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PlayHQ Issues

For urgent PlayHQ enquiries, contact: 1800 PLAY AFL

Other PlayHQ enquiries: 1800 PLAY AFL or clubhelp@afl.com.au or NFNL staff member

PlayHQ Resources: [Click Here](#)



Pre-Season Items

Practice Match – Umpires Request Form

[Click Here – Practice Match Umpires Request Form](#)

Deadline: Must be submitted via online form a minimum of 14 days prior to the proposed practice match.

Trainer Requirements

[Click Here: Trainer Declaration Form per team](#)

- *Mandatory administration requirement for each team*
- *Senior Clubs – Due April 4 & Junior Clubs Due April 11*

Declarations

This is a mandatory league administration requirement and fines will be issued for non-compliance. Clubs are responsible for ensuring all trainers meet requirements and have sighted verification documents of their qualifications.

The NFNL has aligned in 2024 with the AFL Victoria policy [16. Injury Management - AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook](#) in trainers requirements as below and in which the league will now recognise qualified medical practitioners as trainers. (Refer to definitions below)

- **NFNL Recommendation**

Seniors & Juniors Under 13+ age groups- Level 1 Sports Trainer or Qualified Medical Practitioner

Juniors Under 9-12 - First Aider or Qualified Medical Practitioner

- **Minimum Requirements allowed as per AFL Victoria policy.**

(Note: Minimum requirements was again amended by AFL Vic for community level sport as at 20 March, 2024)

Must have one person who is Level 1 First Aid, or Level 1 Sports Trainer or is a Qualified Medical Practitioner.

[Click Here: Sports Trainer and First Aid Courses](#)



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AFL Victoria Coaches Accreditation new and renewals/Training Workshops

[Click Here – AFL Victoria coaches accreditation and renewal \(all coaches & assistant coaches must have Level 1 accreditation\)](#)

Coaches must register through Coach AFL (which automatically registers the coach to their club in PlayHQ)

[Click Here – AFL Victoria Coach Workshop registration and other information. \(once coaches have Level 1 Accreditation and Coach AFL Sign in account\)](#)

All coaches and assistant coaches must have valid accreditation for that year and are unable to register if they do not have accreditation.

Ordering of Uniforms/Equipment Information

Please Note: This is through NFNL Administration Manager and not through the Football Operations Department. Contact Delwyn Berry dberry@nfnl.org.au for all enquiries on this.

[Click Here – Ordering Form for Volunteer and Officials Apparel](#)

[Click Here – Ordering of Footballs and Equipment](#)

[Click Here – Ordering of Team Uniforms and Apparel Information](#)

[Click Here – Logo Guidelines on club apparel](#)



Player Dispersations/23rd Player submissions

[Click Here – Development Player U18 Girls/Under 19.5 Dispensation request](#) – Schedule 35

- *Note: Submitted via online form. Note: Capped at maximum 5 approvals per club team.*
- *The policy is **not** in place to retain the player because a clubs reserves/senior team has limited playing opportunities for them due to their squad sizes and/or for players with a desire to continue playing with friends.*
- *The onus is on clubs to submit accordingly such players that align with the spirit and purpose of this policy as outlined on the form link.*

[Click Here – NFNL Medical Overage Exemption Policy Request Form](#) – Schedule 34

[Click Here – 23rd Player Submissions – Senior Mens](#)

Deadline- To be submitted via online form by Friday 11am for Round 4, 8, 12, 16. Note: Certain Division 3 teams rounds may vary due to byes in these rounds and are provided in form.



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Fixtured Game Change Requests

[Click Here – NFNL Club Game Change Request](#)

Deadline: To be submitted via online form no later than 14 days prior to the scheduled match with uploaded approval from other team of the requested change



Senior Men – Player Points Requests & AFL Vic CCSP forms

[Click here- NFNL Senior Men Player Points request](#)

*Deadline: To be submitted via online form ONLY once the player transfer has been approved and has registered, **and is appearing in PlayHQ as a member of your club**. All submissions in the season will be completed by no later than 11am Saturday. In addition, clubs must upload player declarations for new players prior to them playing during the season.*

[Re-assessment of player points allocation request form \(Must be submitted within 7 days of original notification of player points allocated\)](#)

Deadline: Re-assessment requests must be submitted via online form within 7 days of receiving original points assessment notification.

[Click Here – Club Statement of Non Declared Players Template – Non Paid players – Schedule 30](#)

Deadline: Template document of all nonpaid players with their verification signatures. This must be uploaded into club game day contracts portal by April 30. During the season any additional new nonpaid players must also be documented on a form with their signature verification.

[Click Here – Guidelines for Player Payments Rules - Schedule 28](#)

[Click Here – AFL Victoria Standard Player Declaration Template](#)

Deadline: Must be uploaded into club PlayHQ Documents Portal prior to playing. If the player is not receiving any payments, they must also be declared on nonpaid players form with their verification signature.

[Click Here – AFL Victoria Player Payments Final Declaration Spreadsheet Form Template](#)

Must be completed and uploaded into your club PlayHQ Documents Portal.

Deadline:

- Budget- Due April 30
- Final Declaration – October 31



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Match Day

[Click Here – Junior Football Rules Matrices – Schedule 32](#)

[Click Here: Officials Roles Requirements and Minimum ages – Schedule 8](#)

Important – Ensure all team officials have correct identifiable NFNL apparel to avoid issuing of fines, and meet minimum age requirements. Orders are placed online. [Click Here](#)

[Click Here – AFL Marsh Insurance – Match Day Checklist – Schedule 7](#)

Deadline: To be completed prior to a home venue's first scheduled match of day.

[Click Here – Match Delay Policy procedure – Schedule 15](#)

*Deadlines: Umpires shall consult with team managers in event of major delays i.e. ambulance called for player unable to be moved off ground. Games should not be called off until it becomes apparent that **half a match in total** will not be able to be achieved when play recommences (Total minutes includes all minutes of play prior to the delay in total minutes & minutes remaining in scheduled game time for that match). Adjustments to quarter lengths, breaks etc. should occur to remaining time within that games scheduled time allowance. The league should be contacted to be notified of the changes to game timing and/or where required to make a determination.*

[Click Here – Football Send Off Rules – Schedule 21](#)

Important – Coaches/players/team managers should note automatic suspension of players occurs after a certain number of cards are issued to a player in that season as per policy.

[Click Here – Feedback to NFNL Head of Umpiring Form](#)

Note: To be received and reviewed by the NFNL Head of Umpiring.

[Click Here: Loaning of Clash Jumpers request form](#)

- *Where there are obvious clashes of uniform clubs should first look to discuss together to find a resolution (Noting many clubs now have reversible jumper colours). If there is no ability for either club to change or the home team does not wish to, then the away team is responsible for ensuring they are in a clash jumper.*
- *Loaned Clash jumpers must be returned no later than Wednesday post the game fully cleaned.*
- *Clash jumper requests can be picked up on a Thursday or Friday during business hours prior to a round at NFNL Offices - La Trobe Sports Stadium*

[Click Here: Senior Men and Women Coaches MVP Voting Form](#)

Deadline: Must be submitted via online form by Monday 5pm post a round. Fines apply for late submission.

[Click Here: NFNL Senior Men Match Video Portal](#)

All video-recorded matches are uploaded to this portal which is on the NFNL website through the season.



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[Click Here – Home Club Field Umpired Games – Umpires Match Report Form](#)

Deadline: For any junior matches without an assigned NFNL field umpire, the home club volunteer field umpire is to complete and submit by 6pm Sunday



[Set Penalty Reports/Incidents/MRP/Appeals](#)

[Click Here – Player accepting/declining a Set Penalty Offer Form](#)

Deadline: To be submitted via online form by no later than 10am Monday post a round. Noting a Set penalty will stand if the player has not notified the umpire of non-acceptance of the set penalty on game day, and/or if this form has not been submitted and it is not indicated on this form they wish to challenge the penalty at a Tribunal Hearing.

This form does NOT need to be completed if:

- *The report has been sent direct to Tribunal by the umpire (no set penalty offered)*
- *The report is of a team official, which are sent direct to Tribunal. – No Set penalties can be offered.*

[Click Here - NFNL Report of Incident/Request for Investigation](#)

Deadline: Must be submitted via online form no later than 5pm Tuesday post round.

[Click Here – Match Review Panel Request \(Senior Videoed matches\)](#)

Deadline: Must be submitted via online form no later than Tuesday 10am post a round.

[Click Here – NFNL Appeals Form](#)

[\(Tribunal determinations, player points assessments, yellow/red cards and club fines\)](#)

Deadlines:

- *Tribunal/Grievance Committee – Lodged via the online form with a bond paid to NFNL, via direct debit, of \$750 no later than 5pm two days after the hearing. **Note: Only suspensions of 4+ matches can be appealed.***
- *Points Assessment – Lodged via online form within 7 days of receiving your re-assessment notification, with a \$300 bond paid to the NFNL via direct debit.*
- *Yellow/Red/White Cards – Lodged via online form by no later than 5pm Monday post a round, with a \$300 bond paid to the NFNL via direct debit.*
- *Club fines – Full fine must be paid first. Once the fine is paid, the appeal is to be submitted via online form. The Appeal will then be lodged with the NFNL Board.*



[Other information items](#)

[Click Here – NFNL Football Timelines](#)

[Click Here – 2024 Season Dates](#)



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[Click Here – 2024 Football NFNL By Laws, Schedules & Adopted Policies webpage](#)

[Click Here: Summary of 2024 NFNL By Laws and Schedules –](#) Changes for the 2024 season

[Click Here – Player Withdrawal of Transfer Form](#)

[Click Here – NFNL Junior Development Program Information \(Junior Representative\)](#)

[Click Here – 2024 NFNL Club Details Form](#)

Please ensure this is completed prior to the season to ensure the league has correct contact persons to receive regular league communications and game day umpires match reports copies.

[Click Here – AFL / PlayHQ Resources](#)

[Click Here – Under 18 of age player levy – Application form for refund](#)

- *There are no refunds on the Under 18 player levy.*
- *The levy is payable by all players aged Under 18 as at January 1 of that competition year whether playing in junior or senior competitions.*
- *Applications for a refund of the levy will only be considered when it is beyond the control of the player.*

Example: Player has accidentally been registered twice, club does not end up fielding team in age group

[Click Here – Finals Eligibility \(Juniors & Seniors\) – Declaration of Coates/VFL/VFLW Players](#)

- *Competing junior and senior men/women finals teams must submit 7 days prior to the commencement of their finals series a declaration of all Coates (Boys and Girls), VFL and VFLW players and declare whether the player meets NFNL finals eligibility requirements.*
- *Eligibility requirements are included on the form.*