



**Umpires Information Booklet
Season 2022**

Umpire Cheat Sheet

During the week

1. **Before 5pm Monday**, advise Ben Lefebvre (Bulleen) or Jon Thiele (Lynden Park) if you are going to be unavailable for the upcoming round.
2. Attend training.
3. Confirm your appointment on OfficialsHQ.
4. Double check your appointment on Saturday night, making note of the ground and time.
5. Pack your umpire bag with all the essentials including:
 - i. Whistle
 - ii. Uniform
 - iii. Coin for the toss
 - iv. Yellow and red cards
 - v. This booklet

Before the match

1. Arrive 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time
2. Meet with your other umpires
3. Introduce yourself to each team manager; grab the match ball from the home team.
4. Change into your uniform ensuring that shirts are tucked in and socks are pulled up.
5. Enter the playing surface approx. 10 minutes prior to scheduled start time with the umpire escorts.
6. Warm up with a few laps around the centre square (anti-clockwise)
7. Call the captains in for the toss, away team to call. Give coin to umpire escorts.
8. Ensure all spectators are cleared off the field and behind the fence.
9. Ensure all gates are closed.
10. Ensure players are in correct starting positions (6-6-6)
11. Start the match by lifting the ball up and wait for the siren.

After the match

1. Discuss and agree upon the 3 best players with your umpire panel, then enter the votes into OfficialsHQ.
2. Complete the YJFL Match Day Paperwork on OfficialsHQ.
3. If there is a report, use the guides on page 9 & 22 and call David Hannan.
4. Return the football to the home team.

YARRA JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE UMPIRES

*INFORMATION BOOKLET
SEASON 2022*



**Umpire within the Spirit of the Laws
Carry Out Administrative Duties
Above all Enjoy your Umpiring**

Message from the Umpires Coaching Panel

Congratulations to all Field, Boundary and Goal Umpires who have made a decision to either continue with the YJFL this year, or umpire with us for the first time.

This Information Booklet should be taken to all matches as it covers many aspects of umpiring and will answer some queries that may arise.

An umpire is required to be a person of sound character, willing to accept advice and constructive feedback and above all, to interpret the rules of the game in a fair and equitable manner.

He or she must always act in a manner which places the umpire above reproach, and which ensures the integrity of the YJFL and the Umpiring Group.

We wish you enjoyment and success in your umpiring; keeping in mind your level of commitment will have a bearing on your level of success.

YJFL Umpires Coaching Panel.

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UMPIRE MANAGEMENT AND COACHES

The umpire management structure for 2022 is as follows:

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REGISTRATION

All umpires must register on OfficialsHQ. Please use the following steps to complete your registration.

- Go to <https://registration.officialshq.com/> to begin the process
- Check your emails for a link to set up a password
- Log into <https://app.officialshq.com/> using you're your email and password
- Fill in your details in the required sections e.g. Bank Account, emergency contact, etc.

Please note: if you are Under 18 for the entire duration of the season you will not require a Working With Children's Check. If you are over 18 at any point during the season you will need to hold a WWCC check, you can apply for the free volunteer WWCC.

OFFICIALSHQ

This year the League will use **OfficialsHQ** for umpire appointments, best and fairest votes, paperwork, reports, and umpire payments. Once you have fully completed the registration process you will be ready to be appointed to matches. The OfficialsHQ address to log in is <https://app.officialshq.com/>

Appointments go live on the system on Wednesday afternoon at 4pm. Umpires must confirm their appointment on OfficialsHQ by Thursday 12pm.

UNAVAILABILITY

If you are unavailable to umpire on a particular day, it is your responsibility to advise the Umpire Management team.

Bulleen Umpires – It is assumed that all umpires are available to umpire on a Sunday. If you are unavailable to umpire for a given Sunday please give as much notice as possible by emailing the Ben Lefebvre, ben.lefebvre@yarrajfl.org.au - before Monday 5pm.

If for any reason you cannot umpire your appointed game, please contact David Hannan (0457 958 009) immediately.

Lynden Park Umpires – Let Jon Thiele know by email (jon.thiele@gmail.com) at least two weeks before the match for which you are unavailable. If for any reason you cannot umpire your appointed game, call Jon immediately on 0429 330 172.

Academy Umpires – Advise your coach at least two weeks prior to the round in which you are unavailable.

APPOINTMENTS

Umpire appointments will go live on the OfficialsHQ platform on Wednesday afternoon at 4pm. Umpires have until Thursday 12pm to confirm their appointments on OfficialsHQ. Appointments will be displayed at training on Wednesday evenings at Koonung Park and Thursday evenings at Lynden Park. If by Thursday morning you do not have an appointment, please contact Ben Lefebvre. If for any reason, you cannot carry out your confirmed appointment you must contact David Hannan or Jon Thiele immediately.

FITNESS

Fitness plays a very big part in the standard of your performance. The less physical fatigue you suffer during a match, the less will be the mental fatigue and in turn the better your decision making will be. For this reason, Field, Boundary and Goal umpires should be prepared to attend pre-season training and each Wednesday or Thursday night session throughout the season.

PRESENTATION

The level of acceptance of an umpire depends very much on his or her appearance and overall approach to umpiring duties. It is essential that all umpires take pride in their uniform, the Umpiring Group and the YJFL. A dirty and untidy uniform is not acceptable. It can be a measure of the Umpire's commitment (or lack of it) and creates a bad impression for all of us. Umpire shirts must be tucked in, and correct umpire socks must be pulled up.

COMMUNICATION / LOCATION OF APPOINTMENTS

Communication between you as umpires and the Umpires Coaching Panel is a most important factor in ensuring the season goes smoothly and any issues are resolved. Communication in regard to availability and any relevant matter concerning the Umpire/coaching panel relationship is of great benefit to all of us.

At all times, umpires will be appointed to venues as close to their homes as possible (especially for those who have transport difficulties). Additionally, please notify David Hannan, Umpires Manager if an appointment to a particular Club would place you under any undue pressure e.g. previous or current club affiliation, relatives associated with club as either player or official etc. If you have any problems at all, please feel free to discuss these with David before any appointment is made. It may not be possible to eliminate all issues with appointments, however, with your help every effort will be made

TRAINING / COACHING

Training is an important and compulsory aspect of umpiring. This season, the YJFL has 4 training sites. Please see the YJFL website for the latest information regarding training.

1. Koonung Park, Bulleen. Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7.15pm.
2. Lynden Park Upper, Camberwell. Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.
3. Colman Park, Warrandyte. Tuesday evenings 6:00pm to 7:00pm.
4. Greensborough Park, Greensborough. Monday evenings. Starting date TBA.

UMPIRE ACCREDITATION

In season 2022 all League umpires must be accredited to umpire at the YJFL. There are two levels of accreditation available:

1. Umpire AFL Introductory Course – online only course that takes umpires through the fundamentals of umpiring a match of Aussie rules football. All umpires must complete this level of accreditation at a minimum. First year umpires that complete this level of accreditation will be rewarded with a free umpire top, umpire shorts and umpire socks.
2. Umpire AFL Development Course – both an online aspect and an on-field competency test assessed by an umpire coach. The course is designed for umpires who have umpired for more than one season, although first year umpires are more than welcome to complete this course. All returning umpires will be rewarded with a brand new umpire top upon completion of this accreditation. Umpires that have already completed this level of accreditation in the past will still have to complete the online aspect of this accreditation, however they will be able to bypass the on-field component of the accreditation.

Umpires can access the accreditation learning management system via OfficialsHQ. Head to *My Profile* then select *External Links*. This will redirect you to the Umpire AFL accreditation platform.

UMPIRE UNIFORMS

In 2022 YJFL Umpires will be sponsored by BJS Insurance. All League umpires must wear the new YJFL umpiring top with the BJS logo on the back. No other umpiring top will be acceptable. The YJFL is making the new umpire top available for free to every accredited umpire.

All first-year umpires will be supplied with the compulsory umpire uniform items upon completion of the *Umpire AFL Introductory Accreditation Course*. Furthermore, all returning umpires will be issued with the new umpiring top. Returning umpires have until June 1st to complete their *Umpire AFL Development Accreditation Course*, otherwise they will be charged the cost of the umpire top.

All other umpire uniform items are to be ordered and paid for online from YJFL Official Umpire Apparel Supplier Global Sports; globalsports.com.au

Compulsory Apparel for all YJFL Umpires

YJFL Umpire Top
YJFL Umpire Shorts
YJFL Umpire Socks

Other Items available for purchase-

- Umpire Wrist band (highly recommended)
- Umpire Hoodies
- Umpire Jackets
- Umpire Polos
- Umpire Training Cap
- Umpire Sports Bag
- Goal Umpire Waterproof Jacket

Uniforms will be distributed to Training venues for collection.

MATCH DAY PAPERWORK AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In all matches from U11s up, field umpires must complete their post-match responsibilities in a timely manner. Failure to do so may result in the league withholding match payments.

The League Best and Fairest votes are an important aspect of the YJFL. The votes are awarded to the three best and fairest players on the ground. Umpires are encouraged to discuss the best players amongst each other at each break. The votes are to be submitted via the OfficialsHQ system after the match. This season there will not be paper team sheets, all players and their numbers will be loaded into the OfficialsHQ.

At the conclusion of the match, umpires must also complete and submit the Match Day Paperwork via the OfficialsHQ website. Please ensure all yellow card send offs and red card reports are entered into OfficialsHQ.

If there are any issues with accessing or submitting the votes/paperwork through OfficialsHQ, please contact Umpire Coordinator, Ben Lefebvre via email.

REPORTING

In all matches, Field umpires, League appointed Boundary and League appointed Goal umpires have the power to send off (*yellow card*) and report (*red card*) players **or officials** as appropriate. Club officials can only be reported via a red card (yellow cards are not applicable) and must relinquish their duties and not have any official duty for the remainder of the match. In the event that a League boundary or goal umpire observes a 'reportable' incident, they are to advise the Field umpire at the first available opportunity (break in play) and the field umpire will assist with the process of reporting. If at any stage, you are unsure with the process and need assistance don't hesitate to contact David Hannan on 0457 958 009 or an umpire panel member at your game.

Yellow Card Offences (players only)

- Abusive language
- Wrestling
- Minor Misconduct

Red Card Offences

- Refer to "Laws of Australian Football 2022"

REPORTING PROCEDURE – During Match

Following the reportable incident, the umpire is to stop play and calmly inform the player or official that "*they have been reported for (e.g. striking)*" and to display the red card in a manner that is visible to the team bench and to the timekeeper. A reported player is to leave the field immediately and go straight to the change rooms, and is not permitted to return to the coaches box for the remainder of the match. Play must not resume until the player has left the playing surface. In the case of a send-off the player is permitted to return to the field after the length of one full quarter. A reported official is to leave the ground, and no longer participate in the game in any official capacity. All players sent from the ground must exit via the Interchange gates.

REPORTING PROCEDURE – After Match

Using the procedure at the back of this booklet, and using the Report/Send Off form, determine what penalty is appropriate to the incident.

Ask the Team Manager whether the player accepts the Automatic Penalty or wishes to plead not guilty and proceed to the Tribunal. In some cases, the procedure will require you to refer the player straight to the Tribunal without offering an Automatic Penalty. Enter the report into OfficialsHQ.

In all reports, whether the player has accepted the Automatic Penalty or not, you must notify the League of the report by contacting Brad Jamison between 5:45-6:15pm (not earlier) on 0411 488 369 and advise of the report details. Brad will then inform you if the Automatic Penalty that was offered and accepted is appropriate. If it is not, the report may be referred to the Tribunal.

Report/Complaint of Unacceptable Behaviour (e.g. Of Match Official)

YJFL By Law states Club Officials such as coaches, trainers, runners etc. may be ordered off (Yellow Card) or reported (Red Card) on the Player Report Form in the same way as a player is reported, and any report must be called through to the League on Sunday evening between 5.45pm and 6.15pm as for a player report. The report of an official will be heard by the Independent Tribunal on the Monday night following the match. Enter the report of an OfficialsHQ the same way you for a player report.

MATCH DAY INCIDENTS

As a league appointed umpire, it is part of your role to apply the rules of Australian Football and By Laws of the YJFL. In the event of an incident at the venue, whether in the match such as a melee or other incidents that you believe need to be reported to the League, you must complete the *Matchday Incident* section of OfficialsHQ. Please advise David Hannan that you have submitted the Matchday Incident Report and you will be advised of the further process.

TRIBUNALS

Independent tribunals are heard on the Monday evening following the match at League HQ, Ford Park from 7:30pm. The Umpire Manager will make available an advocate for all hearings to assist the reporting umpire/s where needed.

UMPIRE PAYMENTS 2022

Field Umpires	Single Umpire	Two Umpires	Boundary	Goal
<i>Under 10</i>	\$42		\$24	\$24
<i>Under 11</i>	\$46	\$40	\$24	\$24
<i>Under 12</i>	\$50	\$43	\$24	\$24
<i>Under 13</i>	\$52	\$45	\$24	\$24
<i>Under 14</i>	\$66	\$55	\$30	\$30
<i>Under 15 3 & 4</i>	\$82	\$62	\$35	\$30
<i>Under 15 1 & 2</i>	\$87	\$66	\$35	\$30
<i>Under 16 Girls</i>	\$90	\$68	\$40	\$30
<i>Colts 3 and 4</i>	\$95	\$75	\$40	\$40
<i>Colts 1 and 2</i>	\$98	\$80	\$40	\$40
<i>Youth Girls (Under 18)</i>	\$98	\$80	\$40	\$40

COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

The minimum number of players per team is 13 (11 in all Girls matches). The maximum number of players in Home & Away games is 18 (16 in all Girls matches), with 6 players on the interchange bench (8 in all Girls Matches). In finals, unlimited Interchange numbers may be utilised in all Age Groups.

LENGTH OF QUARTERS

Under 11 Mixed – Under 13 Mixed	15 minutes
Under 14 Mixed, Under 15 Boys, Under 16 Boys, Colts:	20 minutes
Under 11 Girls – Under 14 Girls	15 minutes
Under 15 Girls – Youth Girls	20 minutes

Times between Quarters:

4 minutes	1/4 time break
12 minutes	1/2 time break
7 minutes	3/4 time break

Consumption of Alcohol in any form is strictly prohibited at all YJFL scheduled matches.

Swearing of any nature is not permissible at any time and especially where the team has won a match and offensive words are included in the Club's theme song. Inform the YJFL by noting on the team sheet of any incidents.

Clubs not ready to start within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time shall be liable to a fine.

Matches can only commence if there is the minimum number of players present for each team. Any side that fields less than the minimum number of players within 10 minutes of the official start time must be deemed to have given a walk-over without notice.

The following conditions will then apply: -

- I. U/10 - U/14 including Girls teams - the players of both sides must be combined and a practice match played.
- II. U/13 Mixed/ Girls, U14 Mixed/ Girls, U/15 Boys/ Girls, U/16 Boys/ Girls, Youth Girls & Colts - the two Clubs concerned may arrange to play a practice match under normal YJFL Rules and Conditions.

Where grounds are unfenced, the rear of the goal areas must be fenced or roped off for an area of 20 metres wide and 10 metres back from the goal posts, and a second line shall be marked not less than three metres out from the boundary line around the perimeter of the ground which spectators must stand behind.

EVENING UP OF PLAYER NUMBERS

PLEASE NOTE: It is important that Field Umpires are aware of the League's Evening-up Rule

The Spirit of the Rule

The league expects all team officials to understand and adhere to the 'spirit' of this rule, which is, the team that has the greater number of players available shall lend as many players as possible to equalise numbers with the other team so that all players available to participate in that match shall have the opportunity to play in as much of that match as possible

- Where one team has between 13 and 18 players (11 and 16 in Girls competitions) and the second team has more players than the first team, both teams shall field the same number of players, therefore an equal number of players shall take the field.
- Teams with higher numbers reduce down to even up the teams.
- Team Managers, particularly from the Team that requires the evening-up rule to apply, must ensure that the process is organized as early as possible and prior to the teams taking the field.

Exceptions to the evening up rule are as follows:

- The Evening Up Rule is not to be applied in Finals.
- Where a player is ordered off the field by the Field Umpire and there is no replacement available there is no requirement to even-up the playing numbers on the field.
- Where an imbalance is caused during a Match due to injury, playing numbers shall be evened-up for the remainder of the game. A player should join the game from the Interchange Bench, if available. If not, a player from the team with the greater number of players must be removed from the field.

Any dispute regarding the "Evening Up" rule will be referred to the Conduct Investigation Tribunal (CIT) who will determine penalties, if any, to be applied. Penalties may include loss of premiership points and/or score by the offending team and/or the Club of the offending team shall be penalised in accordance with Schedule Q of the By-Laws

SECURITY

Umpires are encouraged NOT to leave money or valuables in changing rooms including at any training venue. Club Officials will be most willing to secure your belongings. Please ensure the Umpires Rooms are locked when unattended and the key is left with a Club Official.

PLAYER INJURIES

If a player is seriously injured, the game must be stopped if the ball enters the injured player's vicinity. Play must stop if a stretcher is required to remove a player from the field.

BIKE SHORTS

Players may wear "bike shorts" that are flesh coloured or the colour of their team shorts.

JEWELLERY

NONE to be worn under any circumstances. Taping of Jewellery is unacceptable. Rings, piercings etc **must** be removed.

BLOOD RULE

A player that has blood on any part of his person or uniform is to be directed to leave the field. The umpire will blow the whistle, cross arms and wait for the player to leave arena and be replaced before starting play again.

FINGERNAILS

Players are required to keep their fingernails trimmed to avoid scratching or other injuries to other players. Umpires will be responsible for checking hands to ensure fingernails do not extend beyond the end of the finger, and where necessary will require the player to cut their fingernails

COACHES, TRAINERS, AND RUNNERS IDENTIFICATION

Coaches, Runners, Trainers must wear League Identification Apparel.

Coaches are not permitted inside the boundary line while a match is in progress, except to attend to an injured player where there is insufficient help from a trainer or other recognised official.

Only four officials are allowed in the coaches box (Coach, Assistant Coach, Runner, Trainer).

A **Runner (Yellow Bib)** may remain on the field only long enough to deliver two (2) messages, and shall return to the coaching area immediately thereafter.

Failure to conform will entail a demand from the Umpire for the replacement of the offender and the League notified by notation on an Umpire Report Form

If the **Coach (Blue Bib)** refuses to comply with the request for replacement, the match will be abandoned and full points awarded to the opposing team.

Club Boundary and Goal Umpires cannot coach or barrack during the course of the game. Any such incidents must be reported to the League by notation on Umpire Report Form

All coaching bench areas shall be roped off for a minimum area of three (3) metres either side by three (3) metres behind the coaching bench.

Coaches do not under any circumstances have the right to terminate a game by taking their team from the field. The Umpire is in total charge of the game and the only official with the authority to commence or finish the playing time.

Trainers (Green Bib). One Trainer may be used. He/she must keep clear of the centre corridor and only enter the ground after a goal is scored or after long acts of play. The Field Umpire has every right to remove Officials from the ground if they are hindering play or remaining idle.

There are no water carriers in season 2022.

RULES

At YJFL there are a number of laws & interpretations which are different from the AFL.

Ducking the head - The YJFL does NOT use the AFL interpretation and any contact above the shoulders will be deemed to be an infringement.

Contesting the Centre Bounce - The centre bounce or throw up shall be contested by one nominated player from each team. Such player shall be nominated to the field Umpire prior to the bounce or throw of the football. The player contesting the centre bounce shall be positioned in his or her Team's defensive half of the Playing Surface *and with both feet within the 10 metre circle*. The player may only enter the Team's attacking half after the football touches the ground in the act of bouncing or leaves the field umpire's hand, in the act of being thrown up. The Player shall not be permitted to block an opponent's approach to the contest. Rucks must have both feet inside the 10 metre circle at all times until they contest the bounce or until the umpire calls play on due to an "offline bounce". *No other player may enter the 10 metre circle until the football touches the ground in the act of bouncing or is thrown up by the Field Umpire.*

Third man up - Only nominated rucks (one from each side) will be able to compete at a contest for a throw-in or ball-up, with players no longer permitted to contest a ruck contest as a third man up. They must commence at least 1 metre apart. Where a boundary throw in is short it should be recalled. If a throw goes over the rucks, the ball must touch the ground before it can be contested by other players.

High tackle - Will remain unchanged, with any head high contact being penalised.

Forceful contact below the knees – A free kick will be awarded against any player who makes forceful contact below the knees of an opponent (this does not apply to smothers with the hands or feet).

25 Metre Penalties - YJFL pay 25 metre penalties in all age groups.

Throwing up/bouncing the ball - the bounce can be used in the centre circle, but it is the discretion of the umpire depending on weather, ground & ball conditions at the match if it is used.

Deliberate Out of Bounds - A free kick will be awarded against a player who intentionally kicks, handballs or forces the football over the Boundary Line without the football being touched by another player. If player with ball is under pressure from an opposition player and the ball is either kicked or knocked out of bounds- NO free kick to be awarded

Protected Area/Manning the Mark - The rule regarding the Protected Area around the mark is 10 meters.

Hands in the Back – This does not apply in the YJFL but we still pay push in the back. No type of push is permitted in any marking contest.

Flags waved after a behind scored – players must wait for the flag to be waved before bringing the ball back into play.

Time limit goal - there is no time limit for set shots for a goal

Deliberate rushed behind – no penalty

Holding the ball – Any player who grabs the ball from a field bounce or boundary throw in must be given a reasonable amount of time to dispose of the ball if correctly tackled.

Kicking the ball off the ground – Not permitted to kick the ball off the ground in Under 8 Mixed, Under 9 Mixed, Under 10 Mixed, Under 9 Girls and Under 10 Girls.

Centre square infringements – Only YJFL appointed boundary umpires, not club appointed boundary umpires can call this infringement

Marking the ball - for a mark to be awarded the ball must travel 10 metres

6-6-6 Starting Positions – players must line up in traditional starting positions at each centre bounce. Both teams have 6 players inside each 50m arc with 1 player in the goal square, 4 players in the centre square and 1 player on each wing. Infringements are only to applied if a team has more than the allocated number of players in each section. Each team will receive one warning before a free kick is applied.

Stand Rule – the YJFL will not be applying the Stand Rule in season 2022.

Head count – When a count is called for in the YJFL, the correct number of players will be adjusted at that time and the game will resume where it had stopped. The umpire will record the side that infringed and the score at that time. No penalties will be awarded at that time. The YJFL will determine future penalties.

**Common Sense Rule
to be adhered to at all times in staging a match**

FOOTBALLS

The home team will supply two footballs, in good match condition, of a size required for the Age Level. Clubs are aware of the correct type of football and size to be used for each grade. The size and type of the Footballs used in each Age Group in the Yarra JFL are as follows: -

Age Group	Match Footballs
<i>Colts</i>	Size 5 Match Ball - Full Size – Leather
<i>Under 16 Boys</i>	Size 5 Match Ball - Full Size – Leather
<i>Under 15 Boys</i>	Size 5 Match Ball - Full Size - Leather
<i>Under 14 Mixed</i>	Size 4 Match Ball - Leather
<i>Under 13 Mixed</i>	Size 4 Match Ball - Leather
<i>Under 12 Mixed</i>	Size 3 Synthetic
<i>Under 11 Mixed</i>	Size 3 Synthetic
<i>Under 10</i>	Size 2 Synthetic
<i>Under 9</i>	Size 2 Synthetic
<i>Under 8</i>	Size 2 Synthetic
<i>Youth Girls</i>	Size 4 Match Ball - Leather
<i>Under 16 Girls</i>	Size 4 Match Ball - Leather
<i>Under 15 Girls</i>	Size 4 Match Ball - Leather
<i>Under 14 Girls</i>	Size 4 Synthetic
<i>Under 13 Girls</i>	Size 3 Synthetic
<i>Under 12 Girls</i>	Size 3 Synthetic
<i>Under 11 Girls</i>	Size 3 Synthetic
<i>Under 10 Girls</i>	Size 2 Synthetic

INJURIES

Under current legislation the YJFL is required, before we hire employees, to ask for them to disclose in writing any pre-existing injury or disease they are aware of that might be affected by the work (Umpiring).

If you are injured at training or during a match you must advise Umpires Manager (David Hannan) with all details of the injury so they can be recorded and filed.

Umpires are covered by BJS Insurance and can lodge a claim on the BJS Insurance website which is accessed from the YJFL website.

SEASON DATES 2022

Round	Date	
Round 1	3 April	
Round 2	10 April	
Easter Weekend	17 April	(no matches)
Round 3	24 April	(ANZAC Round)
Round 4	1 May	
Round 5	8 May	(Mother's Day)
Round 6	15 May	
Round 7	22 May	
Round 8	29 May	
Round 9	5 June	
Queen's Birthday Weekend	12 June	(no matches)
Round 10	19 June	
Round 11	26 June	
Middle week of School Holidays	3 July	(no matches)
Last week of School Holidays	10 July	(no matches)
Round 12	17 July	
Round 13	24 July	
Round 14	31 July	
Round 15	7 August	
Round 16	14 August	
Semi Finals	21 August	
Preliminary Finals	28 August	
Grand Finals	4 September	(Father's Day)

LEAGUE VENUES

Name	Address
A.J.Burkitt Oval	Beverley Road Banyule 3084
AK Line Reserve	Grimshaw St Watsonia 3087
Alfred Crescent	Cnr Alfred Crs & Grant Street North Fitzroy 3068
Allard Park	Donald Street East Brunswick 3057
Aquinas College Oval	46 Great Ryrie St Ringwood 3134
Balwyn Park	cnr Whitehorse & Cherry Rds Balwyn 3103
Balwyn Park Upper	Cnr Whitehorse & Cherry Roads Balwyn 3103
Bennettswood Sports Ground	Holland Avenue, Burwood 3125
Beverley Road Oval	Beverley Rd Banyule 3084
Bill Lawry Oval	Westgarth Street Northcote 3070
Binnak Park	Anderson Pde Watsonia North 3083
Box Hill City Oval	Cnr Whitehorse & Middleborough Rds Box Hill 3128
Brunswick St Oval	Brunswick St, Fitzroy North 3068
Bulleen Park East (Oval No.2)	Bulleen Park Off Bulleen Road Bulleen 3105
Bulleen Park West (Oval No.3)	Bulleen Park Off Bulleen Road Bulleen 3105
Burwood Reserve Bottom	Warringal Rd Burwood 3125
Burwood Reserve Top	Warringal Road Burwood 3125
Camberwell Sports Ground	Camberwell Road Camberwell 3124
Canterbury Sports Ground	Guilford Rd Surrey Hills 3127
Citizens Park Reserve	cnr Church & Highett St Richmond 3121
Clifton Park	Victoria St Brunswick 3059
Coburg City Oval	Harding Street Coburg 3058
Colman Park	Croydon Road South Warrandyte 3517
Cooper Reserve	Norman Street Camberwell 3124
De Winton Park	Grove Rd Rosanna 3084
Domeney Reserve	Knees Rd Park Orchards 3114
Doncaster Reserve	cnr Doncaster Rd & Leeds St Doncaster 3108
Ferndale Park	Glen Iris Rd Glen Iris 3146
Ferrie Oval	Elizabeth St Kooyong 3144
Ford Park North	Oriel Rd Bellfield 3081
Ford Park South	Oriel Rd Bellfield 3081
Gardiner Park	Carroll Cres. Glen Iris 3146
Garvey Oval	Plenty Rd Bundoora 3083
Gillon Oval	Pearson Street Brunswick 3056
Gordon Barnard Reserve	Balwyn Rd Nth Balwyn 3104
Gordon Barnard Upper	Off Belmore Road Balwyn 3103
Greensborough College	Nell St Greensborough 3088
Greensborough Park	Main St Greensborough 3088
Greythorn Park	cnr Alpha & Roberts Sts Greythorn 3104
Heidelberg Park	Beverley Rd Heidelberg 3084
Ivanhoe Park	cnr The Boulevard & Lwr Heidelberg Rd Ivanhoe 3079
Kevin Bartlett Complex	F R Smith Drive Burnley 3121
Koonung Reserve Bulleen	Cnr Furneaux Gr & Allen St Bulleen 3105
Leigh Park	285 Balwyn Rd Balwyn North 3104
Lynden Park	cnr Highfield Rd & Lynden St Camberwell 3124
Lynden Park Upper	cnr Highfield Rd & Lynden St Camberwell 3124
Macleod Park	50 Chapman St Macleod 3085
McDonnell Park (Main)	Cnr Wilmoth & Clifton Sts Northcote 3070
McDonnell Park (Back)	Cnr Wilmoth & Clifton Sts Northcote 3070

Olney Oval	Yarra Bend Road Fairfield 3078
Pitcher Park	Mercil Ave Alphington 3078
Preston City Oval	Cramer St Preston 3072
Raeburn Reserve	Cnr Pearson and Victoria Street Brunswick 3056
Ramsden St Reserve	Ramsden St Clifton Hill 3068
Rathmines Rd Reserve	Rathmines Rd Hawthorn East 3123
Reservoir Reserve	Grange Rd Kew 3101
Righetti Oval	Elizabeth St Kooyong 3144
Schramms Reserve	off JJ Tully Dve Doncaster 3108
Schramms Reserve 2	Off JJ Tully Drive Doncaster 3108
Springfield Park	Cnr Dorking & Springfield Roads Box Hill North 3129
Springfield Park 2	cnr Dorking & Springfield Rds Box Hill North 3129
St James Park	Burwood Rd Hawthorn 3122
Stintons Reserve	Stintons Rd Park Orchards 3114
Stradbroke Park	cnr Harp & Burke Rds Kew 3101
Surrey Park	cnr Canterbury & Elgar Rds Surrey Hills 3127
Surrey Park No 2	Cnr Canterbury & Elgar Rds Surrey Hills 3127
T H King Oval	High St Glen Iris 3146
Ted Ajani Reserve	284 Thompson's Rd Lower Templestowe 3107
Telfer Reserve	Greenwood Dve Bundoora 3083
Templestowe Reserve	Porter St Templestowe 3106
Templestowe Reserve 2	Porter Street Templestowe 3106
Victoria Park Lower	High St Kew 3101
Victoria Park Upper	High St Kew 3101
Victoria Park Collingwood	Lulie St Collingwood 3066
Victoria Road Reserve	Victoria Rd Hawthorn 3122
W J Cox Oval	Deep Rock Road, Yarra Bend, Fairfield 3078
W T Peterson Oval	cnr Brunswick & Freeman Sts Nth Fitzroy 3068
Warrandyte Reserve	Taroona Ave Warrandyte 3113
Warrandyte Reserve 2	Taroona Ave Warrandyte 3113
Warringal Park	2 Beverley Rd Heidelberg 3084
Whatmough Park	Kalparrin Ave Greensborough 3088
Winsor Park	Greensborough Rd Macleod 3085
WR Ruthven VC Reserve	Cnr Malpas and Donald Street Preston 3072
Zerbes Reserve	Cnr Blackburn Rd & Saxonwood Dve E. Doncaster 3109
Zwar Reserve	Bruce St Preston 3072

REPORTING PROCEDURE 2022

Use the following in conjunction with the OfficialsHQ platform to submit the report

Low-level Offences

- Attempt to strike, kick, trip
- Disputing decision
- Careless contact with an Umpire
- Pinching
- Spitting at another Player
- Interfering with Player kicking for goal
- Melee
- Shaking goal post
- Instigator of Melee
- Obscene gesture
- Staging
- Time wasting
- Wrestling
- Prohibited boots, jewellery, equipment
- Making unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an injured Player
- Not leaving playing surface
- Any other act of low-level misconduct which is not a Classifiable Offence or Direct Tribunal Offence

First low level Offence		2nd & subsequent Low-level Offences	
Base Sanction	Accept Automatic Penalty	Base Sanction	Accept Automatic Penalty
1 Match	Suspended Sentence	2 Matches	1 Match

Second and subsequent Low-level Offences occurring at any time in the previous 12 months not necessarily the same offence as the first Low-level Offence. A prior offence other than a Low-level Offence will not count as a first offence for the purposes of the above table.

Auditory Offences

The umpire will grade the offence by using the values within the following 5 criteria:

<i>Comments were:</i>	Loud = 3, Medium = 2, Soft = 1
+ Directed at	Umpire (you) = 4, another person/player = 2, in vicinity of umpire/player = 1
+ Comments were:	Threatening & obscene = 4, Threatening = 3, Abusive/obscene = 2, Insulting = 1
+ Attitude of Player when informed of report	Unrepentant = 3, No response = 2, Apologetic = 1, unknown = 0

= Total points (refer to table below)

Prescribed Penalty Offer

Grade 1	3-4 points	Reprimand
Grade 2	5-6 points	1 Match
Grade 3	7-9 points	2 Matches
Grade 4	10-13 points	3 Matches
Grade 5	14 -15 points	4 Matches
Grade 6	16+ points	Tribunal

Impact of a Bad Record on Auditory Offences

A one match additional penalty will be added to the base sanction of an Auditory Offence for a bad record, being where a Player:

- has been suspended for one or more matches in the past 12 months (as at the date of the offence);
- has received one or more reprimands in the past 12 months (as at the date of the offence); or
- has been suspended for a total of two or more matches in the past 24 months (as at the date of the offence).

Reductions in base sanction for an early guilty plea – Auditory Offence

The base sanction for Auditory Offences will be subsequently decreased where a Player submits an early guilty plea. As per the Prescribed Penalty table above:

- an early guilty plea in respect of an Auditory Offence with a base sanction of two, three or four matches will result in a one match reduction in the suspension; and
- an early guilty plea in respect of an Auditory Offence with a base sanction of one match will result in a reprimand.

No reduction in base sanction is allowed for a Player's good record.

Classifiable Offences

- Striking,
- Kicking,
- Kneeing,
- Stomping,
- Charging,
- Tripping,
- Scratching,
- Rough Conduct,
- Headbutt or contact using head,
- Forceful Front-On Contact,
- Eye-Gouging / Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact to the Eye Region

Grading Classifiable Offences

Note, where a Classifiable Offence occurs **behind play**, the Panel may at its absolute discretion determine that the offence ought to be referred directly to the Tribunal.

<u>Conduct</u>	<u>Impact</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Base Sanction</u>	<u>Accept Automatic Penalty</u>
<i>Intentional</i>	Severe	All	Tribunal	N/A
	High	High/Groin	Tribunal	N/A
		Body	3 Matches	2 Matches
	Medium	High/Groin	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Low	High/Groin	2 Matches	1 Match
Body		1 Match	Suspended Sentence	
<i>Careless</i>	Severe	All	Tribunal	N/A
	High	High/Groin	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Medium	High/Groin	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	Suspended Sentence
	Low	High/Groin	1 Match	Suspended Sentence
Body		1 Match	Suspended Sentence	

Conduct: *Intentional or Careless*

Intentional conduct: A Player intentionally commits a Classifiable Offence if the Player engages in the conduct constituting the Reportable Offence with the intention of committing that offence.

Careless conduct: A Player will be careless if they breach their duty to take reasonable care to avoid acts which can be reasonably foreseen to result in a Reportable Offence.

Impact: *Low, Medium, High or Severe*

Firstly, consider the extent of force and in particular, any injury sustained by the Player who was offended against.

Secondly, consider the potential to cause injury, particularly in the following cases:

- intentional head-high strikes, such as those with a swinging clenched fist, raised forearm or elbow;
- high bumps, particularly with significant head contact and/or Player momentum;
- any head-high contact with a Player who has his head over the ball, particularly when contact is made from an opponent approaching from a front-on position;
- forceful round arm swings that make head-high contact to a Player in a marking contest, ruck contest or when tackling;
- spear tackles; and driving an opponent into the ground when his arms are pinned.

The absence of injury does not preclude the classification of impact as Severe.

Thirdly, consideration will be given not only to the impact between the offending Player and the victim Player, but also any other impact to the victim Player as a result of such impact.

In addition, consideration will be given to the body language of the offending Player in terms of flexing, turning, raising or positioning the body to either increase or reduce the force of impact.

Low impact: Most Reportable Offences require at least low impact. An incident involving negligible force will not ordinarily result in a charge.

Contact: High/Groin, Body, All

High contact is not limited to contact to the head and includes contact above the shoulders.

Contact to the *Groin* includes contact to the crease or hollow at the junction of the inner part of each thigh with the trunk together with the adjacent region and including the testicles.

Where contact is both High and to the Body, the Match Review Panel will classify the contact as High.

Impact of a Bad Record on Classifiable Offences

A one match additional penalty will be added to the base sanction of a Classifiable Offence for a bad record, being where a Player:

- has been suspended for one or more matches in the past 12 months (as at the date of the offence) for any other Classifiable Offence(s);
- has received one or more reprimands in the past 12 months (as at the date of the offence) for any Classifiable Offence(s); or
- has been suspended for a total of two or more matches in the past 24 months (as at the date of the offence) for any Classifiable Offence(s).

For the avoidance of doubt: if a one match additional penalty has been added to the base sanction, the total penalty can be reduced by one match if the Player submits an early guilty plea (accepts Automatic Suspension); and the Low-level Offences referred to in that section will not be affected by the above bad record provisions.

Reductions in base sanction for an early guilty plea

The base sanction for Classifiable Offences will be subsequently decreased where a Player submits an early guilty plea. As per the classification table:

- an early guilty plea in respect of a Classifiable Offence with a base sanction of two or three matches will result in a one match reduction in the suspension; and
- an early guilty plea in respect of a Classifiable Offence with a base sanction of one match will result in a one match suspended sentence.

No reduction in base sanction is allowed for a Player's good record

Direct Tribunal Offences

Direct Tribunal Offences are those Reportable Offences (specified in the table below) which are referred by a Panel, Umpire (or otherwise) directly to the Tribunal for determination without grading (ie without an assessment of the offence using the Classification Table above):

- Intentional Contact with an Umpire
- Striking an Umpire
- Spitting on / at an Umpire
- Spitting on Another Person
- Attempting to Strike an Umpire
- Behaving in an Abusive, Insulting, Threatening or Obscene Manner Towards or in Relation to an Umpire
- Any Classifiable Offence or Low Level Offence which attracts a base sanction that a Panel finds inappropriate
- Any Other Act of Serious Misconduct which the Panel considers appropriate to refer to the Tribunal

If the player refuses to accept the Automatic Penalty and wishes to proceed to the Tribunal or if the Base Sanction is deemed to be a Tribunal matter, then you are required to notify:

- Brad Jamison between 5:45-6:15pm (not earlier) on Matchday – 0411 488 369 and advise of the report details. Brad will then inform you of a tribunal time.