

Hi All

A very warm weekend for football, hopefully all went well. This week we have training with all field umpires having an extended skills/coaching session until 7pm.

The junior fixtures are being adjusted which will result in the **appointments not being released until Wednesday 5pm**, not midday. Again, just a reminder that Sunday is Mother's Day so if you are NOT available, your Schedules availability needs to be adjusted TONIGHT. Also, if something comes up and you become unavailable AFTER you have accepted your appointment, please contact your coach, ring or text, emails can be missed!

Week Commencing Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Weekend
3 May	MacKillop Academy for MacKillop students only 3.30-4.30pm	Training	Training-Skills <i>Field umpires will be involved in skills until 7pm</i>	Mother's Day SUNDAY
10 May	MacKillop Academy for MacKillop students only 3.30-4.30pm	Training	Training-Skills	

Please find below the link to the goal umpires coaching session, held Thursday 29 April.

<https://youtu.be/yrF3ulM5gRQ>

This weekend an extra player will be introduced to some senior teams, please read below.

For the first time senior teams will have the capacity to select and play a 23rd player (the pre-requisites are included in the attached. ... i.e. age / playing history – which I will cross check prior to the games). Maybe not all senior teams will have 5 on the bench and 23 on the team sheets.

This won't be every week. Just for a select few weeks throughout the year (see below):

<i>Division 1 & 2</i>	<i>Round 4 (1/5) Round 8 (29/5) Round 12 (3/7) Round 16 (7/8)</i>	<i>Division 3</i>	<i>Round 3 (1/5) Round 7 (29/5) Round 12 (3/7) Round 17 (7/8)</i>
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Plus to account for the Bye (missed opportunities) in Div. 3:

- Round 6 (22 May) – Sunshine Heights vs. North Sunshine*
- Round 10 (19 June) – Tarneit vs. Sunshine Heights*

It has been framed to clubs as a trial this season – to be reviewed post season.

See you on the track
Mark

23rd Player by-law extract

4.1.2.4 Notwithstanding by-law 3.28, any affiliated club may elect to play a “23rd player” in its Senior Men’s team subject to the following provisions:

- The nominated 23rd player must NOT have reached the age of nineteen (19) years before the first day of January immediately prior to the start of the current season.
- Prior to the commencement of each season, the League shall nominate four (4) specific home & away rounds where clubs are able to field a 23rd player. These shall be the only opportunities for selection of a 23rd player.
- No player can be nominated as the 23rd player in more than one (1) game per season. - The 23rd player must be listed and clearly identified as such on the team sheet.
- If any player has played three (3) or more career games in any Senior grade team(s), he will be ineligible to qualify as the 23rd player in any further games in the current or future seasons.
- A player’s points allocation under the AFL Victoria Community Club Sustainability Program (Appendix G) shall not count towards his team’s points total when that player is playing as a 23rd player under this by-law.
- Clubs must inform the League no later than 11:00am on the Friday prior to each nominated round, the name of their selected 23rd player. Late advice shall result in the selected player being ineligible to play as a 23rd player in that round. The League will circulate to all clubs on the Friday afternoon a list of all 23rd players nominated by clubs for the forthcoming round. That list will also be placed on the WRFL website.

Full WRFL by-laws - <https://www.wrfl.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/210407-By-Laws-master.pdf>