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2020 HANDBOOK***



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AFL BARWON STRATEGIC PLANS

Mission, Vision and Values Statements:

Mission:

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

Vision:

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

Values:

ACCOUNTABLE

PROGRESSIVE

RESPECTFUL

AFL BARWON KEY OBJECTIVES

Participation

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

Community

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

Engagement

Develop stakeholder and community engagement initiatives that support the vision, mission statement and values of AFL Barwon.

Development & Welfare

Provide and promote participant development programs, including talent pathways, and facilitate welfare outcomes.

Facilities

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

Sustainability

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

People & Culture

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



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- AFL Vic Country Rules and Regulations
- Official Netball Rules as set down by Netball Australia

1. Definitions And Interpretation

In these By-Laws unless the contrary intention appears:

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

"Commission" means the Commission of AFL Barwon.

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

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

"AFLBJ" means AFL Barwon Junior Football. In these rules referred to as "AFLBJ" Male or "AFLBJ" Female or "AFL Barwon Junior Football".

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

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"FDM" means AFL Victoria Football Development Manager

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

"League" means BFNL or GFNL.

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2.2 Annual Affiliation Fee

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2.3 Player registration:

Football: Every senior player must be registered with the BFNL or GFNL.

Netball: Netball Victoria Membership: Players, coaches & umpires must be registered with Netball Victoria before taking the court or prior to commencing participation. Players must register themselves on the AFL Barwon MyNetball database prior to taking the court.

Registrations close on 30th June in line with clearances.

2.3.1 Relevant Fees:

FEES PER:	Senior Football	Junior Football	Senior Netball	Junior Netball
CLUB	\$1000 (Male) \$600 (Female)	\$300	\$600	
TEAM		U13-U17: \$50 U9-U12: \$175		\$65
PLAYER (Club Invoiced)	\$4 (U18F, U19M)	\$5 (MALE U13-U17)		
PLAYER (player pays)			19&U: \$10	\$5

2.4 Payment of accounts

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

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

2.5 Clubs in default of payments

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.6 Disputed Invoices.

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

3. Club Annual Meetings and Annual Reports

3.1 Club Annual Meetings

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

3.2 Club Annual Reports

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

Penalty: \$500

4. Club Office Bearers

Within 14 days of a club's AGM, all senior affiliated clubs must lodge with the league (on the form provided from time to time), a list of all club office bearers for the ensuing year.

4.1 By January 31st, all affiliated clubs must lodge with the league (on the form provided from time to time), a list of all Junior club office bearers for the ensuing year. **Penalty: \$100**

5. AFL Barwon Commission

The affairs of AFL Barwon shall be managed by the AFL Barwon Commission.

The Commission, in addition to any specific powers in these By laws and Competition Rules:

Shall, subject to these rules, have power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the commission to be necessary for the proper management of the business and affairs of the leagues;

5.1 Shall have power to discipline, fine, suspend or expel members, officials of member clubs or registered players in such manner as is deemed by the commission as appropriate. And shall deal with at their absolute discretion

Any matter coming to its knowledge which it considers may not be in the best interests of the Leagues;

Any matter referred to it by the tribunal or any sub-committee

5.2 The Commission may make, amend, substitute or cancel such By Laws as the Commission considers necessary for the Leagues to implement from time to time;

6. Rules Committee & Sub Committees

6.1 Appointment

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

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

AFL Barwon shall appoint relevant sub-committees to assist the Operations Staff throughout the season if required.

6.2 Alteration to By-Laws and Competition Rules

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

6.3 Fines for breach of By-Laws and Competition Rules

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

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

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

6.4 AFL Victoria Community Club Sustainability Program Policy (Football)

It is a condition of the Club's Affiliation Agreement with AFL Barwon and their League that all AFL Barwon Clubs will comply in full with the AFL Victoria Player Points System (PPS) and Player Payment Rules & Guidelines (PPR) Policies.

Application of all Points assessments and consideration of club requests will be the responsibility of the Player Points Panel (PPP) who will use the AFL Barwon Local PPS By Laws to guide their determinations.

Penalties will be determined as deemed appropriate by the AFL Barwon Commission as outlined in the AFL Victoria PPR, and may include but are not limited to;

- Club fines
- Loss of premiership points – current season and in the future
- Suspended from finals – current season and in the future
- Player / Official suspensions

7. Independent Regional Tribunal

7.1.1 Appointment

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

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

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

7.1.2 Chairman of Independent Tribunal

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

7.2 Club Advocates

A Club advocate shall accompany any player attending the Independent Tribunal. **Penalty: \$100**

Advocates must have attended the recognised AFL Barwon Advocate's Training session within the previous 36 months and are not permitted to be a member of the Legal profession.

Penalty: \$500 and the hearing will be adjourned to a later date.

7.3 Attendance at Tribunal hearings

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

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

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

7.4 Hearings – Reported Players

In normal circumstances the AFL Barwon Regional Tribunal will meet when required on Tuesday nights commencing at 6.30pm but may schedule at other times or on other nights as deemed necessary by the AFL Barwon Operations Manager.

If more than one case is scheduled, they will be heard in the order determined by the Tribunal Secretary, allowing approximately 45 minutes for each case. Should there be more than 3 cases to be heard on the one night a second Tribunal will be convened with a separate panel. The schedule of all cases will be published on the AFL Barwon Website.

If a player is found guilty of an offence that was referred to the tribunal by any other party (the reporting umpire, offended player, the league), their club will be levied \$100.

7.5 Video Evidence

Where video evidence is available from the AFL Barwon authorized media outlet video production team, this evidence WILL be made available to the Tribunal to be viewed as required.

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

7.6 Power to report GFUL

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

7.7 Reporting of Players

7.7.1 A current year's official report pad/sheet is to be made available to the umpires at the beginning of the day and left there for the duration of the day's games (including Junior games). Penalty \$100

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

7.8 Set Sanctions (Football)

Note the following variation to AFL Vic Country Rule 12.2

If after the game the reporting umpire doesn't indicate on the player report sheet that the offence warrants a tribunal hearing, the offending player can defer his decision or choose to accept the prescribed penalty by signing the player report sheet in the space provided. The reporting umpire, the offending player and the offending player's club secretary all have until 10.00am the first working day following the incident at the latest to inform the league that they wish the matter to be heard by a tribunal. If one party initially chooses the set sanction, they can change their decision within the time frame.

If there is no official indication within the designated timeframe that a tribunal is required, the relevant set sanction will be applied.

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

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

7.9 Match Review Panel (MRP)

Umpires may request a review of an incident during a period of the match (Senior Football Matches only) when giving 'all clear'. Both Clubs should be shown a copy of the request at this time. Clubs may also make an official request to review specific incident/s of concern to the AFL Barwon Operations Manager by 10am the first working day after the match. The AFL Barwon MRP will view the relevant footage, and if deemed appropriate may lay a charge to be heard by the Independent Regional Tribunal or recommend a set penalty. MRP procedures are outlined in AFL Barwon Procedures as distributed to all clubs.

The MRP will also assess all reports Monday as received throughout the weekend and have the power to impose or amend penalties as they deem appropriate. This will include involvement in melees (if captured on vision). The MRP will have a "Grading of Offences" table and a "Melee Matrix" available as a guide when deliberating on relevant penalties, with the aim to create more consistency. The charged player may challenge the imposed set penalty at tribunal. If a guilty plea is entered, the sanction to be applied will be at the discretion of the Tribunal Panel, but if a not guilty plea is made and the player is found guilty by the tribunal panel he or she will receive a penalty that is at a minimum that which was originally offered..

8. Investigation Officer

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

9. Unbecoming Conduct

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

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

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

If no charge is laid or is laid but found not guilty at tribunal; the club who requested the investigation will forfeit a minimum of \$300 to pay for the investigation.

If a charge is laid and player found guilty at tribunal, the club who requested the investigation will have their \$500 refunded, and the charged player's club will pay the \$300 for the investigation + the relevant levy for being found guilty at tribunal.

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

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

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

9.4 If a notice is lodged with the League under By-Law 9.3, the Operations Manager or his delegate shall fix a date, time and place for a hearing of the allegation before the League Independent Tribunal, being a date not later than 9 working days after lodgement of the notice and shall advise the Player or Official in question of those particulars and forward to the Player or Official direct or care of the Club Secretary in question a copy of the notice lodged under By-Law 9.3

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Player transfers and Appeals

10.1 Player transfers - Football

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

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

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

10.2 Appeals against refused Transfer

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

Player Clearances/transfers – Netball

10.3 A clearance is required if a senior or junior player wishes to transfer to another Club within AFL Barwon if the player has competed for a AFL Barwon Club in the previous AFL Barwon Football Netball Season.

10.4 Any player requiring a clearance must complete a current clearance application form.

10.5 Players must arrange for their new club to request a clearance online through the MyNetball Database.

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

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

Penalty for breaching any part of rule 10.3 – 10.7: Score line will be recorded as 10 – Nil in favour of the non-offending team or match result, whichever is the better outcome for the non-offending team. Fine is \$100 for the offending club.

11. Team Lists

11.1.1 All senior Affiliated Clubs shall forward to the League at least 10 days prior to the commencement of the first competition match in each season, one list for "Senior and Reserve" grades and one list for Under 19 grade accurately stating all the club registered players' first name, surname and jumper numbers for inclusion in the AFL Barwon "Team App" for the first game.

Penalty: Post Round 4 in each competition - \$30 per name.

11.1.2 All senior Affiliated Clubs shall forward to the League, no later than 9.30am each Tuesday prior to the next round of the fixture, any changes of player names and numbers for "Senior and Reserve" grades or "Under 19" grades team lists for inclusion in the AFL Barwon "Team App" for the first game.

11.1.3 Team Lists for finals fixtures must be separated to reflect 'Seniors' 'Reserves' 'Under 19s with a recommended maximum number of 30 players on each list.

12. Correspondence

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

12.1 All correspondence from the Club must be from the Club President, Secretary, or authorised person to the Relevant Staff member at AFL Barwon.

12.2 All correspondence from AFL Barwon will be addressed to the Club President, Secretary, Junior Co-ordinator or authorised person.

13. Unauthorised Media Statements

No club shall permit any of its officers or members to make any statement to the media (including social media, radio, television and all newspapers) in connection with any policies or acts of the Commission, Independent Tribunal, Under 19s Committee, or in relation to any other club without the prior approval of the RGM (or his nominee). To do so shall render the club and/or the offending member concerned liable to:

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

14. Competition and Fixtures

14.1 Fixture:

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

14.1.1 Night or Twilight Matches:

All clubs are obliged to play in any scheduled Night or Twilight Match as deemed appropriate by the Commission

14.2 Home and Away Rounds:

The league shall conduct a series of 18 (or such number as the Commission shall from time to time determine) home and away matches for all affiliated Football & Netball Competitions.

Re-grading for all Junior Netball competitions may only occur at the conclusion of round 4 of the season by AFL Barwon. In cases of re-grading a team will 'carry' its premiership points (if any) to the higher or lower grade but not its percentage.

All Clubs must field teams in Senior & Reserve football Grades, and all Netball Grades

from "A" Grade down.

14.3 Failure to fill an engagement:

Football:

- (a) A fine of up to \$2,000 may be imposed on Clubs who withdraw a team from any obligatory competition section. All that Club's teams may be disqualified from the League's competition for that season by resolution of the Commission.
- (b) Any Club forfeiting a match in any section of the League during the season will be subject to a penalty fine relevant to the circumstances as below and shall be liable for the cost of umpires scheduled for that match.
 - I. On the day or night before the scheduled match \$500 & pay for umpires.
 - II. Two days prior to the scheduled match \$300 & pay for umpires.
 - III. More than two days' notice prior to the scheduled match \$100, doubled for repeat forfeit.
 - IV. More than two forfeits the team withdrawn and \$300 fine.
- (c) In the event of a Club failing to field a team or part thereof within half an hour of the arranged starting time of a match, the opposing Club may claim the match. The Commission shall investigate the circumstances and may apply provisions or By-Law 15.3 - Forfeit Calculations

Netball:

- (a) A fine of \$200.00 per team may be imposed on Clubs who withdraw a team from any obligatory competition section.
- (b) Should a Club be unable to field a team in any of these sections, a letter requesting exemption from ANY Grade must be sent to AFL Barwon as soon as possible. AFL Barwon will then assess the request.

14.4 Fixture Alterations

Football:

Clubs desiring to conduct Senior, Reserve or Under 19s grade matches on a day or time other than that published by the league in the official fixture may do so providing the following requirements have been satisfied:

- (i) that all appropriate licences and permissions to conduct the game have been received and copies forwarded to the League Office prior to the game;
- (ii) that both participating clubs agree with the details of the proposed alteration;
- (iii) that 14 days' notice in writing requesting approval from the League that the fixture be altered is forwarded to the League office from each club;

Netball:

- (i) Starting times of Home and Away matches can only be changed, with consent of both teams, AFTER seeking and receiving approval from the AFL Barwon Netball Manager. If approval is not given, times are to be adhered to.
- (ii) Requests for a re-scheduled match must be e-mailed to the AFL Barwon Netball Manager at least 14 days prior to the original match date. Requests within 14 days of the original match date will not be considered.
- (iii) Both Club Presidents/Directors must be in agreement with the request for rescheduling before submitting the request to AFL Barwon. Such request is to include the proposed venue for the match – either outdoor or indoor. Upon approval from AFL Barwon a match can be changed in accordance with the advised decision.
- (iv) The AFL Barwon Umpire Co-ordinator must be advised immediately of rescheduled 'A' or 'B' grade matches.

15. Under 19s Competitions

15.1 Teams

15.1.1 Clubs with one team entered must have at least 14 Under 19s players registered 14 days prior to first scheduled round to allow the fixture to be completed.

15.1.2 Clubs wishing to enter a 2nd Under 19s Team, must have a minimum of 40 players registered as at the end of the grading rounds.

15.1.3 Clubs wishing to enter a 3rd Under 19s Team, must have a minimum of 70 suitably aged registered players at their club, at least 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the relevant season.

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

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

15.2 Age Qualification

The qualifying age date must be under 19 years of age on the 31st December of the previous year. For season 2020, players must have been born on or after 1st January 2001.

Initial placement of Teams will be determined by the Grading Committee.

Requests for Overage Permits will only be considered for any Underage Competitions according to the AFL National Age Dispensation Policy as deemed appropriate by the AFL Barwon Permits Panel.

15.3 Grading

15.3.1 Regrading will take place after the first 2 grading rounds, with the Divisions then set for the rest of the season at the discretion of the Committee.

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

15.4 Sponsor Badging

"Senior" League sponsor's badges will be retained on jumpers regardless of the division in which the team is participating. (See AFL Barwon Style Guide)

15.5 Fixturing

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

15.6 Finals

The finals series will consist of one grand final being played between first and second placed teams on the ladder. All remaining teams will play a final round match over this weekend based on ladder positions e.g. 3 v 4, 5 v 6, 7 v 8

15.7 Player Transfers

If clubs are reluctant to allow an eligible Under 19s player to be transferred out of the club due to the impact directly impeding the club's chances to field a team, the Under 19s Committee will assess their position, allow the club to negotiate with the player and where appropriate may deny the transfer application

16. Ladders

16.1 Point Allocation

(a) In the home and away matches, four points will be allotted for a win or a bye, four points for a team in whose favor a forfeit or walkover is ruled, two points for a draw and zero points for a loss. Where an affiliated Senior Club deemed to be not financial competes in a home and away match, four points will be awarded to the opposition club.

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

16.2 Scores Used to Calculate

Football:

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

Netball:

The scores used by the League to calculate the points and percentages for each individual ladder shall be based upon the scores entered by the authorized club representative in the MyNetball System from the official Netball scoresheets signed by the umpires, scorers and captains at the end of each match.

16.3 Forfeit Calculations –

Football:

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

Netball:

If a team forfeits a match, the Club must notify the AFL Barwon Netball Manager in writing by 5.00pm the day prior to the match.

Penalty: 30 - nil score line awarded to the non-offending team.

'A' Grade: \$100 fine

'B' Grade: \$80 fine

'C' Grade: \$60 fine

'D' Grade: \$40 fine

'E' Grade: \$40 fine

19U Grade: \$40 fine

Juniors: \$40 fine

- a) In the event of a match-day forfeit, the penalties outlined above will be doubled.
- b) Qualifications will be awarded to the non-offending team entered on the database. 28 quarters will be allocated across the players at coaches instruction. If teams are not entered on the database by the time set by the league at the commencement of the season, qualification quarters will not be awarded.

16.4 Inability to complete or conduct a scheduled match

- a) Failure by any club to play an arranged match as set out in the fixture of the League from time to time shall render the club liable to a Fine for breach to be fixed by the RGM unless a satisfactory reason is received by 5.00 p.m. on the Monday following the failure to play the arranged match.
- b) If a match is cancelled or postponed and AFL Barwon determines that it is not possible to re-schedule the match, due to circumstances beyond the control of all parties involved, the result will be a draw with two match points being awarded to each team. Clubs will be permitted to enter a team sheet for these matches.

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

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

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

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

17. Finals

17.1 Finals Arrangements

All finals matches shall be played at venues to be decided by the Commission.

17.2 Fixtures and venues

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

17.3 Entrance Fees

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

17.4 Finals Uniforms: Football

- a) The team placed highest on the ladder prior to the commencement of the finals series shall wear their registered guernsey and home shorts unless this is varied by the Commission.
- b) The team placed highest on the ladder prior to the commencement of the finals series shall use the home team rooms and Coach's box unless this is varied by the League or its appointee..

18. Ground Inspections

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

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

18.3 On the day of any official senior, reserve, or Under 19s match arranged by AFL Barwon, a designated representative from each participating team must make a full inspection of the ground on which the match will be played prior to the match commencing. The representative shall complete the official Match Day Checklist (as provided each year by AFL Vic Country and their Insurer)

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

19. Coaching Requirements

Football:

Refer AFL Vic Country Rule 15

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

In the instance where coaches are not accredited and commit to completing the relevant requirements within 7 days of receiving a request from AFL Barwon (or as otherwise agreed upon) the following bonds for clubs are to apply \$200 (Senior) and \$100 (Junior).

Where a coach fails to complete the relevant accreditation requirements in this timeframe, the bond paid by the club is forfeited and the above penalties will be enforced.

Netball:

(a) All coaches of AFL Barwon Clubs are required to obtain or update their Netball Victoria Foundation Accreditation 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the current season.

The penalty to be imposed by AFL Barwon if coaches continue to coach having not obtained the necessary accreditation must be i) a \$200 fine (Senior) or \$100 fine (Junior) and ii) the loss of match points for the matches won by the team whilst the unaccredited coach continues to coach. In the event of no match points being received the AFL Barwon must apply the above fines. Fines are applied once only (\$200 or \$100) and are not applicable to every match.

(b) All coaches must hold a current pass level, or sit and pass the All Australian Netball Section 1 Umpire Theory Exam prior to commencing their first coaching season.

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

(d) All club must submit a coaching list prior to the start of the season with all coaches' current accreditation details.

(e) A Grade Coaches must hold a minimum of a Development Coaching Accreditation to coach at this level.

20. Life Members and AFL Barwon Service Awards

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

In accordance with Rule 7 of Rules of Association for the Bellarine FNL Inc and Rule 7 of Rules of Association for the Geelong FNL Inc the Bellarine FNL and Geelong FNL may annually elect Life Members to the respective leagues.

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

20.1 Life Membership Criteria

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

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

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

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

20.2 Service Award Criteria

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

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

20.3 Nomination Process

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

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

Life Memberships for Club individuals for the Bellarine FNL and Geelong FNL must be on a club letterhead.

The person nominated does not have to be a member of the Association.

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

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

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

20.4 Life Member Entitlements

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

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

21. Meetings of Club Representatives

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

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

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

22. Codes of Conduct and Other Policies

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

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

22.3 The Commission has also adopted a range of AFL Victoria, AFL Vic Country, Netball Victoria and AFL Barwon policies. These include, but are not restricted to:

- AFL Victoria Return to Play Protocols
- AFL Victoria Return to Play Crowd Protocols
- Infectious Diseases Policy;
- No Smoking & Alcohol Management Policy;
- AFL Vilification and Discrimination Policy;
- Anti-Doping Policy;
- Codes of Conduct - Players, Coaches, Parents & Umpires
- Gender Policy;
- De-Registration Policy;
- Privacy Policy;
- Responsible Serving of Alcohol;
- Looking After Mates;
- Junior Coach Code of Conduct
- AFL Kids First
- Netball Australia Member Protection Policy
- AFL Barwon Cybersafety Policy
- AFL Barwon Constitution
- AFL Barwon Local PPS By Laws
- AFL National Age Dispensation Policy

23. Child Safety Standards

APPLICABLE TO ALL PERSONS WORKING WITH JUNIORS UP TO AND INCLUDING THE UNDER 19 GRADE.

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

- (a) Club personnel including coaches, trainers etc. appointed or seeking appointment for reward (\$70 charge for employees)
- (b) Volunteer personnel who will or are likely to travel away overnight with teams of players under 18 years of age and
- (c) Persons appointed or seeking appointment to a role in which that person is likely to have individual and unsupervised contact with players Under 18 years of age.

How to apply?

- Complete a Working with Children Check application form. Application forms are available online and from participating outlets of Australia Post.
- Organise your proof of identity documentation.
- Organise a Passport size photo.
- Take your completed application form, proof of identity documentation, passport size photo to a participating Australia Post outlet. If you are in PAID employment you must pay the \$70 fee. If you are a Volunteer, there is no fee payable.

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



**JUNIOR
FOOTBALL**

AFL BARWON JUNIOR FOOTBALL

To be read in conjunction with the 2020 AFL Victoria Country Handbook and 2020 AFL Barwon Handbook.

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

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AFL BARWON JUNIOR FOOTBALL RULES

AFL Barwon Junior Football acts under the rules and constitution of AFL Barwon, but also operate special rules for clubs, which are essential for the operation of Junior Football. These rules must be read in conjunction with:

- Laws of Australian Football
- AFL Victoria Rules and Regulations as published in the AFL VICTORIA Handbook each year or as amended by notification from AFL VICTORIA after the printing of the AFL VICTORIA Handbook.
- AFL Barwon By Laws

AFL Barwon Junior Football offers clubs age groups of Under 9, 10, 11 13 mixed, Under 15 & 17 male and Under 10, 12, 15 & 18 Female.

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Please refer to the AFL Barwon Football & Netball Bylaws for the rulings on the following:

- Player Transfers and Appeals
- Tribunal
- Investigations
- Payment of Accounts

By Laws

1 Registrations

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

All initial registrations must be accompanied by suitable proof of age documents. A copy of such documentation must be retained by the club and provided to AFL Barwon Junior Football if requested prior to the player participating in another game.

Fine: Any player who plays without being registered for the 2020 season will be fined \$100 per player and the team will receive loss of match points and percentage. Match points will only be lost if that competition plays for match points (Grading matches included).

2 Age Groups

A player must be 7 years of age by April 30th of the current season (AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY Ruling).

To be eligible for an age group, a player must be born on or after 1st January of the listed year on the table below.

Age Group	Year of Birth
Minimum	Born on or before 30/04/2013
Under 9's	2011
Under 10's	2010
Under 10's (Female)	2010
Under 11's	2009
Under 12's (Female)	2008
Under 13's	2007
Under 15's	2005
Under 17's	2003
Under 18's (Female)	2002
Under 19's	2001

3 Overage Permits

Requests for Overage Permits will only be considered for any Underage Competitions according to the AFL National Age Dispensation Policy as deemed appropriate by the AFL Barwon Permits Panel.

Fine: Any team found to have played an overage player without approval in writing by AFL Barwon will lose any match points and percentage and will be liable for a fine as deemed suitable by the AFL Barwon Commission. Match points will only be lost if that competition plays for match points (Grading matches included).

4 Coaches

All coaches of AFL Vic Country clubs are required to obtain or update Foundation Level Accreditation on Coach.AFL prior to the commencement of the season. All coaches must be able to be selected on the electronic version of the team sheet and cannot be 'written on'.

Coaches are to be seated in the Coaches' Box or if standing, stand directly in front of the Coaches' Box behind the marked white line positioned between the coach's box and the boundary line. Only team managers, trainers, water carriers and runners are allowed inside the playing arena. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that all spectators are behind the boundary fence. Also read the 'Junior Coaches' Code of Conduct' at the back of this handbook.

Fine: Any coach who coaches without being registered for the 2020 season will be fined \$100 per match and the team will receive loss of match points and percentage for the matches won by the team whilst the unaccredited coach continues to coach. Match points will only be lost if that competition plays for match points (Grading matches included).

5 Umpires

Every attempt will be made to provide Appointed Field Umpires for Under 13, 15 & 17 male and Under 15 & 18 female games. The home club is to notify the league where appointed umpires have not attended for Under 13, 15 & 17 male and Under 15 & 18 female games.

Where clubs are required to provide umpires, please note the following:

- Ensure that two escorts are provided for the umpires (one from each competing club) at half and full time. The club runners are to perform this important function as they are clearly identified, and they must escort the umpires to their rooms unless instructed otherwise by the umpires.
- Where the club is the home club, offer umpires cool drinks between each quarter;
- Remain in the centre of the ground with the umpires during quarter time and three-quarter time breaks;
- All club Field and Goal Umpires must be a senior and mature person and be wearing appropriate attire. (i.e. AFL Barwon Junior Football umpire's top and White Goal Umpires Coat). Both the home and away teams must each supply 1 Field Umpire, who will umpire only in their team's defensive half of the field.

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

Ensure that all people within the playing area are authorized to be there. These must be included on the team sheet. It will be within the authority of any official of the AFL Barwon Football Umpires to order anyone off the ground who is not clearly identified. This includes players, trainers, runners, water carriers and medical staff.

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

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

Geelong Football Umpires League operates an Umpire Mentor Program for new umpires.

They are identifiable by their trainee vests.

6 Club Playing Uniform Clashes

Away clubs are responsible to obtain alternative playing strips if there is a clashing of playing uniform strips for all home and away games and finals. For the purposes of finals, the lower positioned team is deemed to be the away team. Alternative guernsey's are obtainable through the Coaches Resource Centre at Highton Reserve.

Please contact any of the Football Development Managers at least four days prior to the game to book the guernsey's.

Recognised clashes are:

- Torquay, Grovedale, St Josephs, Bannockburn, Colac, Drysdale, Inverleigh
- Queenscliff, South Barwon, Portarlington, Bell Post Hill.
- South Barwon, North Shore,
- Corio, Ocean Grove, Surf Coast
- Leopold, Geelong Amateur
- St Albans, Winchelsea, Anakie, Portarlington
- Belmont, East Geelong, Newcomb

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

7 Number of Players

There is a maximum of 23 players allowed to be on the team sheet for Under 13, 15 & 17 male and Under 15 & 18 female games. The maximum of 23 players allowed to be on the team sheet does not differ for finals.

There is no maximum number of players for Under 9's, 10's, 11's and Under 10 & 12's female. AFL Barwon does strongly suggest that clubs have a due diligence to the children in ensuring they are all given similar playing time.

The minimum number of players allowable is fourteen (14) to constitute a game in Under 13, 15 & 17 male and Under 15 & 18 female age groups. If a team has less than 14 players in these age groups, then that team shall forfeit the game. Game points will be awarded to the opposition team. Under agreement from both coaches, it is acceptable that the teams stage a 'no-play for points' game.

In Under 9's, 10's, 11's and Under 10 & 12's female the minimum number of players allowable to constitute a game is 12. However, under an agreement from both coaches, it is acceptable that the teams stage a "game with no scores".

Fine: Any club who play's in excess of the maximum players will be fined \$100 per match and the team will receive loss of match points and percentage. Match points will only be lost if that competition plays for match points (Grading matches included).

8 Order Off Rule

A player ordered from the ground shall not be replaced in all age groups.

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

1. 15 minutes and not be reported. (Yellow card)
2. 15 minutes and be reported. (Yellow card)
3. **Reported.** (Red card) Ordered off the ground for the remainder of the match. This player may be replaced after 20 minutes.

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

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

(iii) If a report is made, a copy of the report must be scanned/photo taken and emailed or sent via SMS through by the home club to the AFL Barwon Head of Operations (e - michael@aflbarwon.com.au m - 0438 416 774), no later than 6.00pm on the day of that match. Required Information includes: Reported player, Offended player (if applicable), Reporting umpire, alleged offence, if a tribunal is required. The original copy of the Notice of Report must be included in the match day paperwork envelope, regardless of whether a set sanction has been accepted or not.

Note the following variation to AFL Vic Country Rule 12.2

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

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

Once one of the above parties indicates the matter should be heard at tribunal, the set sanction will not be an option. If there is no official indication within the designated timeframe that a tribunal is required, the relevant set sanction will be applied.

Notification must be made to the Tribunal Secretary or nominated representative. Clubs wishing to change venue and/or starting times shall forward their request to the AFL Barwon Head of Operations (e - michael@aflbarwon.com.au m - 0438 416 774) by the Monday prior to the fixtured game following agreement established with the opposition team. During the grading period, clubs have 24 hours from the release time of the fixture to request a change of venue and/or starting times for that round.

AFL Barwon will contact umpires and confirm the outcome with the club that forwarded the request. Venues and start times of four game fixtures cannot be altered.

9 Grounds and Fixture Requests

Clubs can submit fixture requests for the season at the time of team entry, we'll endeavour to achieve these where possible.

During the season fixture requests will need to be received prior to 5pm Tuesday of upcoming weeks matches for it to be actioned. These fixture requests will only be considered under the following circumstances:

- Ground unavailability/weather affected
- Significant player unavailability
- Communication already made and agreed to by opposition Junior Coordinator

10 Footballs

All match day football must be purchased from AFL Barwon and have the correct badging for each particular age group.

For match day, the home team before each match must provide two footballs in good condition.

The first named team in the fixture or the home team will ensure a football in good condition is provided for the match.

Red footballs must be used for games played during the day and yellow footballs for twilight or night matches.

The following is a list of the football sizes for each age group.

Under 18 Female -	Size 4 Leather
Under 17 -	Size 5 Leather
Under 15 Female -	Size 4 Synthetic
Under 15 -	Size 4 Leather
Under 13 -	Size 4 Synthetic
Under 12 Female -	Size 3 Synthetic
Under 11 -	Size 3 Synthetic
Under 10 -	Size 3 Synthetic
Under 10 Female -	Size 2 Synthetic
Under 9 -	Size 2 Synthetic

All football branding across Community Football leagues in Victoria is to carry the WorkSafe logo on one panel. The following is a breakdown of each AFL Barwon competitions ball sponsor and sizing:

11 Player Apparel & Permissions

All players must only wear appropriate AFL VICTORIA club colored shorts. Thermal or support shorts must be neutral in color.

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

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

12 Playing Equipment Badging

All playing jumpers and shorts must carry logos as specified by the AFL VICTORIA and AFL Barwon. Clubs must formally request the Commission's approval to display sponsorship logos on Club jumpers. The request must include details such as size and positioning. (Refer to the AFL Barwon Style Guide)

Penalty of \$10 per garment for players wearing unauthorized or incorrect uniform

13 Facilities

1. Ensure goal posts are correctly padded.
2. Ensure goal posts have flag holders.
3. Ensure all time clocks have been checked prior to the start of the season.
4. Ensure responsible people operate scoreboards and that the scores can be seen at all times. Attendants are to be instructed not to obscure the viewing of the scoreboard. **(There is to be no scoreboard in operation for any games of Under 12's, 11's, 10's and 9's)**
5. Ensure that stretchers are in or near the coaches' box and that the opposition is notified of its location.
6. Notify the central umpire where the spare football will be located.
7. Ensure grounds are marked correctly.
8. Ensure that Interchange stewards remain at their post for the duration of the entire game. This may mean that adequate shelter is to be provided.

14 Officials

Team officials should consist of coaches, team manager, runner, trainers, boundary umpire, goal umpire, timekeeper, interchange steward and water persons. All team officials shall be clearly marked on the team sheet. It is compulsory that the home club provides an interchange steward and the interchange sheet. Only personnel named on the team sheet are able to be on the playing side of the fence whilst the game is in progress. The officiating umpires have the jurisdiction to police this and can pause the game until the non-permitted personnel move.

It is Government legislation that all team officials engaged in activities where they are likely to work alone with children require a Working with Children Check prior to the commencement of the season. Clubs should keep a log of all club members with a Working with Children Check.

In AFL Barwon Junior Football Leagues, the maximum number of officials per team is:

3 x coaches

1 x team runner (No Runners allowed in Under 9's, Under 10's & Under 10, 12 Female Competitions)

2 x trainers

3 x water carriers (No Runners allowed in Under 9's, Under 10's & Under 10, 12 Female Competitions)

All on field officials must be identifiable in the correct AFL Barwon approved attire.

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

15 Fines

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

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

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AFL BARWON JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION RULES

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1 Times of Play

Under 9 - Matches will be 4 x 12-minute quarters with breaks of 3 mins, 6 mins & 3 mins.

Under 10 - Matches will be 4 x 12-minute quarters with breaks of 3 mins, 6 mins & 3 mins.

Under 10 Female - Matches will be 4 x 12-minute quarters with breaks of 3 mins, 6 mins & 3 mins.

Under 11 - Matches will be 4 x 15-minute quarters with breaks of 3 mins, 7 mins & 5 mins.

Under 12 Female - Matches will be 4 x 12-minute quarters with breaks of 3 mins, 6 mins & 3 mins.

Under 13 - Matches will be 4 x 15-minute quarters with breaks of 3 mins, 10 mins & 5 mins.

Under 15 Female - Matches will be 4 x 15-minute quarters with breaks of 3 mins, 10 mins & 5 mins.

Under 15 Male - Matches will be 4 x 18-minute quarters with breaks of 5 mins, 10 mins & 5 mins.

Under 17 Male - Matches will be 4 x 18-minute quarters with breaks of 5 mins, 10 mins & 5 mins.

Under 18 Female - Matches will be 4 x 18-minute quarters with breaks of 5 mins, 10 mins & 5 mins.

2 Team Managers

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

1. The home team manager is responsible for the team sheet (These are to be constructed using the online facility and presented to the umpires prior to the commencement of the game), results entry, umpire's report, match day checklist, scorecards and timekeeper's cards, goal kickers, best players and the match day envelope. A current reporting of players pad must be placed in the umpires' room prior to commencement of the play.
2. The away side team manager is responsible for their team sheet and this should be given to the umpires prior to the start of the match. The paperwork for best players and goal kickers is to be forwarded to the home team manager at the earliest opportunity after the conclusion of the match. Players that were listed on the team sheet but did not play, need to be removed from the team sheet.
3. During the Finals series, a ground manager will be appointed to coordinate and distribute the relevant paperwork to the respective team managers as required. All communication relating to match details in Finals, including the Reporting of players is to be directed through the Ground Manager.

3 Match Day Paperwork

Results are to be submitted by the home club via SportsTG online web site no later than 6pm on the day the match is played and must contain correct scores as per Goal Umpires Cards, accurate best players and goal kickers for both competing teams. The home team manager is required to make the relevant changes to the team sheets for both teams. Players that were listed on the team sheet but did not play need to be deleted from the team sheet by the home team manager.

\$100 Fine for information not being entered by the required time, \$50 fine for incorrect details.

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

Match Day envelope is also required by 10.30am Monday at AFL Barwon Offices. Maximum fine \$100.

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

U13, U15 & U17's Male & U15 & U18's Female		
2	Team sheets – Original	Produced using the Footyweb Database, signed and handed to umpire
1 or more	Interchange Sheet	signed by interchange steward
2	Goal Umpire cards	signed by both goal umpires and central umpire
2	Timekeepers cards	signed by both timekeepers and central umpire
1	Umpires Report	signed by all Central umpire/s officiating
	Player Reports	original copy of reports of players
9's, 10's, 11's mixed and 10's & 12's Female		
1	Umpires Report	signed by all Central umpire/s officiating
2	Team sheets – Original	Produced using the AFL Vic Country Data Base, signed and handed to umpire
2	Goal Umpire cards	Signed by both goal umpires and central umpire

\$25 Fine for each document not submitted.

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

4 Runners

Runners must be in a fluoro vest stating "Runner" on the back and black track suit pants or shorts as their uniform dress. Nominated Team Coaches and/or Club Senior Coaches must not act as runners. There must be only 1 team runner allowed in AFL Barwon Junior Football. There are no Runners allowed in Under 9's, Under 10's and Under 10 & 12 female.

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

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

5 Trainers

The minimum competency an individual must hold to officiate as a sports trainer in a junior game is an Emergency Response Coordinator.

Trainers / Medical Staff must be in a white top and white, navy blue or black pants or shorts. The top must bear the Club name, the word "trainer" and a number (trainers to be numbered 1 – 5). There is a maximum of 2 trainers for all junior football.

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

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

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

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

6 Water Carriers

No water carriers are to be used in the 2020 season, if a player requires a drink during the quarter they should come to the bench and use their personal water bottle.

7 Interchange Steward

The home club is to provide an interchange steward for the entire game. Paperwork is to be provided by home club. The responsibilities of the interchange steward are outlined in AFL Laws of the Game Rule 7. The Interchange Steward will record the jumper numbers of players who commence on the interchange bench at the commencement of each quarter. It is the responsibility of team managers from both competing Clubs to notify the appointed Interchange Steward of the jumper numbers of players on the interchange bench at the commencement of the game and then at the end of each quarter break. There is no requirement for an interchange steward in Under 9's, Under 10's, Under 11's or Under 12 female.

8 Timekeepers

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

9 Goal Umpire

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

10 Out of Bounds / Boundary Umpire

In all AFL Barwon Junior competitions, the following "Last Possession" rule will apply.

A free kick shall be awarded against a player who:

- Kicks or Handballs the football over the Boundary Line without the football being touched by another Player;
- For the purposes of defining a kick, a kick shall be an intentional action, not accidental. When the ball comes off the foot or lower leg of a player without the intent of the player being to kick the ball, it will be deemed accidental contact and will not be determined as a kick by the umpire and therefore will result in a ball-up 15 metres in from the boundary.
- Where a Player who does not have possession stops the football being touched by an Opposition Player by Shepherding the ball across the Boundary Line where the ball could have otherwise been touched by the player being blocked, then the umpire will not award a free kick but will instead order a ball-up 15 metres in from the boundary.

In junior finals matches, boundary umpires should be supplied, however, the season practice will take place.

11 Advantage

Advantage is to be called in all Under 13, 15 & 17 male and Under 15 & 18 female games but not in Under 10 and 12 female or 11's 10's & 9's games. Where the field Umpire intends to or has signaled that they intend to award a Free Kick to a Player, the field Umpire may, instead of awarding the Free Kick, allow play to continue if a Player of the Team who receives the Free Kick has taken the advantage.

12 Eligibility for Season/Finals

1. In AFL Barwon Junior Football a player can only play ONE game in a particular age group per weekend (including Friday night).
2. A player must play at least three AFL Barwon Junior Football games in a particular age group with his or her club to play in a finals game in that age group.
3. For the purpose of eligibility to play with a particular team in AFL Barwon Junior Football Finals, a player who has played in a higher grade/division must play at least five (5) games in lower grades/age groups to be eligible to play in finals with a lower graded team.
4. Furthermore, any player who has played more than half the season with a higher grade or division is ineligible to play in the lesser grade of AFL Barwon Junior Football finals. (This rule does not apply to Under 18 NAB League Girls)
5. Should a player qualify to represent more than one team, AFL Barwon Junior Football has clarified that players may only play in one final on the same weekend, regardless of division, gender of competition and/or age group.
6. To be eligible to play in a particular team during the finals series a player must meet the requirements of 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3. Regardless of the participation in finals of any other teams from their club on that weekend.

Higher grade/division definition: Any match played in a higher graded division or older age group or a representative competition will be deemed as a higher grade/division match and the player will need to meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the above Eligibility for Season/Finals to be eligible for the lower grade/division during finals.

Fine \$100.00 and loss of match points.

13 Extra Time in Finals

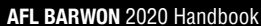
1. There will be no drawn games in any finals. In the case of equal scores at the end of scheduled time, the teams will play two (2) five (5) minute periods. The match will recommence with the team kicking to the same end as they were in the last scheduled quarter, with an immediate change of ends at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

Rules & Regulations	U9/U10	U10 Female	U11	U12 Female
Players on Field	15 (Unlimited on bench)	15 (Unlimited on bench)	16 (Unlimited on bench)	16 (Unlimited on bench)
Minimum Players	12	12	12	12
Maximum ground size / use of zones	100 x 80 3 zones of 5 players	100 x 80 3 zones of 5 players	120 x 80 No Zones	100 x 80 No Zones
Match length	4 x 12 min	4 x 12 min	4 x 15 min	4 x 12 min
Breaks	3 min; 6 min; 3 min	3 min; 6 min; 3 min	3 min; 6 min; 3 min	3 min; 6 min; 3 min
Competition details	"Scoring permitted No ladders or finals permitted. No recording of best players and goal kickers permitted. No representative teams"	"Scoring permitted No ladders or finals permitted. No recording of best players and goal kickers permitted. No representative teams"	"Scoring permitted No ladders or finals permitted. No recording of best players and goal kickers permitted. No representative teams"	"Scoring permitted No ladders or finals permitted. No recording of best players and goal kickers permitted. No representative teams"
Contact	Modified tackle / no bump. Players cannot bump / push an opponent, knock/steal the ball out of their hands or smother an opponent's kick.	Modified tackle / no bump. Players cannot bump / push an opponent, knock/steal the ball out of their hands or smother an opponent's kick.	Tackling is permitted as per the Laws of Australian Football. (no sling tackle permitted)	Modified tackle / no bump. Players cannot bump / push an opponent, knock/steal the ball out of their hands or smother an opponent's kick.
Ball size	"U9's Synthetic size 2 U10's Synthetic size 3"	Synthetic size 2	Synthetic size 3	Synthetic size 3

Rules & Regulations	U13	U15 Female	U15 Male	U17 Male & U18 Female
Players on Field	18 (5 on bench)	18 (5 on bench)	18 (5 on bench)	18 (5 on bench)
Minimum Players	14	14	14	14
Maximum ground size / use of zones	Full Size	Full Size	Full Size	Full Size
Match length	4 x 15 min	4 x 15 min	4 x 18 min	4 x 18 min
Breaks	3 min; 10 min; 5 min	3 min; 10 min; 5 min	5 min; 10 min; 5 min	5 min; 10 min; 5 min
Competition details	Scoring, ladders & finals permitted. Recording of best players and goal kickers permitted. Representative squads permitted.	Scoring, ladders & finals permitted. Recording of best players and goal kickers permitted. Representative squads permitted.	Scoring, ladders & finals permitted. Recording of best players and goal kickers permitted. Representative squads permitted.	Scoring, ladders & finals permitted. Recording of best players and goal kickers permitted. Representative squads permitted.
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Ball size	Synthetic size 4	Synthetic size 4	Leather size 4	Under 17 Boys Leather size 5 Under 18 Girls Leather size 4

Rules & Regulations	U9/U10	U10 Female	U11	U12 Female
Umpiring	Club appointed 2 field, 2 goal (one each per club)	Club appointed 2 field, 2 goal (one each per club)	Club appointed 2 field, 2 goal (one each per club)	Club appointed 2 field, 2 goal (one each per club)
Coaching position	On-Field	On-Field	Sideline	On-Field
Bounces	1 bounce	1 bounce	Unlimited	1 bounce
Marking	A mark is awarded irrespective of the distance the ball has travelled to any player who catches it or shows control	A mark is awarded irrespective of the distance the ball has travelled to any player who catches it or shows control	A mark is awarded when a player catches the ball directly from another player's kick that has travelled at least 10 metres.	A mark is awarded irrespective of the distance the ball has travelled to any player who catches it or shows control
Out of Bounds	Last possession rule applies as per AFL Barwon Competition Rules	Last possession rule applies as per AFL Barwon Competition Rules	Last possession rule applies as per AFL Barwon Competition Rules	Last possession rule applies as per AFL Barwon Competition Rules
Kick off the ground	Not permitted unless accidental	Not permitted unless accidental	Permitted	Not permitted unless accidental
Stealing, smothering, shepherding, barging	No stealing, smothering, shepherding or barging	No stealing, smothering, shepherding or barging	Permitted as per Laws of the Game	No stealing, smothering, shepherding or barging
Penalties	10m penalty can be applied at the umpire's discretion if they feel a player has been hindered in any way. Players can be ordered off at the umpire's discretion.	10m penalty can be applied at the umpire's discretion if they feel a player has been hindered in any way. Players can be ordered off at the umpire's discretion.	25m penalty can be applied at the umpire's discretion if they feel a player has been hindered in any way. Players can be ordered off at the umpire's discretion.	10m penalty can be applied at the umpire's discretion if they feel a player has been hindered in any way. Players can be ordered off at the umpire's discretion.

Rules & Regulations	U13	U15 Female	U15 Male	U17 Male & U18 Female
Umpiring	Club appointed 2 field, 2 goal (one each per club)	2 field (Appointed), 2 goal (club)	2 field (Appointed), 2 goal (club)	2 field (Appointed), 2 goal (club)
Coaching position	Sideline	Sideline	Sideline	Sideline
Bounces	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Marking	A mark is awarded when a player catches the ball directly from another player's kick that has travelled at least 15 metres.	A mark is awarded when a player catches the ball directly from another player's kick that has travelled at least 15 metres.	A mark is awarded when a player catches the ball directly from another player's kick that has travelled at least 15 metres.	A mark is awarded when a player catches the ball directly from another player's kick that has travelled at least 15 metres.
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Kick off the ground	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Stealing, smothering, shepherding, barging	Permitted as per Laws of the Game	Permitted as per Laws of the Game	Permitted as per Laws of the Game	Permitted as per Laws of the Game
Penalties	25m penalty can be applied at the umpire's discretion if they feel a player has been hindered in any way. Players can be ordered off at the umpire's discretion.	25m penalty can be applied at the umpire's discretion if they feel a player has been hindered in any way. Players can be ordered off at the umpire's discretion.	50m penalty can be applied at the umpire's discretion if they feel a player has been hindered in any way. Players can be ordered off at the umpire's discretion.	50m penalty can be applied at the umpire's discretion if they feel a player has been hindered in any way. Players can be ordered off at the umpire's discretion.

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AFL BARWON JUNIOR CODES OF CONDUCT

Players' Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules – abide by the AFL Laws of the Game and the rules of your Club and League/ Association.
- Ensure that both on and off field behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship. Swearing is unacceptable.
- Treat umpires and officials with respect. Do not abuse, dispute or react in an obviously provocative manner towards an umpire.
- Treat all players fairly. Ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are priorities and not overshadowed by a desire to win.
- Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
- Play for your own enjoyment, to improve your skills and further local football at club and league level.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation, but don't force it.
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticise umpires – raise personal concerns with club officials in private.
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your family and yourself if you do – & many such comments are now illegal.

By registering your child or yourself as a Club member, you agree to abide by these principles. You are to support the Club in its undertakings and encourage the Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning where warranted of any players, parents and or spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Conduct.



AFL BARWON JUNIOR CODES OF CONDUCT

Coaches Code of Conduct

1. I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices based on race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
2. I will abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game, Netball Australia's Rules of Netball, and the Rules of my Club and League/Association.
3. I will be reasonable in the demands I make on the time commitments of the players in my care, having due consideration for their health and well-being.
4. I will refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care.
5. I will have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of my players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition.
6. If coaching Juniors, I will avoid overplaying the talented players aiming to maximise participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability. Where I am responsible for players in the 5-12-year-old age group, I will ensure that all players gain equal playing time.
7. I will stress and monitor safety always
8. In recognising the significance of injury and sickness, I will seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the return of injured or ill players to training
9. I will endeavor to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of my players
10. I will at all times display and teach appropriate sporting behavior, ensuring that players understand and practice fair play.
11. I will display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
12. I will ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are priorities are not overshadowed by a desire to win.
13. I reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL DRUG POLICY.

Note: This "Coaches Code of Conduct" is to be signed and conformed to as part of the accreditation requirements of the AFL. All Coaches should be aware that, in addition to this Code, they may be obliged to sign a further Code of Conduct/Ethics with their Club and/or League.

NETBALL COMPETITION RULES

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These are the rules governing the internal affairs of AFL Barwon, incorporating the Geelong Football Netball League & the Bellarine Football Netball League. They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct and direction of the organisations.

AFL Barwon shall follow the Official Netball Rules as set down by International Netball Federation, unless these have been superseded by Local By-Laws or Competition Regulations.

1. NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP

1.1 Netball Victoria membership fee is set annually by the Victorian Netball Association Inc.

VNA Prices for 2020 are as follows:

Senior: \$78 (incl. GST) 18 years and over. Born on or before 31/12/2002

Junior: \$58 (incl. GST) All Junior players Under 18 years of age

All Abilities: \$58 (incl. GST) Netballers with a disability – must show current annual Disability Service Pension Card or Health Care Card.

Off the Court: \$46 Committee members, volunteer's parents and others (Players, coaches and umpires must be a current senior, junior or AA member)

Players, coaches & umpires must be registered with Netball Victoria before taking the court prior to commencing participation.

Penalty for a player, coach or umpire who is not registered with Netball Victoria:

Loss of 4 Premiership Points and \$50 fine to the offending club on each occurring occasion.

2. Player Registration

2.1 Players must be registered with club prior to being added to scoresheet. Clearances close 10th July.

Every player must be a registered member of their club on the clubs MyNetball database.

Penalties for not registering players with their club before they take the court:

Loss of 4 Premiership Points and \$50 fine to the offending club on each occurring occasion.

3. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Participant age is determined as at 31st December of that year – 2020

3.2 Males who are 13 years of age (and older) are not permitted to participate in a female competition. To avoid any doubt:

3.2.1 males must be less than 13 years of age (actual age) as at the first day of the competition or season; and

3.2.2 males that turn 13 during that competition or season will be permitted to participate for the duration of that competition or season.

3.3 In 11 & under and 13 & under competitions, boys can participate on an unrestricted basis with respect to number of boys on court and positions played.

3.4 In 15 & under and 17 & under competitions, boys can participate but must be less than 13 years of age (actual age) as at the first day of the competition or season.

3.5 Players may not take the court in more than two games over any given weekend/round.

3.6 A junior player is not able to play in the same age group more than once – for example a player cannot play in both Division 1 & 2 in the same age group over a weekend.

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

4. PLAYER QUALIFICATION: AFL Barwon Junior Netball

4.1 Players must take the court in at least 12 quarters in a division throughout the home and away season to be eligible to participate in that divisions finals series. If the minimum of 12 quarters is not played the player is ineligible to play finals.

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

Penalty for breaching any art of rule 6: Score line will be recorded as 10 – Nil in favour of the non-offending team or match result, whichever is the better outcome for the non-offending team. Fine is \$100 for the offending club.

5. AFL Barwon Junior Netball

5.1 A player playing in the AFL Barwon Junior Netball Friday Night competition can play a maximum of two games over one night but not in the same age group.

5.2 In the event of inclement weather or dangerous court conditions a decision will be made by AFL Barwon to cancel matches by 3:30pm and teams will be notified via the AFL Barwon website and Facebook Page. Team managers will be notified via email.

5.3 In AFL Barwon Junior Netball any player is only allowed to play in one final over the night

5.4 All teams on Friday and Tuesday nights are responsible for their own First Aid.

Penalty for breaching any art of rule 7: Score line will be recorded as 10 – Nil in favour of the non-offending team or match result, whichever is the better outcome for the non-offending team. Fine is \$100 for the offending club.

6. UMPIRES

6.1 All clubs must appoint an umpire co-ordinator for the season. It is preferred that this person is a badged umpire who within the last 2 years (minimum) completed, or enrolled to complete, the 'Rules in Action Course' or the AFL Barwon regional umpiring workshop.

6.2 AFL Barwon will appoint an umpire development panel to oversee the development and badging of all umpires throughout the season and to roster panel umpires for all GFNL & BFNL 'A Grade' & 'B Grade' Senior Matches.

6.3 All club and panel umpires must have a current season VNA membership.

6.4 Umpires shall not be changed during a game, but for exceptional circumstances. Refer to rule 9.10.

6.5 Voting for Best & Fairest shall be as follows

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

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

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

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

6.6 Umpires must supply their own whistle and clubs must have a current rulebook and the competition by-laws at the court.

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

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

6.8 Umpires are authorised to umpire three (3) games on any given match day. However, umpires are only allowed to umpire two (2) consecutive games and must have a one match break and then return and umpire another game. Unless authorised by the AFL Barwon Netball Manager.

7. CLUB UMPIRES

7.1 Umpires officiating at the 17/U and 19/U matches must have a minimum C Grade Umpires Badge.

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

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

7.3 Club umpires must complete a Theory Exam/Introduction to umpiring prior to the start of the season.

7.4 One club umpire from each club will officiate at each Home and Away game.

7.5 Friday and Tuesday afternoon matches will be umpired by trainee/beginner & badged umpires as organised by the Friday Night umpire co-ordinator as part of the umpire Development Program (Summer Competition Only).

7.6 Proposed payment scheme for club umpires for 2020 is:

7.6.1 11U, 13/U & 15/U Matches - \$15 per game (\$10 without a badge)

7.6.2 17/U and 19/U Matches- \$20 per game (must have a minimum C Grade badge)

7.7 AFLB Junior Netball competition umpire payments: Beginner: \$8.00, Trainee: \$10.00, Badged: \$12.00 and mentor \$15.00.

7.8 In the case of a forfeit the offending team must pay the umpire fees for both clubs in accordance of rule 13.2.3.

7.9 Trainee umpires may have a badged umpire or badged umpires co-ordinator of that club running with them in junior and senior games.

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

8. PANEL UMPIRES

8.1 Panel umpires shall be appointed by AFL Barwon and the umpire high performance panel

8.2 Panel umpires must register all relevant contact details with AFL Barwon before the current season

8.3 Panel Umpire fee structure: Club Umpire \$45, C Badge Trainee \$45, C Badge Panel Umpire \$50 & A & B Badge Panel Umpire \$55

8.4 Umpires will be paid electronically by AFL Barwon. Clubs will be charged fortnightly, with fees based on a user pay system, plus a weekly \$20 fee for umpire development and finals umpires.

8.5 Panel umpires must be available to support and assist club/trainee umpires when requested by AFL Barwon or the league umpire co-ordinator.

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

9. DRESS CODE

9.1 Each club must register its playing uniform – which includes all uniform colours and designs – prior to the commencement of the season for AFL Barwon approval.

9.2 AFL Barwon must sight a proof of any new dress/bib order regardless of supplier before order is placed.

9.3 AFL Barwon will review each clubs submitted uniforms/proofs and advise clubs of the review outcome. The AFL Barwon uniform review outcome is final.

9.4 Clubs must also notify AFL Barwon in writing of **any proposed changes** to their uniform. AFL Barwon will review proposed changes and advise clubs of the reviewed outcome. The AFL Barwon outcome is final.

9.5 Bibs must contain the AFL Barwon logo, Sponsor logo (GFNL- Bendigo Bank & BFNL- DOW) and the Worksafe logo.

9.6 All players must be in correct approved uniform by the first match. If uniforms are not ready – approval must be requested from AFL Barwon on an agreed interim uniform.

9.7 No bikini pants, see through pants, slacks, bike pants, or tracksuit pants – except in extreme circumstance (refer 11.9) and with the approval of AFL Barwon Netball Manager – are permitted. The ONLY EXCEPTION is the 11/U players, who may wear matching coloured leggings and long sleeve top under dress. Club uniform must be visible – if the weather is inclement.

9.8 Players wearing compression socks must ensure they are neutral or black.

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

9.10 Club and panel umpires shall ensure that players

9.10.1 Are wearing no jewellery, earrings or piercings. No taping of piercings allowed
NOTE – wedding ring or medical alert bracelet may be taped.

9.10.2 Fingernails are short & smooth. No taping allowed

9.10.3 No gloves except where a qualified and registered medical certificate is provided to the officiating umpires prior to the player taking the court for medical conditions requiring the wearing of gloves.

9.10.4 Sunglasses are not permitted

Penalty for breaking any part of rule 11 thru 11.10: the offending player may not take the court until rectified.

10. CONDUCT OF MATCHES

10.1 Timing

10.1.1 11/U, 13/U, 15/U, 17/U and 19/U matches – 4 x 8 minute quarters with an interval of 1 minute between the first – second quarters; an interval of 2 minutes at half time; and another 1 minute interval between third and fourth quarters.

10.2 Injury/Illness or Blood

10.2.1 The umpires hold time for blood when noticed or for injury/illness when requested by an on-court player (in extreme circumstances the umpires may hold time without a request being made).

10.2.2 The player concerned must leave the court within 30 seconds and receive any treatment off the court. The timekeepers advise the umpires when 10 seconds remain

10.2.3 Only primary care person/s are permitted on the court to assess the player's medical condition and to assist the player from the court.

10.2.4 In the event that the primary care person/s advise the umpires that the player concerned cannot be removed safely within 30 seconds, the umpires will extend the time for the player to leave the court,

10.2.5 The umpires may authorise other person (including team officials) to assist the player to leave the court if needed.

10.2.6 Any blood on the ball or the court must be cleaned before play restarts and any blood stained clothing replaced.

10.2.7 During the stoppage both teams may make substitutions and/or team changes, provided these are completed within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires.

10.2.8 If no substitution is made for the injured/ill player, or for a player who is bleeding, play may resume with the position left vacant. If the player is the Centre and no substitution is made, one player must move to play as centre to allow the match to continue.

10.2.9 If the position is left vacant the player concerned or a substitute may subsequently, after advising the umpire, take the court immediately after one of the following:

A goal has been scored (in this case the player or the substitute must play in the position left vacant)

Sanction: Free pass where ball was when play stopped – the player is sent from the court until the correct time for entry

10.2.10 Player Conduct: Swearing

10.2.10.1 Any player who swears and it is audible to the umpire whether it be at themselves, another player or an umpire must be suspended from the court immediately

10.3 Officials

10.3.1 The Match officials are: Umpires

10.3.2 The Technical officials are: Scorers & Timekeepers

10.3.3 The team officials: A team may have up to three team officials. These will include a coach and at least one primary care person.

10.3.4 In addition – the maximum of three players not on court at start of play, shall constitute the Team Bench.

10.3.5 The bench must only consist of the personnel in rules 10.3.2 & 10.3.3. No Babies, Children, Animals or unauthorised persons.

11. 2020 AFL Barwon Junior Netball Game Times

11.1 Saturday Times

8.00am

9.00am

10.00am

11.00am

12.00pm

1.00pm

2.00pm (Where 19's can commence)

11.1.1 The first named team on the scoresheet will receive the first centre pass. The second named team will receive choice of ends.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11.1.9 Should a match be abandoned due to dangerous conditions before half time, a draw will be awarded. Should a match be abandoned due to dangerous conditions at half time or after half time, the score will stand.

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

11.1.10 It is compulsory for clubs to use AFL Barwon match day balls as nominated by AFL Barwon this season for all junior and senior matches. These balls are available from the AFL Barwon offices.

12. SCORING

12.1 Each team must provide a trained non-participating scorer for all matches

12.2 Scorer must be 14 years of age or over.

Penalty: \$20 fine to the offending club.

12.3 Each home team must provide a scoreboard and a non-participating score board attendant for all matches

12.4 The home team scorer is to record on the official scoresheet. The away team scorer is to act as check scorer and time-keeper. The time-keeper will sound siren/horn at the conclusion of each quarter and as directed in 12.5.

12.5 The time keeper will notify the umpire by sounding the horn/siren when there are **30 seconds and 10 seconds** remaining prior to the **start of the game and each interval stoppage.**

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

Penalty: \$20 fine for the offending club.

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

12.8 AFL Barwon official scoresheets are to be used.

12.9 Alterations can only be made to the score sheet immediately at the time the goals are scored. For example, if you record the goal to the wrong team it must be crossed out immediately and the goal recorded against the correct team.

The only other time a score sheet can be altered is when the scoresheet is checked and the error in the addition/calculation of goals (strokes/tally marks) is discovered, then the final score can be adjusted – but no additional goals may be added or subtracted from that score sheet. Hence, the final match score is calculated by the addition of the goals recorded (strokes/tall marks) against the GS or GA.

12.10 The score sheet is official once it is signed by the scorers, captains etc. if a human error has occurred when adding the goals scored and the mistake is not discovered until the scoresheet is checked by the recorder or administrator. Then the procedure listed under dispute resolution competition regulation 17 must be followed.

12.11 Procedure used for recording goals during the game:

- Enter goals (tally marks), per line or position
- Cross off cumulative total.
- Record next centre pass as it is taken
- Goals recorded against GS and GA in each quarter is the official score.

12.12 Procedure for completing the official score sheet at interval breaks:

- Total goals scored at the end of each quarter.
- At the end of each quarter, circle the current cumulative score.

12.13 Other general duties of the scorer

- Confirm centre pass with umpires when required.
- At the end of the game ensure captains', umpires' and scorers' names are PRINTED on the score sheet.

12.14 Essential Duty.

- Watch the umpires and play at all times and be aware of the 'no goal' call by the umpire.

12.15 The scoresheet will list the complete names (both given and surname) of all players intending to take the court.

12.16 Names on the scoresheet must not be added or altered after the commencement of play. Any players who take the court without having been named on the scoresheet, must be removed immediately and cannot participate in the rest of the match. The scoresheet shall also indicate the positions played each quarter, the goals scored and the match score.

Penalty 12.16: Offending player to be removed immediately from the court. For the period the player was on the court, the score for that team is removed – scorers to notate on scoresheet – plus \$100.00 fine to the offending club.

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

- The captains of both competing teams
- Both the scorers

Umpires must sign the scoresheet to advise that they have officiated the game

Penalty: \$20 fine to club or Panel Umpire

12.18 On match day, the Home Club is responsible for entering the results onto the MyNetball Database by 4:30pm. And is to include the following:

- quarter by quarter scores and final score
- Best Players (no team effort)
- Successful goals
- No. of Goal Attempts (not in 11/U, 13/U and 15/U)
- Quarters played for each player

Please note: It is the responsibility of the HOME club team to ensure all this information is correct before entering the data.

Penalty: \$100 fine.

12.19 It is the responsibility of the Home Club to ensure that all match day paperwork (score sheets, votes, playing are checklist) be sealed in the AFL Barwon Match Day Envelope and delivered to AFL Barwon by 10:00am on the first working day following the match. Outside office hours, it should be placed in the window slip at AFL Barwon.

Penalty: \$100.00 fine.

13. FINALS

13.1 Teams found playing an ineligible player during finals will be considered to have lost that match and be subject to a fine set by AFL Barwon

13.2 Matches shall be conducted for finals as for home and away matches. The starting times may vary and clubs will be advised accordingly.

13.3 Drawn matches in finals:

- There is a four (4) minute interval at the end of full time to enable scores to be verified on the score sheet.
- Positional changes and substitutions may be made during change over time.
- 2 x 5 minute halves will be played (13/U thru D Grade); C Grade- 2 x 6 minute halves; A Grade & B Grade – 2 x 7 minute halves.
- At the end of the first half teams have a 1 minute break, teams change ends, positional changes & substitutions are allowed.
- Should there still be a draw at the end of the second half of extra time, Play continues until one team has a two goal advantage and therefore declared the winner.

13.4 In each finals match the captain whose team finished lowest at the conclusion of the Home & Away games shall toss the coin and the captain whose team finished the higher at the conclusion of the Home & Away games shall call

13.5 Juniors players are only eligible to play in one final, per weekend.

13.6 Presentation ceremonies for both junior and senior divisions will be determined by AFL Barwon in consultation with member clubs.

13.7 If requested by AFL Barwon – all clubs will be allocated a responsibility during the final series.

13.8 In the event of a team being unable to contest a final series match, the AFL Barwon Netball Manger must be notified by the Tuesday prior to the scheduled day of the match.

Walkover fees will apply.

13.9 Where a team, scheduled to play in the first round of the final series, advise that it is unable to contest that match, the team which was placed 6th at the conclusion of the Home & Away series will be promoted, and each other team within the top 5 promoted accordingly.

13.10 Where a team, scheduled to play in any subsequent round of the final series, advises that it is unable to contest to that match, a walkover will be given to the opposing team which will then have automatic entry to the next round of the final series.

13.11 A team which is unable to contest one final will not be permitted to take part in subsequent finals in the same season.

13.12 Club officials are responsible for submission of the starting team list to the convener of finals for that day – at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of the match. Players must take the court in the nominated positions.

13.13 Final matches are to be played irrespective of weather conditions. However, if the conditions are considered by either or both of the officiating umpires, or AFL Barwon representative, to present a physical risk to either players or umpires, then the umpires shall call a ten (10) minute break. Then after the break, the officiating umpires, in consultation with AFL Barwon netball manager, will make a decision as to the future of the match.

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

13.15 A decision made by the two (2) officiating umpires and/or AFL Barwon representative to abandon a match due to weather conditions must be recorded on the score card, stating the time, and at what stage in the match that decision was made.

13.16 Alternative arrangements will be determined by AFL Barwon in consultation with member clubs.

13.17 Independent scorers and timers will be allocated to each junior and senior finals game by AFL Barwon.

13.18 Blood Policy and injury time rules must be adhered to during matches as per netball Victoria rules. At no time is a player allowed to leave the court unless directed to do so by the Umpire/Primary carer in order that any bleeding and/or injury can be assessed.

14. RISK MANAGEMENT

14.1 Injury reporting

14.1.1 All clubs are responsible for recording ALL injuries at the club discretion of the injured player or player's guardian (if aged under 18) clubs are to store the injury reporting sheets.

14.1.2 All players in AFL Barwon representative teams are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or player's guardian (if under 18) on the Injury reporting sheet.

14.2 First Aid

14.2.1 Clubs shall be responsible for their own first aid through the home and away season and finals.

14.2.2 Clubs are to have ice available courtside.

14.3 Playing area safety checklist

14.3.1 Checklist to be completed before any games played. There may be a need to review this checklist throughout the day – e.g. inclement weather.

14.3.2 If after the review has taken place, a category has the answer "NO", then actions should be taken to fix the problem before any matches begin.

14.3.3 Any matters concerning court surface, goal posts or weather should be referred immediately to the AFL Barwon netball manager.

14.4 A copy of completed match day checklist must be submitted in the match day paperwork envelope.

14.5 A copy of the match day checklist can be found on the AFL Barwon website. (www.aflbarwon.com.au)

14.6 Heat Policy

In the event of extreme weather conditions above 28 degrees, the following steps must be taken:

14.6.1 All quarters will be reduced and breaks extended by the following:

- 11,13,15,17,19 and Under Matches:
7 minute quarters
3 minute ¼ & ¾ Breaks, 5 minute ½ Break.
- C Grade, D Grade & E Grade Matches:
7 minute quarters
3 minute ¼ & ¾ Breaks, 5 minute ½ Break.
- A Grade & B Grade Matches:
12 minute quarters
5 minute ¼ & ¾ Breaks, 7 minute ½ Break.

In the event of weather conditions of over 35 degrees it will be up to the discretion of the two clubs and umpires as to whether games will go ahead.

Clubs will be emailed on the Friday to advise if the above changes will be put in place on the weekend's matches. It is up to the clubs to inform both club and panel umpires of these changes on match day.

14.6.2 Clubs will be emailed on the Friday/Tuesday of over 35 degrees at 3:30pm the decision will be made by AFL Barwon to cancel the matches. And all clubs will be notified by email by 3:30pm.

Please ensure sunscreen is readily available courtside for players and umpires.

14.7 Photography/Video Footage

No photographs or video footage is to be taken at junior matches without written consent of the opposing team manager or coach.

Clubs will be given a list of teams within the league that may not be photographed under any circumstances.

15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

15.1 AFL Barwon will impose the prescribed penalty or any other penalty to any member/team that fails to adhere to these Bylaws. AFL Barwon as the governing body have the authority to identify breaches and enforce the by-law penalties to ensure the integrity of the competition is maintained at all times.

A team wishing to protest a scoring issue must:

15.1.1 Not sign the Official scoresheet; but mark it with notice of intention to protest - then notify AFL Barwon Netball Manager of the protest.

15.1.2 Lodge the protest in writing with the AFL Barwon Netball Manager within 48 hours of the match being played / finished.

15.1.3 AFL Barwon will then discuss the issue with the relevant Club or Teams and make a decision regarding the matter. AFL Barwon shall inform the party/ies involved of their decision either verbally or in writing; or

15.1.4 Have an informal meeting with the relevant party/ies in order to discuss and resolve the dispute.

15.1.5 AFL Barwon's decision on all By law breaches is final and cannot be appealed.

Any member of a Club or Team who does not agree with a penalty imposed by AFL Barwon for breaches of Netball Victoria/Australia codes of conduct, policies & regulations, may appeal through the AFL Barwon Appeals Officer (Region General Manager) as per the process stipulated in the by-laws.

The appeal must be accompanied by a \$250 cheque of which:

15.1.6 \$150 will be returned to the Club if the appeal is upheld.

15.1.7 Up to \$150 will be returned to the Club if the appeal is dismissed. (At the discretion of the Appeals Board)

15.1.8 Up to \$150 will be returned to the Club if the appeal is not heard. (At the discretion of the Appeals Board)

16. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Where a by-law or competition regulation is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of AFL Barwon Netball Competitions is maintained at all times. An appropriate penalty may also be enforced.

The appeals committee may, in using its reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in these competition regulations relating to AFL Barwon.

17. INDIGNITY

Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, AFL Barwon and its representative directors, officers, members, servants or agents are absolved from all liability however arising from injury or damage, however caused, arising whilst participating as a member.

Uniform Register

Club	Dress	Shorts	Socks
Anglesea	Anglesea Netball Dress	Royal Blue	White
	Royal Blue & White		
Barwon Heads	Barwon Heads Netball Dress	Navy Blue or Black	White & Club Socks
	Navy, Sky Blue & White		
Bell Park	Bell Park Netball Dress	Black	White & Club Socks
	Green & White		
Colac	Colac Netball dress	Black	Any colour
	Black, gold and white		
Drysedale	Drysedale Netball Dress	Black or brown	White or black
	Brown & Gold		
Geelong Amateur	Geelong Amateur Dress	Black	White, Black or Club socks
	Green, Blue & White		
Geelong West Giants	Geelong West Dress	Black shorts or briefs	White or black
	Charcoal, Orange & White		
Grovedale	Grovedale Netball Dress	Club shorts or black	White, Black or Club socks
	Black and Yellow		
Lara	Lara Netball Dress	Lara Shorts	White or club socks
	Blue & White		
Leopold	Leopold Netball Dress	Black	White, Black or Club socks
	Green & Gold		
Modewarre	Modewarre Netball Dress	Maroon	White, Black or Club Socks
	Maroon and Light blue		
Newcomb	Newcomb Netball Dress	Black or Maroon	White, Black or Club socks
	Maroon, Sky Blue & Yellow		
Newtown	Newtown Netball Dress	Black	All white or All black per team
	Red & Black		
North Shore	North Shore Netball Dress	Black or Blue	White, Black or Club socks
	Royal Blue & Yellow		
Ocean Grove	Ocean Grove Netball Dress	Black	White Socks
	Red & White		
Portarlington	Portarlington Netball Dress	Black or Navy	Any colour
	Red, Navy and White		
Queenscliff	Queenscliff Netball Dress	Royal blue shorts	White, Black or Club socks
	Royal blue, Red & White		
South Barwon	South Barwon Dress	Club Shorts- Royal Blue, Red & White	White, Black or Club socks
	Royal Blue, Red & White		
St Albans	St Albans Netball Dress	Black	White, Black or Club socks
	Black & White		
St Joseph's	St Joseph's Netball Dress	Black	White, Black or Club socks
	Red, Black & Gold		
St Marys	St Marys Netball Dress	Navy or Black	White, Black or Club socks
	Navy & Green		
Torquay	Torquay Netball Dress	Black	White or club socks
	Black & Yellow		



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