



**FOOTBALL
VICTORIA**

**2026 FV COMMUNITY
FINALS & PLAYOFFS**

PARTICIPATING TEAM GUIDE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

As the 2026 season draws to a close, teams across all eligible Community Football Competitions will gear up for the excitement of Finals! The Finals Series is a celebration of the season's achievements and a chance for teams to compete for championship glory, promotion, or simply to finish the year on a high.

Finals formats may vary depending on the competition structure. Most leagues will conclude with either a Finals Series and/or Promotion Playoffs. League Premiers may also be invited to compete against top teams from other zones in a Finals Series.

METROPOLITAN FINALS & PLAYOFF DATES

STATE LEAGUE MEN'S

Grade & Age	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2
State League Men's 1	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	N/A
State League Men's 2	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	N/A
State League Men's 3	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	N/A
State League Men's 4	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	N/A
State League Men's 5	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	N/A
State League Men's 6	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	N/A
State League Men's 7	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	N/A
Grade & Age	Last Round Date	Play-Off Weekend 1	Play-Off Weekend 2
State League Men's 1	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	N/A
State League Men's 2	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	N/A
State League Men's 3	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	N/A
State League Men's 4	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	N/A

STATE LEAGUE WOMEN'S

Grade & Age	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2
State League Women's 1	06/09/2026	20/09/2026	N/A
State League Women's 2	06/09/2026	20/09/2026	N/A
State League Women's 3	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
State League Women's 4	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
State League Women's 5	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
State League Women's 6	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
State League Women's 7	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
State League Women's 8	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A

METROPOLITAN LEAGUES & UNDER 21'S

Grade & Age	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2
Men's Metropolitan Under 21	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Metropolitan League 1	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2025
Metropolitan League 2	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Metropolitan League 3	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Metropolitan League 4	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Metropolitan League 5	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Metropolitan League 6	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Metropolitan League 7	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Metropolitan League 8	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Metropolitan League 9	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Women's Metropolitan League	06/09/2026	N/A	N/A

JUNIOR GIRLS LEAGUES

Grade & Age	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2
CPL Girls U13	13/09/2026	20/09/2026	N/A
CPL Girls U15	13/09/2026	20/09/2026	N/A
CPL Girls U17	13/09/2026	20/09/2026	N/A
Girls U12 Juniors - A	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Girls U12 Juniors - B	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls U12 Juniors - C	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls U12 Juniors - D	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls U13 Juniors - A	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Girls U13 Juniors - B	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Girls U13 Juniors - C	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls U13 Juniors - D	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls U14 Juniors - A	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Girls U14 Juniors - B	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls U14 Juniors - C	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Girls U15 Juniors - A	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Girls U15 Juniors - B	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls U15 Juniors - C	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Girls U16 Juniors - B	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls U16 Juniors - C	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Girls U17/18 Juniors - B	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Girls U17/18 Juniors - C	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A

JUNIOR BOYS LEAGUES

Grade & Age	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2
Boys U17 Juniors - B	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Boys U17 Juniors - C	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Boys U17 Juniors - D	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A
Boys U18 Juniors - A	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Boys U18 Juniors - B	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026

JUNIOR MIXED LEAGUES

Grade & Age	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2
Mixed Saturday U12 Juniors - A	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	N/A
Mixed Saturday U12 Juniors - B	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	19/09/2026
Mixed Saturday U12 Juniors - C	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	19/09/2026
Mixed Saturday U12 Juniors - D	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	19/09/2026
Mixed Saturday U13 Juniors - C	05/09/2026	12/09/2026	N/A
Mixed Sunday U12 Juniors - A	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Sunday U12 Juniors - B	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Sunday U12 Juniors - C	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Sunday U12 Juniors - D	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Sunday U13 Juniors - A	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Sunday U13 Juniors - B	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Sunday U13 Juniors - C	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Sunday U13 Juniors - D	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed U14 Juniors - A	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed U14 Juniors - B	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed U14 Juniors - C	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed U14 Juniors - D	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed U15 Juniors - A	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed U15 Juniors - B	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed U15 Juniors - C	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed U15 Juniors - D	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed U16 Juniors - A	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed U16 Juniors - B	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed U16 Juniors - C	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed U16 Juniors - D	06/09/2026	13/09/2026	N/A

REGIONAL FINALS & CUP DATES

FV GEELONG

League	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2
Boys' Under 17	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls' Under 13A	5/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls' Under 13B	5/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls' Under 13C	5/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls' Under 15/16A	5/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls' Under 15/16B	5/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 13A	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 13B Red	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 13B Blue	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 13C Red	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 13C Blue	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 13D	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 15A	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 15B	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 15C	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Men's League 1	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Men's League 2	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Men's League 3	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Women's League 1	5/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Women's League 2	5/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Women's League 3	5/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026

FV GIPPSLAND

League	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2
Girls' Under 12	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls' Under 15	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 12A	5/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 12B	5/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 14	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 17	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Men's League 1	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Men's League 2	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Women's League	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026

FV GREATER BALLARAT

League	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2	Finals Weekend 3
Girls' Under 13	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls' Under 15	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 12A	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 12B	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 14A	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 14B	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 16	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Men's League 1	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Men's League 2	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Men's League 3	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Women's League	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026

FV GREATER BENDIGO

League	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2	Finals Weekend 3
Girls' Under 12A	29/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls' Under 12B	29/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls' Under 14	29/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Girls' Under 16	29/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 12A	29/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 12B	29/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 12C	29/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 12D	29/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 14A	29/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 14B	29/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 14C	29/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 16A	29/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Mixed Under 16B	29/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Men's League 1	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Men's Reserves League	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Men's League 2	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026	N/A
Senior Women's League 1	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Senior Women's League 2	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Youth League	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026

FV LATROBE VALLEY

League	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2	Finals Weekend 3
Girls' Under 13	16/08/2026	CUR	30/08/2026	6/09/2026
Girls' Under 15/16	16/08/2026	CUR	30/08/2026	6/09/2026
Mixed Under 13A	16/08/2026	23/08/2026	30/08/2026	6/09/2026
Mixed Under 13B	16/08/2026	23/08/2026	30/08/2026	6/09/2026
Mixed Under 15A	16/08/2026	CUR	30/08/2026	6/09/2026
Mixed Under 15B	16/08/2026	CUR	30/08/2026	6/09/2026
Mixed Under 17	16/08/2026	CUR	30/08/2026	6/09/2026

Cup Competition	Round 1	Quarter Final	Semi Final	Grand Final
Nan Bosma Cup	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Browne-Huizer Cup	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Yallourn Shopwell Trophy	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026
Battle of Britain Cup	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026

FV SHEPPARTON

League	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2
Girls' Under 12	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Girls' Under 15/16	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Mixed Under 12A	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Mixed Under 12B	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Mixed Under 14	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Mixed Under 16	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026

FV SOUTH-WEST

League	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2
Girls' Under 13	16/08/2026	30/08/2026	6/09/2026
Mixed Under 12	16/08/2026	30/08/2026	6/09/2026
Mixed Under 14	16/08/2026	30/08/2026	6/09/2026
Mixed Under 17	16/08/2026	30/08/2026	6/09/2026
Senior Men's Division	16/08/2026	30/08/2026	6/09/2026
Senior Women's Division	16/08/2026	30/08/2026	6/09/2026

FV SUNRAYSIA

Grade & Age	Last Round Date	Finals Weekend 1	Finals Weekend 2
Girls' Under 13	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Girls' Under 16	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Men's Masters Over 35's League	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Men's Reserves League	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Mixed Under 12A	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Mixed Under 12B	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Mixed Under 14	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Mixed Under 16	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Senior Men's League	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026
Senior Women's League	30/08/2026	6/09/2026	13/09/2026

All specific fixture information and teams will be updated upon completion of the Regular Season.

Mid-week fixtures will be included if matches are postponed or abandoned and need to be rescheduled for the Finals or Promotion/Relegation Playoffs to proceed. FV reserves the right to alter any fixture as required and all changes will be communicated to Clubs as soon as possible.

RULES OF COMPETITION

All matches of the 2026 Community Finals Series & Playoffs will be conducted under the [2026 Metropolitan Rules of Competition](#) & the [2026 Regional Rules of Competition](#) except where varied within this document.

FINALS FORMATS

Guides regarding specific finals formats are available via the links below:

- [Senior Competitions](#)
- [Junior Competitions](#)
- [Regional Competitions](#)

HOST VENUES

Venues for the 2026 FV Finals & Playoffs have been selected based on their ability to accommodate specific finals formats and cater for teams, referees and supporters. Host venues will be responsible for but not limited to:

- Pitch line marking, corner flags, goal nets, stretchers, first aid kits and match standard lighting (if applicable);
- Three (3) match balls per fixture;
- Clean, accessible and secure change rooms and toilets for teams, match officials; and patrons;
- A designated area for FV staff;
- Canteen facilities for participants and patrons.

MATCH OFFICIALS & FEES

In the event FV cannot appoint Match Officials/Assistant Referees or they do not attend their allocated finals fixtures, participating teams must refer to rule 5.3 of the [2026 Rules of Competition](#).

Match Official fees will be split between the competing teams of each fixture. Clubs will be invoiced for these fees (Appendix 1) via the Club Finance System for all Junior and Metropolitan Men's Finals.

State League Men's & Women's Finals & Playoff as well as all Regional Grand Finals Fees will be covered by FV.

GROUND MARSHALS

Each team must provide ground marshals for each fixture as per 3.4 of the [2026 Rules of Competition](#) (Appendix 2). The host Club is not expected to provide ground marshals for any fixture.

SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

Clubs with teams participating in Finals/Playoffs are responsible for the behaviour of all spectators associated with their Club as directed in Schedule 8 of the [2026 Rules of Competition](#). The host Club may remind individuals of the relevant Codes of Behaviour but is ultimately not responsible for spectator behaviour.

CLASH STRIP/ALTERNATIVE STRIP

Teams listed second in a fixture will be the designated 'Away Team' and are responsible for providing an alternate strip in the event of a strip clash. If no alternate strip is provided within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick off time, the designated 'away' team will forfeit the fixture.

All Teams must bring both Home & Clash Strips to respective fixtures to ensure games can take place without delay.

Table 3.5 – Clashes and Permissions

	SLM	SLW	Juniors	Metro & Masters	Regional Competitions
PLAYING SHIRT	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted
SHORTS	Clash Permitted	Clash Permitted	Clash Permitted	Clash Permitted	Clash Permitted
SOCKS	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted	Clash Permitted	Clash Permitted	Clash Permitted

Please note that bibs are only permitted to be worn where a clash occurs in Under 12 and Under 13 Competition fixtures only.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

All suspensions from the regular 2026 home and away season will carry over.

Players that receive a Red Card during the FV 2026 Finals or Playoffs fixtures will automatically miss the next FV Competition Fixture and may be subject to any further sanction in accordance with the GDR.

Matches are to proceed as scheduled, even if there are concerns about the eligibility of a player/s on the basis, of suspension or their qualification for the FV 2026 Finals for that team.

Any concerns about player eligibility should be raised immediately after the conclusion of the match with the FV staff member present at the venue and via the FV Competitions Weekend lines (Community: 0400 028 335 & Regional: 0422 527 354). Reports will be investigated, and any team found by FV to have played an ineligible player will forfeit the Finals match/es in which the ineligible player participated.

If a Club is uncertain about the eligibility of one or more of their players for Finals please contact FV Competitions as soon as possible on 9474 1800, press 2 or the respective FV Weekend lines listed above.

EXTRA TIME

Extra time will apply as below if scores are tied at the end of Normal Time of an Elimination or Playoff fixture.

AGE GROUP	DURATION OF MATCHES – NORMAL TIME	APPLICABLE EXTRA TIME
Under 12	2 x 30 min halves (= 60 mins)	2 x 5 min halves
Under 13	2 x 30 min halves (= 60 mins)	2 x 5 min halves
Under 14	2 x 30 min halves (= 60 mins)	2 x 5 min halves
Under 15	2 x 35 min halves (= 70 mins)	2 x 10 min halves
Under 16	2 x 40 min halves (= 80 mins)	2 x 10 min halves
Girls' Under 15/16	2 x 35 min halves (= 70 mins)	2 x 10 min halves
Under 17	2 x 40 min halves (= 80 mins)	2 x 10 min halves
Girls' Under 17/18	2 x 45 min halves (= 90 mins)	2 x 15 min halves
Boys' Under 18	2 x 45 min halves (= 90 mins)	2 x 15 min halves
Seniors	2 x 45 min halves (= 90 mins)	2 x 15 min halves

PENALTIES

If, at the conclusion of an Elimination Finals fixture, the scores between the Teams are tied, extra time of two equal periods will be used to decide the winner. Should the scores be level at the end of extra time penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game to determine the winner of the Final.

COMPETITION SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

The following outlines competition specific regulations which apply in conjunction to the Rules stated above, however are unique to specific competition Finals and/or Playoffs.

Information regarding the Finals & Playoffs formats for respective competitions can be found in the relevant [2026 Metropolitan Rules of Competition](#) & the [2026 Regional Rules of Competition](#).

COMPETITION	REGULATION
METROPOLITAN (2026 Metropolitan Rules of Competition)	
State League Men's Finals and Playoffs	14. SLM Finals Series (p.53-54)
State League Women's Finals	19. SLW Finals Series (p.69-70)
Men's Metropolitan & Under 21 Leagues	27. Finals Series (p.101-104)
Juniors	22. Junior Finals Series (p.86-87)
REGIONAL (2026 Regional Rules of Competition)	
FV Geelong	11. Geelong Region Finals Series (p. 42-43)
FV Latrobe Valley	22. Latrobe Valley Cup Competitions (p.70-72)
FV South-West	35. South-West Finals Series (p. 98-99)
FV Greater Bendigo	46. Greater Bendigo Finals Series (p. 123-124)
FV Greater Ballarat	58. Greater Ballarat Finals Series (p.150-152)
FV Gippsland	69. Gippsland Finals Series (p. 171-173)
FV Shepparton	80. Shepparton Finals Series (p.195-197)
FV Sunraysia	85. Sunraysia Finals Series (p.208-210)

JUNIORS

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Each player must have Played at least four (4) Competition Fixtures for that Team during the current Regular Season to qualify for a Junior Finals series in the same year for that Team.
- Player ID Cards are required at all 2026 Junior Finals fixtures. All players listed on the match sheet must have a valid Player ID Card uploaded to PlayFootball/Dribl.
- A player that receives a Red Card during the Junior Final Series will automatically miss the next Competition Fixture (whether or not that fixture is a Final) and may be subject to further sanction in accordance with the GDR.
- If a Club has two (2) teams in "A" competitions, then Players are team-tied from the sixth (6th) round FV Competition Fixture and will remain team-tied for the Finals Series.
 - Players playing up in age group will be exempt from the above Regulation in accordance with Regulation 20.1.9 from the [2026 Metropolitan Rules of Competition](#).

MATCH OFFICIAL FEES

Each Club/Team will be required to pay 50% of the Match Official fee for each Final in which the Club/Team participates.

STATE LEAGUE MEN'S & WOMEN'S FINALS/PLAYOFFS

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Each player must have Played at least five (5) Regular Season Competition Fixtures for that Team to qualify to play Finals & Playoffs in 2026 for that Team.

Competition Fixtures Played by a player in either the reserve or senior Teams for a Club count towards the player eligibility requirements.

MATCH OFFICIAL FEES

FV will cover all Match Official Match Fees for State League Men's and Women's Finals & Playoffs.

DISCIPLINE – SLM/SLW FINALS

Yellow cards accumulated by a Player during the Regular Season will not be counted for the purposes of clause 4.6 of the [2026 GDR](#). However, if a Player receives their 5th yellow card in their Club's final Regular Season FV Competition Fixture they shall be suspended for the relevant 2026 Finals Series and/or Playoff fixture.

If a Player or Team Official receives a Red Card in the 2026 FV Finals Series or Playoff, their Club will be notified of the Player's suspension in writing on Monday immediately following the FV Competition Fixture in which the Red Card was received.

MEN'S METROPOLITAN, UNDER 21'S & MASTERS

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Each player must have played at least five (5) Competition Fixtures for that particular Team during the current Regular Season to qualify for a Metropolitan or Under 21's Finals series in the same year for that Team.

Yellow cards accumulated by a player during the Finals Series will not be counted for the purposes of clause 4. 4.a of the GDR. However, if a player receives their 5th yellow card in their Team's final Regular Season Competition Fixture they shall be suspended for the first applicable Final of the 2026 Finals Series.

If a Club is uncertain about the eligibility of one or more of their players for the FV 2026 Finals please contact the FV Competitions team as soon as possible on 9474 1800 and press 2, or 0400 028 335 (FV Community Competitions Weekend Line).

REGIONAL

FV GEELONG PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Each player must have Played at least four (4) Regular Season Competition Fixtures for that Team to qualify to play Finals for that Team.
- For Under 12 – 18 Mixed, Boys & Girls Finals Series, if a Club has two (2) Teams in a particular age group within the same League, the Clubs are required to adhere to the submitted team lists from Round 6 of the Regular Season, for those players to be eligible for that team during the Final Series.
- Once a Player has played at a higher Division(s) excluding State League Men's (Seniors or Reserves) for ten (10) Competitions Fixtures or more, they will be considered ineligible for any Geelong Senior Men's League matches in a lower category (e.g. Senior Men's League 2) for his Club for the remainder of the Regular Season (including Finals). Players under the age of 18 as of 1 January 2026 are exempt from regulation 12.2.6.

FV GIPPSLAND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Each player must have Played at least four (4) Regular Season Competition Fixtures for that Team to qualify to play Finals for that Team.
- Once a Player has Played seven (7) Gippsland Senior Men's League 1 Competition Fixtures, they will be deemed ineligible to compete in Gippsland Senior Men's League 2 Finals Fixtures, irrespective if they have Played in four (4) or more Gippsland Senior Men's League 2 Competition Fixtures. Players under the age of 18 as of 1 January 2026 are exempt from regulation 68.4.1.a.
- Players who are eligible to participate in multiple Teams for their Club during the Finals Series, the following will apply:
 - o a. If a Player is eligible to Play in their Clubs higher division Team within the same age group (i.e. Senior Men's League 2 to Senior Men's League 1 or Mixed Under 12B to Mixed Under 12A), once the Player plays a Finals Fixture for the higher division Team, or they will be ineligible to return to the lower division Team.

FV GREATER BALLARAT PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Each player must have Played at least six (6) Regular Season Competition Fixtures for that Team to qualify to play Finals for that Team.
- Once a Player has played at a higher Greater Ballarat Senior Men's League Division(s) for ten (10) Competition Fixtures, they will be considered ineligible for any Greater Ballarat Senior Men's League matches in a lower division (i.e., Senior Men's League 2) for the remainder of the Regular Season (including Finals). Players under the age of 18 as of 1 January 2026 are exempt from regulation 58.2.4.

FV GREATER BENDIGO PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Each player must have Played at least four (4) Regular Season Competition Fixtures for that Team to qualify to play Finals for that Team.
- Players who play for multiple Senior Teams for the same Club across multiple Senior Leagues, the following will apply:
 - o If a Player is eligible to Play in their Clubs higher division Cup Fixture (i.e., Men's Reserves League to Men's Senior League) and Plays in a fixture in which that Team loses, the Player will be deemed Team Tied and ineligible to return to the Clubs next lower division Final Series Fixture.
- For all Junior Competitions, a player who has played at a higher division in a particular age group (e.g. 12As) for five (5) Competition Fixtures or more, cannot drop to a lower category (e.g. 12Bs) within the same age group for his or her Club for the remainder of the Regulation Season (including Finals Competition Fixtures). This Regulation does not, however, prevent a player who is playing 'up' an age group returning to his or her rightful age group in accordance with Regulation 52.2.5.

FV LATROBE VALLEY PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- For Senior Cup Competitions, each player must have Played at least four (4) Regular Season Competition Fixtures for that Team to qualify for that Cup Competition for that Team.
- Players who play for multiple Senior Teams for the same Club across multiple Senior Leagues, the following will apply:
 - o If a Player is eligible to Play in their Clubs higher division Cup Fixture (i.e., Men's Reserves League to Men's Senior League) and Plays in a fixture in which that Team loses, the Player will be deemed Cup Tied and ineligible to return the the Clubs next lower division Cup Competition.

- For Junior Finals Competitions, each player must have Played at least four (4) Regular Season Competition Fixtures for that Team to qualify for Finals for that Team.
- For Under 12 – 18 Mixed, Boys & Girls particular age group within the same Finals Series, if a Club has two (2) Teams in a League, the Clubs are required to adhere to the submitted team lists from Round 6 of the Regular Season, for those players to be eligible for that team during the Final Series.

FV SHEPPARTON PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Each player must have Played at least four (4) Regular Season Competition Fixtures for that Team to qualify to play Finals for that Team.
- Players who are eligible to participate in multiple Teams for their Club during the Finals Series, the following will apply:
 - o If a Player is eligible to Play in their Clubs higher division Team within the same age group (i.e., Mixed Under 12B to Mixed Under 12A), once the Player plays a Finals Fixture for the higher division Team, they will be ineligible to return to the lower division Team.

FV SOUTH-WEST PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Each player must have Played at least four (4) Regular Season Competition Fixtures for that Team to qualify to play Finals for that Team.

FV SUNRAYSIA PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Each player must have Played at least four (4) Regular Season Competition Fixtures for that Team to qualify to play Finals for that Team.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 – 2026 REFEREES FEE SCHEDULE

COMPETITION	REFEREE	ASSISTANT REFEREE
State League Men's 1 & 2	\$190	\$100
State League Men's 3	\$175	\$90
State League Men's 4 & 5	\$155	\$85
State League Men's 6 & 7	\$150	\$80
State League Women's 1	\$175	\$95
State League Women's 2	\$160	\$90
State League Women's 3 – 8	\$150	\$80
Men's Metropolitan Leagues	\$110	\$65

(METRO & REGIONAL) JUNIOR AGE GROUP	REFEREES	ASSISTANT REFEREE
U17 & 18	\$80	\$45
U16	\$65	\$40
U14 & U15	\$60	\$35
U12 & U13	\$50	\$35

GEELONG & LATROBE VALLEY	REFEREES	ASSISTANT REFEREE
Senior Men	\$150	\$80
Senior Women	\$150	\$80
Other Mens	\$110	\$65
Other Womens	\$110	\$65

BALLARAT, BENDIGO, GIPPSLAND, SOUTH-WEST & SUNRAYSIA	REFEREES	ASSISTANT REFEREE
Senior Men	\$120	\$60
Senior Women	\$120	\$60
Other Mens	\$100	\$55
Other Womens	\$100	\$55

APPENDIX 2 – GROUND MARSHALS

COMPETITION	MINIMUM NUMBER OF CLUB MARSHALS
SLM 1 - 3	4 (2 per team)
SLM 4 -7	2 (1 per team)
State League Women's 1 - 8	2 (1 per team)
Men's Metropolitan Leagues & Under 21's	2 (1 per team)
Junior Competitions	2 (1 per team)
All FV Regional Competitions	2 (1 per team)

*FV may instruct participating clubs to have extra Club Marshalls

3.4.1. Each Club must provide the number of marshals (Ground Marshals) directed by FV.

3.4.2. Ground Marshals must:

- a. Be at least 18 years old and provide the Match Official with their name;
- b. Be in a clearly identifiable uniform;
- c. Be visible from the field of play at all times;
- d. Escort the Match official(s) to and from the change rooms and the Field of Play at the commencement of the fixture, at half time and at full time; and
- e. Where required, assist the Match Officials(s) to ensure a safe playing environment for all Players, Club Officials and spectators.

3.4.3. Match Officials must not leave their dressing rooms to enter the Field of Play or return to their rooms from the Field of Play until the identifiable Ground Marshals are present.

3.4.4. FV may vary the minimum Ground Marshal requirements for any FV Competition Fixture at any time.

3.4.5. Each home and away Club is required to provide 50% of the required Ground Marshals for each FV Competition Fixture, failure to do so resulting in the Club being subject to a penalty under the GDR.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO PROVIDES MATCH BALLS FOR EACH FIXTURE?

Clubs of host venues will provide all match balls which must be provided by FV's official and exclusive match ball partner Mitre.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMING FV OF THE RESULT IN THE MATCH?

Appointed Referees are responsible for entering the match results online immediately after the conclusion of a match via Dribl.

WHAT DO COMPETING TEAMS RECEIVE?

- Senior Teams who win their respective Grand Final will be awarded a championship pennant, medals and trophy.
- Senior Teams who are Runners Up in their respective Grand Final will be awarded a Finals Runner Up pennant & medals.
- Junior Teams who win their respective Grand Final will be awarded a championship pennant and medals.
- Junior Teams who are Runners Up in their respective Grand Final will be awarded a Finals Runner Up pennant & medals.

Where possible, awards will be presented by a FV representative on match day.

HOME OF THE MATILDAS REMINDER

Please be reminded that no dogs are permitted to enter the venue at Home of The Matildas.

HOME OF THE MATILDAS & LATROBE UNIVERSITY SPORTS FIELDS – VENUE MAP

To assist with identifying your fields at Home of The Matildas & Latrobe University Sports Fields please see below venue map.

Do be mindful of Car Parking across these two venues (additional car parking can be found across Kingsbury Road at Latrobe University).

