

FOOTBALL



ICSC FOOTBALL RULES

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Australian Football will be conducted according to the rules of the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA), with specific ICSC exceptions listed below.

EVENT FORMAT

Football is contested as a gender-specific Round-Robin Tournament with Preliminary and Finals matches. The previous year's top four placed teams will be seeded accordingly, while the remaining teams will be seeded according to the current year's Random Draw.

Finals are knockout and shall consist of Quarter Finals, Semi-finals and a Grand Final, with a 3rd/4th play-off.

TEAM SIZE & ELIGIBILITY

Men's and Women's competitions: Each team may only play 24 players in any given game - 18 on the field for men, 16 on the field for women.

Per ICSC rules, each college is permitted to play five non-resident students (20%) in any given match.

MATCH DURATION

Men's preliminary matches will consist of four 20 minutes quarters with no time-on, Women's preliminary matches will consist of 17 minute quarters with no time-on. Finals matches will consist of four 20-minute and four 17-minute quarters respectively, with time-on being played in the last half only. The umpire may, at their discretion, call time-on in any quarter of any game due to major interruptions in play.

A break of five minutes will be allocated between the 1st and 2nd quarters and the 3rd and 4th quarters. Ten minutes shall be allocated for half time.

In the event of a drawn finals' game, two 5 minutes halves shall be played to determine the winner. Should scores still be level after this extra time, a 'golden goal' period shall follow where the team to kick the first goal will be declared the winner.

FORFEITS

A forfeit shall be declared if a team does not have 15 players to commence the game within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time (a goal will be awarded to the non-offending team for every 2 minutes delay of game).

The team forfeited against will receive the four competition points and a scoreline of 60:0 for all competitions will be recorded.

The offending team will receive no points and will be penalized according to the ICSC's relevant policy.

GAME OFFICIALS

A minimum of one VAFA, and/or other appropriately qualified field umpires will be provided for the Women's competition, with a minimum of two umpires provided for each match in the Men's competition.

Competing colleges must provide one boundary and one goal umpire for each preliminary match. An additional official must also be supplied to perform the time-keeper/scorer duties.

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

Competitors should wear their College sport uniform. Numbers must be present on all football jumpers and must be recorded on the Match Summary Sheet.

All football participants **must wear a mouthguard** to take the field. Any player not wearing a mouthguard will be asked to leave the field by the umpires.

Footballs and goal umpire flags will be provided by the convener for each match. A combination of new and used footballs will be used for matches. Footballs remain the property of the ICSC and must be returned to the convener immediately after each game.

Men's play with a size 5 football. Women's play with a size 4 football.

ICSC POLICIES

All ICSC Policies and Procedures must be adhered to by all participants. Designated Team Captains and College Sports Representatives are also expected to ensure their College participants are aware of all relevant policies and procedures and act accordingly. For more information, consult the ICSC Handbook.

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SPORT SPECIFIC RULES

PLAYER BEHAVIOUR - THE ORDER-OFF RULE

Field umpires shall have the power to report and send off players for unsportsmanlike behaviour. Players will be sent from the field for 15 minutes in which time they cannot be replaced by a substitute player.

Any player reported in a match (by the controlling umpire and/or the Competition Manager/Sport Host) shall appear before an independent tribunal consisting of the Sport Development Manager at Melbourne University Sport (or their nominee), the Chair of the Heads of College (or their nominee) and a member of the ICSC Executive. This tribunal is to be arranged by the Secretary of the ICSC as soon as practically possible after the incident and before the next scheduled game.

GOAL POST PADDING

Games are not to start under any circumstance unless goal post pads are in place on the posts and are deemed safe by the competition coordinator and umpires.

FIRST AID KITS

As per ICSC requirements, teams MUST bring their own first aid kits to all AFL games. They should be fully stocked and accessible in an emergency.

OUT-OF-BOUNDS RULE (WOMEN'S ONLY)

To encourage the flow of the game, balls deemed out-of-bounds will be awarded as a 'free kick' to the nonoffending team.

MATCH SUMMARY SHEET

The Match Summary sheet must be completed and returned to the competition convener by the designated team coach PRIOR to the team taking the field. Any failure to do so will result in standard forfeit rules applying until the task is complete.

The sheet must contain full names and playing numbers. It is recommended that a completed sheet be brought to the game to save time.

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