



SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

PREMIER LEAGUE

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Venues/Home Team: Round Robin & Girls Semi-Final Match venues & umpires are to be organised by the 'home' team.

All matches are to be played on a senior size ground.

Dates: Matches will be scheduled during the week by agreement between the two teams.

Round 1 Girls	Week beginning	April 28 th
Round Robin Part 1 – Round 1 Boys	Week beginning	May 5 th
Round 2 Girls	Week beginning	May 12 th
Round Robin Part 1 – Round 2 Boys	Week beginning	May 19 th
Round 3 Girls	Week beginning	May 26 th
Round Robin Part 1 – Round 3 Boys	Week beginning	June 2 nd
Semi Finals (Cross over) Girls	Week beginning	June 10 th
Round Robin Part 2 – Round 1 Boys	Week beginning	June 16 th
Round Robin Part 2 – Round 2 Boys	Week beginning	June 23 rd
Round Robin Part 2 – Round 3 Boys	Week beginning	June 30 th
Grand Final: Girls		Wednesday July 2 nd
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Girls – Elimination Round (Division 1)	Wednesday, July 30 th	vs AGSV
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Boys – Semi Final (Division 1)	Wednesday, August 6 th	vs SIS
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Girls – Semi Final (Division 1)	Thursday, August 7 th	vs GSV
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Boys - Grand Final (Division 1)	Thursday, August 14 th	vs TBA: Winner SF1 – TBA v TBA
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Girls - Grand Final (Division 1)	Tuesday, August 19 th	vs TBA: Winner SF1 – TBA v TBA or TBA

Format: Boys: Double Round Robin (Part 1 & 2), 3 Pools of three (3) school teams.

In Part 1 of the Round Robin, the winning school from the previous year's Premier League, the runner-up school from the previous year & the losing semi-finalist from the previous year with the lowest losing margin in the semi-final from the previous year's competition will be allocated to Pool D, E & F by a ballot.

The remaining six (6) schools will be allocated by a random ballot to be performed by the SSV State Championships Officer & allocated to the remaining spots in each of the three (3) pools.

Each school will play the other two (2) teams in their allocated pool that will make up the three (3) rounds of Round Robin Part 1.

At the completion of Round Robin Part 1, the teams are allocated again into three (3) pools based on their position ranking at the end of the Round Robin Part 1.

If, at the end of the round-robin, two teams are tied on round robin points then the winner of their face-to-face match will be declared the winner. If their face-to-face match was a draw, percentage (calculated to two decimal points) from the matches involving the other teams in the pool will be calculated to determine a winner. In the unlikely event that percentage is still tied, the ranking will be drawn by lot.

If more than two teams are tied on matches won, percentage (calculated to two decimal points) from the matches involving the other tied teams will be calculated to determine a winner. In the unlikely event that percentage is still tied, the ranking will be drawn by lot.

Points will be allocated for Round Robin Part 1 matches as follows: 4 points for a win, 2 points for a draw and 0 for a loss.

The school that finishes ranked first in each of the three (3) Pools D, E & F will be re-allocated into Pool A, the second-best ranked schools in each Pool D, E & F re-allocated into Pool B & the team that finished third in each of Pool D, E & F re-allocated into Pool C.

The two further games are to be played by each team in their respective pool for Round Robin Part 2.

Points will be allocated for Round Robin matches as follows: 4 points for a win and 0 for a loss.

In the event of scores being tied in Round Robin Part 2 games, the two goal umpires are to first verify that the scores are tied. If tied, 2 extra periods of 5 minutes are played. Coaches are not permitted on the ground and may not address their players. Teams do not change ends for the first 5 minutes but change after the first period. If scores are still tied after the second period of extra time, the siren will not sound, and play will continue until a team scores ("golden score").

At the completion of the Round Robin Part 2 games, Pool A placings will be finalised as the teams placed first, second and third in the overall competition. Pool B to consist of teams placed fourth, fifth and sixth. Pool C to consist of seventh, eighth & ninth overall.

The draw for pool matches to be as follows:

Pool D & A: 1v3 3v2 2v1

Pool E & B: 4v6 6v5 5v4

Pool F & C: 7v9 9v8 8v7

The teams that finish eighth & ninth overall are subject to relegation from the Premier League competition to compete in the regular SSV schools Senior Boys Australian Football competition, with the pathway of progression beginning at the division level. The winner of the State Australian Football final will be offered the opportunity to be promoted to the Premier League in the following year.

Girls: Girls: Split Round Robin, 2 Pools of 3, Cross over Semi Finals, Grand Final

The teams finishing first and second at the end of the rounds will play off in the Cross-over Semi-finals with the two winners of the semi-finals playing off in the Grand Final. Teams finishing third in their respective round-robin pools may also play off.

If more than two teams are tied on matches won, percentage (calculated to two decimal points) from the matches involving the other tied teams will be calculated to determine a winner.

Points will be allocated for Round Robin matches as follows: 4 points for a win, 2 points for a draw and 0 for a loss.

Conditions:

See the School Sport Victoria's '[General Conditions of Competition](#)'. All players, teachers, spectators and officials are bound by the '[SSV Codes of Conduct](#)' and the '[Participant Behaviour Policy](#)'.

A 'Yellow Card' may be used to give the umpires/convenor the power to send a player from the field for a 10-minute period. A player sent from the field with a 'Yellow Card' is not replaced.

If a player receives two 'Yellow Cards' during one day's competition, the second 'Yellow Card' will be recognised as a 'Red Card' and the Order Off Rule will apply.

Rules:

Australian Football is conducted under Laws of Australian Football unless otherwise stated. If Boundary Umpires are unable to be provided by the host team; then the following will apply:

Where the ball is kicked out of bounds without being touched, a free kick will be awarded to the nearest opposition player.

Where the ball is touched out of bounds, play will be restarted by a Ball-up conducted 5 metres in from the boundary.

Time-on will not be added unless the Umpire specifically instructs the Timekeepers at the time. For example, serious injury, lost ball, deliberate time wasting.

Match Format:

All Matches: 4 x 20-minute quarters with ¼ time - 5 min, ½ time - 15 min, ¾ time - 5 min

Officials:

Field, Boundary and Goal umpires will be provided for the Grand Final only.

Host team is to provide:

- * Competent and correctly attired field umpires for the Pool Matches;
- * Correctly attired Boundary Umpires & Goal Umpires: preferable qualified – see the Rules section if Boundary Umpires cannot be provided.

Each team is to provide:

- * Competent Timekeeper with a time clock and a siren or bell;
- * A correctly attired team runner. NB. Teams are restricted to one (1) runner.
- * A student to operate the score board.

Forfeiting teams:	Any forfeiting teams will finish last in the overall results and will be subject to relegation for the following year's competition. If two (2) or more teams forfeit any game, they shall finish equal last with final placings allocated based on their percentage of the games played.
Player Restrictions:	<p>7 interchange players may be used in all matches.</p> <p>Year 10 students may play a maximum of three (3) Premier League match and still be eligible to play in the SSV Intermediate competition.</p> <p>Only twenty-five (25) SSV medallions plus one (1) for the team coach will be awarded to placegetters.</p> <p>Extra medallions will NOT be available.</p> <p>Clarification: Please note that Girls cannot play in a Boys Premier League Australian Football team – they are a Boys only team.</p>
Team Sheet:	Copies of an up-to-date team sheet must be handed to the opposing Team Manager and Central Umpire on the day of competition. This team sheet must include players' uniform numbers. Download the Team & Result sheet
Girls Semi-Final & Girls Grand Final Winner:	<p>In the event of scores being tied in a Semi-Final or a Grand Final, the two goal umpires are to first verify that the scores are tied. If tied, 2 extra periods of 5 minutes are played. Coaches are not permitted on the ground and may not address their players. Teams do not change ends for the first 5 minutes but change after the first period.</p> <p>If scores are still tied after the second period of extra time, the siren will not sound, and play will continue until a team scores ("golden score").</p>
Lateness Penalty:	<p>If a team is late for the start of their match for reasons beyond their control and the team communicates with the convener, the convener will try to accommodate the team.</p> <p>If a team is more than 10 minutes late without notice or communication or in the convener's opinion their lateness makes the draw impracticable, then the team will be penalised 3 goals for each complete 10 minutes late.</p>
Dress:	<p>Players must wear matching jumpers with distinctive numbering corresponding to their team sheet, same colour shorts (without pockets) and same colour socks. No jewelry is to be worn.</p> <p>Players not correctly dressed will not be permitted to compete.</p>
First Aid/Sports Trainers:	<p>Teams are to provide their own First Aid/Sports Trainer</p> <p>A Sports Trainer will be provided for the Grand Final</p>
Equipment to Bring For Round Robin Matches:	<p>New football:</p> <p>Senior Boys – Size 5 Leather Senior Girls – Size 4 Leather</p> <p>(Footballs will be provided for the Grand Final only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid kit - Competing schools are responsible for ensuring that reasonable provision is made for the treatment of injuries. All schools participating in SSV Team Sports final are required to bring their own applicable first aid kit (appropriate to the location as there is potential for sporting activities to be some distance away from emergency services) – For more detailed information: First Aid for Students & Staff & First Aid Kit Contents Checklist • Mouthguards are strongly recommended • Sports Tape MUST be supplied by the student/competing team. Strapping for injury prevention as required MUST be performed by the student/competing team. NB. The First Aid Responder attending the state finals are NOT permitted to perform strapping.

NOTE: Copies of an up-to-date team sheet must be handed to the opposing coach and the umpire on the day of competition. This team sheet must include players' uniform numbers.