



# **BAYSWATER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB 2021 SEASON HANDBOOK**

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# PRESIDENTS WELCOME

Welcome to the Bayswater Junior Football Club 2021 Season!

My name's Beccy and I've been a Committee volunteer at our Club for 10 years. My roles have included Team Manager, Trainer, Registrar, Secretary and now also Coach. I love being a part of the Bayswater Junior Football Club and I look forward to leading the Club this season alongside a dedicated volunteer team of Committee and Club officials.

Our Committee have been making mammoth efforts behind the scenes to get this post-Covid season up and running. We are so excited it has come to this point where you are now reading our 2021 season brochure!

We extend a very warm welcome back to our returning families, and thank you to our new families for choosing the Bayswater Junior Football Club to share your junior footy experience with.

We can't predict how the season will unfold and last season was unprecedented. But we all hope to have our players on the ground for a full 14 weeks, plus finals for competitive age groups. Please bear with us if there are any future changes to the season, our number one concern this season will be to keep all players and families safe.

Season 2021 aims to see us field 12 teams, an excellent achievement for a smaller Club.

Following the unusual 2020 season, our teams kick off with a variety of challenges!

- Our littlest Under 8s take to the field after missing their last season of Auskick.
- Our Niney's begin their Home and Away season with no game day experience.
- Our Under 10s jump straight into tackling, having had no practice playing at different grounds.
- Our Under 11s go from no tackling whatsoever into a competitive season with full tackles.
- Our 12 Boys are now well into a competitive age group having had no warm up to this level.
- Our 12 Girls have lost some of their team mates into the U14s and have recruited many new faces.
- Our 14 Boys are up against some bigger bodies than when they claimed the flag in 2019.
- Our 14 Girls are currently seeking a partnership at the time of going to print and we wish these devoted Baysie girls an excellent season together.
- Our 16 Girls are an experienced side, though with many new to this higher age group.
- Our bottom aged 17 Green team have struggled with numbers and are lucky to head into the season under Lachie's wing.

- Our top aged 17 Gold team are a strong side, set to enjoy their now final year of junior footy.
- Our Under 18 Girls have worked hard through pre-season and are looking forward to representing the Club at this top level.

We are blessed to have a brilliant team of Coaches and Team Officials who have been managing our teams to the highest standard for their return to footy. It will be an exciting day come April 11th, to see all of our players take to the field again.

We look forward to seeing all our families enjoy their on and off field experience at the Club this season.

Please join in our social activities and any events or opportunities that the season presents.

Our Committee is inspired by seeing our families happy and engaged. This is your Club to be proud of! We want you to enjoy being a part of Bayswater as much as we do!

We pride ourselves on being a family friendly, fun and fair Club with an inclusive and welcoming Committee team, so please if you have any questions or concerns during the season, check in with us. We're all very receptive to feedback and our aim is to continue improving our great Club for many generations to continue to enjoy.

After reading this handbook if you still have any questions, please feel free to reach out at any time.

Wishing you all a wonderful season of football and thanks for continuing your footy journey with us!

On behalf of the Committee, I thank you for your support for this much anticipated return to footy!

Go Baysie and Best Wishes,  
Beccy Dawber  
President



## CHILD SAFE POLICY

The Bayswater Junior Football Club is committed to promoting and protecting the interests and safety of children. We have zero tolerance for child abuse.

Every Committee member and Team Official at the Bayswater Junior Football Club is responsible for the care and protection of children and reporting information about child abuse.

For more information about the Child Safety Standards please refer to this website: <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safety/being-a-child-safe-organisation/#TOC-1>

Our clubs Child Safety Officer is Tracey Bird.

## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a safe, fun, inclusive and family friendly sporting club that teaches and encourages children and youth within the local community to play Australian Rules Football. Our Club is maintained by the work of committed volunteers; from coaches and team officials, to committee members.

## CLUB SONG

Baysie Juniors have a club song in the form of a war cry. It is very uplifting to see even the U8s belt this out at the end of a great game.

**Who are, who are, who are we?  
We are the kids from the BFC!  
Roll em, roll em, beat em to the ball,  
Baysie, Baysie, best of all!  
What do we do? WIN!  
How do we do it? EASY!  
B-A-Y-S-W-A-T-E-R  
BAYSWATER!!!**

# GETTING STARTED

## BRIEF CLUB HISTORY

The Bayswater Junior Football Club has a very proud history, and was first established in 1972. The initial season saw U10 and U13 teams, however with an abundance of U10s there were eventually three U10 teams fielded in the Knox Junior Football Association. Currently the Bayswater Juniors are part of the much wider Eastern Football Netball League (EFNL).

The Club was initially located at the current ground at Bayswater Park, but has also been based at other locations due to ground conditions etc. Back in the early 70s, Camel Corner (now known as Koomba Park) on the intersection of Mountain and Burwood Hwys was used, and later the Glen Park Reserve in Bayswater North. Since being relocated back to the current location, the clubrooms have been extended with a new canteen, new ladies and accessible toilets, and an electronic scoreboard was installed. Further expansion is due to commence in 2021 with new change rooms and refurbishment of the existing facilities. The Bayswater Auskick program has also joined us at the ground.

Inside the clubrooms, the many premiership banners, trophies and photos are evidence of the success of the club. Junior club executive committee members are recognised on the boards, as are Life Members. Please also refer to the club website for more details on our history, with many thanks to Ron Smith as one of our founding members, and now Life Member of the club.

Finally, while we officially run as separate entities with separate committees and budgets, strong links are maintained with our senior club in order to move talented youngsters on when outgrowing their junior ranks. We have a Level 3 Accreditation for the Good Sports program, have developed Child Safe and Concussion Policies (both of which are listed in the Forms and Policies page on our website), and adhere to the EFNL Code of Conduct (outlined on the final pages of this booklet).



## WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

The Bayswater JFC website ([www.bayswaterjfc.com.au](http://www.bayswaterjfc.com.au)) contains lots of information about the club and current season, however, please contact your coach, team manager or a committee member for the most up to date information.

You can also find up to date information on our Facebook at **Bayswater Junior Football Club (BayswaterJFC)**, as well as Twitter (**@BayswaterJFC**), and on Instagram (**Bayswater Junior Football**)

Many teams create their own personal Facebook group page for coaches and parents to communicate, so check with your Coach or Team Manager.

## CLUB COMMITTEE FOR 2021

The Bayswater Junior Football Club is run by volunteer parents, and is held accountable by annual audits. Knox City Council owns the grounds and buildings themselves. Any parent, whether new to the club or not, with just a desire to be a part of a great community, is welcome to join the committee to help have a say in how we run the BJFC.

New members are welcomed throughout the season, and all are encouraged to come to general meetings to observe what happens behind the scenes. Likewise, if you have any feedback or suggestions regarding the Junior Club, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Please note that a Working With Children Check is required to act in any role within the club as per our Child Safe Policy, including on committee. This can be applied for from [workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au), and is free for volunteers. Those with a current employee WWCC are welcome to use that. Current committee members are listed in the final pages for any relevant contact.

Parents are encouraged to donate any spare time they can, and many of our current parents are from various backgrounds; including shift workers, single parents and those just interested in the welfare of the Baysie Juniors. We are always happy to meet new members for fresh ideas related to topics as diverse as: building maintenance, canteen food, fund raising, social events, record maintenance or anything that comes to mind! Come along, get involved and have a say!

## CAN YOU HELP OUR CLUB?

You may not be in a position to have an official role at the Club, but you can still help us out in other ways. Do you have any contacts through your work or family that can help to support the club in the way of raffle prize donations, sponsorships or player awards? Please let a committee member know if you can assist in this way.

## CLUB FEES

Club fees are a necessary financial contribution towards any volunteer club and are ideally payable by Round 1, 2021, unless a payment plan is requested.

In each season, fees contribute to the game costs for each team - including the cost of umpires, volunteer coach and trainer education as well as player education programs such as the SALT program (Sports and Life Training – courses to enhance a positive sporting culture), junior club running costs (including utilities and equipment) and other ancillary items. There will be both a fee to the club, and a nominal insurance registration fee set by the EFNL payable (covered in the next section).

Although our fees have remained the same since 2018, we understand the fees may constitute a sizeable outlay for some families and so we offer payment instalment options. Contact current Executive committee members to arrange any instalment plans. All players must register online with the EFNL as per below, but the Club Fees can be paid by credit card or cash at a Club Event or by Internet banking Electronic Funds Transfer. Discounts are given for more than one child per family.

Under 8 fees	\$100.00 per child
All other age groups – 1 <sup>st</sup> child in family	\$185.00
All other age groups – 2 <sup>nd</sup> child in family	\$165.00
All other age groups – 3 <sup>rd</sup> child in family	\$145.00

## EFNL ONLINE REGISTRATION & INSURANCE

The Eastern Football Netball League (EFNL) requires that all players be covered in the event of injury. While the utmost care is used regarding contact (especially in the younger junior levels), players must register with the EFNL insurance policy to provide a layer of protection. Register with the EFNL by pressing on the link via our Club website at [bayswaterjfc.com.au](http://bayswaterjfc.com.au).

The current EFNL insurance fee is \$18 per player, and is payable online before Round 1 of each season. **IF THIS IS NOT ARRANGED AND PAID FOR, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THE FIELD.**

This fee is in addition to the club registration fee. If you need help in paying this online, please contact one of the executive committee members for assistance.

# CLUB UNIFORM

EFNL regulation shorts are required for all junior games, with all players required to purchase a pair of black BJFC shorts and BJFC football socks (available from the clubrooms on Friday nights, Round Up, and anytime from our online store).

The competitive age groups – U11s and above – will also need to purchase white shorts. Those playing in the girls' age groups are only required to have black shorts. For the competitive boys' age groups, black shorts are for all HOME games at the Baysie Junior oval, and white shorts are for all AWAY games. When in doubt, contact your team manager.

Green and gold playing jumpers are provided by the club, and sponsored by the generosity of local businesses. It is very important that jumpers are well looked after, and returned to the club by the final event at season's end, our Presentation Day.

Occasionally a clash jumper may be required, and this will be provided in advance, with return at the game's end. There is a special jumper presentation day before the season proper, but don't worry if you cannot make it, as arrangements can be made for jumper allocation before the first game.

Mouthguards are highly recommended during most training sessions and all games. Most come with dental insurance cover should the worst occur during a game with a correctly fitted mouthguard. All reputable sporting goods outlets carry these or you can get them professionally fitted from your dentist.

Football helmets are not required at our club, so these do not need to be purchased, unless preferred. The Bayswater Junior Club has chosen in this instance to follow guidelines and evidence put forward by the AFL, indicating that helmets in Junior football are not necessary.

The Bayswater Junior Club has a strong partnership with **Sportsmart in Kilsyth**, and is signed up to their Club Advantage program, offering great benefits to both yourself and the club. By quoting the **Club Advantage number of 800085** during any purchase at Sportsmart, you will receive an instant 5% discount off the normal selling price, and also contribute to the Bayswater Juniors rebate of 3%. This rebate is received regularly, and is used for purchase of equipment and reducing our running costs.

Another service to you is our Boot Bank. Players across all age groups donate their pre-loved footy boots – usually still in excellent condition – to the Bank, located in the Junior clubrooms. Any player requiring boots for the 2021 season is welcome to choose a pair to fit at no charge. If you would like to donate any old pairs, please make sure the boots have been cleaned and washed and are ready for the next family to use. The Boot Bank is normally available once training re-commences each year and on request.

# GAME DAY

## COACHES & TEAM MANAGERS

TEAM	COACH	TEAM MANAGER
U8 Mixed	Shaun Jones – 0408 139 921	Brad Knight – 0438 429 192
U9 Mixed	Mark Hindson – 0419 149 500	Dragana Hindson – 0438 015 794
U10 Mixed	Ben Beveridge – 0411 105 440	Gillian Hughson – 0401 004 533
U11 Mixed	Alex Gunn – 0403 977 524	Deb Pearson – 0419 340 840
U12 Boys	Andrew Rippon – 0412 244 056	Kylie Knight-Brown – 0419 106 520
U12 Girls	Kevin Maniscalchi – 0421 785 622	Mandy Maggs – 0422 067 150
U14 Boys	Andrew Peters – 0409 794 180	John Young – 0425 850 177
U14 Girls	Matt Rennison – 0433 383 540	Mark Hindson – 0419 149 500
U16 Girls	Michael Hughson – 0401 995 003	Kylie Cameron – 0409 017 724
U17 Boys Gold	Jarrod Amey – 0439 039 578	Deanna Derham – 0414 952 117
U17 Boys Green	Lachie McGuire – 0488 149 080	Kellie McGuire – 0400 014 679
U18 Girls	Beccy Dawber – 0401 306 209 Andrew Robertson – 0425 807 059	Mandy Maggs – 0422 067 150

**Please note that parents are rostered for help during each game**, in roles such as umpire escort, goal umpires, canteen duty, cleaning, player voting and so forth. The actual roles may differ for each age group, but please put your hand up to help out so the same families aren't left each week to act in the required roles. Speak to your team manager for further information.



## TRAINING SESSIONS

Unless otherwise advised, all training sessions take place at the Bayswater Junior oval, entry off Mountain Hwy. Players require comfortable clothing. Runners are acceptable during summer training sessions, however football boots will be needed once the grounds change with the cold weather. Mouth guards are advisable for most training sessions, each coach will let you know if they are required.

TEAM	TIME	TEAM	TIME
U8 Mixed	Friday 6.30 – 7.15pm	U14 Boys	Wednesday 4.30 - 5.45pm
U9 Mixed	Friday 6.30 – 7.15pm	U14 Girls	Tuesday 5.30 – 7.00pm
U10 Mixed	Friday 5.30 – 6.30pm	U16 Girls	Thursday 5.30 – 7.00pm
U11 Mixed	Thursday 5.30 – 6.30pm	U17 Boys Gold	Tue & Thu 6.00 – 7.15pm
U12 Boys	Wednesday 5.00 – 6.00pm	U17 Boys Green	Tuesday 5.00 – 6.00pm
U12 Girls	Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm	U18 Girls	Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm

## GAME START TIMES

Start times as per the 2021 EFNL Junior Rules Summary (correct at time of printing). Please note that the start times may vary due to ground clashes, but this will be communicated with you beforehand.

BOYS / MIXED	START TIME	GIRLS	START TIME
U8 / 9 / 10	9.00am	U10 / 12	10.05am
U11	10.05am	U14	11.25am
U12 / 13	11.25am	U16	12.55pm
U14 / 15	12.55pm	U18	2.45pm
U17	2.45pm		

## LENGTH OF QUARTERS

There is no time on in any junior competition match, meaning that a quarter is calculated from the time of the first bounce. Quarters may be cut short in certain mandated situations, such as for player safety or to maintain individual game length to allow for consequent matches. Times quoted are taken from the 2021 EFNL Junior Rules Summary.

BOYS / MIXED	QTR LENGTH	GIRLS	QTR LENGTH
U8 / 9 / 10	10 min	U10	10 min
U11	12 min	U12	12 min
U12 / 13	15 min	U14	15 min
U14 / 15 / 17	20 min	U16 / 18	17 min

Quarter time break duration (minutes) by age level ( $\frac{1}{4}$  Time -  $\frac{1}{2}$  Time -  $\frac{3}{4}$  Time)

BOYS / MIXED	BREAK DURATION	GIRLS	BREAK DURATION
U8 / 9 / 10	5 - 5 - 5	U10	3 - 5 - 3
U11/12/13/14/15/17	5 - 10 - 5	U12/14/16/18	5 - 10 - 5

## MILESTONE GAMES

Many children reach milestone games while with Baysie Juniors. We do aim to keep accurate records in anticipation of these events, and are forming a register in a joint effort between team managers and registrars.

We ask for your help in advising the current Registrar of any games played at other clubs to help us maintain accurate records so no one is missed. All games played at the Junior Club level count, even if a player fills in for a higher age level.

If you are requiring stencils to help create banners for the players to run through, please contact any club committee member. These will need to be returned as soon as possible for the next youngster to be recognised!



## OTHER INFO

### AUSKICK

Bayswater Auskick is a hub of excitement every Friday night under lights, with clinics running from 5.30 to 6.30pm. Parents are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes earlier to allow time to sign in, and are also encouraged to join in the fun acting as facilitator/helper for different skills sessions.

Basic motor skills are taught, and the kids learn what it means to play as part of a team. The aim is for as much ball time for each participant as possible and to have fun!

There is no set uniform for Auskick, and while most participants choose to wear AFL team colours and jumpers, any sports clothing and either runners or footy boots are recommended.

Levels within Auskick are age appropriate, and the clinics have 4 lots of 10min activities, followed by a grid game at the end of each session. Light rain means the clinics will still run, though in the event that the Auskick clinic should be cancelled due to inclement weather, parents will be notified by 3pm on Friday afternoons via email and through the Bayswater Auskick Facebook page (**Bayswater Auskick**).

Contact for the Auskick centre is Chris Bartling on **0417 575 569**, or [bayswaterauskick@gmail.com](mailto:bayswaterauskick@gmail.com)

### OPEROO APP (FORMERLY CARE MONKEY)

As each child's safety is of utmost importance at our club, for the 2021 Season we will continue to use the software program Operoo.,

This app gives authorised personnel for each team, such as trainers and coaches, instant access to important up to date medical and emergency information on their mobile devices.

Operoo also allows club trainers to report and document injuries/incidents without delay and the database can help us analyse how and why incidents occur.

Parents/guardians will be asked to create a profile for each child registered at our club which includes information such as emergency contact details, pre-existing medical conditions, allergies, asthma and anaphylaxis management plans. This profile can be updated at any time, therefore making the accessible information relevant in a real time emergency situation making it vital that parents/guardians complete these profiles when requested.

Privacy and confidentiality is strictly adhered to with only the necessary team officials given access to this sensitive information.

## GAMEDAY APP (BY SPORTS TG)

GameDay is a free app used by the Baysie Juniors for access to game fixtures, match results, division ladders and player stats. Previous years can be accessed and login is required via email registration. Please note that individual teams need to be placed in the system by the EFNL, and each will appear once made active. Active teams range from the seniors right down to the U8s, and the selected division is already notified for each team so you don't have to look through each one.

This app is available both on the Apple App Store and for Android Google Play. Some teams are also implementing Team App to communicate this season.

## FUNDRAISING

As can be imagined, registration fees don't cover all costs incurred by the club on a yearly basis. The club applies for a number of grants each season that cover areas such as building improvements, uniforms and grounds maintenance.

The club will be planning some fun activities for fundraising throughout the year and may also hold some fundraising drives to assist the club's financial position. The committee is always happy to hear from anyone who may be able to assist in any way with our fundraising activities.

## CLUB MERCHANDISE

There is a variety of club merchandise available for sale, displayed during major events at the clubrooms. Alternatively all of our merchandise is available for sale via our club website ([www.bayswaterjfc.com.au](http://www.bayswaterjfc.com.au)). Wendy is our uniform co-ordinator and is happy to help with any enquiries.

Club beanies, scarves and hoodies are available, as are rain jackets and stubby holders. Most sizes are available, or can be ordered, from the smallest child to 5XL for adults. Please consider supporting your club by purchasing a warm hoodie for game day, the sea of green and gold lifts the kids and reinforces that sense of belonging!

### ON FIELD MERCHANDISE

PRODUCT	SIZES AVAILABLE	ITEM PRICE
Shorts Home - Black	10 / 12 / 14 / 16 / S / M / L / XL / 3XL	\$30.00
Shorts Away - White	10 / 12 / 14 / 16 / S / M / L / XL / 3XL	\$30.00
Socks	XS / S / M / L / XL	\$15.00

### OFF FIELD MERCHANDISE

PRODUCT	SIZES AVAILABLE	ITEM PRICE
Junior Hoodies	10 / 12 / 14 / 16	\$55.00
Adult Hoodies	S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 4XL	\$60.00
Polo Shirt	12 / 14 / S / M / L / 2XL / 3XL	\$30.00
Personalized Training Top	8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 / S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL	\$35.00
Warm Up Jacket	12 / 14 / S / M / L	\$50.00
Club Jacket - Weatherproof	12 / 14 / 16 / S / M / L / XL / 4XL	\$80.00
BJFC Cap	One size fits most	\$20.00
BJFC Scarf	One size fits all	\$15.00
BJFC Beanie	One size fits all	\$15.00
BJFC Can Cooler		\$5.00
BJFC Sports Bag		\$35.00

Training jerseys and shorts have been added to the range, with many kids proudly wearing theirs showing their playing number along with their name or nickname printed on the back.

For enquiries, please contact Wendy on 0414 747 608, or at [wendygielen11@gmail.com](mailto:wendygielen11@gmail.com)



## TEAM PHOTOS (FIELD OF VIEW PHOTOGRAPHY)

All teams have a photo night during the first half of the season. The current photographer used is 'Field of View Photography' and the club will advise each team's session times once bookings are confirmed (please note that team times are fixed and cannot be altered).

Payment can be made on the night, and sibling photos can be arranged for either night. Field of View does also attend throughout the year to photograph the kids during the junior games and these images are often available on our Bayswater Juniors Facebook page, or on individual team Facebook pages. Please see [www.fieldofview.com.au](http://www.fieldofview.com.au) for more information.

## TEAM & FAMILY EVENTS

Our Social Committee holds events throughout the year for you and your family to get involved in, all listed on the included calendar towards the end of the booklet. You can look forward to Presentation days for jumpers and awards, an adults-only Comedy night or Trivia Night, a parents-only social night, and BBQ fundraisers held at Bunnings and other places as arranged.

The U9s will participate in the **Lightning Premiership** in July. This is a day greatly anticipated by the kids, with four shortened games played in a round robin style at Pinks Reserve, Liverpool Rd Kilsyth. Many different teams take part with hundreds of excited kids, and heaps of on-site parking is available for \$3 per car. Food and drinks are available on site with individual teams allocated sites for BBQs etc.

**Round Up** is held on Sunday evenings towards the end of each month (refer to the Calendar of Events on page 18 for dates) and is widely regarded as a social get-together for the kids, coaching teams and parents. Round Up is where the coaches of each team summarise recently played games and hand out encouragement awards. Dinner is available at a small cost, there is a licenced bar available and raffles to be won.

The younger age groups are covered first, and the kids love running round on the oval after dark having a kick of footy under lights! Dates are included in the Calendar, and all are encouraged to attend to receive their awards and be recognised on the night.

# OUR HOME GROUND



Our home ground is located on Mountain Hwy in Bayswater, next to Marie Wallace Bayswater Park (known as the Train park to the locals).

We have our own change rooms (both home and away), social room (home change rooms on social evenings), canteen and storage facilities.

In the latter part of 2021, works will commence on our new change rooms that has been funded by the Federal Government, Victorian Government and Knox City Council.

Since we last played at our home ground in 2019, the neighbouring Marie Wallace Bayswater Park has received upgrades to the playground, undercover entertaining areas, BBQs, basketball court and a bike education course. Due to the resulting increased traffic, we expect that the shared car park will fill up quickly on game days.

Please note that other recent improvements to the area include the addition of a footbridge linking the Bayswater Senior Football Ground to our Junior Ground. In times where our car park fills up, please feel free to drive around to the senior ground entrance on Bayswater Rd (Marker B on the map) and park around on the left hand side, then make your way across the footbridge.



## CLUB VOLUNTEERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TITLE	NAME	CONTACT
President	Beccy Dawber	0401 306 209
Vice President	Steve Roberts	0474 221 909
Secretary	Mark Hindson	0419 149 500
Treasurer	Gael Peters	0409 809 611
Registrar	Andrew Robertson	0425 807 059
Auskick Coordinator	Chris Bartling	0417 575 569
Head Trainer	Kim Phillips	0418 337 535
Merchandise & Grants Coordinator	Wendy Gielen	0414 747 608
Website Administrator	Peter Buchstaller	0439 995 344
Website Administrator	Danny Phillips	0417 339 397
Child Safety Officer	Tracey Bird	0438 361 434
School Liaison Officer	Mick Walker	0402 825 024
Facility Management	Colin Page	0455 972 098
Facility Management	Brad Knight	0438 429 192
Sponsorship Coordinator	Nicky Maxwell	0421 995 434
Bar Manager	Mandy Maggs	0422 067 150
General Committee	Adrian Nye	
General Committee	Danea Roberts	

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2021 Season Calendar				
Day	Date	Boys	Girls	Notes
Thursday	25th March	Jumper Presentation Night		Following training at Clubrooms
Friday	26th March	Jumper Presentation Night		From 5pm Junior Clubrooms
Sunday	28th March	Practice Matches		Details as advised
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>31st March</b>	<b>Club fees due today</b>		<b>Unless payment arrangement made</b>
Sunday	4th April	Easter Sunday		School Holidays 2/4-18/4
Sunday	11th April	Round One		Middle weekend of school holidays
Friday	16th April	Auskick Starts		Family Fun Night!!
Sunday	18th April	Round Two		
Sunday	25th April	Round Three		Anzac Day Round
Sunday	25th April	<b>Match Round Up 1</b>		<b>Junior Clubrooms from 5pm</b>
Sunday	2nd May	Round Four		
Sunday	9th May	Round Five		Mothers Day - BCNA Pink Day
Saturday	8th May	<b>Parent Social Night</b>		Save the date - Details to come
Sunday	16th May	Round Six		
Sunday	23rd May	Round Seven		
Sunday	23rd May	<b>Match Round Up 2</b>		<b>Junior Clubrooms from 5pm</b>
Sunday	30th May	Round Eight		
Sunday	6th June	Round Nine		Vic Responsible Gambling Love the Game
Sunday	13th June	Bye/Junior Interleague		Queens Birthday Weekend
Sunday	20th June	Round Ten		Fight MND Round
Sunday	27th June	Round Eleven		School holidays 26/6-11/7
Sunday	27th June	<b>Match Round Up 3</b>		<b>Junior Clubrooms from 5pm</b>
Sunday	4th July	Round Twelve		
Sunday	11th July	Round Thirteen		
Saturday	10th July	<b>Parent Social Night</b>		Save the date - Details to come
Sunday	18th July	Round Fourteen		TAC Focus Rnd/U9 Lightning Premiership
Sunday	18th July	<b>Match Round Up 4</b>		<b>Junior Clubrooms from 5pm</b>
Sunday	25th July	Junior Semi Finals		Finals Round Up
Sunday	1st August	Junior Preliminary Finals		Finals Round Up
Sunday	8th August	Junior Grand Finals		Finals Round Up
Friday	20th August	U17B & U18G Presentation Night		Venue etc. TBC
Saturday	21st August	Senior Womens EFNL Grand Final		
Sunday	29th August	<b>Club Presentation Day</b>		<b>Venue etc. TBC</b>
Saturday	18th September	Senior Mens EFNL Grand Final		
Saturday	25th September	AFL Grand Final		

# COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

To make things run more smoothly on both game day and at training, we ask for the support of all parents and players when it comes to our COVID prevention practices:

## **Signing in**

It's important that all players sign in upon arrival. QR codes are available at every training session and will be available on game day. We ask that any parents, family members or friends who intend to watch games or attend training to please sign in as well. Signing in helps with our contact tracing and to quickly identify any issues that may arise. Signing in is also required before any player takes the field for any training sessions or matches.

For easy contact tracing, we recommend downloading the Service Victoria app, an app that has been created by the Victorian Government, which allows for fast signing in. Manual sign in sheets will also be made available at both training and game days. We also encourage all players and supporters who are attending away games to sign in at those grounds to help other ENFL clubs with their contact tracing.

## **Sanitising**

Sanitising is an important part of COVID protocols and all players are required to sanitize before commencing training and games and after completion of same. We also recommend regular sanitizing at intervals during both. Our equipment is regularly sanitized as part of our COVID protocols. We also encourage all players to have their own sanitiser in their bags.

## **Social Distancing**

Social distancing is still one of the best ways to potentially lessen the impact of COVID and we encourage all families and players to practice social distancing (1.5 metres) as much as possible.

## **If You're Unwell**

If you're unwell, please do not attend training and games. We recommend that you get COVID tested and that you stay away from the club and teammates until you receive a negative result. Most importantly, stay home and take care of yourself!

## **Drink Bottles**

Until further notice, all players are required to supply their own drink bottles for all training sessions and game days. Drink bottles should be clearly labelled and players will be required to bring them with them to the bench on game days. It is the responsibility of players and parents to ensure they have drink bottles that are large enough to minimize refills required during games.

## **On Game Day**

To limit the amount of contact with other people, players will be required to come dressed ready to play for each game. Warmups will be short and sharp and time limited, so we ask that all players arrive as close to the start times for warmups as possible.

Regarding our change rooms, only those with essential team roles and players are permitted in the rooms. Essential team roles are:

- Head Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Team Manager
- Trainer
- Runner

By putting these practices into place and maintaining our COVID protocols, we're doing everything we can to make sure our kids get to play footy this year and have a great season.

# EFNL CODE OF CONDUCT

## COACHES

- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players, the "just average" players need and deserve equal time.
- Remember that players participate for fun and enjoyment.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Take into consideration the maturity level of the players when scheduling and determining the length of practice times and competition.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Keep yourself informed of the sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of players.
- Create opportunities to teach appropriate sports behaviour as well basic skills.
- Ensure that skill learning and appropriate sports behaviour have priority over highly structured competitions for young players.
- Help players understand the responsibilities and implications of their freedom to choose between fair and unfair play.

"A child's self-esteem is delicate and easily damaged, particularly by parents attempting to act out their own lives through the youngsters on the sports field. Participation in sports events must be something for children to enjoy. They should not be saddled with win-at-all costs attitudes at any early age."

Daily Telegraph editorial.

## ADMINISTRATORS/OFFICIALS

- Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in sports are made available to all players, regardless of ability, size, shape, sex (for females under 14), age, disability or ethnic origin.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules take into consideration the age, ability and maturity level of participating players.
- Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique.
- Remember that players participate for enjoyment and play down the importance of rewards.
- Provide clinics aimed at improving the standards of coaching and officiating, with an emphasis on appropriate behaviour and skill technique.
- Ensure that parents, coaches, sponsors, physicians and participants understand their responsibilities regarding fair play.
- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of players and their needs.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.
- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of players.

## **PARENTS/SPECTATORS**

- Encourage players to participate, if they are interested.
- Encourage players to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing the game.
- Remember that players learn best from example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches.
- Remember that children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment to spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.

## **PLAYERS**

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, discuss the matter with your coach.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, or provoking an opponent is not acceptable.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or for your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your team, opponent or the other team.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Avoid using derogatory language.

Note: Codes of Conduct are part of the National Football Policy provided by the Australian Football League.

