



2019 FV FINALS & PLAYOFFS

PARTICIPATING TEAM GUIDE

FV GEELONG COMPETITIONS



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General Information

All leagues (except Miniroos) will conclude with a Finals Series, which will be contested within the fortnight following the conclusion of the regular season. All Finals will consist of a 'top four (4)' format (in which the 1st will play 4th, and 2nd will play 3rd). See below for the structure of all competitions for the Geelong Finals Series. For further information regarding the structure of the finals see 'Section 12 – Finals Series' of the 2019 Rules of Competition.

Finals & Playoff Dates

The following dates are confirmed for all FV Geelong Finals fixtures:

Competition	Dates
Men's Division 1 Men's Division 2 Men's Division 3 Boys' Under 13 Boys' Under 14 Boys' Under 15 Boys' Under 17	Sunday 15th September – Semi-Finals Sunday 22nd September – Grand Final
Women's Division 1 Women's Division 2 Girls' Under 12 Girls' Under 14	Saturday 14th September – Semi-Finals Saturday 21st September – Grand Final
Boys' Under 12 Kangaroos Boys' Under 12 Wallabies/Joeys	Sunday 15th September – Semi-Finals Saturday 21st September – Grand Final

*Subject to change

4 TEAM STRUCTURE

14 -15 September 2019

Semi-Final 1

1st v 4th

Semi-Final 2

2nd v 3rd

21-22 September 2019

Grand Final

Winner Semi Final 1

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Winner Semi Final 2

The two semi-finals are elimination matches. The two winners will progress to the Grand Final.

Elimination Finals Format (EF) – 4 Team Structure

The top four (4) Teams at the end of the Regular Season will be fixtured in a Semi-Final / Grand Final format.



Host Venues

Venues for the 2019 FV Finals Series have been selected based on their ability to accommodate specific finals formats and cater for teams, referees and supporters. Please note that the teams finishing 1st & 2nd in their respective competition will host the Semi-Finals. FV will select an appropriate host venue for all Geelong Grand Finals based on the below requirements.

Host venues will be responsible for:

- Two Pitches with appropriate line marking, corner flags, goal nets, stretchers, first aid kits and match standard lighting (if applicable);
- Three match balls per fixture;
- Clean, accessible and secure change rooms and toilets for teams, match officials; and patrons;
- Designated area for FV staff;
- Basic canteen facilities for participants and patrons;
- Designated presentation area (stage) with an appropriate PA system, or desire to organise one;
- All required equipment to facilitate a side-by-side U12's matches – including 2 x sets of U12 goals (5 X2m) & flat cones/markers or colour line markings.

Change Rooms

For venues that host simultaneous fixtures on multiple pitches, FV will provide a roster allocation for the use of change rooms. Teams will be allocated to change rooms in 15-minute blocks and are expected to vacate the change room for the next user in a timely manner.

Clubs are advised not to leave their belongings in the change rooms after their allocated time slot.

Match Officials

In the event FV cannot appoint Match Officials/Assistant Referees or they do not attend their allocated finals fixtures, participating teams must refer to section 5.3 of the 2019 Rules of Competition (Appendix 1).

Match Officials Fees

In Week 1, Match Official fees will be split (50/50) between the competing teams of each fixture as normal.

In Week 2, FV will cover the Match Official fees.

Please see regulation 12.1.4 & 12.1.5 of the [2019 Rules of Competition](#) (Appendix 2).

Ground Marshals

Each team must provide ground marshals for each fixture as instructed in section 3.4 of the [2019 Rules of Competition](#) (Appendix 3). The (neutral) host club in Week 2 is not expected to provide ground marshals for any fixture.

Spectator Behaviour

Clubs with teams participating in finals are responsible for the behaviour of all spectators associated with their club as directed in Schedule 2 of the [2019 Rules of Competition](#). The host club may remind individuals of the relevant Codes of Behaviour but is ultimately not responsible for spectator behaviour.



Clash Strip Alternative

Teams listed second in a fixture are considered the 'Away Team' as directed in section 3.5 of the [2019 Rules of Competition](#) and are responsible for providing a clash strip in the event of a clash. If no clash strip is provided within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick off time, the team considered to be the away club will forfeit the fixture.

Table 3.5 – Clashes and Permissions

	Geelong (All Competitions)
Playing shirt	No Clash Permitted
Shorts	Clash Permitted
Socks	Clash Permitted

Rules of Competition

All matches of the 2019 Finals Series will be conducted under the [2019 Rules of Competition](#) except where varied within this document.

Player Eligibility

Clubs that play in the FV 2019 Finals Series must complete the Eligible Player Roster online form by Wednesday the 11th of September, including a contact name and number for that team. This can be completed by clicking [HERE](#) or alternatively, go to the [FV Geelong Website](#) and click through → 'Forms & Links'.

All suspensions from the regular 2019 home and away season will carry over.

Players that receive a red card during the FV 2019 Finals Series will automatically miss the next FV Competition Fixture and may be subject to any further sanction in accordance with the [GDT](#).

Matches are to proceed as scheduled, even if there are concerns about the eligibility of a player, on the basis of suspension or their qualification for the FV 2019 Finals Series for that team.

Any concerns about player eligibility should be raised immediately after the conclusion of the match with FV via the FV Competitions Weekend Hotline (0478 456 777) or the present FV staff member. Reports will be investigated, and any team subsequently found by FV to have played an ineligible player will forfeit the FV 2019 Finals Series match/es in which the ineligible player participated.

If a club is uncertain about the eligibility of one or more of their players for the FV 2019 Finals Series please contact the FV Competitions team as soon as possible on 9474 1800, press 2 or 0478 456 777 (FV Weekend Hotline).



Extra Time

Extra time **will** apply as listed below if scores are tied at the end of normal time. This applies to league final, pool or elimination matches as well as Promotion/Relegation Playoffs:

In any match if scores are tied at the end of extra time a penalty shootout will occur.

Age Group	Duration of Matches – Normal Time	Applicable Extra Time
Under Twelve (12) Boys	2 x 25 minute halves (= 50 minutes)	2 x 5 minute halves
Under Thirteen (13) Boys	2 x 25 minute halves (= 50 minutes)	2 x 5 minute halves
Under Fourteen (14) Boys	2 x 30 minute halves (= 60 minutes)	2 x 10 minute halves
Under Fifteen (15) Boys	2 x 35 minute halves (= 70 minutes)	2 x 10 minute halves
Under Seventeen (17) Boys	2 x 40 minute halves (= 80 minutes)	2 x 10 minute halves
Under Twelve (12) Girls	2 x 25 minute halves (= 50 minutes)	2 x 5 minute halves
Under Fourteen (14) Girls	2 x 30 minute halves (= 60 minutes)	2 x 10 minute halves
Senior Men's	2 x 45 minute halves (= 90 minutes)	2 x 15 minute halves
Senior Women's	2 x 45 minute halves (= 90 minutes)	2 x 15 minute halves

Competition Specific Regulations

The following outlines competition specific regulations, which apply in conjunction to the rules stated above, however are unique to a particular competitions final and/or playoffs.

Junior Finals

Players must have been named on the match record for a minimum of five (5) matches within the regular season to be eligible to participate for that team in the Finals Series.

Player ID Cards are required at all junior finals fixtures. Hardcopy ID cards must include photos uploaded to MyFootballClub. Player ID cards with a photo attached after printing of the card are **invalid**. Player ID cards presented in electronic format, including but not limited to smart phones, tablets, laptops and computers are valid.

If a Club has two (2) teams in "A" team then Players are team-tied from the fifth (5th) round FV Competition Fixture and will remain team-tied for the Finals Series.

For all Junior Boys' competitions, if a Player has played (5) Competition Fixtures or more at a higher Division in a particular age group, that player cannot drop to a lower category Competition for their Club for the remainder of the Regular Season, including Finals.

Senior Men & Women

Yellow cards accumulated by a Player during the Regular Season **will not be** counted for the purposes of clause 4.3 of the GDT. However, if a Player receives their 5th yellow card in their club's final Regular Season FV Competition Fixture they shall be suspended for Week 1 of the 2019 Finals Series.

If a Player receives a red card in the 2019 Finals Series, their Club will be notified of the Player's suspension in writing on the Monday immediately following the FV Competition Fixture in which the Red Card was received.



Players must have been named on the match record for a minimum of five (5) matches within the regular season to be eligible to participate for that team in the Finals Series.

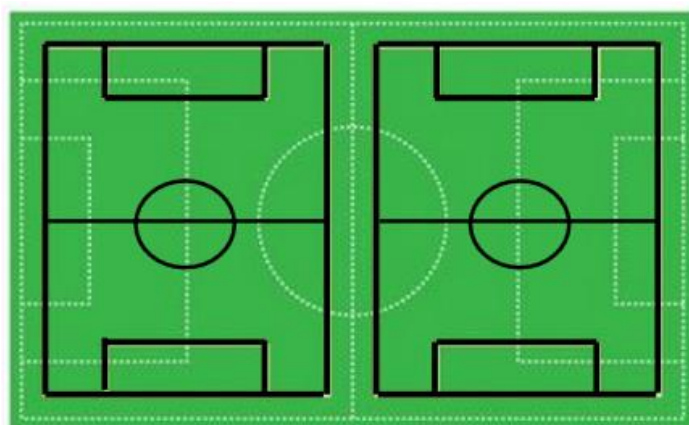
Clubs are also to note that specific team tying regulations 13.1.15, 13.1.16, 13.1.17, 13.1.18, 14.1.9 & 14.1.10 are in place through the 2019 Finals series.

If a club is uncertain about the eligibility of one or more of their players for the FV 2019 Finals Series please contact the FV Competitions team as soon as possible on 9474 1800 and press 1, or 0478 456 777 (FV Competitions Weekend Hotline).

Under 12 Competitions

To participate in the FV Geelong Region Under 12 Finals series a player must be born on or after the 1st of January 2007 or must have sought and had approved formal dispensation from the FV.

FV Geelong Region Under 12's finals are to be played side-line to side line as per below:



This pitch will be erected by painted lines or by flat cones or markers.

Red & Yellow cards are applicable in Under 12 Competitions. In the situation a red card is shown to a Player by the Match Official, that player will be sent off the field for the remainder of the match, however may be replaced by an interchange player.

Results of Matches

Teams listed first in a fixture are considered to be the Home Club for the purposes of the 2019 Rules of Competition. They are responsible for reporting results to FV by one of the following methods;

- Text through match results to the FV Competitions Weekend Hotline immediately after the conclusion of a match. The contact number is 0478 456 777; or
- If an FV staff member is coordinating matches at your venue, verifying the result to this individual immediately after the conclusion of the match.

Club Recognition

Clubs who win their respective FV 2019 Finals Series league category will receive a club pennant. These will be presented by FV on the day following the conclusion of the Grand Final.



Appendix 1

5.3. Non-Attendance or Unavailability of Match Official

5.3.1. If the Match Official fails to honour his or her appointment, the next most senior Match Official (**Replacement**) will take charge of the FV Competition Fixture.

5.3.2. If the Match Official is late arriving at a fixture, the Replacement will take charge until the Match Official is ready to take over.

5.3.3. If no registered Match Official is present to act as the Replacement ten (10) minutes prior to the FV Competition Fixture, both clubs should agree on a replacement. If, by the scheduled kick off time, no agreement can be reached, the Home Club must appoint a person to act as Match Official for the FV Competition Fixture.

5.3.4. If any match does not kick off within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick off time due to the absence of a Match Official the home team will forfeit the fixture.

5.3.5. All Clubs must fulfil all fixtures, regardless of whether or not the Match Official is present to take charge. Failure to do so may result in a fine and other action under the GDT.

Appendix 2

2019 Referees Fee Schedule

LEAGUE	Referees	AR1	AR2
Men's Division 1	\$100	\$50	\$50
Men's Division 2	\$95	\$47.50	\$47.50
Men's Division 3	\$90	\$45	\$45
Open Women	\$90	\$45	\$45
Junior U16/U17/U18	\$60	\$30	\$30
Junior U14/U15	\$55	\$27.50	\$27.50
Junior U12/13's	\$50	\$25	\$25

Match Official Fees

12.1.3. Each Club participating in Week 1 of the Finals Series will cover 50% of the Match Official fee.

12.1.4. FV will cover all Match Official fees in Week 2 of the Finals Series.

Appendix 3

Ground Marshals

3.4.1. Each Club must provide the number of marshals (Ground Marshals) directed by FV.

3.4.2. Ground Marshals must:

- Be at least 18 years old and provide the Match Official with their name;
- Be in a clearly identifiable uniform;
- Be visible from the field of play at all times;
- Escort the Match official(s) to and from the change rooms and the Field of Play at the commencement of the fixture, at half time and at full time; and



- e. Where required, assist the Match Officials(s) to ensure a safe playing environment for all Players, Club Officials and spectators.

3.4.3. Match Officials must not leave their dressing rooms to enter the Field of Play or return to their rooms from the Field of Play until the identifiable Ground Marshals are present.

Table 3.4 – Minimum Number of Ground Marshals for all FV Competition Fixtures

League	Minimum Number of Ground Marshals
All Competitions	Two (2)

3.4.4. FV may vary the minimum Ground Marshal requirements for any FV Competition Fixture at any time.

3.4.5. Each home and away Club is required to provide 50% of the required Ground Marshals for each FV Competition Fixture, failure to do so resulting in the Club being subject to a penalty under the GDT.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When will host venues for the 2019 Finals & Playoffs be publicly announced?

FV intends to announce host venues for the 2019 Finals & Playoffs by Tuesday 20 August.

2. When will fixtures for the 2019 Finals & Playoffs be finalised?

FV intends to finalise fixtures for the 2019 Finals & Playoffs no less than ten working days before the scheduled event.

3. Who pays for the referees at each fixture?

Cash payments will not be required for Finals & Playoff fixtures as participating Clubs will be invoiced for all referee payments once fixtures are confirmed.

The Referees Fee Schedule can be located by [clicking here](#). The Fee Schedule lists applicable fees for all referees and assistant referees, which will be covered by both participating Clubs at neutral venues. For finals fixtures where Clubs have earned the right to host, these Clubs will be responsible for the payment of referee fees.

Host Clubs are not responsible for the payment of referees.

4. Who provides match balls for each fixture?

Clubs of host venues will provide all match balls which must be provided by one of FV's 2019 licensed manufacturers (Mitre, Deploy Football, Nike, Park, Masita).

5. Who provides ground marshals for each fixture?

The two Clubs participating in each fixture are to provide ground marshal(s) as per the 2019 Rules of Competition. The host Club is not expected to provide ground marshals for any fixture.

6. Who is responsible for the behaviour of spectators at each fixture?

Clubs participating in the fixture are responsible for the behaviour of all spectators associated with their Club. In addition to escorting referees to and from the field of play, ground marshals play an important role in managing the behaviour of their own supporters.

The host Club may remind individuals of the relevant Codes of Behaviour but is ultimately not responsible for the behaviour of the associates of participating Clubs. Alcohol is not to be sold or consumed at any venues, which are hosting Sportsmart Junior Finals (Under 12 to 18).

7. Who is responsible for informing FV of the result in the match?

Teams listed first in a fixture are considered, to be the 'Home' team in each Finals fixture and are responsible for calling through match results to FV Competitions immediately after the conclusion of a match. The FV Competitions Weekend number is 0478 456 777.

8. Who is responsible for providing a clash strip alternative?

Teams listed second in a fixture are considered, to be the 'Away' team and are responsible for providing a clash strip alternative in the event of a clash. For further guidance on what constitutes a clash of strip, refer to Rule 3.5 of the 2019 Rules of Competition.



9. Do the 2019 Rules of Competition apply for the 2019 Finals & Playoffs?

The 2019 Finals & Playoffs will be conducted under the 2019 Rules of Competition except where varied within this document and the 2019 Finals & Playoffs Participation Team Guide. FV reserves the right to shorten fixture times to accommodate all fixtures.

10. Will there be extra time in any matches?

Extra time will apply as set out below:

Age Group	Duration of Matches – Normal Time	Applicable Extra Time
Boys' Under 12*	2 x 25-minute halves (= 50 minutes)	2 x 5-minute halves
Boys' Under 13*	2 x 25-minute halves (= 50 minutes)	2 x 5-minute halves
Boys' Under 14	2 x 30-minute halves (= 60 minutes)	2 x 10-minute halves
Boys' Under 15	2 x 35-minute halves (= 70 minutes)	2 x 10-minute halves
Boys' Under 16*	2 x 40-minute halves (= 80 minutes)	2 x 10-minute halves
Boys' Under 17	2 x 40-minute halves (= 80 minutes)	2 x 10-minute halves
Boys' Under 18*	2 x 45-minute halves (= 90 minutes)	2 x 15-minute halves
Boys' Under 20	2 x 45-minute halves (= 90 minutes)	2 x 15-minute halves
Girls' Under 12	2 x 25-minute halves (= 50 minutes)	2 x 5-minute halves
Girls' Under 13-14*	2 x 30-minute halves (= 60 minutes)	2 x 10-minute halves
Girls' Under 15-16*	2 x 40-minute halves (= 80 minutes)	2 x 10-minute halves
Girls' Under 18	2 x 45-minute halves (= 90 minutes)	2 x 15-minute halves
Seniors'	2 x 45-minute halves (= 90 minutes)	2 x 15-minute halves

11. Will there be penalty shoot outs?

In any fixtures, if scores are tied at the end of extra time as per the above listed Competitions, a penalty shootout will occur.

12. What does the winner receive?

Teams who win their respective Grand Final will be awarded a Club pennant. Where possible, pennants will be presented by an FV representative on match day.