



SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL PREMIER LEAGUE PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY AFL

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Venues/Home Team: Round Robin & Cross over Semi-final Match venues 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 22 nd
Round 1 Boys	Week beginning	April 29 th
Round 2 Girls	Week beginning	May 6 th
Round 2 Boys	Week beginning	May 13 th
Round 3 Girls	Week beginning	May 20 th
Round 3 Boys	Week beginning	May 27 th
Round 4 Girls	Week beginning	June 3 rd
Semi Finals (Cross over) Boys	Week beginning	June 10 th
Round 5 Girls	Week beginning	June 17 th
Grand Finals: Boys		Wednesday June 26 th
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Girls – Semi Final (Division 1)	Tuesday, August 6 th	vs APS
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Boys – Semi Final (Division 1)	Wednesday, August 7 th	vs BAS
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Girls - Grand Final (Division 1)	Tuesday, August 13 th	vs TBA: Winner SF1 – GSV v BAS or GISSA
MCC Herald Sun Shield Senior Boys - Grand Final (Division 1)	Wednesday, August 14 th	vs TBA: Winner SF1 – ACC v SIS

Format: Boys: Split Round Robin, 2 Pools of 4, Cross over Semi Finals, Grand Final

Girls: Round Robin

Boys: 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.

Girls: The teams play each other in a round robin.

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.

Conditions: See School Sport Victoria's '[General Conditions of Competition](#)', all players, teachers, spectators & officials are bound by the SSV '[Codes of Conduct](#)' and the '[Order Off Rule](#)'

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.

Player Restrictions:

7 interchange players may be used in all matches.

Only twenty-five (25) SSV medallions plus one (1) for the team coach will be awarded to placegetters.

Extra medallions will NOT be available.

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](#)

Semi-Final & Grand Final Winner:

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").

Lateness Penalty:

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 **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.

Dress:

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.

First Aid/Sports Trainers:

Teams are to provide their own First Aid/Sports Trainer

A Sports Trainer will be provided for the Grand Final

Equipment to Bring

New football:

For Round Robin Matches:

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.