



AFL Barwon Junior Finals

Important information for all umpires

Umpires are required to be at their appointed venue **one (1) hour prior to scheduled start times** and report to the GFUL Umpire Manger or Umpire Coach upon arrival.

Umpires uniform should be presented clean with no visible compression gear (skins) showing, neutral coloured compression gear can be worn providing the above requirement is met. Predominately white footwear is preferred.

Below are some key by-laws you should be familiar with prior to umpiring your final.

- There is no even up rule in place for finals.

1 Runners

Runners must be in a fluro vest stating "GJF Runner" on the back and black track suit pants or shorts as their uniform dress. **Nominated Team Coaches and/or Club Senior Coaches must not act as runners.**

There must be only 1 team runner allowed in AFL Barwon Junior Football.

Runners are permitted to make contact with two players only each time the runner enters the playing arena. Runners found to be coaching on the field will be sent from the field, repeat occurrences may result in the runner being sent from the ground for the remainder of the game.

Club runners are not to become involved in melees or handling of players. Hefty fines and suspensions will apply.

2 Trainers

The minimum competency an individual must hold to officiate as a sports trainer in a junior game is an Emergency Response Coordinator.

Trainers / Medical Staff must be in a white top and white, navy blue or black pants or shorts. The top must bear the Club name, the word "trainer" and a number (trainers to be numbered 1 – 5). There is a maximum of 2 trainers for all junior football.

They are not to become involved in melees or handling of players. Hefty fines and suspensions will apply.

Any suspended player cannot act as a trainer or runner. No person who is a registered player or an official of any club, other than their home club whether affiliated or not, nor who is under disqualification or suspension by their home club or League shall act as an official runner in any competition match, or any other match in which AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY affiliated club or league is participating. Any club, which infringes this rule, shall automatically forfeit the match, provided an Independent Tribunal sustains the charge.

An injured player cannot act as a trainer unless that player has a trainer's qualification.

Training staff should be accredited and clubs should ensure that the education and re-education of the training staff is continually updated.

3 Water Carriers

Water carriers must wear white tops with club identification that are numbered 6, 7 & 8 respectively. There is a maximum of 3 water carriers permitted for all junior football.

Water carriers must be over the age of 12 years of age for Under 10's, 12's, 14's, 16's and Youth Girls.

They must also only attend a maximum of three players at any one time on entering the field. Umpires have been instructed to send off any officials not correctly attired.



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4 Boundary Umpires

In Under 16 Division 1 and 2 for 2015, both clubs **must** provide a boundary umpire to officiate the games.

Where one team appoints a boundary umpire, the boundary umpire will run one side of the arena and the opposing team will throw the ball in on the other side. Club boundary umpires must be clearly marked on the team sheet.

In all other Under 16 divisions, forward line players of either side will throw the ball in. No spectators or team officials are permitted to throw the ball in.

In Under 14 divisions 1 & 2 only, forward line players of either side will throw the ball in. No spectators or team officials are permitted to throw the ball in.

In all other Under 14 division matches during the home and away season, when the ball has gone out of bounds, the central umpire will bring the ball in 10 metres and throw the ball up. When the ball is deemed out on the full, a free kick will be awarded to the opposition team.

In junior finals matches, boundary umpires will be supplied, however, the season practice specific for that division will take place.

All Under 16 divisions and Under 14 divisions 1 & 2 will have the ball thrown in, with the remainder of the Under 14 divisions bringing the ball in 10 metres and thrown up will continue.

5 Extra Time in Finals

1. There will be no drawn games in any finals. In the case of equal scores at the end of scheduled time, the teams will play two (2) five (5) minute periods. The match will recommence with the team kicking to the same end as they were in the last scheduled quarter, with an immediate change of ends at the conclusion of the first extra time period.

2. Coaches are permitted to address players at the conclusion of the fourth quarter. Players must be in position to recommence the game prior to the goal umpires returning to their position.

3. In the event of scores still being tied at the conclusion of these periods of extra time, play will recommence (without change of ends) and the team to score first will be the winner.

6 AFL Barwon Ground Manager

The AFL Barwon Ground Manager will be responsible for:

- All match day paperwork
- Match day footballs
- Liaison between club team managers and umpires for "all clear"
- Go to person for any spectator poor behavior issues.



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Be Proactive and approachable.

Umpires are to be proactive in whistling up teams at quarter breaks in a composed manner, we all need to be in position one (1) minute prior to each quarter start. Record any delays on the match report.

When meeting teams prior to the start of the game enforce our game plan of protecting players and doing the best you can, congratulate the coaches and players and wish them well.

What if I become ill, injured or an unforeseen circumstance has occurred?

If you are unable to fulfill your appointment for ANY reason you MUST urgently call:

Kevin McMaster 0417 552 410

Congratulations, good luck and most of all have fun

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AFL Barwon

Regional Director of Umpiring

