



Geelong FNL Finals 2023



Dates & Venues

Geelong West – West Oval

Saturday 2nd September - Qualifying Final: 2nd vs 3rd

Sunday 3rd September – Elimination Final: 4th vs 5th

Saturday 9th September – Second Semi Final: 1st vs Winner of (1)

Sunday 10^h September – First Semi Final: Loser of (1) vs Winner of (2)

Leopold - Memorial Park

Saturday 16th September - Preliminary Final: Loser of (3) v Winner of (4)

Saturday 23rd September – Grand Finals Winner of (3) v Winner of (5)

Team Officials

Team Officials consist of Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager and Primary Carer. You will also include a check scorer. Up to 5 officials may constitute the team officials.

Team officials MUST be named on the starting line-up form that must be submitted at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each match. Only the listed Team Officials are allowed on the bench with the five substitutions.

Scoring & Timekeeping

An independent scorer will be allocated to every final by AFL Barwon in addition to club scorers.

- a. Independent Scorer will be the official scorer – clubs will be asked to provide scorers for nominated games on the Monday of each week.
- b. **Participating Clubs will need to provide a check scorer/timer for each game.** The home team will provide the scoreboard operator, the away team will provide a timekeeper.
- c. **LIVE SCORES** will be available for all A Grade Finals.
- d. All clubs will be asked to nominate scorers to be allocated to the roster for independent scorers. The roster will be worked around clubs and teams playing.

Starting Line-Up & Team Substitution Information

The starting line-up and team changes information packs will be available to each team on the day and can be collected from the administration office.

Please ensure your team manager or coach fills out the starting line-up with substitutions and team officials and returns the form to the office **no later than 30 minutes before the match**.

The team substitution form also needs to be filled out for each substitution made during the match (including injury substitutions).

Game Times

GFNL Weeks 1 - 3		
Time	Crt 1	Crt 2
8:30am	13&U Div 1	13&U Div 2
9:35am	15&U Div 1	15&U Div 2
10:40am	17&U Div 1	D Grade
11:45am	C Grade	17&U Div 2
12:55pm	B Grade	19&U
2:00pm		E Grade
2:30pm	A Grade	

GFNL Grand Final		
Time	Crt 1	Crt 2
8:10am	13&U Div 1	13&U Div 2
9:25am	15&U Div 1	15&U Div 2
10:40am	17&U Div 1	D Grade
11:55am	C Grade	17&U Div 2
1:15pm	B Grade	19&U
2:15pm		E Grade
3:30pm	A Grade	

Online Team Selection

Selected teams for **ALL** junior and senior grades are to be **entered online by 10:00am each Friday morning.**

For Grand Final week, teams must be selected in PlayHQ by **COB Tuesday.**

Any changes to team lists on game day will need to be signed off by an AFL Barwon official.

Presentations

Presentations will be completed after each Grand Final game. Please ask your teams to move quickly to the presentation area after the game. Only the winning side in all age groups will receive medals.

Umpires

All umpires are supplied by AFL Barwon throughout the entire finals series.

Netballs

Netballs will be supplied by AFL Barwon for **all four weeks** of finals.

First Aid

Clubs will be responsible for their own first aid, taping, etc. during finals as per a normal match day. A first aid provider will be in attendance on Grand Final Day.

Ice will be available from the office.

Finals Qualification Rules

4.10 In The GFNL, 19/U players only, are allowed to play C Grade, D Grade & E Grade finals also as long as they are qualified 5.1.

4.11 Players who play 6 games in a lower senior grade automatically qualify for any senior grade higher. (Player must still adhere to all other applicable competitions that restrict player movement eg. 4.9)

5.1 Players must take the court in at least 6 games to be eligible to participate in that division's finals series. If the minimum number of games is not played, the player is ineligible to play finals.

5.2 Junior players qualified in Division 2 of their age group automatically qualify to play in Division 1 finals of that age group.

5.3 Once a player takes the court in the 9th game, they are ineligible to play in a lower grade/ division in the same age group.

5.4 A player can only play in one senior game over one weekend of finals.

5.5 Any junior is eligible to play in two finals (one junior and one senior) over one weekend of finals as long as they are qualified as per 5.1.

8.10 Players cannot play in both Saturday Division 2 & Friday night Finals over one weekend.

16.5 In the GFNL ONLY any junior is eligible to play in two finals – one junior and one senior – over one weekend of finals as long as they are qualified as per rule 5.