairman-and/or League Operations Manager
- c. Club issues & liaison – League Operations Manager
- d. Umpiring issues & liaison – League Operations Manager
- e. Tribunal issues & liaison – League Operations Manager
- f. Media releases – Chairman and/or Region General Manager and/or Commercial/Marketing Officer
- g. Website – League Operations Manager, and/or Administration Officer and/or Commercial/Marketing Officer.
- h. Social Media (Facebook/Twitter) – Region General Manager and/or League Operations Officer and/or Commercial/Marketing Officer.
- i. Netball media previews etc – GVL Board member (Netball Portfolio)
- j. Development activities – AFL Victoria Football Development Managers