



Australian Football Rules

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General Information

Australian Football will be conducted according to the rules of the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) for the men's competition, and the Victorian Women's Football League (VWFL) for women, with specific ICSC exceptions listed below.

The Event

Australian Football is contested as a gender-specific Round-robin Tournament for both men and women (according to each year's ICSC Calendar of Events). The Men's Premier A competition (formally First XXII competition) shall be a contested between Newman, Ormond, Queen's, Trinity, St. Hilda's and University College for the A.L. Kenny Cup.

The Premier B Competition (formally Men's Second XXII) and The Premier A Reserve Competition (Premier A 'seconds' teams) have been merged in 2018 and the competition shall be contested between International House, Kendall Hall, St Mary's, University College, Trinity, Newman, St. Mary's, St. Hilda's, Queen's and Ormond.

The Men's Premier A - 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.

The Premier B has been seeded according to the current year's Random Draw.

The winners of each preliminary match shall be awarded four competition points. No points will be awarded for a loss and two points shall be awarded for a drawn preliminary match. Percentage (points for/points against x100) shall be used to determine ladder positions where two or more teams have the same amount of competition points.

Finals shall consist of Quarter Finals and Semi Finals (women's competitions only) and a Grand Final. Positions 3 – 5 for the men's First XXII competition will be decided by ladder position; Points will be allocated for 3rd and 4th pending ladder finishing position (Men Premier A), Playoff (Premier B) and split points (Women)

Team Size

Men: Each team may only play 22 players in any given game (18 on the field with four on the inter-change bench).

Premier B may have extended benches if agreed to by the competing teams prior to the game beginning.

Women: Each team may play up to 26 players in any given game (18 on the field with up to eight on the inter-change bench).

Match Duration

Premier A: preliminary matches will consist of four 20 minutes quarters with no time-on. The Grand-finial will consist of four 20-minute quarters with time-on being played in the last half only.

Premier B: preliminary matches will consist of two 20-minute halves with no time-on. The Semi-finals and Grand-finial will consist of two 20-minute halves with time-on being played in the last half only.

For all divisions, 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.

Women: preliminary matches and Quarter Finals will consist of two 15 minutes halves with no time-on. The Semi Finals and Grand Final will consist of two 15 minute halves with time-on being played in both halves for goals and extensive stoppages only.

The umpire may, at their discretion, call time-on in any half of any game due to major interruptions in play. Five minutes shall be allocated for half time.

All Games: In the event of a drawn finals' game (men's Firsts and Seconds and women's finals), 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. (Men's) or point (Women's)

Forfeit

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 score-line 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.

Eligibility

Colleges with teams playing multiple divisions shall only be permitted to select a player in one team in any one round or week.

Colleges with teams competing in finals in multiple divisions shall only be permitted to select a player in the Premier B Semi Final or Grand Final providing they have not played more than two games of Premier A football; or Where a College qualifies for both Premier A and Premier B Grand Finals.

Game officials

A minimum of one VAFA, and/or other appropriately qualified field umpires will be provided for Premier B, with a minimum of two umpires provided for each Premier A Match. One umpire will be provided for Women's.

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.

Player Behaviour – the Order-off Rule

Field umpires shall have the power to report and send off players for unsportsmanlike behavior. 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.

Mouthguard Safety

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.

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 Competition Only

To encourage the flow of the game, balls deemed out-of-bounds will be awarded as a ‘free kick’ to the non-offending 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.

Uniform

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

Equipment

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.

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 polices and procedures and act accordingly.

Document Change History

Issue No.	Issue Date	Author	Description of Change
01	2006	MU Sport	Original rules
02	June 2009	MU Sport	
03	3/12/2012	T. Lutwyche	Updated as per ICSC Rules Committee
04	23/7/2015	T. Lutwyche	Updated terminology for Premier A, B and A Reserve as well as added match summary sheet rule and goal post padding rule
05	20/7/16	T. Lutwyche	Mouthguards Compulsory
06	9/7/18	L. Payne	Updated the event, match duration and eligibility