
MATCH OFFICIAL PRE-REQUISITES

SEASON 2026



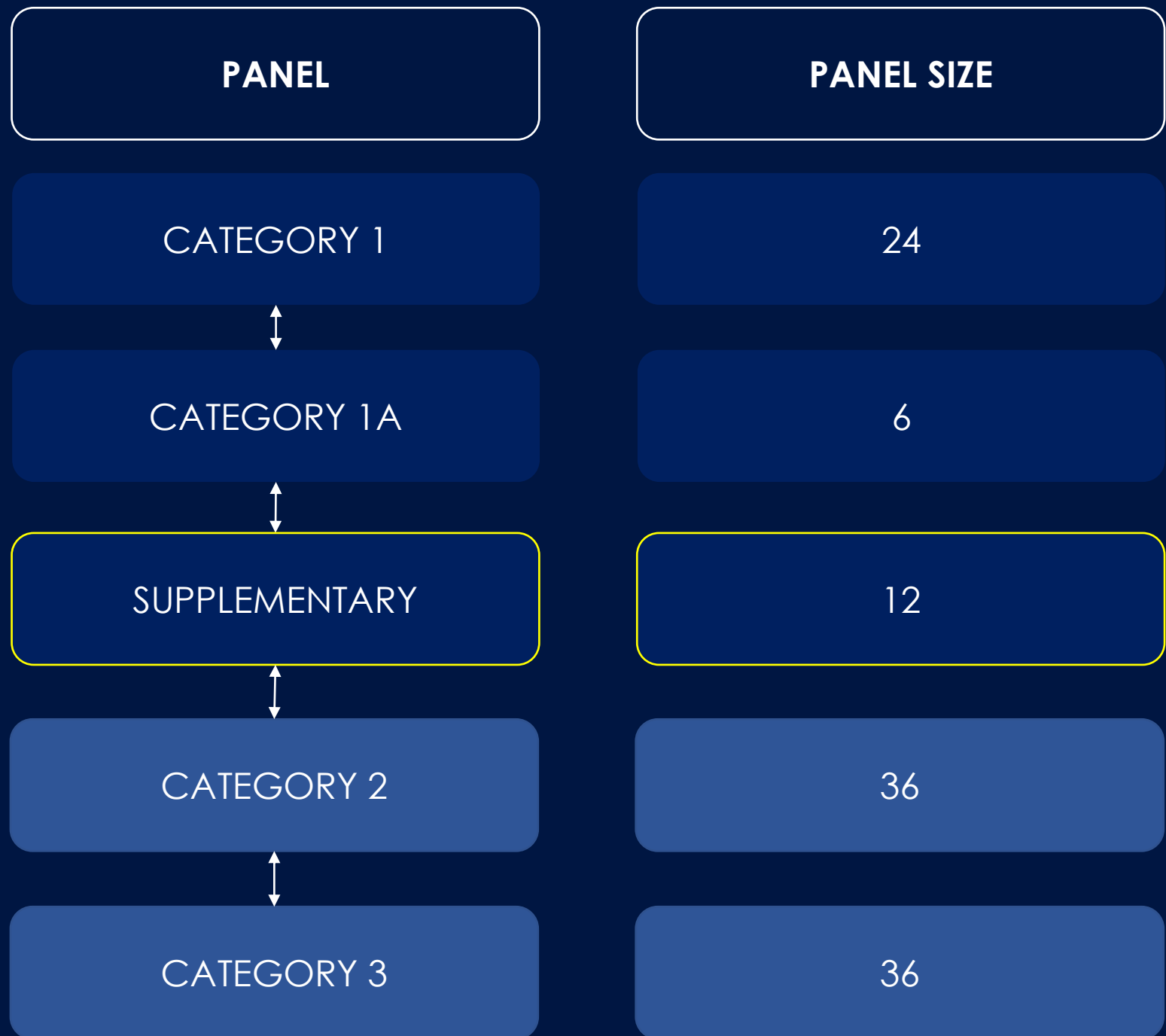
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REFEREES

PROGRAM	ADVANCED			STATE LEAGUE		ACADEMY		COMMUNITY (Seniors, Juniors, 2nd Year Referees, New Referees)
CATEGORY	1	1A	SUPP	2	3	DEVELOPING	EMERGING	
QUALIFICATION	LEVEL 1		LEVEL 1 THEORY	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 2 THEORY	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
FITNESS TEST	YES			YES		YES		NO
INTERVAL TEST (75M / 25M)	15s / 20s x 40 reps	17s / 22s x 40 reps	15s / 20s x 40 reps	17s / 22s x 40 reps	17s / 22s x 28 reps	DYNAMIC YOYO 17.5		N/A
RSA (6 X 40M)	< 6.10s	< 6.50s	< 6.10s	< 6.50s	N/A	< 6.20s	N/A	N/A
PRACTICAL TRAINING SESSIONS	2 PER MONTH			1 PER MONTH		RECOMMENDED		OPTIONAL
GAMES AS A MENTOR / COACH	6			3	1	N/A		N/A

REFEREE PANELS

INCLUDING ALM, ALW, NST & FARA



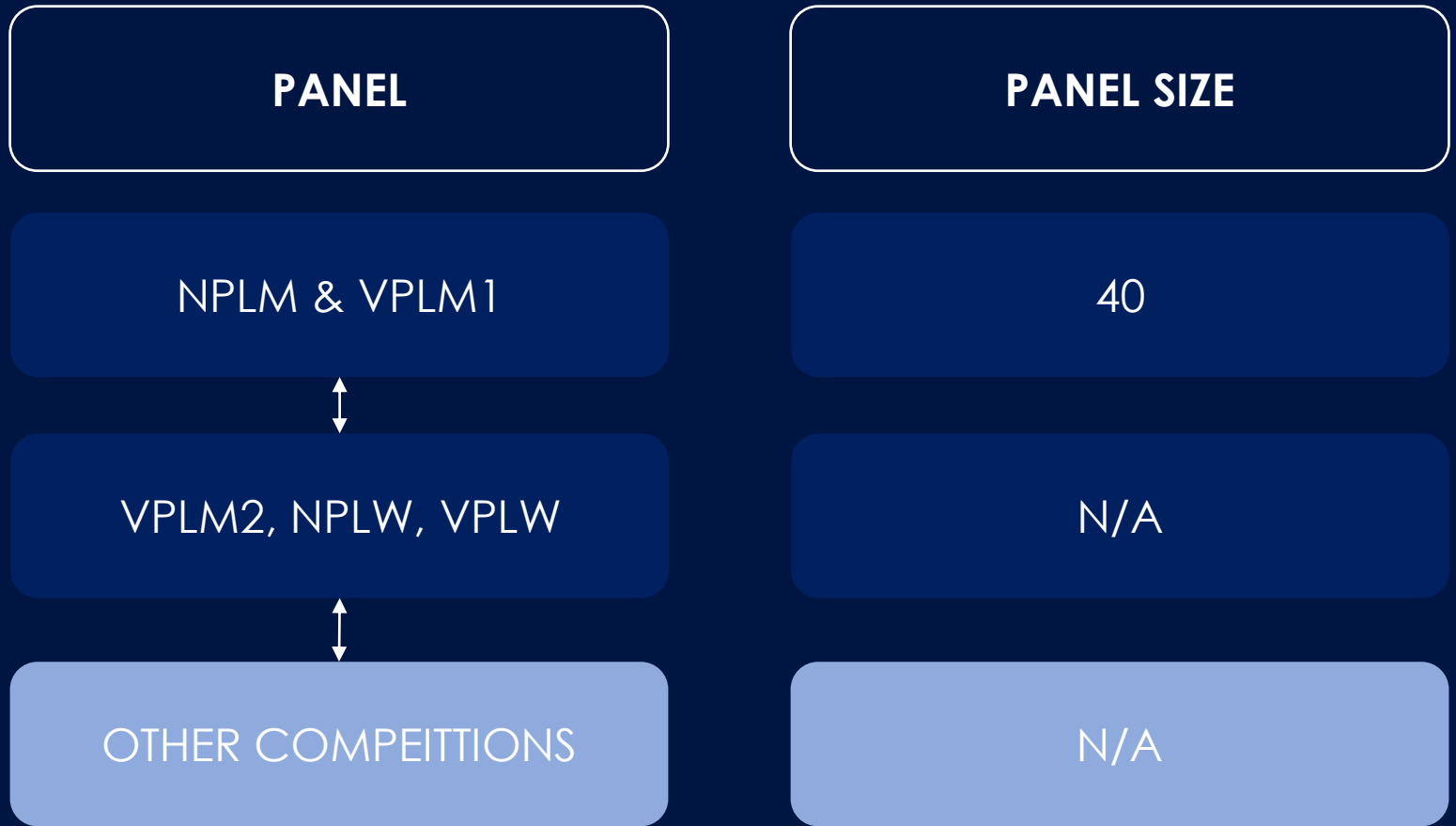
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ASSISTANT REFEREES

PROGRAM	ADVANCED		OTHER PROGRAMS	
COMPETITION	NPLM	VPLM1	VPLM2, NPLW, VPLW	MSL, WSL, RESERVES, JBNPL, JGNPL, COMMUNITY
QUALIFICATION	LEVEL 2		LEVEL 2 THEORY	LEVEL 4
FITNESS TEST	YES		N/A	N/A
INTERVAL TEST (75M / 25M)	15s / 22s x 40 reps		N/A	N/A
RSA (5 X 30M)	< 4.80s		N/A	N/A
PRACTICAL TRAINING SESSIONS	2 PER MONTH		RECOMMENDED	OPTIONAL
GAMES AS A MENTOR / COACH	6		N/A	N/A

ASSISTANT REFEREES PANELS

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GLOSSARY

PROGRAM

This is identified as the match official development program group.

CATEGORY

This is aligned to the competitions you have been selected to officiate in 2025. This selection is made solely by the FV Referee Department.

QUALIFICATION

This is defined as the level of qualification required to officiate in the abovementioned categories. The qualification pre-requisite is in accordance with Football Australia's guidelines.

FITNESS TEST

This indicates whether a fitness test is required.

PRACTICAL TRAINING SESSIONS

This is related to the practical training session conducted at the training centres. The number indicated is the number of practical training sessions you are expected to complete throughout the season.

GAMES AS A MENTOR/COACH

Mentoring/Coaching is a form of development whereby an experience person supports a learner in their personal development. The number indicated is the number of games you expected to complete throughout the season.

RECOMMENDED

Our advice and/or suggestion in order to further development your skills.

OPTIONAL

Available to be chosen but no obligated to complete.



COMPLIANCE & PANEL REQUIREMENTS

All match officials are required to meet the established pre-requisites to ensure the ongoing quality, integrity and professionalism of our refereeing community. These pre-requisites are designed to uphold the department's principles and maintain consistent standards across all levels of officiating.

Please note, the panel sizes indicated represent the maximum number of officials selected for each category.

Support for New Referees

The development and retention of new referees are fundamental to the growth of our community.

FV is committed to providing a supportive environment that promotes learning, confidence and continuous improvement.

Through structured mentorship and guidance, new referees will be equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed and contribute positively to the refereeing group.



RETENTION & COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT

In alignment with FV's commitment to development, match officials who do not meet the required pre-requisites will be offered additional support and opportunities to achieve compliance. This may include access to mentoring, education sessions, and individual development plans.

However, match officials who fail to meet the specified requirements for **two consecutive years** may be subject to removal from their appointed panel to preserve the integrity and progression of the overall group.

FV reserves the right to review, amend, or enforce compliance requirements at its discretion to ensure the highest standards of officiating are maintained.

Acknowledgement

FV acknowledges and appreciates the ongoing dedication and professionalism of all match officials. Through collective commitment, collaboration, and accountability, we can continue to deliver a high-quality officiating service that supports the success and integrity of Victorian football.

