



# SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

## AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

### PREMIER LEAGUE

**PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY AFL**



**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 20 <sup>th</sup>
Round 1 Boys	Week beginning	April 27 <sup>th</sup>
Round 2 Girls	Week beginning	May 4 <sup>th</sup>
Round 2 Boys	Week beginning	May 11 <sup>th</sup>
Round 3 Girls	Week beginning	May 18 <sup>th</sup>
Round 3 Boys	Week beginning	May 25 <sup>th</sup>
Semi Finals (Cross over) Girls	Week beginning	June 1 <sup>st</sup>
Semi Finals (Cross over) Boys	Week beginning	June 9 <sup>th</sup>
Grand Final: Girls		Wednesday June 24 <sup>th</sup>
Grand Final: Boys		Wednesday June 24 <sup>th</sup>
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Girls – Elimination Round (Division 1)	Wednesday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	vs BAS
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Boys – Semi Final (Division 1)	Wednesday, July 29 <sup>th</sup>	vs SIS
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Girls – Semi Final (Division 1)	Thursday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	vs GSV
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Boys - Grand Final (Division 1)	Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> August	vs TBA: Winner SF1 – ACC v TBA: GISSA v SACCSS
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Girls - Grand Final (Division 1)	Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> August	vs TBA: Winner SF2 – APS v GISSA

**Format:** Boys: Split Round Robin, 2 Pools of 4, 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 & fourth in their respective round-robin pools may also play off.

If more than two teams are tied on matches won, percentage 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.

The team that finishes eighth overall is 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.

<b>Conditions:</b>	See the School Sport Victoria's ' <a href="#">General Conditions of Competition</a> '. All players, teachers, spectators and officials are bound by the ' <a href="#">SSV Codes of Conduct</a> ' and the ' <a href="#">Participant Behaviour Policy</a> '.  A 'Yellow Card' may be used to give the umpires/convener 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.
<b>Rules:</b>	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/handball 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.
<b>Match Format:</b>	All Matches: 4 x 20-minute quarters with ¼ time - 5 min, ½ time - 15 min, ¾ time - 5 min
<b>Officials:</b>	Field, Boundary and Goal umpires will be provided for the Grand Final only.  <b><u>Host team is to provide:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Competent and correctly attired field umpires for the Pool Matches;</li> <li>* Correctly attired Boundary Umpires &amp; Goal Umpires: preferable qualified – see the Rules section if Boundary Umpires cannot be provided.</li> </ul> <b><u>Each team is to provide:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Competent Timekeeper with a time clock and a siren or bell;</li> <li>* A correctly attired team runner. NB. Teams are restricted to one (1) runner.</li> <li>* A student to operate the score board.</li> </ul>
<b>Forfeiting teams:</b>	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.
<b>Player Restrictions:</b>	7 interchange players may be used in all matches.  Year 10 students may play a maximum of three (3) Premier League match and still be eligible to play in the SSV Intermediate competition.  Only twenty-five (25) SSV medallions plus one (1) for the team coach will be awarded to placegetters.  Extra medallions will NOT be available.  Clarification: Please note that Girls cannot play in a Boys Premier League Australian Football team – they are a Boys only team.
<b>Team Sheet:</b>	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 <a href="#">Team &amp; Result sheet</a>
<b>Girls Semi-Final &amp; Girls Grand Final Winner:</b>	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.  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").
<b>Lateness Penalty:</b>	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.  If a team is more than 10 minutes late without notice or communication <b>or</b> 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.
<b>Dress:</b>	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.  Players not correctly dressed will not be permitted to compete.
<b>First Aid/Sports Trainers:</b>	Teams are to provide their own First Aid/Sports Trainer  A Sports Trainer will be provided for the Grand Final

**Equipment to Bring**

**For Round Robin Matches:**

New football:

Senior Boys – Size 5 Leather    Senior Girls – Size 4 Leather

(Football will be provided for the Grand Final only)

- 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.**