



COLAC & DISTRICT FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

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2026 CDFNL CALENDAR

Month/Day	Date	Calendar Event	Venue
January			
Monday	19	AFL Barwon Office Opens	
Monday	26	Australia Day Public Holiday - Office Closed	
Tuesday	27	CDFNL Board meeting	Colac RSL
February			
Sunday	1	Football Clearances Open	
Tuesday	17	CDFNL Board Meeting	Colac RSL
March			
Monday	9	Labour Day - Office Closed	
Wednesday	11	CDFNL Season Launch & Media Day (Colac)	
Tuesday	17	CDFNL Board & Delegates Meeting	Colac RSL
Saturday	28	Alvie v Irrewarra-Beeac	ARR
Monday	30	AFL Barwon Season Launch	
April			
Friday	3	Colac Imperials v Alvie	WES
Friday	3	Lorne v Apollo Bay	STRIBLING
Friday	3	Good Friday - AFL Barwon Office Closed	
Monday	6	Easter Monday - AFL Barwon Office Closed	
Saturday	11	CDFNL Round 1	
Tuesday	21	CDFNL Board meeting	Colac RSL
Saturday	19	Easter Saturday	
Saturday	25	ANZAC Day	
May			
Sunday	10	Mothers Day	
Saturday	10	Indigenous Round	
Tuesday	19	CDFNL Board meeting	Colac RSL
Sunday	17	15U & 17U Central West Association Championships	Essendon Netball Association
Sunday	24	13U Central West Association Championships	Nullumbik Regional Netball Centre
June			
Monday	8	King's Birthday - Office Closed	
Saturday	6	Interleague vs GDFNL	Winchelsea
Sunday	15	Junior interleague v Central Highlands	Buninyong
Tuesday	16	CDFNL Board meeting	Colac RSL



2026 CDFNL CALENDAR

Month/Day	Date	Calendar Event	Venue
July			
	6 - 12	Female Festival of Sport Week	
Tuesday	21	CDFNL Board & Delegates Meeting	Colac RSL
August			
Weekend	29 & 30	CDFNL Qualifying & Elimination Finals	Central Reserve
September			
Sunday	6	Fathers Day	Colac RSL
Weekend	5 & 6	CDFNL Semi Finals	Central Reserve
Saturday	12	CDFNL Preliminary Finals	Central Reserve
Monday	14	CDFNL Junior Vote Counts	Colac RSL
Tuesday	15	CDFNL Board meeting	Colac RSL
Wednesday	16	CDFNL Senior Vote Counts	Colac RSL
Saturday	19	CDFNL Grand Finals	Central Reserve
Monday	TBC	V/Line Cup	TBC
Friday	26	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday	
Saturday	27	AFL Grand Final	MCG
Monday	TBC	Rookie Me Event	Grovedale Secondary College
October			
Tuesday	20	CDFNL Board meeting	Colac RSL
November			
Wednesday	18	CDFNL Annual General Meeting	Colac RSL
Wednesday	25	GFNL Annual General Meeting	Buckley's
Wednesday	25	BFNL Annual General Meeting	Buckley's
Wednesday	25	AFL Barwon Annual General Meeting	Buckley's

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0	28/03/26	Irrewarra-Beeac	H
1	3/04/26	Colac Imperials	A
2	18/04/26	South Colac	H
3	26/04/26	Otway Districts	A
5	9/05/26	Simpson	H
6	23/05/26	Lorne	A
7	30/05/26	Birregurra	H
8	13/06/26	Western Eagles	A
9	20/06/26	Apollo Bay	H
10	27/06/26	Colac Imperials	H
11	4/07/26	South Colac	A
12	11/07/26	Otway Districts	H
13	18/07/26	Irrewarra-Beeac	A
14	25/07/26	Simpson	A
15	1/08/26	Lorne	H
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18	22/08/26	Western Eagles	H

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3	25/04/26	Western Eagles	H
4	2/05/26	Simpson	A
5	9/05/26	Colac Imperials	A
6	23/05/26	South Colac	H
7	30/05/26	Otway Districts	A
8	13/06/26	Irrewarra-Beeac	H
9	20/06/26	Alvie	A
10	27/06/26	Lorne	H
11	4/07/26	Birregurra	H
12	11/07/26	Western Eagles	A
13	18/07/26	Simpson	H
14	25/07/26	Colac Imperials	H
15	1/08/26	South Colac	A
16	8/08/26	Otway Districts	H
17	15/08/26	Alvie	H
18	22/08/26	Irrewarra-Beeac	A

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2	18/04/26	Apollo Bay	H
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4	2/05/26	South Colac	H
5	16/05/26	Otway Districts	A
6	23/05/26	Irrewarra-Beeac	H
7	30/05/26	Alvie	A
8	13/06/26	Lorne	H
9	20/06/26	Simpson	A
10	27/06/26	Western Eagles	A
11	4/07/26	Apollo Bay	A
12	11/07/26	Colac Imperials	H
13	18/07/26	South Colac	A
14	25/07/26	Otway Districts	H
15	1/08/26	Irrewarra-Beeac	A
16	8/08/26	Alvie	H
17	15/08/26	Lorne	A
18	22/08/26	Simpson	A

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3	26/04/26	Birregurra	H
4	02/05/26	Western Eagles	A
5	09/05/26	Apollo Bay	H
6	23/05/26	Simpson	H
7	30/05/26	South Colac	A
8	13/06/26	Otway Districts	H
9	20/06/26	Irrewarra-Beeac	A
10	27/06/26	Alvie	A
11	04/07/26	Lorne	H
12	11/07/26	Birregurra	A
13	18/07/26	Western Eagles	H
14	25/07/26	Apollo Bay	A
15	01/08/26	Simpson	A
16	08/08/26	South Colac	H
17	15/08/26	Irrewarra-Beeac	H
18	22/08/26	Otway Districts	A

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5	09/05/26	Lorne	H
6	23/05/26	Birregurra	A
7	30/05/26	Western Eagles	H
8	13/06/26	Apollo Bay	A
9	20/06/26	Colac Imperials	H
10	27/06/26	South Colac	H
11	04/07/26	Otway Districts	A
12	11/07/26	Simpson	A
13	18/07/26	Alvie	H
14	25/07/26	Lorne	A
15	01/08/26	Birregurra	H
16	08/08/26	Western Eagles	A
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3	25/04/26	South Colac	A
4	02/05/26	Otway Districts	H
5	09/05/26	Irrewarra-Beeac	A
6	23/05/26	Alvie	H
7	30/05/26	Simpson	A
8	13/06/26	Birregurra	A
9	20/06/26	Western Eagles	H
10	27/06/26	Apollo Bay	A
11	04/07/26	Colac Imperials	A
12	11/07/26	South Colac	H
13	18/07/26	Otway Districts	A
14	25/07/26	Irrewarra-Beeac	H
15	01/08/26	Alvie	A
16	08/08/26	Simpson	H
17	15/08/26	Western Eagles	A
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4	02/05/26	Lorne	A
5	16/05/26	Birregurra	H
6	23/05/26	Western Eagles	A
7	30/05/26	Apollo Bay	H
8	13/06/26	Colac Imperials	A
9	20/06/26	South Colac	H
10	27/06/26	Simpson	A
11	04/07/26	Irrewarra-Beeac	H
12	11/07/26	Alvie	A
13	18/07/26	Lorne	H
14	25/07/26	Birregurra	A
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18	22/08/26	Colac Imperials	H

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17	15/08/26	Birregurra	A
18	22/08/26	South Colac	H

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13	18/07/26	Birregurra	H
14	25/07/26	Western Eagles	A
15	01/08/26	Apollo Bay	H
16	08/08/26	Colac Imperials	A
17	15/08/26	Otway Districts	H
18	22/08/26	Simpson	A

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1	11/04/26	Birregurra	A
2	18/04/26	Simpson	A
3	25/04/26	Apollo Bay	A
4	02/05/26	Colac Imperials	H
5	16/05/26	South Colac	A
6	23/05/26	Otway Districts	H
7	30/05/26	Irrewarra-Beeac	A
8	13/06/26	Alvie	H
9	20/06/26	Lorne	A
10	27/06/26	Birregurra	H
11	04/07/26	Simpson	H
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COLAC & DISTRICT FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE INC. BY LAWS

Preamble

These Rules must be read in conjunction with

- Laws of Australian Football
- AFL Victoria Rules and Regulations
- Official Netball Rules as set down by Netball Australia

As published in the AFL Victoria Handbook each year or as amended by notification from AFL Victoria after the printing of their Handbook.

A breach of any CDFNL By Law or Competition Rule, will attract a penalty that will be at the absolute discretion of the CDFNL Board

1. Definitions and Interpretation

In these By-Laws unless the contrary intention appears:

“**AFL Barwon**” means AFL Barwon Football Commission Limited A.C.N. 160 417 845

“**Board**” means the Board of the Colac & District FNL Inc.

“**CDFNL**” means Colac & District FNL Incorporated A00081715. In these rules referred to as “CDFNL” or “the League”.

“**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 the Colac & District FNL Incorporated.

“**RGM**” means AFL Barwon Regional General Manager

The appendices and schedules attached should be read in conjunction with and form part of the By-Laws of the Colac & District FNL Incorporated.

Questions Not Provided For

In the event of any question arising that is not provided for in these Rules, the Board of the League shall have the power to decide. The interpretation of these Rules is to be decided by the Board.

2. League Provisions

2.1 Board Meetings

The Board of the League shall meet at least 4 times during each calendar year. The scheduling of these will be at the discretion of The Board.

Information forums for Club Delegates will be held as required and deemed appropriate by The Board. Any Club failing to be represented by a Delegate at any Information Forum without good

cause will be fined.

The Treasurer shall submit to the League at each ordinary Meeting held, a statement showing the financial position of the League as at that time.

2.2 Sub-Committees

The Board shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committees and may delegate any of its powers to such Sub-Committees

The Chairman shall receive an allowance as decided at the General Meeting. The Deputy Chairman shall receive an Honorarium as shall be decided at the Annual Meeting.

2.3 Annual Meetings

All Clubs affiliated with the League must hold their Annual Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting of the League.

2.4 Club Annual Reports

Affiliated Clubs must submit to the Board 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.

2.5 Life Members

Life Members and the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc Service Awards

The Colac & District Football Netball League Inc may at its discretion annually elect as the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc Life Members any person/s who has/have rendered outstanding service to the Board.

In accordance with Rule 14 of Rules of Association for the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc may annually elect Life Members to the League.

The Colac & District Football Netball League Inc may at its discretion annually award the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc Service Awards to any person/s who has/have rendered outstanding service to the Board.

2.5.1 Life Membership Criteria

The criteria for nomination for the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc Life Membership are that the nominee must have:

- served as a Colac & District Football Netball League Inc Board member with a minimum 5 years service and given outstanding service to the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc for a minimum total period of 15 years including held the position of al Club (Football or Netball) President, Secretary or Treasurer with 15 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 acted as member of the Independent Tribunal serving for 15 continuous years or
- held a role appointed or ratified by the Board for 15 continuous years and offered the service

voluntarily

- provided 15 years continuous service directly for the league and continuous throughout each season or
- been a player with 300 games at senior level for football or netball at an affiliated the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc

2.5.2 Nomination Process

Nominations for Life Membership or the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc Service Awards must be forwarded to the RGM or nominee 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 Board. (Form available from AFL Barwon).

Life Memberships for Club individuals for the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc 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 also 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 Board 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 Board
- The Board will accept nominations and determine those nominees who meet the published criteria for the award of the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc Service Award for recommendation to the Annual General Meeting or other appropriate the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc function

2.5.3 Life Member Entitlements

Life Members of the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc are entitled to:

- Annually receive a letter from the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc acknowledging their Life membership of their respective League and
- Annually receive a complimentary Colac & District Football Netball League Inc Season Pass for entry into all games within their particular League
- Receive notification of the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc 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.

2.5.4 Service Award Criteria

The criteria for nomination for the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc Service Awards are that the nominee must have:

- acted as a Club personnel with 15 years or more service with their Club or
- provided 15 years continuous service in non-chairperson positions (ie: Tribunal Member)

2.5.5 Nomination Process

Nominations Inc Service Awards must be forwarded to the RGM or nominee no later than 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting on the appropriate nomination form.

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2.5.6 Service Award Entitlements

Service Award of the Colac & District Football Netball League Inc are entitled to:

- Receive an appropriate plaque or other presentation acknowledging the award.

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3. Club Affiliation

3.1 Clubs and Affiliation

Clubs seeking Affiliation must be organisations or bodies governed by a Constitution and Rules fully approved by the Board. Application for such affiliation from new Clubs must be made in writing and be received by the CEO at least 28 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

3.2 Affiliation

Each Club shall affiliate with Colac & District FNL Inc by signing an Affiliation and Agreement Form and submit the Affiliation and Agreement Form to Colac & District FNL.

3.3 Annual Affiliation Fee

3.3.1 An annual affiliation fee, the amount of which will be fixed at the Annual Meeting, must be paid to the finance officer by the Thursday prior to the commencement of the Home and Away matches.

3.3.2 New Clubs admitted to the League will be called upon to pay an entrance fee based upon the assets held by the League at the time of the Annual Meeting.

3.4 Fines/Payment of accounts

3.4.1 Fines for breach of By-Laws and Competition Rules

Fines may be imposed by the Board or their 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 Board.

Notices of fines are to be sent to the Secretary of the Club and payment of such fines are to be made within thirty (30) days. If payment is not made within thirty (30) days Clubs will be dealt with by the Board as it sees fit.

3.4.2 No Club shall involve the League in any expense or make or enter into any agreement or

controversy on behalf of the league without the written approval of the Board.

3.5 Disputed Invoices

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

3.6 AFL Victoria Community Club Sustainability Program Policy

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), AFL Barwon Local PPS By Laws and AFL Barwon's Player Salary Cap (PSC) Policies.

Penalties will be determined as deemed appropriate by the AFL Barwon Commission, 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

4. Umpires and Club Officials

The appointment of Umpiring Association/s shall be decided at the Annual Meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible. Both competing Clubs are to pay within 7 days of receiving invoice, by Electronic Transfer of Funds, to cover all umpire fees for all matches on that particular day.

Clubs for Revision

The Investigation Committee, consisting of the Board of the league, reserves to itself the right to review the position of any Club in the League with regard to its constitution, rules, general management or conduct, and by a two-thirds majority of all Delegates present at a meeting specially called for the purpose, to exclude such Club or Clubs from the League or to impose such other penalty as it shall deem necessary. The League may fill any vacancy or vacancies arising from the expulsion / departure of any club / clubs.

5. Club Uniforms

5.1 Club Colours

Football

Alvie	Red with white V
Apollo Bay	Brown & gold vertical stripes
Birregurra	Black, with red & white vertical stripes
Forrest	Maroon, navy rib & gold lion insignia
Colac Imperials	Navy blue with white horizontal hoops
Irrewarra/Beac	Black with red sash

Lorne	Black with two thin white horizontal hoops & dolphin insignia
Otway Districts	Navy blue with red v insert
Simpson	Black with gold sash
South Colac	Royal blue with white vertical stripes
Western Eagles	Navy, gold breast panel & gold eagle insignia

5.2 Club Uniforms

Club uniforms, new football jumpers and netball dresses must be approved by the League before adoption. Each player must be uniformed in the Club's colours, with his number prominently and securely fixed on his back.

One advertising logo maybe placed on the back of Club jumpers below the player's number.

The front of the jumper is for the provision of logos as determined by the CDFNL Board.

A maximum of One additional Club sponsor logo is permitted on the back of Club jumpers (above the number) or on the front of shorts. (see AFL Barwon Style Guide)

Any new logos must be approved by the Board before adoption.

6. Club Office Bearers

Not later than 1st February each year, all affiliated clubs must lodge with the league (on the form provided), a list of all club office bearers for the ensuing year.

7. Independent Tribunal

7.1 Appointment

The board shall appoint an Independent Tribunal consisting of persons not directly associated with any Club in the League, who in the opinion of the Board, are competent and capable of handling any cases or disputes put before them. The Independent Tribunal will deal with Clubs, Players or Officials within the League reported for breaches of the Rules or unseemly conduct, and with any other matters referred to it by the Board of the League. They will meet when the occasion demands with only three persons from the panel to act as appointed. The Board of the League shall have the power to make appointments and / or deletions to the panel.

7.1.1 Each year the Board will appoint a tribunal Chairman

7.1.2 All tribunal members will be issued with official passes for the season

7.2 Club Advocates

A Club advocate shall accompany any player attending the Independent Tribunal. Advocates are not permitted to be a member of the Legal profession.

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 Colac & District FNL 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 Operations Manager or deputy and be provided to Colac & District FNL offices no later than 12 noon on the day of the tribunal hearing.

7.3.3 Players and Officials called before the Independent Tribunal or the Board to answer charges, etc. may call witnesses to give evidence on their behalf, and they may be represented at the hearing of such charges by one Official of the Club - who shall not be a member of the legal profession - who shall have the right to cross-examine any person giving evidence at such hearing and is to remain in the room at all times during such hearing as to be declared at an end. The Central Umpire may nominate any person to be a witness to any charge, but he must notify such person or Club of his intention to call such person as a witness prior to leaving the ground where the match involving such charge was played. Failure by Club Officials, Players or other persons under the jurisdiction of the League to attend and give evidence when so notified will render such Officials, Players or other persons liable to be dealt with by the Independent Tribunal as it shall deem fit. Notices served on a Club shall be deemed to have been served on all Officials and Playing members of that Club.

7.3.4 The Board shall have the power of authority to prefer charges against Clubs, officials or Players for breaches of the Rules of this League and/or Laws adopted by it. All such charges are to be dealt with by the Independent Tribunal.

7.3.5 Any Club which has a Player or Official required to attend an Independent Tribunal hearing and who is late for same without an acceptable excuse may be fined at the discretion of the Tribunal.

7.4 Tribunal Procedures

7.4.1 Hearings – Reported Players

In normal circumstances the Colac & District FNL Independent Tribunal will meet, when required, on Tuesday nights commencing at 7pm.

In the event that 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 at a time, date and venue organised by Colac & District FNL. The schedule of such cases will be published on the AFL Barwon Website.

7.4.2 No club official can comment to the media in relation to any player/s who is/are reported by an umpire/s or is under investigation, inclusive of when the matter is finalised. Such officials who breach this will be referred to the CDFNL Independent Tribunal.

7.5 Video Evidence

Submission of other video evidence will be at the discretion of the tribunal

7.6 Infringements

Clubs, Players or Officials infringing any Rule of the League or Law of the Game shall be dealt with as the League may think fit, except when a penalty is provided for in these Rules.

7.7 Reporting of Players

7.7.1 A current years AFL Victoria 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 (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 Operations Manager, no later than 6.00pm on the day of that match. Information required: Reported player, Offended player (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. 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.

7.8 Set Sanctions (Football Only)

Note the following variation to AFL Victoria 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 following morning at the latest.

The reporting umpire, the offending player and the offended player's club secretary all have until noon the day following the incident to inform the league that they wish the matter to be heard by a tribunal. If there is no official notification received by the League within the designated time frame 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.

8. Investigation Officer

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

9. Unbecoming Conduct

9.1 Colac & District FNL Board members, 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 AFL Barwon within five days after the date of the act or omission to which it relates unless the CDFNL Board agrees to extend this period to a maximum of 30 days. An extension agreed to by the Board may be for such period and subject to such conditions as the Board thinks fit. Such investigation shall be completed within 10 days of the matter being referred to the Investigation Officer, unless, at the completion of the 10 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. (See 9.9 for Tribunal expenses.)

9.2 Notice of any allegation received under By-Law 9.1 shall be referred to the Investigation Officer for investigation. The Investigation Officer may investigate the allegation as he sees fit.

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 in 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 9.1, the League Operations Manager or his delegate may offer the player a Set Penalty as relevant to the charge, or fix a date, time and place for a hearing of the allegation before the League Independent Tribunal, being a date not later than 9 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 9.1

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 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.

9.9 Expenses of Tribunal

9.9.1 Any expense incurred in bringing Umpires and/or other witnesses to any meeting of the Board or Independent Tribunal in support of charges laid against Players or Officials shall be borne by the Club whose Player or Official has been charged provided that such charge be sustained.

9.9.2 If Players or Official from more than one Club be charged with offences at the same meeting, and all charges are sustained, all Clubs whose Players or Officials are found guilty of the charge so preferred against them shall bear such expenses equally among them unless it can be shown that special expenses have been incurred in proving any one or more charges, in which case such special expenses will be borne by that Club whose Player or Official has, through the proving of this charge, necessitated the incurring of such special expense.

9.9.3 Where charges are laid and not sustained the expense incurred in calling the Umpires and/or other witnesses in support of such charge shall be borne by the League, provided that where a Player or Official from more than one Club be charged at the same meeting of the Board or Independent Tribunal, and where the expense of the hearing of the charges would have been the same had only one charge been laid at the meeting, the League will be required to contribute to such expense on a pro rata basis only.

10. Player Registration

Football

Governed in accordance with the Rules of AFL Victoria

All registration of players is to be on the PlayHQ database prior to the player taking the field.

All costs incurred by the League regarding clearances are to be paid by the Club concerned.

Any Club suspending a player shall forward to the League within three days the name /s of such player/s, together with the relevant details. No such player so suspended shall be reinstated as a playing member of that Club or be transferred to any other Club until notice in writing of the lifting of such suspension has been lodged with the Operations Manager. A player so suspended by his Club shall have the right to appeal to the Board of the League which shall have the power to confirm or lift such suspension.

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 CDFNL PlayHQ and Netball Connect database via their home clubs Netball Victoria Membership registration link prior to taking the court.

11. Player transfers and Appeals

11.1 Football Player transfers

Player transfers are conducted under the current AFL Victoria Rules.

All player transfers will be conducted using the AFL Victoria approved electronic data base system. The Colac & District FNL Clearance Secretary will not endorse player transfers over the telephone.

11.2 Appeals against refused Transfer

All appeals against refused player transfers are handled under AFL Victoria rules.

11.3 Netball Clearances

11.3.1 Any player moving from club to club within the CDFNL will require a clearance. Any and all correspondence between the former club, player and future club, must be shared with the AFL Barwon netball representative.

11.3.2 Players must lodge their request for a clearance/transfer by registering to their intended new club via PlayHQ, thereby initiating the clearance process and indicating their desire and intent to move to a new club. This will then require approval from the previous club, AFL Barwon, and the destination club. The player will then need to complete the remainder of the registration process.

11.3.3 Players who owe outstanding fees or are in possession of Club/ Team property (uniform, equipment) will not be granted a clearance.

11.3.4 All clearances are to be finalised on 30th June of the current season. If a player has not played with her registered Club for a minimum of one whole season, then a clearance is not required. New players are not tied to any Club until they take the court in a game.

12. Player Points & Club Sustainability Policies

It is a condition of the Club's Affiliation Agreement with AFL Barwon and their League that all Colac & District FNL Clubs will comply in fully 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

13. Weekly Record

13.1 Team Lists

13.1.1 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 separate lists for each of the junior grades, accurately stating all the club registered players' first name, surname and jumper numbers for inclusion in the Footy Flyer for the first game. Penalty: Post Round 4 in each competition - \$20 per name.

13.1.2 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 "all grades team lists published in the "Record".

13.1.3 Team Lists for finals fixtures must be separated to reflect 'Seniors', 'Reserves' 'Under 18s and Under 15s with a recommended maximum number of 30 players on each list.

14. Correspondence

The League's Football or Netball Operations Manager must be advised, and provided with a copy, of any relevant correspondence with the CDUA, AFL Victoria, Netball Victoria or other Leagues.

14.1 Unauthorised Media Statements

No club shall permit any of its officers or members to make any statement to the media (including radio, television and all newspapers) in connection with any policies or acts of the Board, Tribunal or association without the prior approval of the Board (or Junior Committee). To do so shall render the club concerned liable to:

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

15. Competition and Fixtures

15.1 Fixture

The Fixture including the commencement date and number of playing weeks shall be constructed each year by the Board and AFL Barwon as deemed appropriate.

Should there be any alteration to the number of teams comprising the League, the Board shall have the power to make any necessary adjustments or alterations to the fixture as deemed appropriate.

15.2 Home and Away Rounds

The league shall conduct a series of 18 (or such number as the Board shall from time to time determine) home and away matches for Senior, Reserve and all Junior Grades.

All affiliated CDFNL clubs must field Seniors and Reserves teams in the designated competitions. Clubs are to field teams in the available Junior Competitions where possible.

15.3 Failure to fill an engagement:

Football

15.3.1 In the event of a Club failing to play a match as listed, such Clubs shall pay the Umpires' fees, forfeit the premiership points for the match, and may be further dealt with by the Board. Any Club failing to finish a match shall be dealt with by the Board and may be fined. In the event of any Club forfeiting a match, the opposing team shall submit a team list in a manner similar to that required had the match been played. Players named on such team list shall be treated as having played in that match.

Netball

15.3.2 If either team is unable to take the court at the correct starting time, both teams are given five (5) minutes grace to field a team, or otherwise the offending team will forfeit the match.

FINE: \$100.00 (per team)

15.3.3 If a team forfeits a match, the opposing team shall be awarded four (4) points for the match and a percentage of 20 goals to 0. The forfeiting team is to advise the AFL Barwon Netball Manager of the intention to forfeit by 5 pm on the day before the scheduled match.

FINE: \$100.00 (per team)

15.3.4 If a team forfeits a match qualification will be awarded to the non-offending team entered on the database. 7 games will be allocated across the players at coach's instruction.

15.4 Obstructing the Game

Each Club shall take reasonable measures to keep the playing arena clear for play, and, if on an appeal by any Club, and in the opinion of the Board such measures have not been taken, the Board may order such match to be replayed on any League ground.

15.5 Intoxicating Liquor on Playing Arena

No intoxicating liquor shall be permitted onto the playing arena by any club member, player or official. Appropriate signs are to be placed on fences of grounds. The Board shall inflict a fine for each breach of this rule.

15.6 Dogs at CDFNL Fixtures:

No dogs are permitted into CDFNL home and away fixtures. Only service animals are exempt.

16. Ladders

16.1 Point Allocation

(a) In the home and away matches, four points will be allotted for a win, four points for a team in whose favour 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 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

The scores used by the League to calculate the points and percentages for each Divisional 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 "AFL Laws of the Game" as published each year.

16.3 Forfeit Calculations

In the event of a game being forfeited, the defaulting team shall not include the game in club playing records. The team against whom the forfeiting team was to play, shall be awarded match points and shall be entitled to include the game in the records of its players. Percentages will be calculated according to AFL Victoria Rules, and AFL Laws of the Game.

16.4 Non-Completion of Matches

(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 CDFNL Board unless a satisfactory reason is received by 5.00 p.m. on the Monday following the failure to play the arranged match.

(b) 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 premierships 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 premierships 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 Board at its absolute discretion in any way it sees fit.

17. Junior Competitions

Football

17.1 Player Numbers

Where a team has the minimum number of players (Ref to 17.2 for age group) to start a match but not a full team (excluding bench), the team with the numerical advantage must either "loan" players to the opposition or play with an equal number of players on the field unless:

- A loan is offered but after evening up numbers there are still excess players in which case the team with the numerical advantage can play with one extra player: or
- The team with the numerical advantage only has one extra player than the opposition in which case the team with the numerical advantage can play with that extra player: or
- The team with minimum numbers refuses to accept "loan" players in which case the team with the numerical advantage can play at full strength.
- Team Managers and Umpires are required to sign off on player numbers on the competition match report prior to the match commencing.
- Loaned players must appear on the team sheet of the team for which they are playing. A matchday permit should be approved to allow them to be selected on the Play HQ team sheet.
- Loaning of players is not permitted in any finals game.

Example 1:

Team A has 23 players – Team B has 16 players

1. Team A refuses to loan players: Both Teams play with 16 on the field
2. Team B refuses to accept loaned players: Team A plays with 18 on the field and Team B plays with 16 on the field
3. A loan is facilitated: Team A & Team B both play with 18 on the field with bench players allocated on agreement.

Ex. 1		Team A Refuses	Team B Refuses	Loaned
	Available	Field	Field	Field
Team A	23	16	18	18
Team B	16	16	16	18

Example 2:

Team A has 21 players – Team B has 14 players

1. Team A refuses to loan players: Both Teams play with 14 on the field
2. Team B refuses to accept loaned players: Team plays with 18 on the field and Team B plays with 14 on the field
3. A loan is facilitated: Team A plays with 18 on the field. Team B plays with 17 on the field.

Ex. 2		Team A Refuses	Team B Refuses	Loaned
	Available	Field	Field	Field
Team A	21	14	18	18
Team B	14	14	14	17

17.2

- U12. Minimum 9 players on reduced ground up to 18 players on a full ground at the discretion of clubs.
- Minimum age is 8.

The more players you have the bigger the ground size. Minimum ground size is 115 x 75.

- U15. Minimum players 12 up to 18 players on a full ground.

Minimum age 11.

- U18. Minimum players 12 up to 18 players. Minimum age 14.
- All players to play a minimum 50% game time.
- Junior co-ordinators to communicate between competing clubs on a Thursday evening.
- Club agreement on match day to play up to the next grade.

17.3 All Under 12 matches shall consist of 4 quarters of 12 minutes. Under 15 shall consist of 4 quarters of 15 minutes.

Under 18s shall consist of 4 quarters of 18 minutes.

Reserves shall consist of 4 quarters of 18 minutes.

17.4 Starting time of Junior and Reserves matches will be determined as outlined in the competition rules.

17.5 There is no limit to the number of interchange players in junior competitions. (Except as in Competition Rule 19.5)

17.6 The home team is to provide one good quality Size 5 leather football for U18. Size 4 leather football for U15 matches & Size 3 synthetic football for Under 12 matches.

17.7 In all Under 15 matches a player can bounce the ball only twice. After this the player must dispose of the ball and cannot regain possession until the ball has been touched by another player

17.8 The only time that a Club Official is allowed onto the ground during play is to attend to an injured player.

17.9 Any player found guilty of a field offence by the Independent Tribunal or suspended during the current season is not eligible to be awarded the Fairest and Best award for that season.

17.10 In Junior competitions, 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 CDFNL Tribunal whose decision will be binding.

17.11 A record is to be kept of all yellow and red cards that have been issued throughout the season. They are to be noted on the Umpire's Match report sheet and entered onto sporting pulse by the home team manager when entering match results.

18. Finals

18.1 The teams to compete in the Finals Series at the end of the Home and Away season will be decided on by the match points and percentage basis or by Match Ratio where applicable. The number of teams to compete in the Finals Series is to be decided annually. The order of Finals matches shall be: Qualifying Final, Elimination Final, Second Semi-Final, First Semi-Final, Preliminary Final, Grand Final.

Premiership Clubs in all grades of competition are to be presented with a premiership cup, suitably inscribed with the grade and the year. The cups are to remain the property of the club. All Rules and Premiership Conditions are as prescribed by AFL Victoria and adopted by the League, except where expressly altered by the rules.

18.2 Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee shall consist of the Board of Management. Subject to 17(a) the Grounds Committee duty shall be to appoint grounds for the Final Series and to deal with any disputes that may arise over grounds. The decisions of the Grounds Committee in these areas shall be final and binding

Central Reserve (Colac) shall be the venue for all Finals unless

- i. the ground is unfit for play
- ii. the ground is required for Major League Matches.

18.3 Entrance Fees

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

18.4 Finals Uniforms

(a) The team placed highest on the ladder prior to the commencement of the final's series shall wear their registered guernsey and home shorts unless this is varied by the Board. After the Elimination and Qualifying games, the first team to proceed to the next round will be considered the home team.

(b) The team placed highest on the ladder prior to the commencement of the final's series shall use the home team rooms and Coaches Box unless this is varied by the League or its appointee. After the Elimination and Qualifying games, the first team to proceed to the next round will be considered the home team.

18.5 Catering in Finals

Charges for catering at finals shall be determined by the Board on an annual basis.

If there are more clubs than required for the current season's finals catering, the club catering for the previous season's grand final shall not be eligible to cater for the current season's finals.

Any club failing or declining to fulfill obligations allotted to it during the Finals series will be fined \$100 per person that has not been supplied, or if a club declines to fulfill its obligations, the League will employ persons to fulfill the obligations at the expense of the declining club.

19. Ground Inspections

19.1 Each Club shall provide a ground which, in the opinion of the Grounds Committee, is suitable for match play. Regulation goal and behind posts must be in place with goal, boundary and centre lines clearly marked. Goal and behind posts must be padded to the satisfaction of the Grounds Committee. Should during the season, the ground of any Club falls below the standard

required by the League, then that Club shall be called upon to show cause why future home matches should be played on such ground, and such club's future home matches may be ordered to be played on the home ground of the visiting team.

19.2 In the event of the Officials of any two Clubs mutually agreeing that the home ground of one of those Clubs, on whose ground their next match is to be played, is unfit for play then the Clubs may transfer the venue of that match to such other ground as shall be mutually agreed upon, provided that notice of such transfer is given to the Operations Manager by the Official of both Clubs concerned no later than 8.00am on the day of the match.

19.3 A representative from each club shall complete the official Match Day Checklist on the app as provided by the insurer.

Penalty: Not completing and submitting checklist - \$50 first offence, subsequent offences \$100.

20. Interleague Matches (Combined Squads and Teams)

Any Player who has been selected in a combined League Squad and who neglects to train with such squad, shall, on failing to satisfy the League as to his reasons for not having trained with the squad, to be dealt with as the Board sees fit.

Any player who has been selected in a combined League Team and who neglects to play with such team, shall, on failing to satisfy the League as to his reasons for not having played with the team, to be dealt with as the Board sees fit.

21. Coach Requirements

21.1 Football

Refer AFL Victoria Rule 13

All coaches of AFL Vic Country clubs are required to obtain a Registered Accreditation Level Accreditation, (min 90 pts) 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 \$1,000 fine (Senior) or \$500 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 (\$1,000 or \$500) 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 \$1,000 (Senior) and \$500 (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.

21.2 Netball:

21.2.1 All coaches of Colac & District FNL Clubs are required to obtain or update their Netball Victoria Foundation Accreditation prior to April 30th of the current season. (Accreditation must also be current if a higher level is held)

21.2.1.1 The relevant paperwork confirming accreditation must be submitted prior to April 30th to the AFL Barwon - Netball Operations Manager.

21.2.1.2 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.

21.2.1.3 All clubs must submit a coaching list prior to the start of the season with all coaches' current accreditation details.

The penalty to be imposed by the CDFNL Board 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.

21.2.2 In the event of the appointed Coach being absent, the nominated person in charge of that team must be accredited

21.2.3 Coaching panels may consist of a maximum of two accredited people for each team

21.2.4 Any change of Coach during the season due to extenuating circumstances will require approval from the Board

21.2.5 Coaches are not permitted to umpire the team which they are listed to coach -

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 Board from time to time.

22.2 The Board is required to adopt complementary rules and regulations in football competitions under their respective control and jurisdiction as those of AFL Victoria and AFL Victoria.

22.3 The Colac & District Board has also adopted a range of AFL Victoria, Netball Victoria and AFL Barwon policies. These include, but are not restricted to:

- 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

- Netball Australia Member Protection Policy
- AFL Barwon Cybersafety Policy
- AFL Barwon Constitution
- AFL Barwon Local PPS By Laws
- AFL National Age Dispensation Policy
- Child Safe Guarding Policy

23. Annual Awards

Any annual award aligned with a specific named person will have a 10-year sunset clause attached to the naming of the award.

23.1 Best and Fairest Awards

23.1.1 Official League field/court umpires shall immediately following the conclusion of the match select their three fairest and best players in the match. They shall then number one, two and three in order of preference in a sealed addressed envelope their three nominations. Their number one nomination to receive three votes, number two nomination two votes, and number three nomination one vote. They shall then hand the sealed envelope to the Home Club Secretary or Team Manager.

23.1.2 If the two or more Field Umpire system is in operation, then the Field Umpires shall confer, agree upon a joint nomination and otherwise comply with paragraph 24.1.1 hereof.

23.1.3 At the end of the Home and Away rounds of matches, the League shall gather all votes made during the minor rounds and the votes shall be counted and the player or players receiving the largest number of votes shall be awarded as the best & fairest. In the case of an equal number of votes being awarded to more than one player, then players receiving such equal number of votes shall be declared joint winners and separate medals/trophies shall be struck and awarded.

23.1.4 Any player found guilty by the Independent Tribunal on any charge shall be ineligible for the award of Best and Fairest during the current season, except where the charge relates to time wasting.

23.1.5 Where the highest vote getter has been ruled ineligible, the second highest vote getter will be declared the winner.

23.2 Goal Kicking Award

After the completion of the Home and Away series, the player who has kicked the greatest number of goals during that season shall be awarded the goal kicking award for each grade.

23.3 Club Championships

Each Year Club Championship Awards will be awarded according to games won by all teams within the club competing throughout the season, including both Football & Netball.

Points allocation is Senior Football 4 points, Reserves Football 2 points, A Grade Netball 4 points, B Grade netball 2 points and C Grade netball 2 points.

23.4 Colac & District Football Netball League Awards

23.4.1 Colac & District FL Senior Medal

An award known as the "Jack Mahoney Memorial Trophy" shall be made each year to the fairest and best player or players in the Colac & District Football League senior grade competition.

23.4.2 Colac & District FL A Grade Medal

An award known as the "Val Russell Medal" shall be made each year to the fairest and best player or players in the Colac & District Football League A Grade competition.

23.4.3 Ray Cockerill Medal

An award presented each year to the Colac & District FL Best Player in the Under 18 Football Grand Final

23.4.4 Bec Finn Medal

An award presented each year to the Colac & District FL Best Player in the A Grade Netball Grand Final

23.4.5 Emma McVilly Memorial Award

An award presented each year to the Colac & District FL Under 19 Player who receives the highest number of best and fairest votes in the Colac & District Football League A Grade competition

24 Selected Teams - Media

24.1 Senior teams must be entered with their playing position selected, onto the PlayHQ database each Thursday night prior to 6.00pm

24.2 Clubs must enter separate positions for eighteen players, three interchange and up to three emergencies.

24.3 Fines will be issued for noncompliance and/or each player named on the official team sheets that were not named in the selected list of twenty-four.

Penalty \$20 per player (Max \$100)

25. Child Safety Standards

<https://www.aflbarwon.com.au/safeguarding>

FOOTBALL COMPETITION RULES

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COLAC & DISTRICT FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE INC.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION RULES

Preamble

These Rules must be read in conjunction with

- Laws of Australian Football
- AFL Vic Country Rules and Regulations as published in the AFL Vic Country Handbook each year or as amended by notification from the AFL Vic Country after the printing of their Handbook.

A breach of any CDFNL By Law or Competition Rule, will attract a penalty that will be at the absolute discretion of the CDFNL Board.

1. Definitions and Interpretation

In these Competition Rules unless the contrary intention appears:

“**Board**” means the Board of Colac & District FNL Inc.

“**CDFNL**” means Colac & District FNL Incorporated. In these rules referred to as “CDFNL” or “the League”.

“**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 the Colac & District FNL Incorporated.

The appendices and schedules attached should be read in conjunction with and form part of the By-Laws of the Colac & District Football & Netball League.

2. Laws of Australian Football

All games shall be played in strict accordance with the “Laws of Australian Football” as determined by the AFL or modified by AFL Vic Country or the League.

3. Registrations

3.1 Every player must be a registered member of their Club and approved by their Club Committee.

3.2 A player must be registered with the CDFNL on PlayHQ prior to the commencement of the first game they play for the Club each year. The registration must be entered onto the official AFL Vic Country Club database.

3.3 Playing Ineligible Players

Any player playing with any Club affiliated with the League without first being granted the

necessary Clearance and /or Permit required under these Rules shall incur a penalty to be decided by the Board or the Independent Tribunal at the discretion of the Board.

Any Club/s playing an ineligible player/s will forfeit such match and all points, both score and match, and in addition will be fined at the discretion of the Board, regardless of the result of the match. The opposing Club will receive the match points.

4. Ground Facilities

4.1 Each Club shall provide a ground which, in the opinion of the CDFNL Board, is suitable for match play. Regulation goal and behind posts must be in place with goal, boundary and Field lines clearly marked. Goal and behind posts must be padded to the satisfaction of the CDFNL Board. Post Padding should be as follows:

- (a) a minimum of 35 millimetres thick foam padding, covered in canvas or painted;
- (b) a minimum height of 2.5 metres from the bottom of each goal and behind post;
- (c) a suitable width to allow the padding to be fixed around each goal and behind post; and
- (d) the padding must be securely attached around each goal and behind post.

4.2 Should during the season, the ground of any Club fall below the standard required by the League, then that Club shall be called upon to show cause why future home matches should be played on such ground, and such club's future home matches may be ordered to be played on the home ground of the visiting team.

4.3 In the event of the Officials of any two Clubs mutually agreeing that the home ground of one of those Clubs, on whose ground their next match is to be played, is unfit for play then the Clubs may transfer the venue of that match to such other ground as shall be mutually agreed upon, provided that notice of such transfer is given to the League by the Official of both Clubs concerned no later than 8.00am on the day of the match.

4.4 The ground must be marked in accordance with the Laws of the Game unless impractical to do so. Variations are to be approved by the Board.

4.5 In terms of the AFL Vic Country Acceptable Ground Conditions & Layout, the actual boundary line of the playing area shall be no less than three (3) metres from the fence line. A box 12 metres in length, one metre from the boundary line, with its sides returning to the fence shall be marked parallel to the boundary line in front of each of the coaches' boxes.

4.6 All clubs are to provide a permanent interchange box set close to the fence / boundary and in clear visibility to the Umpires. Failure to provide such suitable box shall result in a \$50 fine per match day.

4.7 All Clubs are to have a suitable stretcher available at their ground. The home club is to make available their stretcher at the interchange shed for all games of all grades during the Home and Away series. In the final's series, clubs are to have available their own stretcher.

4.8 All clubs must provide locks on doors to visiting team and umpires' dressing rooms.

4.9 A separate dressing room must be available for umpires. Clubs should also provide dressing room facilities for female umpires when applicable.

5. Interchange / Interchange Steward

5.1 Interchange and order off rules are to operate for Seniors, Reserves, Under 18,15s and 12s as per AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY, AFL Laws of Australian Football & CDFNL Bylaws.

Note: All underage competitions are to comply with the above Rules and are unable to replace carded players until the relevant playing time has elapsed.

(Yellow Card = 15 minutes. Red Card = 20 minutes)

In all CDFNL Senior & Reserve matches any player receiving a yellow or red card may be replaced immediately. A player receiving a red card is to remain off the field for the remainder of the game. A player receiving a yellow card can return to the field after 15 minutes of playing time has elapsed.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

There is a maximum of 22 players allowed to be on the team sheet for Senior competition. The maximum of 22 players allowed to be on the team sheet does not differ for finals.

Reserve grade competitions are deemed to be a 16 per side competition with a maximum of 22 players and a minimum of 14 players. If either side has less than 16, both teams must play with the same number of players on the field.

If both sides have 20 or more players on the day, then both teams will play with 18 players on the field.

Interchange bench numbers in the CDFNL are Seniors Four (4), Reserves four (4). There is no cap on the number of interchange players in the Under 18s & Under 15s competitions during the home and away season.

For all CDFNL competitions, Clubs shall be required to field a minimum of 14 players to commence the game. Failure to do so will result in their side forfeiting the match.

If any irregularities are noted on the Interchange sheet, the CDFNL Board shall have the power to determine a fine and to deal with the match as they deem appropriate.

5.2 It is the responsibility of the timekeepers to ensure that players ordered from the ground under a yellow card, remain off for fifteen minutes of actual playing time and those ordered from the ground under a red card remain off for the remainder of the game. All Clubs must endeavour to install red and green lights for the purpose of acknowledgment of the umpires' carding decisions and the notification to the Clubs when the player (yellow card only) is eligible to return the playing field. The timekeepers must therefore:

- (a) identify the umpire's signal (a yellow or red card), which indicates a player has been ordered off;
- (b) acknowledge the umpire's decision by flashing the red light on and off or another signal by holding

aloft the appropriate card;

(c) record the relevant amount of actual playing time from the moment the player crosses the interchange area in the space provided on the time cards ; and

(d) signal the conclusion of the fifteen-minute penalty by signalling through the use of the green light.

The interchange steward will continue to record the change as has been the case. The onus remains with the clubs to ensure that this procedure operates effectively.

NB: In the event of more than one player being off at any given time, the onus is on the Club to confer with the interchange steward/timekeepers to determine which player is eligible to come on.

(e) any player ordered off under a red card is not permitted to take any further part in the game

5.3 Clubs in breach of procedure: In the event a Club believes an opposition team has more than the permitted number on the field of play and/or a player has returned to the field early, the Team Captain or Runner must ask the officiating field umpire to call a team count to verify the number of players on the ground and the score at that particular time. The Umpire will record the result of the count on the Umpire's Match Report. Where a Team has more than the permitted number of players on the Playing Surface, the following shall apply:

(a) The field umpire shall award a Free Kick to the captain or acting captain of the opposing team, which shall be taken at the Centre Circle or where play was stopped, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending team.

(b) A Fifty (50) Metre Penalty shall then be imposed from the position where the Free Kick was awarded; and

(c) The Goal Umpires shall record the time and, write the current scores as at the time of the Head Count on their Score Card

(d) The matter will be referred to the League to investigate and ultimately determine the outcome as they see fit - note that the offending team does not lose all points scored in the Match up to the time of the count on matchday, but will have any score achieved in that quarter up to the time of the count removed pending the result of the league investigation.

6. Interchange Steward

6.1 The Home Club is responsible for the appointment of an interchange steward for each game.

6.2 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 these players at the commencement of the game and then at the end of each quarter break. The interchange steward must also record details (time and jumper number) of players who have been ordered from the ground (yellow or red card), and those either stretchered off or sent off due to the blood rule, both when they leave the ground and when they return,

6. Coaches

6.1 The non-playing coach of any team is not allowed on the playing arena during the progress of the match except at the quarter intervals. During the progress of the match the non-playing coach, interchange players (other than in warming up) and other officials must be in the restricted area as marked by the 12-metre box.

6.2 Only the team captain of the day shall be permitted to speak to the Field Umpire/s at the intervals during the progress of the match (other than if requesting the field umpire for a count of players on the playing surface, which can also be requested by the official club runner for that match). Any breach of this rule shall be reported by the Umpire and be referred to the League Independent Tribunal and if found guilty shall incur a penalty as deemed appropriate by the Board.

7. Runners

7.1 No of Runners

All grades are only permitted one (1) runner.

7.2 Eligibility to act as runner

7.2.1 No person who is a registered player or an official of any club, other than their home club whether affiliated or not, or 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 an AFL Vic Country affiliated Club or League is participating.

7.2.2 No coach or assistant coach of an AFL Vic Country open age team shall act as a runner in a match in which a team of their club is participating.

7.3 Duties of Runners

7.3.1 Team runner(s) shall not have affixed to his or her person communication device which includes but is not limited to headsets, microphones or earpieces or water bottles.

7.3.2 The sole duty of the runner shall be to confer with the player or players of his/her club and to immediately leave the playing arena.

7.3.3 Runners may enter and exit the playing arena from any point of the ground.

7.4 Runners uniforms

The Official Runner of each Club must wear the League's official runners' uniform as supplied - shorts, t/shirt or track top with ("CDFNL runner, League sponsor name as

nominated" on back). Club football socks are not to be worn by runners.

8. Trainers and Medical Staff

8.1 Club trainers may enter the arena at any time during the match or intervals but only to attend to an injured player or to replace a damaged uniform and for no other purpose whatsoever. Trainers may also carry water as part of their duties.

8.2 Club trainers must wear white or navy trousers. Trainers can carry water.

8.3 No coach or assistant coach of an AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY team shall act as a trainer in a match in which the team that they coach is participating.

9. Watercarriers

9.1 Eligibility to act as water carrier

9.1.1 No coach or assistant coach of a AFL Vic Country open age team shall act as a water carrier in any CDFNL match.

9.1.2 The minimum age of persons carrying water is 10 years of age.

9.2 Water carrier uniforms

9.2.1 Clubs are limited to three (3) persons carrying water, who must be numbered 1 to 3 and names entered on the team sheet. All infringements of this rule may result in a fine for each offence.

9.3 Water carrier duties

9.3.1 Watercarriers may enter the arena only after goal has been scored or at intervals to provide water to players and for no other purpose whatsoever and need to immediately leave the playing arena once the drink has been delivered, and before play recommences.

9.3.2 Water carriers are not permitted to operate constantly from the Coaches box area but must be around the boundary area against the fence while not delivering water.

10. Timekeepers

10.1 Each Club is to appoint one responsible and efficient timekeeper, who shall be equipped with a stop clock. A siren is to be provided by the Home Club and is to be capable of being heard across the ground at its furthest point. Where electrical equipment is provided, the Club must have available an emergency hand operated siren. The device is to be sounded five minutes prior to the time decided on for the commencement of play.

10.2 Independent Timekeepers shall be appointed by the League for Senior Grade Finals matches.

10.3 Clubs will be fined for each official (club boundary umpire, goal umpire or timekeeper) not in attendance or causing a late start of play.

11. Team Managers

11.1 Home Team Manager

The Home Team Manager is responsible for the following match day duties

- Provide Timekeepers cards as issued by the League
- Ensure Timekeeper is available
- Provide Umpires with Score Cards as issued by the League, Best & Fairest Vote Cards and envelopes as issued by the League and a current year's report form pad.
- Provide umpires with CDFNL Umpires Match Report form
- Provide Interchange steward with Interchange Sheets as issued by the League
- Provide footballs as per Rules
- Provide Team Sheet to the umpires, showing all players with correct jumper numbers and all officials with correct numbers where applicable generated from the AFL Vic Country Data Base and signed by the Team Manager
- Provide any sponsors Special Award vote sheets for all grades
- Ensure Field, Goal and Boundary Umpires are available where no AFL Barwon Umpiring appointment is made
- Enter Press Reports on AFL Vic Country web-based data base at the end of each game in accordance with these rules
- Email ALL player report details to the Operations Manager at the end of each game

NOTE: Umpires Match report, League, Best & Fairest Votes cards and Envelopes Required for Reserves, U18 & 15, Senior grade football will be utilising Officials HQ for the submission of the Umpires Match report, League Best & Fairest Votes.

11.2 Away Team Manager

The Away Team Manager is responsible for the following match day duties

- Provide Team Sheet to umpires, showing all players with correct jumper numbers and all officials with correct numbers where applicable generated from AFL Vic Country Data Base and signed by the Team Manager
- Ensure Timekeeper is available
- Ensure Interchange Steward is available
- Ensure Field, Goal and Boundary Umpires are available where no AFL Barwon Umpiring appointment is made

11.3 Both Home and Away Team Managers

Both Team managers are responsible for the following match day duties

- Complete the AFL Vic Country Match Day Ground Safety checklist
- Obtain advice of any reported players from the Field umpires after each game and collect

a copy of any player reports from that game

11.4 Team Sheet

To be handed to Field Umpire prior to the start of game.

Participating players names in alphabetical order and PRINTED - surname first,

Name of Official Runner to be shown.

Team captain to be indicated.

Name of coach to be generated on the PlayHQ Team Sheet.

Name/s of water carriers to be included.

Must be signed by Club Official.

11.4.1 On the occasion of a clerical error, at the request of the club Field or Field umpire, correction may be made on match day. In the event of an error being discovered by the League Administrator, the club is to be notified and be given the opportunity to correct such mistakes and a fine of up to \$50.00 may apply. Failure to do so may result in the loss of match points. All offences are to be assessed individually and the club be given the opportunity to present their case to the Board. In a case where a mistake is deemed to be deliberate, i.e. false names, it would then be investigated by the league administrator to determine if sanctions are warranted, and if necessary, to be brought before the Independent Tribunal.

11.5 Boundary Umpire

Must wear AFL Barwon Umpiring Uniform and have a whistle.

11.6 Players Uniforms

7.1 All Club uniforms shall comply with AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY rules. The CDFNL board, before adoption, must approve club colours.

7.2 Every player must be fully uniformed in their Club colours with their number prominent and securely fixed on his back.

7.3 All playing jumpers and shorts must carry logos as specified by AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY and AFL Barwon. Clubs must formally request the CDFNL Board approval to display sponsorship logos on Club jumpers. This request must include details such as size and positioning. (Refer to the AFL Barwon Style Guide)

7.4 White shorts shall be worn by sides playing away unless approval otherwise is granted by the CDFNL Board.

7.5 The CDFNL Board will decide choice of shorts for finals matches with priority going to the highest finisher of the two sides playing.

7.6 Bike shorts worn under playing shorts must be neutral or beige colour.

11.7 Time Sheet and Score Cards

Must be signed at completion of game. All cards to be handed to Field Umpire within 15

minutes of conclusion of each game.

11.8 Timekeeper

To note on timecard team /s responsible for late start after quarter and three-quarter time intervals of no longer than 5 minutes.

11.9 Umpire

At completion of each game an Official of each Club is to check at the door of the Umpires' Room to receive "All Clear" or otherwise. Please ensure that each team is ready to take the field on time at commencement of match and again following half time interval.

11.10 At the completion of each game, the Field umpire is to complete the "Umpire's Match Report", as provided by the home club or on the online form (whatever is applicable). This form must include details of any player who was sent from the ground with a yellow or red card.

12. Playing Times

12.1 Duration of Games

Playing times for Seniors, Reserves Under 18 and Under 15 games will be no later than:
Home & Away Games

	START	QUARTERS	¼ TIME	½ TIME	¾ TIME
SENIORS	2.15 PM	20 MIN + TO	5 MIN	15 MIN	5 MIN
RESERVES	12.40 PM	18 MIN	5 MIN	5 MIN	5 MIN
UNDER 18'S	11.10 AM	18 MIN	5 MIN	5 MIN	5 MIN
UNDER 15'S	9.50 AM	15 MIN	4 MIN	5 MIN	4 MIN
UNDER 12'S	8.45 AM	12 MIN	3 MIN	4 MIN	3 MIN

12.1.1 All Senior Home and Away matches shall commence following the completion of the Reserve grade match. All Reserve grade Home and Away matches shall commence following the completion of the Under 18 grade match.

12.1.2 Any Club not ready to commence play at the expiration of 10 minutes grace shall be fined unless an acceptable excuse can be given to the League. Any Club not ready to commence a Senior Grade game by 2.30pm or a Reserve grade game by 12.50pm shall forfeit the match, and in addition shall pay the appointed Umpires' expenses for that match. Timekeeper's cards will be taken as final as to the time of the start of play. Umpires will note on their report the cause of any delay in starting, and whether either, or both teams were responsible for such late start. If, in the opinion of the CDFNL Board, the failure of any Club to commence before the designated forfeit time was occasioned by circumstances outside the control of that Club, the CDFNL Board may, if they see fit, order such match to be played.

13 Time of Quarters

All Senior grade matches shall consist of four quarters of 20 minutes duration with time on to be added to each quarter to which it is incurred. All Reserve grade matches shall consist of four quarters of 18 minutes duration. Time on is only to be applied in the Finals Series. All Under 15 matches shall consist of 4 quarters of 15 minutes, and Under 18s shall consist of 4 quarters of 15 minutes.

13.1 Quarter Time

The time allowed between the first and second quarter of a match shall, in the Field Umpires opinion, be enough to permit teams to change ends, but shall not exceed five minutes. Teams exceeding this period shall be fined. Timekeepers are to note the team infringing.

13.2 Half Time

At half time the Senior grade players may leave the playing arena for not more than 15 minutes. The Reserve grade players may have an interval of 5 minutes. The Club represented by Players, Umpires or other Officials responsible for delay in resuming play, as noted by the Timekeepers, shall be fined and may be further dealt with by the Board.

13.3 Three Quarter Time

The time allowed between the third and fourth quarters shall not exceed five minutes. Teams exceeding this period, as noted by the timekeepers, shall be fined.

14. Extra Time In Finals.

14.1 There shall be no drawn matches in any finals. In the event of scores being level at the elapsed time, the timekeepers are instructed to sound the siren. Coaches are permitted to address players at the end of the game whilst the Goal Umpires confer. Players must be in position to recommence the game prior to the goal umpires returning to their position.

14.2 On receiving confirmation that the scores are level, the match shall recommence with the teams kicking to the same end as in the final quarter and two five-minute periods with time on (as appropriate) shall be played with teams changing ends after the first five minute period immediately the siren sounds. Coaches are not permitted to address players at any stage after the extra time period has commenced.

14.3 In the event of scores being level after the two five-minute periods the timekeepers are instructed to sound the siren to allow the goal umpires the opportunity to confirm scores. When confirmed, play will resume with a centre square ball up and continue until the next score, at which time the siren will sound as soon as the goal umpire signals the score and receives the all clear from the Field umpire. There is no change of ends or interchanges during this time.

15. Footballs

15.1 All footballs used for matches will be determined by the Board including any sponsor

brand requirements

15.2 Football for all CDFNL senior, reserves and Under 18 games will be Size 5. Size 4 Leather footballs are to be used in all CDFNL Under 15 matches.

Two suitably branded footballs in good condition and order, including one new one for Senior Games, are to be provided by the Home Club in each match except for the Finals Series when footballs are provided by the League.

Reserve Grade home and away matches must have two approved used footballs provided.

16. Team Sheets

16.1 Team sheets generated from the AFL Vic Country Data Base and web site with full name and numbers signed by Captain or Club Official responsible are to be handed to Field umpire prior to commencement of each game. Only players registered with the AFL Vic Country are eligible to compete.

Club Secretaries are responsible for correct names as well as seeing that the names of trainers, runners and medical staff are shown in the space provided. Coach, captain, and vice-captain and any other official entering the arena should be identified on the team sheet. All non-participants must be deleted or have a clear line drawn through their name.

Player number must match the number recorded in the football record. A notation of a variation of jumper number must be made on the team sheet to indicate exceptional circumstances.

16.2 All authorised persons, apart from Runners, Trainers and Water Carriers, are always to remain in the Coaches Box during play, or within the confines of the perimeter lines surrounding the Coach's Box.

Other match day staff must be stationed outside the perimeter fence or fence line.

17. Match Reports

17.1 The Secretary of the home Club must complete the press report, online using the PlayHQ database, for the matches played that day. Scores must be entered no later than 30 (thirty) minutes from the conclusion of each game. The final scores for the Senior Game (1st eighteen) must be entered no later than 5.15pm. with full details entered NO LATER than 6pm on the day of games played.

17.2 Full Details must be entered on the PlayHQ database on the day the game is played by:

Seniors - 6.00pm

Reserves - 3.30pm

All Juniors - 1.30pm

Where Sunday games are played other arrangements MAY BE put in place.

17.3 The Secretary of the home Club must email any player reports (or relevant details) to AFL Barwon at the conclusion of each game to: michael@ aflbarwon.com.au

18. Match Results and Details

Senior teams to be entered onto club database by 6.00pm Thursday in their positions. Clubs failing to do so for either Home & Away Games, or Finals will be fined \$20.00 for each default.

18.1 Home Club Team Managers shall place all documents in the envelope provided by AFL Barwon and hand to the Field Umpire as soon as possible at the completion of the match.

Documents to be included are: Both Team Sheets, all 4 scorecards, Interchange Sheets, Umpire's Match Report, White Copy - Notice of Player Report Form. (if any reports laid)

19. Player Eligibility

A player must play at least three matches with their Club in the current season to be eligible to play with that Club in the Finals Series

19.1 All games played in the Under 18 competition during the home and Away series shall count as the equivalent of Reserve grade matches toward qualifying for the Finals Series.

19.2a Any player who plays in more than six matches in the Senior grade competition during the current Home and Away season is not eligible to play in the Reserve grade Finals unless he has also played in at least six matches in the Reserve competition during the same season.

19.2b Any player who plays up to 6 matches in Senior grade competition during the current Home and Away season is not eligible to play in the Reserve grade Finals unless he has also played in at least 1 Reserve competition during the same season.

19.3 In the event of Club fielding senior and reserve grade teams in any Finals match held at the same weekend, the provision of Rule 19 shall not apply, provided that no player other than those eligible for under 15, shall play in more than one game for the weekend.

19.4 A player who has played more than twelve (12) 1st 18 games for a club affiliated with a senior state league competition in that season will not be eligible to play finals within an AFL Victoria Country affiliated competition. To qualify for the finals for their respective Club, a player who has played either, Senior state league in the current season, must have played six (6) games in their relevant CDFNL Grade in the current season.

19.5 No Senior, Reserve, or Under 18 players shall play in more than one game in any weekend of the CDFNL finals series

Teams playing one or more Under 15 players who have already played on that day or weekend in a final can only name 22 players on their team sheet for that match. No Player shall play in more than two finals in any weekend.

19.6 A player who has played a senior grade game in that season must play at least 4 home and away games in under 18 to qualify for finals in that grade

19.7 Any player that plays ten (10) or more games in the NAB League competition, may,

provided he has qualified under the rules, return to play with the League in the finals of the senior competitions only. (Existing Rule 19.3 does not apply for these players)

Any player that plays one (1) game in the NAB League competition, but less than ten (10) games must comply with rule 19.6.

19.8 Where any player plays in two or more matches on a weekend in the home and Away series, the most senior grade game played only is counted towards qualification for the finals series. Reserves Grade is not deemed to be a higher grade than Under 18 for the purpose of this rule.

20. Umpires

20.1 Field Umpires must make available to the home Club Secretary immediately after the match, the following:

(a) Team sheets of opposing teams.

(b) General report of match, starting time, uniforms, officials on Colac & District FNL form.

(c) Selection of three best and fairest players in order of preference marking the names 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice using players' names shown in team lists and numbers of such players. This vote is to be placed in the separate sealed envelope.

(d) Charges against Clubs or players (with numbers) for breaches of rules and any matter they consider should be brought up.

(e) Senior grade football will be utilising Officials HQ for the submission of the Umpires Match report, League Best & Fairest Votes, and any associated match day paperwork.

20.2 Field Umpires must see that Club appointed Goal and Boundary Umpires are properly uniformed. Goal Umpires must be appropriately attired and equipped in white coats or AFL Barwon Umpiring uniform, where provided, and equipped with suitable white flags, and two timekeepers are to be in position prior to commencement of the game.

20.3 The Field Umpire shall have full control of the play and shall award penalties in accordance with the laws of the game. No appeal shall be entertained against any of their decisions.

20.4 Umpires officiating in all matches are to be escorted from the ground at half and full time, by both club representatives, to the door of the umpire's rooms.

The interchange steward or Team runner is to perform this duty in the seniors, and runners to perform the duties in all other grades.

20.5 In the event of an AFL Barwon Umpire not being available, a substitute umpire shall be appointed by agreement of both Captains. Such Field Umpires shall have the power to:

(a) issue yellow cards;

(b) issue red cards;

(c) issue white cards;

20.5.1 As an AFL National Umpire Accreditation Policy requirement; it is mandatory that all community umpires whether being "League" or "Club" must have an active (Introductory – Level 1) or actively engaged in AFL Umpire Accreditation. (Introductory – Level 1). This must be completed before the non-AFL Barwon umpire officiates in their 2nd match during any season.

20.5.2 A player can be reported by a club appointed Umpire. Normal reporting procedures are to be followed. AFL Barwon in conjunction with the CDFUA are to provide their advocate to support the club appointed Umpire.

20.6 Where a substitute Field Umpire has been appointed, they shall fill in the Best and Fairest votes.

20.7 Where Goal Umpires are not provided by AFL Barwon, they must be supplied by the competing Clubs. Any Club Goal Umpire officiating in a Colac & District FNL match must be at least 14 years of age. They must be conversant with the rules, wear white coats or AFL Barwon Umpiring uniform and be provided with white flags at least 45 cm square by Clubs and must use the League scorecard which must be signed by both Goal Umpires, Timekeepers and Field Umpires at the match conclusion, failing which it may not be recognised as official. They must keep their goal area clear of spectators.

20.8 Boundary Umpires & Out Of Bounds Rule

20.8.1 In all Senior, reserve, & U18's games normal AFL Laws of The Game will apply.

20.8.2 Under 15's and below games the following

"Last Possession" variation 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.

Where Boundary Umpires are not provided by AFL Barwon in any Senior match, it is expected that the participating clubs will provide their own club boundary umpires. If these cannot be sourced and the ball goes over the boundary line, but not on the full; the Field umpires are instructed to throw the ball up 15 metres in from the boundary line.

20.8.1 Boundary umpires appointed by Clubs are to wear AFL Barwon Umpiring uniform. Any infringement of this requirement will result in a fine.

Penalty \$10

20.9 Complaints of inefficiency from two different Clubs lodged in writing with the CEO during a season of appointment makes such complaints a matter to be dealt with by the League. Goal umpires are to record scores as registered and must check score cards with the other goal umpire at the end of each quarter. Goal umpires must wear a white coat. Any infringement with this requirement will result in a fine.

20.10 It shall be the duty of all Clubs to arrange for an Official to seek the “all clear” from the Field Umpire at the door of their room within 20mins after the conclusion of any match in which their Club has taken part, . No other person is to enter the Umpires’ room before, during or after a match.

20.11 Coaching Box White Card

20.11.1 Where a field umpire(s) hears or observes any unacceptable behaviour emanating from the Coaching Box, a three-phase system, as summarised in Table 2, will be undertaken by the Field Umpire(s) via the use of white and red cards to stop such behaviours in ‘real time’.

20.11.2 Table 2 – Three Phase System

PHASE	ACTION OVERVIEW
PHASE 1	Play immediately stopped. A free kick awarded against the offending team. A first warning (white card) shown to the offending team’s Coach
PHASE 2	Play immediately stopped. A free kick and 50m penalty awarded against the offending team. A second warning (white card) shown to the offending team’s Coach
PHASE 3	Play immediately stopped. A free kick and 100m penalty awarded against the offending team and a RED Card (ejection from Match) issued to the Coach.

21 Ground Encroachment

21.1 With the exception only of the quarter time and three-quarter time interval, no persons other than officials provided for in these Rules may encroach upon or enter the playing arena or stand sufficiently close to the boundary line to impede or hamper the progress or movement of the Boundary Umpires in the execution of their duties.

21.2 The officiating umpires are empowered to send off any of these officials if they are not correctly attired or are deemed to be exceeding their duties. Free kicks may also apply.

21.3 Team “huddles” at both quarter and three-quarter times (and extra time in finals) must be located outside the centre square.

22. Disputes

To be read in conjunction with AFL Vic Country Rules

22.1 The Board has the power to deal with and settle all disputes arising out of or in connection with this competition with the exception of appeals as defined in AFL Vic

Country rules. The Board may have such disputes heard and decided by the Independent Tribunal. Should the party or parties concerned refuse or neglect to abide by such decision they shall be suspended from the competition for such time as the Board or Tribunal may determine and shall be liable to a fine in default of payment of such fine the party or parties concerned may be excluded from playing in the competition.

22.2 Any party referring any dispute to the Board shall forward a statement of such dispute in writing to the CDFNL Operations Manager not later than 5pm on the Monday following the match and 5pm on the Tuesday if Monday is a public holiday. This notice must be accompanied with a deposit for \$500.

23. Barrackers and Supporters

Any supporters or barrackers who are known to be members of any Club, within the League who, in the opinion of the Field, Boundary or Goal Umpire, Emergency Umpire, CDFNL Board Member or AFL Barwon Official, behave in an offensive manner by spoken remarks, or openly incite players on the field to play in a manner not conducive to the best interests of the game, or are the cause of any disturbance between onlookers, will render the Club to which they belong liable to appear before the Board or Tribunal who will have the power after dealing with the case to impose a special fine, suspend or expel such Club from the League.

24. Practice Matches

24.1 All practice matches played exclusively between CDFNL clubs, AFL Barwon or Geelong District Football League, must engage the use of AFL BARWON umpires from this region when available

24.2 In all practice matches played by an affiliated Club whether within the League or against a Club from another League the Club Secretary shall ensure that a team sheet is completed and handed to the Field Umpire.

24.3 Any player who plays in a practice match and is not a registered player of the participating Club must have their registered Club identified on the team sheet.

24.4 All practice matches will be conducted under AFL Vic Country rules and under normal match conditions. Umpires will have the right to report and order off. Umpires have been instructed that the Order Off Rule will not be used in lieu of reporting a player when a reportable offence has been committed.

24.5 All reports will be heard by the Independent Tribunal of the league of the host Club and any investigations referred from a practice match, will be conducted by the Host Club's League Investigation Officer.

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COLAC & DISTRICT FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE INC.

NETBALL COMPETITION RULES

CFDNL 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 THE LEAGUE

1.1 This League shall affiliate with Netball Victoria.

1.2 The Executive reserve the right to waive and/or impose a fine if they deem it appropriate.

1.3 In the event of the League being in financial difficulties, the League may at a general meeting make a levy on all Clubs to meet the deficit.

1.4 In the event of the CFDNL arranging any workshops/courses/events each club is to provide a minimum of one (1) representatives to attend.

FINE: \$100 (plus costs, if deemed applicable)

1.5 The League shall consist of seven (7) grades:

- A Grade
- B Grade
- C Grade
- D Grade
- 17 & Under
- 15 & Under
- 13 & Under

1.6 Clubs must field an A Grade, B Grade and C Grade team before being permitted to field a D Grade team.

1.7 Under special circumstances prior to the start of the season a resolution can be made to allow a Club to vary 1.6. The Club must apply in writing to the AFL Barwon Netball Manager at least 21 days prior to the start of the season for the matter to be considered. The written application must include a list of the open age players that will be registered to play for the Club in the coming season.

2 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Participant age is determined as at 31st December of that year

NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP

2.2 Netball Victoria membership fee is set annually by Netball Victoria.

Prices for 2026 are as follows:

Senior: \$94 (incl. GST) 18 years and over. Born on or before 31/12/2008

Junior: \$73 (incl. GST) All Junior players Under 18 years of age

NetSetGo: \$99 (incl. GST) (persons under 7 years of age OR NetSetGo Participants

All Abilities: \$70 (incl. GST) Netballers with a disability – must show current annual Disability Service Pension Care or Health Care Card.

Off the Court: \$50 Committee members, volunteer's parents and others (Players, coaches and umpires must be a current senior, junior or AA member)

Off the Court: \$56 Committee members, volunteer's parents and others (Players, coaches and umpires must be a current senior, junior or AA member)

2.3 All players, coaches, assistant coaches and umpires participating in a CDFNL competition or program must be a current Netball Victoria member. Registrations and clearances close on 30th June.

INELIGIBLE PLAYER/S

2.4 An ineligible player/s is defined as

- A player/s who has not been cleared from an existing Club.
- A player/s who is not registered with the Club, currently playing for.
- A player/s who is not registered with Netball Victoria.
- Whose name is not listed on the team sheet AND/OR the position tracking sheet prior to the commencement of the match.
- All or one of the above rules the player/s as ineligible.

Penalty: FINE: \$100.00 (per player)

Any winning team playing an ineligible player/s will lose the points for that match. The opposing team will receive the match points.

Any losing team playing an ineligible player will have their score deleted for the period that the player was on court ie: "0" for that period.

If two opposing teams play ineligible player/s no points shall be allocated and it will be deemed a no match.

2.5 The name by which a player is registered with at the commencement of the season must be used on all score sheets and Association Best & Fairest cards throughout the season.

2.6 If a player marries prior to the commencement of the season and wishes their surname to be changed, the name change must be directed to the AFL Barwon Netball Manager.

SINGLE GAME VOUCHERS

2.7 Single game vouchers must be purchased via Netball Connect prior to taking the court. The player must also be entered into PlayHQ via the 'Fill-in' player option. AFL Barwon must be notified on any occasion that a single game voucher will be utilised.

FEE: \$10 (per player)

2.8 No player is permitted to use more than three Single Game Vouchers in any given season.

2.9 Players must take the court in at least 6 games to be eligible to participate in that division's finals series. If the minimum number of games is not played, the player is ineligible to play finals. **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.**

2.10 Once a player takes the court in the 7th game, they are ineligible to play in a lower grade/division (in the same age group – Seniors is classified as one age group).

2.11 Once a player has taken the court in a specific senior grade they are ineligible to play in the senior grade 2 grades lower. I.e. A grade and C grade or B Grade and D Grade.

2.12 Any player must not play more than two games per weekend within CDFNL Competitions.

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

2.13.1 males participating in the 13U age group must be less than 13 years of age (actual age) as at the first day of the competition or season; and

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

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

2.15 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 DRESS CODE

3.1 Team uniforms are to be the colours of the Football Netball Club. Matching coloured skirts and pants or black pants must be worn, or netball dresses.

3.2 Socks form part of the uniform and must be worn.

3.3 Sports briefs / boy leg shorts must be worn and not be visible below the netball dress when a player is in a normal standing position.

3.4 No tracksuit pants or trousers are to be worn, unless for a health reason, medical condition or religious reasons a special request is made.

3.5 The colour of the club bibs is to be included on each team's uniform register.

3.6 All club players must wear uniforms as stated on the team's uniform register unless otherwise approved by the CDFNL Board.

Penalty for breaking any part of rule 3.1 through to 3.6: the offending player may not take the court until rectified.

3.7 Any changes to uniform must be approved by the CDFNL Board, with proofs supplied prior to the order being finalised.

Penalty for breaking any part of rule 3.1 through to 3.6: the offending player may not take the court until rectified.

3.8 Gloves are only permitted if a player has a medical condition, a medical certificate must be presented to the Association annually. Gloves should be cotton, with no rubber grip on fingers or palm.

4 HOME TEAMS

4.1 Provide changing facilities, balls, scoring facilities and an acceptable timing device and siren.

4.2 Be responsible for providing the score sheets and League Best & Fairest Cards. Ensure that League Best & Fairest cards and envelopes are clearly and completely filled in and signed by both umpires.

4.3 A vote card and envelope shall be accepted with only one signature.

4.4 To ensure that the Score Sheets and League Best & Fairest cards are delivered by 5:30pm to the football secretary

4.5 On match day, the Home Club is responsible for entering the results onto the competition management database by 5:30pm. And is to include the following:

- Quarter by quarter scores and final score
- Best Players (no team effort)
- Successful goals
- No. of Goal Attempts
- 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.

4.6 All results are to be entered no later than 5:30pm on match day.

Fine for breach of rule 4: \$100

5 CONDUCT OF MATCHES

5.1 Games to commence at the following times:

1 COURT VENUE (WITH D GRADE)		1 COURT VENUE (WITHOUT D GRADE)	
TIME	COMPETITION	TIME	COMPETITION
8:30AM	13&U	8:30AM	13&U

9:30AM	15&U	9:30AM	15&U
10:30AM	17&U	10:30AM	17&U
11:30AM	D GRADE	11:30AM	C GRADE
12:30PM	C GRADE	12:30PM	B GRADE
1:30PM	B GRADE	1:30PM	A GRADE
2:30PM	A GRADE		

2 COURT VENUE	
TIME	COMPETITION
9:00AM	13&U & 17&U
10:00AM	15&U & D GRADE
11:00AM	C GRADE
12:00PM	B GRADE
1:00PM	A GRADE

5.2 If any club has two suitable courts available, both Underage and Open Age teams may play at the same time, if clubs, teams and umpires agree.

5.2.1 Clubs deemed to have suitable second courts:

- Birregurra
- Irrewarra-Beeac
- Otway Districts
- Western Eagles

5.3 A grade play fifteen (15) minute quarters with a five (5) minute interval at half time, which can be reduced if coaches and umpires all agree and a three (3) minute interval between the 1st and 2nd quarters and the 3rd and 4th quarters.

5.4 Twelve (12) minute quarters are to be played in all grades other than A grade. There will be a three (3) minute interval at half time in all other grades and two (2) minute interval between 1st and 2nd, and 3rd and 4th quarters.

5.5 All matches, including finals will be played on outdoor courts, except where special permission is granted by the League.

5.6 Winning teams shall be allocated four points for a win and a percentage conducive to the score of the game. In the event of a drawn game each team shall be allocated two points.

5.7 Media recording is allowed if permission has been gained from both Clubs and both team coaches, prior to the commencement of the game.

5.8 Team officials shall, during an interval, rolling substitution or stoppage for injury or illness, immediately notify the scorers of any substitutions and/or team changes.

5.9 During an interval, team officials may appeal to the Umpires for extra time to deal with an emergency affecting a member of the team. If the appeal is granted the umpires shall advise each team's officials and the timekeeper of the expected length of the stoppage.

5.10 Netball Victoria has given leagues the option to choose between the implementation of Rolling Substitutions or Tactical changes. The CDFNL will utilise Rolling Substitutions this season.

5.11 Team Officials and bench players may not move up and down the side lines or along the goal lines outside the court during play.

5.12 In signing the official scoresheet, the captain (from each club team) is agreeing that the score and the player's

names listed for her team are correct.

5.13 Rolling Substitutions

5.13.1 The rolling substitution stands at the designated area.

5.13.2 Before leaving the designated area, the substitute tags (with hands) the player leaving the court.

5.13.3 Only one (1) rolling substitute per team can be made at a time.

5.13.4 Play is not to be held up for rolling substitutions.

If play is delayed, the player will be penalised under World Netball Rule 19.2. Delaying play.

5.13.5 Players must observe the offside rules as they enter/leave the court.

Sanction: Free pass where the infringement occurred (offside area) unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, or advantage is applied.

5.13.6 Players must not interfere with the umpire's movement during the substitution.

Sanction: Free pass where the ball was when play was stopped (advantage may be applied).

5.13.7 If a player leaves the court as a rolling substitution, and there is no player in the designated area, the replacement player is treated as a late player (as per World Netball Rule 3.8) and must wait until a break in play to enter the court. "Any late player may, after advising the umpire, take the court in the vacant position/s at the next break in play."

Action: Any late player is sent from the court until the correct time for entry and possession is awarded to the opposing team where the ball was when play stopped. Terminology: Incorrect entry

6 SCORING

6.1 Both teams are required to provide a competent scorer/timekeeper

6.2 Home team to provide scorer and away team to provide timekeeper.

6.2.1 The Timekeeper must:

(i) Signal match time using a siren or horn

- Notify umpires when 30 seconds and 10 seconds remain before start of play or interval
- Ensure the Scoresheet and Timing Device are always visible to both scorers.

It is the responsibility of both technical officials to ensure that score sheets are correctly and completely filled out and signed by their captains, umpires, scorers & time keeper. Failure to do so will result in a fine.

FINE: \$100.00

6.3 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.

6.4 AFL Barwon official scoresheets AND provided position tracking templates are to be used.

6.5 Both Home and Away Team Managers must complete their Position Tracking and Substitution Forms. This occurs at the team bench.

6.5.1 Substitution forms must be provided to the score bench to indicate goaler changes ONLY so that goaling statistics can be accurately tracked.

6.5.2 Any changes to goalers should be indicated via a bracket in the tally strokes by nearby the GS/GA in the relevant quarte on the score sheet.

6.5.3 ALL positional changes must be noted by team managers on the position tracking sheet

Penalty 6.5: Failure to correctly complete any of the steps outlined in rule 6.6 – Fine:\$100

6.6 All Players must be listed on both the scoresheet and position tracking sheets. Any player missing from either one or both of these sheets, will not be permitted to take the court. Any player who does take the court while not being named will incur the penalty as outlined below:

Penalty 6.7: Any winning team playing will lose the points for that match. The opposing team will receive the match points.

Any losing team playing an ineligible player will have their score deleted for the period that the player was on court

ie: "0" for that period.

If two opposing teams play ineligible player/s no points shall be allocated and it will be deemed a no match.

Fine \$100.

6.7 Alterations can only be made to the score sheet immediately at the time the goal is 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.

6.8 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.

6.8.1 Hence, the final match score is calculated by the addition of the goals recorded (strokes/tally marks) against the GS or GA.

6.9 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 10 (Dispute Resolution) must be followed.

6.10 Procedure used for recording goals during the game:

6.10.1 Enter goals (tally marks), per line or position

6.10.2 Cross off cumulative total.

6.10.3 Record next centre pass as it is taken

6.10.4 Goals recorded against GS and GA in each quarter is the official score.

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

6.11.1 Total goals scored at the end of each quarter.

6.11.2 At the end of each quarter, circle the current cumulative score.

6.11.3 Other general duties of the scorer

6.11.4 Confirm centre pass with umpires when required.

6.11.5 At the end of the game ensure captains', umpires' and scorers' names are PRINTED on the score sheet.

6.12 Essential Duty.

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

6.13 Teams may list up to twelve (12) players in alphabetical surname order for any one game. All names must be on the team sheet prior to the commencement of the match.

6.14 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 6.14: 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.

6.15 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.

7 UMPIRES

7.1 All umpires must have successfully completed the umpires Rules of Netball theory exam, online Foundation umpires course and a "Rules in Action" or League approved workshop/s, within the last four (4) years.

7.1.1 Those who have not completed the exam and attended a course/League approved workshop/practical session in the last four years must complete both prior to umpiring with the League.

7.2 Each Club is to attempt to obtain a badged umpire to officiate at all A Grade games.

7.3 Umpires or players shall be allowed to finalise Best & Fairest cards and scoresheets prior to the following game.

7.4 Umpires are to wear a white top with a white/black or navy skirt or shorts (bike shorts are not considered appropriate and shall not be worn)

7.4.1 Leggings/exercise tights (full length or 3/4 length only) shall only be worn during junior games 13U-17Us.

7.4.2 Umpire's must wear skirt or shorts in white/black or navy when officiating senior games.

Umpiring officiating finals must wear full whites

7.5 No umpire shall umpire more than two (2) games, within our League, on any given day.

7.6 Any umpire that has umpired more than two games in any given grade cannot then be listed as a coach or assistant coach of that grade at a later date without written permission from the Executive Board

FINE: \$100.00 (per game per coach / assistant coach)

7.7 All club umpires are to be paid a minimum of the following figures based on their accreditation.

- A/B Badged umpires for A grade \$60/game
- A/B Badged umpires all other grades \$50/game
- C Badged umpires for A grade games \$40/game
- C Badged umpires for all other grades \$30/game
- Unbadged umpires \$15/game.

Travel & gate reimbursement is at individual club discretion

8 FINALS

8.1 The League shall appoint one independent adult scorers, one score board operator and independent umpires for each finals match played.

8.2 Drawn matches in finals:

- There is a two (2) minute time interval to enable teams to change ends and scores to be verified on the Official Scoresheet.
- Positional changes and substitutions may be made during change over time, the beginning of Extra Time.
- 2 X 7 minute halves will be played in A Grade and 2 X 6 minute halves will be played in B, C, D, 17 & Under, 15 & Under, 13 & Under.
- At the end of the first half teams change ends, with an interval of one (1) minute at half time, positional changes and 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.
- In the event of an injury or illness during extra time, positional changes and/or substitutions may be made, normal injury or illness procedures shall apply

8.3 Any player who has qualified in a higher grade is eligible to be listed as one of the starting (7) seven players or a substitute but may only play (2) two finals matches on any given weekend.

8.4 If a tragedy involving 2 or more players from the same team occurs, lower grade player/s can be brought up to field the side, on the provision of Executive board approval.

9.5 Official Team Sheets and Team Bench forms must be completed 30 minutes prior to the scheduled commencement time of a finals match. Players must take the court in the nominated positions.

8.6 If qualified players are unable to take the court due to injury or illness, as determined by their coach, they may be listed on the official team sheet. They must be dressed in a team tracksuit and remain in the official bench area for the entire match.

8.7 All teams which miss games due to the opposition not having teams in that grade will be allocated four (4) points. Four (4) points will also be allocated for byes.

9 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

9.1 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:

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

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

9.1.3 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

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

9.1.5 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:

9.1.6 \$150 will be returned to the Club if the appeal is upheld.

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

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

10 RISK MANAGEMENT

INJURY REPORTING

10.1 All Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players' guardian (player under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheets available on the AFL Barwon website.

10.2 All representative coaches & team managers with an League representative team are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players' guardian (player under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheets provided.

PRE-MATCH CHECKLIST

10.3 A pre-match checklist will be completed prior to all the start of matches, programs and training by the Clubs and by the League Executive for finals, and representative matches.

Any hazards identified will be:

10.3.1 Documented

10.3.2 Rectified if possible.

10.3.3 Reported to the appropriate agency (local council, reserve committee) if major repair is required.

PREGNANCY

10.4 As per Netball Victoria Pregnancy in Netball.

FIRST AID

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

10.6 Clubs are to have ice available courtside.

10.7 The First Aid Kit will be accessible and all appropriate personnel.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

10.8 Clubs to ensure that Emergency phone numbers - Ambulance, Doctor, Physiotherapist, Health Clinic and Police and an Emergency Procedure Plan is to be displayed by the phone and in the First Aid Kit.

30/30 LIGHTNING SAFETY GUIDELINE

Stop play if the time between seeing a lightning flash and hearing thunder is less than 30 seconds. Immediately seek safety under appropriate shelter. Do not resume play until at least 30 minutes has passed since the last thunder was heard.

When should activities be stopped? The '30/30' rule is not an absolute rule. A storm may move very quickly, or not generate any lightning or thunder until it is very close or topographical or wind conditions may prevent sound from travelling to your position. These conditions are especially common in hilly areas. It is important that match officials observe weather conditions and be alert to the possibility of the above occurring.

- If you see lightning
- If you hear thunder
- If the skies look threatening

Stop the activity immediately and get to a safe place immediately.

HEAT POLICY

In the event of extreme weather conditions above 28 degrees, at the time of game commencement, or forecast to achieve the temperature during the course of the game, the following steps must be taken: All quarters will be reduced and breaks extended by the following:

B Grade – 13&U:

- 7 minute quarters
- 3 minute $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$ Breaks, 5 minute $\frac{1}{2}$ Break.

A Grade:

- 12 minute quarters
- 5 minute $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$ Breaks, 7 minute $\frac{1}{2}$ Break.

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

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.

12 INDEMNITY

12.1 Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, the Colac and District Football Netball League and its respective 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.

13 SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

13.1 Where this By-law is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the Colac and District Football Netball League is maintained at all times.

13.2 The CDFNL Board may in using its reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in this By-law relating to the Colac and District Football Netball League.

13.3 Where a question arises as to the interpretation of these Rules or any Regulations/Bylaws of the League or any other matter where no provision is made in these Rules or such Regulations/Bylaws the Officers of the League shall have power to rule on such question arising.

ANY VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OR BYLAWS OF THE COLAC AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE BY ANY CLUB OR PLAYER WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL BE DEALT WITH BY THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT AS IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY.



CDFNL 2026 FIXTURE

ROUND 0
SATURDAY 28 MARCH
ALVIE V IRREWARRA-BEEAC(CR)
ROUND 1
FRIDAY 3 APRIL
COLAC IMPERIALS V ALVIE(WRC)
LORNE V APOLLO BAY(STR)
SATURDAY 11 APRIL
OTWAY DISTRICTS V SIMPSON(GEL)
SOUTH COLAC V IRREWARRA-BEEAC(ELL)
BIRREGURRA V WESTERN EAGLES(BIR)
ROUND 2
SATURDAY 18 APRIL
BIRREGURRA V APOLLO BAY(BIR)
LORNE V COLAC IMPERIALS(STR)
ALVIE V SOUTH COLAC(ALR)
IRREWARRA-BEEAC V OTWAY DISTRICTS(WAR)
SIMPSON V WESTERN EAGLES(SIR)
ROUND 3
SATURDAY 25 APRIL
SOUTH COLAC V LORNE(ELL)
SUNDAY 26 APRIL
OTWAY DISTRICTS V ALVIE(GEL)
COLAC IMPERIALS V BIRREGURRA(WRC)
APOLLO BAY V WESTERN EAGLES(ABR)
IRREWARRA-BEEAC V SIMPSON(WAR)
ROUND 4
SATURDAY 2 MAY
WESTERN EAGLES V COLAC IMPERIALS(IRR)
BIRREGURRA V SOUTH COLAC(BIR)
LORNE V OTWAY DISTRICTS(STR)

SIMPSON V APOLLO BAY(SIR)
ROUND 5
SATURDAY 9 MAY
IRREWARRA-BEEAC V LORNE(WAR)
COLAC IMPERIALS V APOLLO BAY(WRC)
ALVIE V SIMPSON(ALR)
SATURDAY 16 MAY
OTWAY DISTRICTS V BIRREGURRA(GEL)
SOUTH COLAC V WESTERN EAGLES(ELL)
ROUND 6
SATURDAY 23 MAY
COLAC IMPERIALS V SIMPSON(WRC)
APOLLO BAY V SOUTH COLAC(ABR)
WESTERN EAGLES V OTWAY DISTRICTS(IRR)
BIRREGURRA V IRREWARRA-BEEAC(BIR)
LORNE V ALVIE(STR)
ROUND 7
SATURDAY 30 MAY
OTWAY DISTRICTS V APOLLO BAY(GEL)
SOUTH COLAC V COLAC IMPERIALS(ELL)
ALVIE V BIRREGURRA(ALR)
IRREWARRA-BEEAC V WESTERN EAGLES(WAR)
SIMPSON V LORNE(SIR)
LEAGUE BYE SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH
ROUND 8
SATURDAY 13 JUNE
SOUTH COLAC V SIMPSON(ELL)
COLAC IMPERIALS V OTWAY DISTRICTS(WRC)
APOLLO BAY V IRREWARRA-BEEAC(ABR)
WESTERN EAGLES V ALVIE(IRR)

BIRREGURRA V LORNE(BIR)
ROUND 9
SATURDAY 20 JUNE
OTWAY DISTRICTS V SOUTH COLAC(GEL)
LORNE V WESTERN EAGLES(STR)
ALVIE V APOLLO BAY(ALR)
IRREWARRA-BEEAC V COLAC IMPERIALS(WAR)
SIMPSON V BIRREGURRA(SIR)
ROUND 10
SATURDAY 27 JUNE
WESTERN EAGLES V BIRREGURRA(IRR)
APOLLO BAY V LORNE(ABR)
ALVIE V COLAC IMPERIALS(ALR)
IRREWARRA-BEEAC V SOUTH COLAC(WAR)
SIMPSON V OTWAY DISTRICTS(SIR)
ROUND 11
SATURDAY 4 JULY
OTWAY DISTRICTS V IRREWARRA-BEEAC(GEL)
SOUTH COLAC V ALVIE(ELL)
COLAC IMPERIALS V LORNE(WRC)
APOLLO BAY V BIRREGURRA(ABR)
WESTERN EAGLES V SIMPSON(IRR)
ROUND 12
SATURDAY 11 JULY
WESTERN EAGLES V APOLLO BAY(IRR)
BIRREGURRA V COLAC IMPERIALS(BIR)
LORNE V SOUTH COLAC(STR)
ALVIE V OTWAY DISTRICTS(ALR)

SIMPSON V IRREWARRA-BEEAC(SIR)
ROUND 13
SATURDAY 18 JULY
OTWAY DISTRICTS V LORNE(GEL)
SOUTH COLAC V BIRREGURRA(ELL)
COLAC IMPERIALS V WESTERN EAGLES(WRC)
APOLLO BAY V SIMPSON(ABR)
IRREWARRA-BEEAC V ALVIE(WAR)
ROUND 14
SATURDAY 25 JULY
APOLLO BAY V COLAC IMPERIALS(ABR)
WESTERN EAGLES V SOUTH COLAC(IRR)
BIRREGURRA V OTWAY DISTRICTS(BIR)
LORNE V IRREWARRA-BEEAC(STR)
SIMPSON V ALVIE(SIR)
ROUND 15
SATURDAY 1 AUGUST
OTWAY DISTRICTS V WESTERN EAGLES(GEL)
SOUTH COLAC V APOLLO BAY(WRC)
ALVIE V LORNE(ALR)
IRREWARRA-BEEAC V BIRREGURRA(WAR)
SIMPSON V COLAC IMPERIALS(SIR)
ROUND 16
SATURDAY 8 AUGUST
COLAC IMPERIALS V SOUTH COLAC(WRC)
APOLLO BAY V OTWAY DISTRICTS(ABR)
WESTERN EAGLES V IRREWARRA-BEEAC(IRR)
BIRREGURRA V ALVIE(BIR)
LORNE V SIMPSON(STR)

ROUND 17
SATURDAY 15 AUGUST
SOUTH COLAC V OTWAY DISTRICTS(ELL)
COLAC IMPERIALS V IRREWARRA-BEEAC(WRC)
APOLLO BAY V ALVIE(ABR)
WESTERN EAGLES V LORNE(IRR)
BIRREGURRA V SIMPSON(BIR)
ROUND 18
SATURDAY 22 AUGUST
OTWAY DISTRICTS V COLAC IMPERIALS(GEL)
LORNE V BIRREGURRA(STR)
ALVIE V WESTERN EAGLES(ALR)
IRREWARRA-BEEAC V APOLLO BAY(WAR)
SIMPSON V SOUTH COLAC(SIR)

2026 CDFNL FINAL SERIES
SATURDAY 29 AUGUST
QUALIFYING FINALS
SUNDAY 30 AUGUST
ELIMINATION FINALS
SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
SECOND SEMI FINALS
SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
FIRST SEMI FINALS
SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER
PRELIMINARY FINALS
SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER
GRAND FINALS

VENUES:

ALVIE RECREATION RESERVE (ALR), APOLLO BAY RECREATION RESERVE (ABR), AUSTRALIAN LAMB COMPANY STADIUM (ALC), BIRREGURRA RECREATION RESERVE (BIR), ELLIMINYT RECREATION RESERVE (ELL), GELLIBRAND RECREATION RESERVE (GEL), IRREWILLIPE RECREATION RESERVE (IRR), SIMPSON RECREATION RESERVE (SIR), STRIBLING RESERVE (STR), WARROWIE RECREATION RESERVE (WAR), WESTERN OVAL (WES)



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