

AFL BARWON FEMALE FOOTBALL FINALS

AFL Barwon Female Football 2023 Finals Series Information Pack

Dates & Venue

Sunday 13th August – Osborne Park, McDonald Reserve & Winter Reserve

Sunday 20th August – Mount Moriac Reserve

Sunday 27th August – Herne Hill Reserve

Online Team Selection

Selected teams for all junior and senior grades are to be entered into PlayHQ by 6:00pm Thursday evening.

Please ensure all team sheets are correct prior to being provided to the umpires.

Time keeping

Participating clubs are responsible for providing timekeepers for their game.

The timekeeper must record starting and finishing times of quarters on the scorecards. They must also record times of players being sent off the ground (on departure and re-entry to the ground).

Time clocks should only be stopped when the stretcher enters the playing arena, a head count is taking place, blood rule or a player has been sent off. Scorecards must also correspond.

Results

The host club will collect all match day paperwork, take a photo and email to rachael@ aflbarwon.com.au where it will then be entered into PlayHQ. The host club will also be responsible for dropping off the match day paperwork at the AFL Barwon office before Monday at 10:30am.

First aid

Clubs will be responsible for their own first aid, taping etc. during finals as per a normal match day.

Game ball

Match day footballs will be supplied by AFL Barwon for all matches during finals.

Club playing uniform clashes

Away clubs are responsible to obtain alternative playing strips if there is a clashing of playing uniform strips for all home and away games and finals.

For the purposes of finals, the lower positioned team is deemed to be the away team.

Responsibilities fulfilled by the host club

- Interchange Steward
- Umpire Escorts – 2 people for each match
- Trainer's table provided in both the home and away rooms
- Canteen operations

Presentations

Presentations will be completed after each Grand Final game. Please ask your teams to move quickly to the presentation area after the game.

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 once confirmed by the goal umpires, play will recommence (without change of ends) and the team to score first will be the winner.

Juniors - Eligibility for Finals

1. A player must play at least three AFL Barwon Junior Football games in a particular age group with his or her club to play in a finals game in that age group.
2. For the purpose of eligibility to play with a particular team in AFL Barwon Junior Football Finals, a player who has played in a higher grade/division must play at least six (6) games in lower grades/ age groups to be eligible to play in finals with a lower graded team.
3. Furthermore, any player who has played more than half the season with a higher grade or division is ineligible to play in the lesser grade of AFL Barwon Junior Football finals.

4. Under 18 Talent League Girls who have complied with 26.1, but have not met the requirements of 26.2 and/or 26.3, may only play finals in a higher grade than their permitted age group.
5. Should a player qualify to represent more than one team, AFL Barwon Junior Football has clarified that players may only play in one final on the same weekend, regardless of division, gender of competition and/or age group.
6. To be eligible to play in a particular team during the finals series a player must meet the requirements of 26.1, 26.2 and 26.3. Regardless of the participation in finals of any other teams from their club on that weekend.

Higher grade/division definition: Any match played in a higher graded division or older age group or a representative competition will be deemed as a higher grade/division match and the player will need to meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the above Eligibility for Season/Finals to be eligible for the lower grade/division during finals. Fine \$100.00 and loss of match points.

Senior Female Eligibility

20 Eligibility for Finals

20.1 Definitions: A player must be in attendance, in suitable attire to take the field and at a minimum be on the field in the club's interchange area for the duration of the game. (unless forced to leave for medical reasons) In the rule a reference to Seniors = Club's First Senior grade team

20.2 Eligibility for Finals. In the first instance, a player must have played at least three (3) games with her Club during the season to be eligible to play in finals subject to relevant eligibility criteria as below.

20.3 State League Players

20.3.1 For purposes of finals eligibility, a player who has played more than eight (8) games for a club affiliated with a senior state league competition in that season will not be eligible to play finals with her local club. To qualify for the finals for their respective League, they must have played three (3) games with their Community Club in the current season.

20.4 Permit Player

20.4.1 A player who is playing on a day permit must play a minimum of 7 games with their Community Club.

20.4.2 A player who is playing under area permit must comply with all aspects of rule 18.2 of the AFL Barwon Handbook to qualify for finals in their respective section.

20.5 Higher grade Games

20.5.1 For the purpose of eligibility for finals, the higher-level game only will be applied to a player listed on the team sheet in two or more matches for her Community Club on the same weekend.

20.5.2 A game played by a player during the season in the first team of a Club affiliated with the AFLW, VFLW, AFL Canberra Women's Division, AFL Sydney Women's Premier Division, NT Women's Premier League, SA Women's FL, Tasmanian State League

Women's, WA Women's FL or Talent League Under 18 Competition shall count as though it is a senior game played with her Community Club, only for the purposes of Rules 18.6 when assessing eligibility for finals in lower sections.

Please note: A player may only play in one game over a weekend of finals if their Club is competing in more than one section. "This includes divisions of AFL Barwon Junior Football (cannot play in an AFL Barwon Junior final and an Under 18s, Reserve or Senior final on the same weekend)

Ineligible player in finals

A Club playing an ineligible player in a finals game will:

- (a) Forfeit the match in the event of it scoring more points than the opposing team.
- (b) Be subject to a fine to be set by the Commission.