

# **YARRA JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE UMPIRES**

## **INFORMATION BOOKLET**

### **SEASON 2017**



**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.

Once an umpire lodges a Registration Form it will be noted by the Umpires coaching panel and will confirm acceptance as a listed YJFL umpire. You will not be appointed to YJFL matches until registered.

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.

*Umpires Coaching Panel.*

## 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.

## CONTACT DETAILS

The Umpire management structure for 2017 is as follows:

Position	Name	Mobile No	Email
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Ian Gray (YJFL Board - Umpires)	Mobile: 0457 958 004

## UNAVAILABILITY

If you are unavailable to umpire on a particular day it is your responsibility to write your name in the unavailability book under that particular date. A minimum of 2 weeks' notice must be given. If your name is not in the book you will be appointed and expected to fulfill the appointed match. You are also expected to keep Schedules up to date with your availability and your personal details, particularly your bank account details, as failure to do so may delay your payments.

## APPOINTMENTS

Umpire appointments will be displayed at training on Wednesday evenings at Bulleen and Thursday evenings at Ashburton. Please note that appointments will also be emailed to umpires from the Scheduling system on Thursday mornings. All umpires will receive a Log On ID and password for Scheduling when they register for the 2017 season. You can check your personal page at any time for appointments, and change details and availability. Umpires who do not see their appointments at training, or receive an email from Scheduling, must contact the league office on 9850 6615 (before 5.00pm) or alternatively contact Julian Murphy (Bulleen Umpires) between 7.00pm and 8.00pm on Thursday, or Russell Morris (Ashburton Umpires) at training. If for any reason, you cannot carry out your appointment you must contact Julian Murphy or Russell Morris by Friday at 12:00 noon.

## REGISTRATION

**AFL Victoria requires all umpires to self-register due to Privacy legislation. It is essential that you register yourself on *Footy Web* via the YJFL website using the following procedure:**

Go to [www.yarrajfl.org.au](http://www.yarrajfl.org.au) and click on **Umpires** tab and **Registration** tab to register

## SCHEDULA

The League will once again be using **Schedula** for umpire appointments and payments. Once you have registered on **Footy Web** your details will automatically be sent to **Schedula** and you will be emailed a username and password if you do not already have one. The Scheduling address is: [www.schedula.com.au](http://www.schedula.com.au)

You must go on to **Schedula** and complete your Availability, all your appointments will be listed during the season.

**Important:** In order for you to be paid for the matches you umpire you must enter your bank account details in Scheduling. Manage Your Profile > Add Attribute > Attribute Type = Bank Account.

## TRAINING / COACHING SESSIONS

Training is conducted at Bulleen each Wednesday commencing at 6:00pm and will conclude by 7:30pm.

There is also training at Burwood Reserve, Glen Iris (the Ashburton JFC ground) on Thursday commencing at 6pm. (Pre-season for the Ashburton group is held at Ferndale Park, Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris)

Skill sessions will be regularly conducted with full participation expected from all umpires. Accreditation will also form part of the Coaching sessions.

Venues:- Bulleen Park (Melway Ref 32 C9) or Burwood Reserve (Melway Ref 60 G7)

## COMMUNICATION / LOCATION

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.

## GROUND LOCATIONS

Please refer to the back of this booklet, appointment notice, or the YJFL website.

## MATCH DAY PAPERWORK AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Take to match

- Yellow and Red Cards
- Report Forms
- Incident Report Form (more available on website)
- Umpires Information Booklet 2017 – (this booklet)
- Pens

### Half Time

- At half time ensure Team Sheets are received from each Team Manager

### After Match

- Complete Team Sheets as listed below
- Use Sports TG Match Day Paperwork App to lodge best & fairest votes
- Complete Reports (if any) using the procedure below.

## TEAMSHEETS

There are changes to the way the Teamsheets are handled this year.

- Firstly, each team will be required to produce two Team Sheets per match, one copy is to hand to the umpires at half time, the other to the opposition Team Manager...
- Team Managers will be required to meet with the Umpires at half time to hand them a signed -copy of the Team Sheet.
- The Team Managers will exchange the other signed copy so they each have a copy of the opponent's team sheet.
- After the match the Umpires will use their copy of the team sheets to determine their Best and Fairest Votes and enter them on Sports TG Match Day Paperwork App.
- They will also use the Team Sheets identify any player or officials reported.
- Both teams will collect their Team Sheet from the umpires after the match when they have finished with them.

## REPORTING

In all matches, League appointed Field, Boundary and Goal umpires have the power to send off (*yellow card*) and report (*red card*) players or officials as appropriate. 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 2017" or Schedule S of the YJFL By Laws for reportable offences

### 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 appropriate card in a manner that is visible to the interchange steward. 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. 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, remove their bib and no longer participate in the game in any official capacity.

## 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.

In all reports, whether the player has accepted the Automatic Penalty or not, you must notify the League of the report by contacting Shaun Dowling between 5:45-6:15pm (not earlier) on 0457 958 005, and advise of the report details. Shaun 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. ALL UMPIRES must write their names on the official YJFL Umpires Match Report. This is extremely important as the confirmation of your appointment is made by you writing your name in the correct place on the Umpires match 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 and sign the *Matchday Incident Form* which is included in your paperwork pack. If you have any questions or are unsure whether a report should be submitted, please call one of the coaches to discuss. Please advise David Hannan that you have submitted the report and you will be advised of the further process. Please scan and email completed form to: [admin@yarrajfl.org.au](mailto:admin@yarrajfl.org.au)

## Tribunals

Independent tribunals are heard on the Monday evening following the match at League HQ, Bulleen 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 2017

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

## COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

The minimum number of players per team is 14 (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.

NB: Once a match commences, there is no minimum number of players required on the field for the match to continue.

Length of quarters:	U/10 - U/13	-	4 x 15 minutes
	U/14 - Colts		4 x 20 minutes
	U/12 - U/13 Girls		4 x 15 minutes
	U/14 –U18 Girls		4 x 20 minutes
Times between Quarters:	1/4 time break		4 minutes
	1/2 time break		12 minutes
	3/4 time break		7 minutes

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 Incident Report Form.

Should a player arrive late he/she may take the field at any time providing the following procedure is adhered to:

- i. The Team Manager shall inform the Interchange Steward of the player's arrival when such player is ready to take the field.
- ii. After the game, or at half time, the Team Manager shall accompany the player who will sign the team sheet in the presence of the umpire.

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 team with sufficient players to field a team MUST present a Team Sheet, complete with player's signatures.

The following conditions will then apply: -

- i. U/10 - U/14 including Girls teams - the players of both sides shall be combined and a practice match played.
- ii. U/15, U/16 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 14 and 18 players 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.
- Up to and including Under 12 Teams, Clubs must loan or accept the number of players required 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:

- If a Club does not have jumpers available of a suitable and appropriate size for the Age Group to facilitate the loan of players, there is no requirement to even-up playing numbers on the field.
- In the Under 13, 14, 15, 16, Youth Girls and Colts Age Groups, if players are not offered to the team with less than 18 players, then playing numbers must be reduced so that both teams field the same number of players. If players are offered, but not accepted, then the team with the greater number of players is not required to reduce playing numbers, ie the evening up rule does not apply.
- 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. This should be overseen by the Interchange Steward.

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.

## **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 tape their fingernails

## **COACHES, TRAINERS, AND RUNNERS IDENTIFICATION**

### **Coaches, Runners, Trainers and Water Carriers 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.

Two **Water Carriers (White Bib)** may be used and are to be located on the opposite side of the ground to the coaching bench and must remain in their marked areas on the 50 metre lines on the opposite side of the ground to the Coaches Boxes until a break in play.

## 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. Ruckmen 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 ruckmen (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 or long of ruck contest 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.

**Protected Area/Manning the Mark** The rule regarding the Protected Area around the mark is 10 metres.

**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.

All Girls games, no player is permitted to grab the ball direct from Centre/Field bounce or boundary throw in.

**Kicking the ball off the ground** – Under 10, Under 11 and all Girls teams are not permitted to kick the ball off the ground.

**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

**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
<b>Colts</b>	<b>Size 5 Match Ball - Full Size – Leather</b>
<b>Under 15 Boys</b>	<b>Size 5 Match Ball - Full Size - Leather</b>
<b>Under 14 Mixed</b>	<b>Size 4 Match Ball - Leather</b>
<b>Under 13 Mixed</b>	<b>Size 4 Match Ball - Leather</b>
<b>Under 12 Mixed</b>	<b>Size 3 Synthetic</b>
<b>Under 11</b>	<b>Size 3 Synthetic</b>
<b>Under 10</b>	<b>Size 2 Synthetic</b>
<b>Tackers (Under 9)</b>	<b>Size 2 Synthetic</b>
<b>Under 8</b>	<b>Size 2 Synthetic</b>
<b>Youth Girls</b>	<b>Size 4 Match Ball - Leather</b>
<b>Under 16 Girls</b>	<b>Size 4 Match Ball - Leather</b>
<b>Under 15 Girls</b>	<b>Size 4 Match Ball - Leather</b>
<b>Under 14 Girls</b>	<b>Size 4 Synthetic</b>
<b>Under 13 Girls</b>	<b>Size 3 Synthetic</b>
<b>Under 12 Girls</b>	<b>Size 3 Synthetic</b>
<b>Under 10 Girls</b>	<b>Size 2 Synthetic</b>

## 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 the General Manager – Football (Michael Wigg) and Umpires Manager (David Hannan) with all details of the injury so they can be recorded and filed.

Umpires are covered by the Australian Football National Risk Protection Policy and can lodge a claim on the JLT Sports Insurance website which is accessed from the YJFL website

## Season Dates 2017

Round 1	23 April	
Round 2	30 April	
Round 3	7 May	
Round 4	14 May	
Round 5	21 May (Under 8 Day)	
Round 6	28 May (Under 9 Day)	
Round 7	4 June	
Queen's Birthday Weekend		
Round 8	18 June	
Round 9	25 June	
Round 10	2 July	
July School Holiday Break		
Round 11	16 July	
Round 12	23 July	
Round 13	30 July	
Round 14	6 August	
Semi Finals	13 August	
Preliminary Finals	20 August	
<b>Grand Finals</b>	<b>27 August</b>	<b>(Colts Grand Final Breakfast)</b>

## 2017 Girls Altered Rules

The following are the main rule alterations used in Girls Football in the YJFL:

Area	Altered Rules
<b>Number of Players</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum of 16 players on the field</li> <li>• 8 on the bench</li> <li>• 24 players in total</li> <li>• Under 10 teams to play 15 per side modified rules (By-Law 10.2)</li> </ul>
<b>Minimum Number of Players</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 players needed to start an official game</li> </ul>
<b>Player Number Equalisation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If one team has fewer than 16 players, both teams MUST play with EQUAL numbers on the field.</li> </ul>
<b>Playing Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 x 20 minute quarters for Under 14, 15, 16 &amp; Youth Girls(U18)</li> <li>• 4 x 15 minute quarters for Under 11, 12 &amp; 13,</li> <li>• 4 x 12 minute quarters for Under 10</li> </ul>
<b>Quarter Breaks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarter time - 4 minutes</li> <li>• Half Quarter time - 12 minutes</li> <li>• Three Quarter time – 7 minutes</li> </ul>
<b>Centre Square Numbers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 players allowed in the square for a centre bounce</li> </ul>
<b>Jewellery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NONE to be worn</b> under any circumstances</li> <li>• Taped jewellery is not allowed</li> <li>• Please <b>REMIND</b> players prior to game</li> <li>• Process for non-compliance               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Umpire stops play; issues Yellow Card to player</li> <li>○ Offending player off field for 10 minutes</li> <li>○ Player <b>CAN NOT</b> be replaced</li> <li>○ Free kick to opposition team</li> <li>○ Further Yellow Cards incurred by the player should incur a Red Card</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Match Rules</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No <b>INTENTIONAL</b> kicking off the ground at all</li> <li>• No full possession in the ruck               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Players must tap ball</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Players are allowed <b>no more than two bounces</b> before disposal</li> <li>• Kicks must be over 10 metres</li> <li>• 25 metre penalties apply</li> </ul>

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Name	Address	Map Ref.
A.J.Burkitt Oval	Beverley Road Banyule 3084	D3 32
AK Line Reserve	Grimshaw St Bundoora 3083	F2 20
Alfred Crescent	Cnr Alfred Crs & Grant Street North Fitzroy 3068	D2 2
Allard Park	Donald Street East Brunswick 3057	A5 30
Balwyn Park	cnr Whitehorse & Cherry Rds Balwyn 3103	D8 46
Balwyn Park Upper	Cnr Whitehorse & Cherry Roads Balwyn 3103	D8 46
Bayswater Oval 1	Mountain Hwy Bayswater 3153	G2 64
Bayswater Over 2	Mountain Hwy Bayswater 3153	G2 64
Beverley Road Oval	Beverley Rd Heidelberg 3084	D3 32
Bill Lawry Oval	Westgarth Street Northcote	G11 30
Binnak Park	Anderson Pde Bundoora 3083	D12 10
Box Hill City Oval	Cnr Whitehorse & Middleborough Rds Box Hill 3128	G9 47
Bulleen Park East	Bulleen Park Off Bulleen Road Bulleen 3105	C9 32
Bulleen Park Oval No.1	Bulleen Rd Bulleen 3105	C9 32
Bulleen Park West	Bulleen Park Off Bulleen Road Bulleen 3105	C9 32
Burwood Reserve Bottom	Warrigal Rd Burwood 3125	G7 60
Burwood Reserve Top	Warrigal Road Burwood 3125	G7 60
Camberwell Sports Ground	Camberwell Road Camberwell 3124	K3 59
Canterbury Sports Ground	Guilford Rd Surrey Hills 3127	F10 46
Citizens Park Reserve	cnr Church & Highett St Richmond 3121	B5 2
Clifton Park	Victoria St Brunswick 3059	E7 29
Coburg City Oval	Harding Street Coburg 3058	J1 29
Colman Park	Croydon Road South Warrandyte 3517	K7 35
Cooper Reserve	Norman Street Camberwell 3124	60 H3
De Winton Park	Grove Rd Rosanna	A2 32
Domeney Reserve	Knees Rd Park Orchards 3114	E9 35
Doncaster Reserve	cnr Doncaster Rd & Leeds St Doncaster 3108	K1 47
Eley Park	Eley Rd Blackburn South 3130	H5 61
Ferndale Park	Glen Iris Rd Glen Iris 3146	A7 59
Ferrie Oval	Elizabeth St Kooyong 3144	D4 59
Ford Park	Oriel Rd Bellfield 3081	D4 31
Garvey Oval	Plenty Rd Bundoora 3083	A10 10
Gillon Oval	Pearson Street Brunswick 3056	E6 29
Gordon Barnard Reserve	Balwyn Rd Nth Balwyn 3104	E4 46
Gordon Barnard Upper	Off Belmore Road Balwyn 3103	F4 46
Greensborough Park	Main St Greensborough 3088	K1 20
Greythorn Park	cnr Alpha & Roberts Sts Greythorn 3104	G4 46
Ivanhoe Park	cnr The Boulevard & Lwr Heidelberg Rd Ivanhoe 3079	H9 31
Koonung Reserve Bulleen	Cnr Furneaux Gr & Allen St Bulleen 3105	F3 47
Leigh Park	285 Balwyn Rd Balwyn North 3104	E2 46
Lynden Park	cnr Highfield Rd & Lynden St Hartwell 3124	E4 60

Lynden Park Upper	cnr Highfield Rd & Lynden St Hartwell 3124	E4 60
Macleod Park	Ruthven St Macleod 3085	B9 20
Mooroolbark Heights Reserve	Longfellow Avenue Mooroolbark 3138	K4 51
Pitcher Park	Mercil Ave Alphington 3078	B9 31
Preston City Oval	Cramer St Preston 3072	F12 18
Raeburn Reserve	Cnr Pearson and Victoria Street Brunswick 3056	E6 29
Ramsden St Reserve	Ramsden St Clifton Hill 3068	G2 44
Rathmines Rd Reserve	Rathmines Rd Hawthorn East 3123	H10 45
Reservoir Reserve	Grange Rd Kew 3101	J7 45
Righetti Oval	Elizabeth St Kooyong	D3 59
Schramms Reserve	off JJ Tully Dve Doncaster 3108	F12 33
Schramms Reserve 2	Off JJ Tully Drive Doncaster 3108	F11 33
Springfield 2	Cnr Dorking & Springfield Roads Box Hill North 3129	F7 47
Springfield Park	cnr Dorking & Springfield Rds Box Hill North 3129	F7 47
St James Park	Burwood Rd Hawthorn 3122	A10 45
Stintons Reserve	Stintons Rd Park Orchards 3114	B7 35
Stradbroke Park	cnr Harp & Burke Rds Kew 3101	K4 45
Surrey Park	cnr Canterbury & Elgar Rds Surrey Hills 3127	B11 47
Surrey Park No 2	Surrey Park 3127	B11 47
T H King Oval	High St Glen Iris 3146	K8 59
Ted Ajani Reserve	284 Thompson's Rd Lower Templestowe 3107	K7 32
Telfer Reserve	Greenwood Dve Bundoora 308	A2 20
Templestowe Reserve	Porter St Templestowe 3106	G4 33
Templestowe Reserve 2	Porter Street Templestowe 3106	G4 33
Victoria Park Lower	High St Kew 3101	G5 45
Victoria Park Collingwood	Lulie St Collingwood	J6 2C
Victoria Park Upper	High St Kew 3101	G5 45
Victoria Road Reserve	Victoria Rd Hawthorn 3122	G10 45
W T Peterson Oval	cnr Brunswick & Freeman Sts Nth Fitzroy 3068	C2 2
Warrandyte Reserve	Taroona Ave Warrandyte 3113	C1 35
Warrandyte Reserve 2	Taroona Ave Warrandyte 3113	C1 35
Warringal Park	Beverley Rd Heidelberg 3084	C4 32
Whatmough Park	Kalparrin Ave Greensborough 3088	J1 20
Windsor Park	Greensborough Rd Macleod 3085	D6 20
WR Ruthven VC Reserve	Cnr Malpas and Donald Street Preston 3072	A10 19
Zerbes Reserve	Cnr Blackburn Rd & Saxonwood Dve E. Doncaster 3109	B10 34
Zwar Reserve	Bruce St Preston 3072	E12 18

# New Reporting Procedure 2017

Use the following in conjunction with the *Report/Send off* form

## 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 4 criteria:

*Comments were:* **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 pts	3 Matches
Grade 5	14 -15 pts	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.*

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

### 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:*

- Shaun Dowling between 5:45-6:15pm (not earlier) on Matchday - 0457 958 005 and advise of the report details. Shaun will then inform you of a tribunal time.