



**EAST SUNBURY
FOOTBALL CLUB**

CLUB HANDBOOK & POLICIES MANUAL

SEASON 2026



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1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the East Sunbury Football Club (ESFC) and the 2026 season.

This handbook has been developed to provide clear, consistent, and helpful information for everyone involved in our Club – players, parents, coaches, volunteers, officials, and supporters. It outlines who we are, what we stand for, and the standards and expectations that guide us throughout the season.

ESFC is proud to be a community-driven club built on respect, inclusion, and a strong sense of belonging. We strive to provide a safe, supportive, and positive environment where people of all ages can enjoy football, develop their skills, and build lifelong connections both on and off the field.

The 2026 season represents an important step forward for our Club. We are committed to strong governance, clear communication, and a united “One Club” approach that brings together our players, coaches, families, volunteers, and partners. Success for us is measured not only by results on the scoreboard, but by the culture we create, the way we treat one another, and the impact we have within our community.

This handbook should be read in conjunction with Club policies and league regulations. All members are expected to understand and adhere to the standards outlined in this document. By doing so, we ensure East Sunbury Football Club continues to be a club that people are proud to represent.

We thank you for your ongoing commitment and support and look forward to a positive, successful, and enjoyable 2026 season.

2. CLUB INFORMATION

Club Name:

East Sunbury Football Club

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VACANT

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East Sunbury Football Club Senior Secretary

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Football Registration Portal:

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/east-sunbury/2c3a56a3/register>



Auskick Registration Portal:

<https://www.eastsunbury.org.au/auskick>



Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/eastsunburyfc/>



Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/eastsunburyfc/>

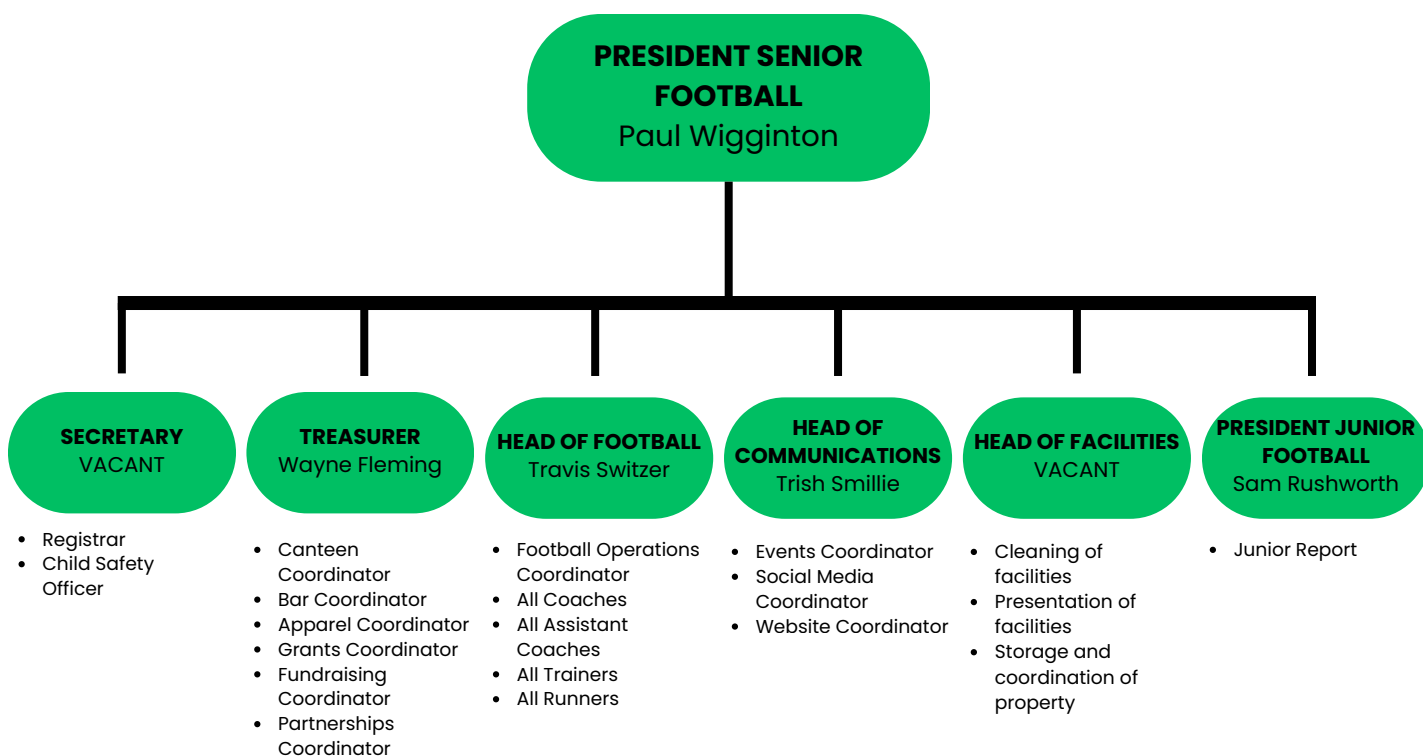


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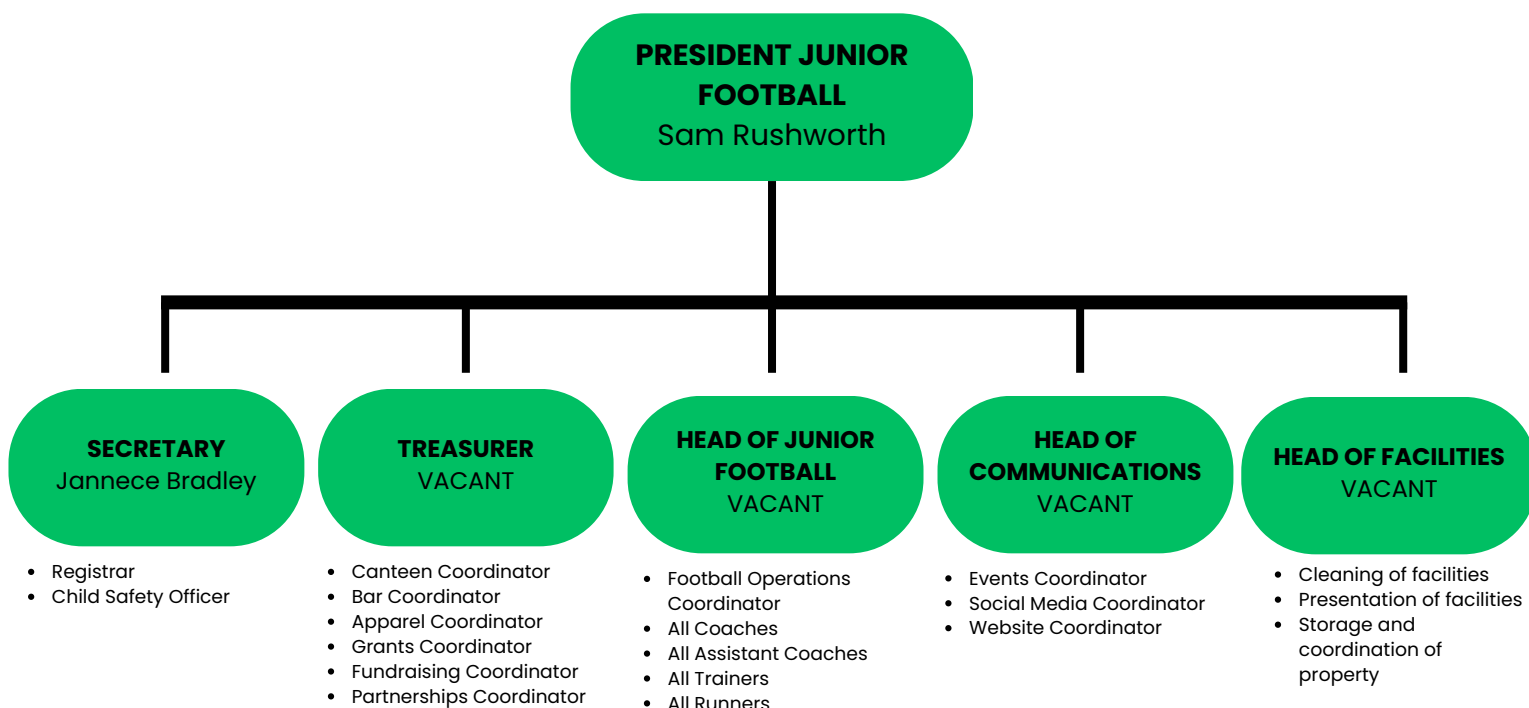
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3. ESFC COMMITTEE STRUCTURE - 2026

The executive committee structure for the 2026 season is outlined below and reflects the roles and portfolios responsible for the governance, football operations, and day-to-day running of East Sunbury Football Club.



The executive committee structure for juniors for the 2026 season is outlined below and reflects the roles and portfolios responsible for the governance, football operations, and day-to-day running of East Sunbury Football Club Juniors.



4. ESFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 2026

The Executive Committee provides leadership, governance, and strategic oversight for the East Sunbury Football Club. The Committee works collaboratively to ensure the Club operates effectively, upholds its values, and delivers a safe, inclusive, and sustainable football environment for all members. The 2026 Executive Committee consists of:

President Senior Football – Paul Wigginton

Mobile: 0425 800 383, E-mail: esfcpresident@eastsunbury.org.au

The Senior President provides overall leadership and direction for the seniors. This role oversees governance, strategic planning, and stakeholder relationships, and represents the Club at league and external forums. The President works closely with the Executive Committee to ensure the Club operates in line with its purpose, values, and strategic priorities.

President Junior Football – Sam Rushworth

Mobile: 0401 833 326, E-mail: juniorpresident@eastsunbury.org.au

The Junior President provides overall leadership and direction for the juniors. This role oversees governance, strategic planning, and stakeholder relationships, and represents the Club at league and external forums. The President works closely with the Executive Committee to ensure the Club operates in line with its purpose, values, and strategic priorities.

Secretary – VACANT

E-mail: esfcsecretary@eastsunbury.org.au

The Secretary is responsible for the Club's administration, governance documentation, and formal communications. This includes meeting coordination, record keeping, correspondence, and ensuring compliance with constitutional and regulatory requirements.

Treasurer – Wayne Fleming

Mobile: 0402 784 848, E-mail: esfctreasurer@eastsunbury.org.au

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial management and oversight of the Club. This includes budgeting, financial reporting, cash flow management, and ensuring the Club operates in a financially responsible and sustainable manner.

Head of Football – Travis Switzer

Mobile: 0478 730 633, E-mail: travis@eastsunbury.org.au

The Head of Football oversees all football operations across the Club. This role is responsible for coaching structures, football programs, player development, standards, and on-field performance, while ensuring alignment with the Club's values and strategic direction.

Head of Communications – Trish Smillie

Mobile: 0434 893 715, E-mail: esfcapparel@eastsunbury.org.au

The Head of Communications oversees the Club's internal and external communications. This includes social media, website content, newsletters, events and key messaging to members, sponsors, and the community, ensuring consistent, accurate, and professional communication. Trish also oversees the club's uniforms and apparel portfolio.

5. SPORTING GROUP COMMITTEE - 2026

The East Sunbury Sporting Group (ESSG) Committee provides leadership, governance and strategic oversight for the Association and its affiliated sporting programs, including football, netball and cricket. The Committee is responsible for ensuring the Association operates in a strong, sustainable and compliant manner, in line with its Constitution and legislative obligations

President – Jordan Maiolo

Mobile: 0401 474 231, E-mail: essgpresident@eastsunbury.org.au

The President provides overall leadership and direction for the ESSG. This role oversees governance, strategic planning, and stakeholder relationships. The President works closely with the Executive Committee to ensure the ESSG operates in line with its purpose, values, and strategic priorities.

Vice President – Ronnie Paoly

essgvp@eastsunbury.org.au

Working collaboratively, the Vice President assists with coordination, decision-making and stakeholder engagement, and may act on behalf of the President when required. This role is to help ensure the smooth operation, strong culture and long-term sustainability of the ESSG.

Secretary – Chris Gelle

E-mail: essgsecretary@eastsunbury.org.au

The Secretary is responsible for the ESSG administration, governance documentation, and formal communications. This includes meeting coordination, record keeping, correspondence, and ensuring compliance with constitutional and regulatory requirements.

Treasurer – Wayne Fleming

E-mail: esftreasurer@eastsunbury.org.au

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial management and oversight of the ESSG. This includes budgeting, financial reporting, cash flow management, and ensuring the ESSG operates in a financially responsible and sustainable manner.

Football Representative – Paul Wigginton

E-mail: esfcpresident@eastsunbury.org.au

The Football Representative is the voice of football on the ESSG Committee. The role supports effective communication between football operations and the ESSG, providing input on football matters, participation, and development to help ensure football programs align with the broader goals and governance of the Association.

Cricket Representative – VACANT

E-mail: eastsunburycc@bigpond.com

The Cricket Representative is the voice of football on the ESSG Committee. The role supports effective communication between football operations and the ESSG, providing input on football matters, participation, and development to help ensure football programs align with the broader goals and governance of the Association.

General Committee – Shawn Hindmarsh

E-mail: esfcgrants@eastsunbury.org.au

General Committee Members support the governance and operation of the East Sunbury Sporting Group by contributing to decision-making, planning and the delivery of Club activities. They assist across a range of areas and play an important role in supporting football, netball and cricket programs while helping strengthen the Club's culture, community connections and long-term sustainability.

6. ESFC GENERAL COMMITTEE ROLES - 2026

Our General Committee Members play a vital role in the day-to-day operation and ongoing success of East Sunbury Football Club. They support the Executive Committee across a range of areas including football operations, events, facilities, fundraising, communications, and member engagement.

Child Safety Officer (CSO) - VACANT

E-mail: childsafes@eastsunbury.org.au

The Child Safety Officer is responsible for supporting a safe, inclusive, and child-safe environment across the Club by promoting child safety standards, receiving and managing child safety concerns, and ensuring compliance with relevant child protection policies, legislation, and AFL requirements.

Club Registrar - Sarah Johnston

E-mail: esfcregistrar@eastsunbury.org.au

The Club Registrar is responsible for managing player and member registrations and maintaining accurate records to support smooth club operations and compliance with league requirements.

Events Coordinator - Kristie Bishop

E-mail: kristiebishop03@gmail.com

The Events Coordinator plans and delivers Club events and functions that bring members together, support fundraising, and strengthen the Club's community culture.

Social Media Coordinator - Taryn Maiolo

E-mail: essgmedia@eastsunbury.org.au

The Social Media Coordinator manages the Club's social media platforms to promote positive engagement, share club news and achievements, and strengthen communication with members, families, and the broader community.

Website Coordinator - Kayla Maiolo

E-mail: essgpresident@eastsunbury.org.au

The Website Coordinator is responsible for maintaining and updating the Club's website to ensure information is accurate, current, and engaging, supporting effective communication with members, families, and the wider community.

Partnerships Coordinator - Ronnie Paoly

E-mail: essgvp@eastsunbury.org.au

The Partnerships Coordinator develops and maintains positive relationships with sponsors, local businesses, and partners and is responsible for securing financial and in-kind support for the club.

Grants Coordinator - Shawn Hindmarsh

E-mail: esfcgrants@eastsunbury.org.au

The Grants Coordinator identifies, applies for, and manages grant opportunities to support the Club's programs, facilities, and long-term sustainability.

Apparel Coordinator - Trish Smillie

Mobile: 0434 893 715, E-mail: esfcapparel@eastsunbury.org.au

The Apparel Coordinator manages the Club's apparel and merchandise and the online store to ensure teams are well equipped, branding is consistent, and members can access Club gear.

Fundraising Coordinator - Daniel Schultze

Mobile: 0418 398 038, E-mail: danieljs76@yahoo.com.au

The Fundraising Coordinator plans and delivers fundraising initiatives to support the Club's programs, operations, and long-term financial sustainability.

7. ESFC TEAMS AND COACHES - 2026

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Mark Hourigan

0448 700 504

Reserves Men

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Brian Millett

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Under 16 Boys

Simon Bishop

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Under 16 Girls

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0408 383 982

Under 14 Mixed

Steve Millar

0408 704 467

Under 12 Mixed

Dinny Braddock

0451 053 539

Jordan Maiolo

0401 474 231

Under 10 Mixed

Gabriel Tomasini

0453 020 198

Under 8 Mixed

Scott Lobb

0413 119 549

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Coaches – TBA

8. ESFC JUNIOR COACHING VALUES FOR 2026

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“Belong. Respect. Grow. Compete.”

Belong

- Every player feels welcome, safe and valued.
- No matter your age or ability, you are part of the ESFC family.

Respect

- We treat everyone with integrity — teammates, coaches, opponents and officials.
- We show discipline, trust and positivity, especially when challenged.

Grow

- Every player improves.
- We develop skills, confidence and strong character with coaches who genuinely care.

Compete

- We play with effort and pride.
- We strive to win the right way while keeping the game fun and team-first.

9. STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-28 SUMMARY

The East Sunbury Football Club Strategic Plan provides a clear roadmap to guide the Club's growth, culture, and sustainability over the coming seasons. It reflects our shared purpose and the values that underpin everything we do as a football club.

Our Purpose

To provide a safe, inclusive, and welcoming football environment where players, coaches, volunteers, and families feel connected, supported, and proud to be part of East Sunbury Football Club.

Our Values

Our values guide our behaviour, decisions, and interactions on and off the field. They set the standard for how we represent the Club and treat one another. At East Sunbury Football Club, we are committed to being:

- **Respectful** – we care for and respect all of our people, competitors, officials and partners.
- **Inclusive** – we are a family friendly club, fun, safe, inclusive and welcome people of all ages, backgrounds and skill levels.
- **Professional** – we have club volunteers and leaders with integrity who are committed to the pursuit of sustained success on and off the field.
- **United** – from our juniors and seniors, we are all aligned in our purpose and values on and off the field.

Our Strategic Priorities

Guided by our purpose and values, the Strategic Plan focuses on the following key areas:

- **Governance & Leadership** – we are committed to strong, transparent governance and effective leadership across the Club.
- **Pathways** – we aim to provide clear and inclusive pathways for players, coaches, volunteers, and officials at all levels of the Club
- **Financial Sustainability** – we are committed to operating in a financially responsible and sustainable manner.
- **Community** – we are proud to be a community-based football club and place strong emphasis on connection and engagement.

What This Means for Members

Every member of East Sunbury Football Club plays a role in delivering the Strategic Plan. By living our values and contributing positively to the Club, each person helps shape the culture, reputation, and future of East Sunbury Football Club. This handbook aligns with the Strategic Plan by setting clear expectations, outlining roles and responsibilities, and providing guidance to ensure everyone is working toward the same goals.

The Committee regularly reviews progress against the Strategic Plan and remains committed to continuous improvement, ensuring East Sunbury Football Club remains a strong, inclusive, and community-focused football club.

10. MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY

1. Policy Statement

East Sunbury Football Club (ESFC) is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, respectful, and positive environment for all members, participants, volunteers, officials, parents, and supporters. The Club has zero tolerance for discrimination, harassment, abuse, bullying, vilification, victimisation, or any other behaviour that undermines the safety, dignity, or wellbeing of individuals. This policy supports the Club's commitment to child safety, fair participation, and community values, and applies to all activities conducted under the name of East Sunbury Football Club.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Member Protection Policy is to:

- Protect the rights, dignity, and wellbeing of all members
- Promote inclusive, respectful, and ethical behaviour
- Prevent inappropriate, unsafe, or unlawful conduct
- Provide clear expectations and responsibilities
- Establish fair and transparent complaint handling processes
- Support compliance with AFL, EDFL, and legislative requirements

3. Scope

This policy applies to all persons involved with ESFC, including:

- Players (junior and senior)
- Coaches, trainers, and officials
- Committee members
- Volunteers
- Parents, guardians, and spectators
- Members and supporters
- Contractors and service providers

This policy applies in all Club-related environments, including:

- Training and match days
- Club events, meetings, and functions
- Camps, tours, and travel
- Digital platforms, online communication, and social media

4. Club Values

All behaviour at East Sunbury Football Club is guided by the following values:

- **Respectful** – We care for and respect all of our people, competitors, officials, and partners.
- **Inclusive** – We are a family-friendly club that is fun, safe, inclusive, and welcoming to people of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and skill levels.
- **Professional** – We have club volunteers and leaders with integrity who are committed to the pursuit of sustained success on and off the field.
- **United** – From our juniors to our seniors, we are aligned in our purpose and values on and off the field.

Behaviour that is inconsistent with these values may be addressed under this policy.

5. Policy Statement

East Sunbury Football Club has adopted the following Codes of Conduct:

- Players and Officials Code of Conduct
- Coaches Code of Conduct
- Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct
- Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct

All persons must comply with the Code(s) relevant to their role(s). Breaches of a Code of Conduct may be managed under this Member Protection Policy.

6. Prohibited Behaviour

The following behaviours are not tolerated at East Sunbury Football Club:

- **Discrimination** – Unfair treatment based on attributes including age, gender, race, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, cultural background, or ability.
- **Harassment** – Unwelcome conduct that offends, intimidates, humiliates, or threatens another person.
- **Sexual Harassment** – Any unwanted sexual behaviour, comments, gestures, or physical contact.
- **Bullying** – Repeated unreasonable behaviour that creates a risk to health and safety.
- **Vilification** – Public acts that incite hatred, serious contempt, or ridicule of a person or group.
- **Abuse** – Physical, verbal, emotional, or psychological abuse of any kind.
- **Victimisation** – Unfair treatment of a person because they have made, or supported, a complaint.

7. Responsibilities

Club Responsibilities:

East Sunbury Football Club will:

- Promote this policy and ensure it is accessible
- Appoint a Child Safety Officer / Member Protection contact
- Take complaints seriously and act promptly
- Ensure procedural fairness and confidentiality
- Apply appropriate disciplinary action where required

Member Responsibilities

All members must:

- Behave in accordance with Club values and policies
- Comply with all applicable Codes of Conduct
- Not engage in prohibited behaviour
- Raise concerns responsibly and in good faith

8. Child Safety Matters

Any concerns involving the safety or wellbeing of a child or young person must be reported immediately to the Club's Child Safety Officer.

Serious concerns may also be reported directly to the AFL via:

<https://eafl.austfoot.com.au/aflmakeareport/#/landing>

Child safety matters will be managed in accordance with legislation and the Club's Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

9. Complaints Handling Procedure

East Sunbury Football Club is committed to managing complaints fairly, respectfully, promptly, and confidentially, with the wellbeing and safety of all parties as the primary consideration. The Club recognises that concerns should be raised without fear of victimisation and that complaints will be handled in accordance with the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.

Who Can Make a Complaint

A complaint may be made by:

- Players
- Parents or guardians
- Coaches, officials, or volunteers
- Committee members
- Members or spectators
- Any person affected by the conduct of a Club member

Complaints may relate to behaviour that breaches:

- This Member Protection Policy
- Any Club Code of Conduct
- Club values or expectations
- AFL or EDFL regulations

Informal Complaints

Where appropriate and safe to do so, the Club encourages early, informal resolution by:

- Speaking directly with the person involved
- Seeking guidance from a Coach, Team Manager, Committee Member, or Child Safety Officer

Informal resolution is not appropriate where:

- The matter involves child safety
- There is a power imbalance
- The behaviour is serious or ongoing

Formal Complaints

Formal complaints should be:

- Made in writing (email or letter)
- Submitted to the Club Secretary
- Clearly outline the nature of the complaint, relevant dates, and parties involved

The Club may also accept complaints made verbally where literacy, wellbeing, or safety concerns exist.

Initial Assessment

Upon receiving a complaint, the Club Secretary will:

- Acknowledge receipt of the complaint
- Assess the seriousness and nature of the matter
- Determine whether the matter can be managed internally or requires referral

Matters involving:

- Child safety
- Criminal behaviour
- Serious misconduct

will be escalated immediately to the appropriate authority, league, or governing body.

Investigation Process

Investigation Process

Where an investigation is required, the Club Executive Committee will:

- Appoint an appropriate person or panel to manage the matter
- Ensure all parties are given an opportunity to be heard
- Collect relevant information in a confidential manner
- Act without bias or conflict of interest

Investigations will be conducted as promptly as possible, having regard to the complexity of the matter.

Outcomes and Actions

Following the investigation, the Club Executive Committee may:

- Take no further action
- Provide education, guidance, or mediation
- Issue a warning or impose conditions
- Suspend or remove a person from a role or membership
- Refer the matter to the EDFL, AFL, or external authorities

All outcomes will be consistent with Club policies and league requirements.

Confidentiality and Privacy

All complaints will be handled with sensitivity and confidentiality.

Information will only be shared:

- On a need-to-know basis
- Where required to properly manage the complaint
- Where required by law

Protection from Victimisation

East Sunbury Football Club will not tolerate victimisation of any person who:

- Makes a complaint
- Assists with a complaint
- Participates in an investigation

Any act of victimisation may result in disciplinary action.

Review and Appeals

Where appropriate, a person may request a review of the handling of a complaint.

Reviews will focus on whether:

- The process was followed correctly
- Procedural fairness was applied

Appeals regarding outcomes may be referred to the ESFC Executive Committee

Record Keeping

The Club Secretary will:

- Keep secure records of complaints and outcomes
- Store information in line with privacy requirements
- Use de-identified data to support continuous improvement

10. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed regularly and updated in line with AFL, AFL Victoria and best-practice guidelines.

11. Policy Endorsement

This policy is endorsed by the East Sunbury Football Club Committee and applies to all football activities conducted by the Club.

11. SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY

1. Purpose

East Sunbury Football Club (ESFC) is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for all children and young people involved in our football programs. We have zero tolerance for child abuse and are committed to protecting children from harm, abuse and neglect. This policy outlines ESFC's commitment to child safety and the responsibilities of all club representatives in creating and maintaining a child-safe environment.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all:

- Committee members
- Coaches and assistant coaches
- Team managers and trainers
- Volunteers and officials
- Contractors and service providers
- Players aged 18 and over
- Parents and guardians when participating in club activities

3. Commitment to Child Safety

ESFC:

- Actively works to prevent child abuse and harm
- Promotes a culture where children feel safe, respected and heard
- Encourages the participation of children from diverse backgrounds
- Takes all allegations and concerns seriously and responds appropriately

Child safety is a shared responsibility, and everyone involved with ESFC has a role to play.

4. Definitions

- Child / Young Person: Any person under the age of 18 years
- Child Abuse: Includes physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, grooming, and exposure to family violence
- Harm: Any detrimental impact on a child's physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing

5. Code of Conduct – Working with Children

All ESFC representatives must:

- Treat children with respect, dignity and fairness
- Act as positive role models at all times
- Maintain appropriate boundaries with children
- Avoid being alone with a child where possible
- Use positive language and behaviour
- Obtain consent before physical contact where required (e.g. coaching, injury support)

Unacceptable behaviour includes:

- Discrimination, bullying or harassment
- Inappropriate physical contact or language
- Favouritism or exclusion
- Ignoring or failing to act on child safety concerns

6. Recruitment & Screening

ESFC is committed to safe recruitment practices, including:

- Requiring a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) for all relevant roles
- Verifying suitability of volunteers and officials
- Ensuring child safety expectations are clearly communicated

No person may commence in a child-related role without meeting screening requirements.

7. Reporting Child Safety Concerns

All concerns, suspicions or allegations of child abuse must be taken seriously.

If a child is in immediate danger, contact 000.

Otherwise:

- Report concerns to the Club President, Secretary or Child Safety Officer
- Mandatory reporters must follow their legal obligations
- ESFC will support reporting to external authorities when required

Reports will be handled confidentially and respectfully, with the safety of the child as the priority.

8. Responding to Complaints & Incidents

ESFC will:

- Respond promptly and fairly to all complaints
- Follow procedural fairness principles
- Maintain confidentiality where appropriate
- Ensure no person is victimised for raising a concern

Disciplinary action may be taken where breaches of this policy occur.

9. Supporting Children

ESFC will:

- Listen to children and take their views seriously
- Provide age-appropriate information about their rights
- Support children and families affected by incidents

10. Review & Continuous Improvement

This policy will be:

- Reviewed regularly
- Updated to reflect legislative and best-practice changes
- Communicated to all club members

11. Policy Endorsement

This policy has been endorsed by the East Sunbury Football Club Committee and applies to all club activities, events and programs.

12. Child Safety Officer

E-mail: childsaf@eastsunbury.org.au

12. SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE - CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Commitment to Child Safety

East Sunbury Football Club (ESFC) is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Our Club recognises the importance of, and our responsibility for, ensuring ESFC is a safe, supportive, and enriching environment that respects and fosters the dignity, self-esteem, and development of all children and young people.

ESFC has zero tolerance for child abuse and is committed to acting in the best interests of children at all times.

2. Purpose of the Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct aims to:

- Protect children and young people from harm
- Reduce opportunities for abuse or unsafe behaviour
- Clearly define expected standards of behaviour
- Assist staff, volunteers, and others to identify and manage risk

This Code complements relevant child protection legislation, AFL and EDFL requirements, and ESFC policies, procedures, and professional standards.

3. Scope and Application

This Code of Conduct applies to:

- Committee members
- Coaches, trainers, and team officials
- Volunteers
- Contractors
- Parents and guardians when acting in an official club capacity
- Any other person engaged in child-related work at ESFC

The Code of Conduct applies in all ESFC environments, including:

- Training sessions and match days
- Club events, meetings, and functions
- Camps, tours, and overnight activities
- Digital platforms, online communication, and social media

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from duties, depending on the seriousness of the breach.

4. Behaviour Guidelines

All persons involved in child-related work at ESFC are responsible for supporting and promoting child safety by:

General Behaviour

- Complying with ESFC's Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy, this Code of Conduct, and all other Club policies
- Treating all children and young people with respect, dignity, and fairness
- Listening to children's views and taking them seriously
- Acting as positive role models at all times

Inclusion and Respect

- Welcoming all children, families, and carers
- Respecting cultural, religious, and individual differences
- Acting in a culturally safe and inclusive manner, particularly when engaging with Aboriginal children, culturally and linguistically diverse children, and children with disability

Supervision and Professional Boundaries

- Ensuring children are appropriately supervised at all times
- Avoiding one-on-one situations with a child out of sight of others where possible
- Maintaining professional boundaries and not acting outside the scope of your role
- Respecting children's privacy while ensuring their safety

Communication

- Using respectful, age-appropriate language and tone
- Not using swearing, derogatory, humiliating, or threatening language
- Providing clear instruction, encouragement, and positive guidance
- Ensuring electronic communication (email, SMS, social media) includes a parent/guardian where possible or occurs within open group messages

Physical Contact

- Using physical contact only when reasonable, necessary, and appropriate to the situation
- Ensuring physical contact is never intrusive, intimidating, or sexualised

Images, Media and Technology

- Only taking photographs or videos of children in line with AFL, EDFL, and ESFC privacy requirements
- Ensuring images are taken for legitimate club purposes, in appropriate settings, with children suitably dressed
- Not sharing images of children on personal social media without authorisation

Prohibited Conduct

Under no circumstances is the following permitted:

- Sexual activity or sexualised behaviour with or in the presence of children
- Supplying alcohol, drugs, or illegal substances to children
- Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on duty, including impairment from legal medication

Transport, Gifts and Overnight Activities

- Transporting children only with prior approval from parents/guardians and the Club
- Giving gifts to children only with prior approval from parents/guardians and the Club
- Overnight stays only as part of an approved program, with parental consent, appropriate supervision ratios, and consideration of gender balance among supervisors

5. Reporting Obligations

All ESFC committee members, staff, volunteers, and club representatives must:

- Act on any concerns, complaints, or suspected breaches of this Code of Conduct
- Report concerns promptly to the ESFC Child Safety Officer

Reports may also be made directly to the AFL via:

<https://eafl.austfoot.com.au/aflmakeareport/#/landing>

Failure to report concerns may itself constitute a breach of this Code of Conduct.

6. Review & Continuous Improvement

This policy will be:

- Reviewed regularly
- Updated to reflect legislative and best-practice changes
- Communicated to all club members

7. Policy Endorsement

This Code of Conduct has been endorsed by the East Sunbury Football Club Committee and applies to all club activities, events and programs.

8. Child Safety Officer

E-mail: childsaf@eastsunbury.org.au

13. VILIFICATION & DISCRIMINATION POLICY

1. Purpose

East Sunbury Football Club is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents, members, and spectators. This policy outlines the Club's position on vilification and discrimination and sets clear expectations for behaviour at all club activities. Vilification and discrimination in any form will not be tolerated.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all individuals involved with East Sunbury Football Club, including but not limited to:

- Players (junior and senior)
- Coaches and officials
- Committee members and volunteers
- Parents, guardians, and spectators
- Members, sponsors, and visitors

The policy applies at:

- Training and matches
- Club events and functions
- Travel to and from club activities
- Online environments, including social media and messaging platforms

3. What Is Discrimination?

Discrimination occurs when a person is treated unfairly or less favourably because of a personal characteristic, including but not limited to:

- Race, ethnicity, nationality, or cultural background
- Religion
- Gender or gender identity
- Sexual orientation
- Disability
- Age
- Family or caring responsibilities

Discrimination may be direct (intentional) or indirect (unintentional but unfair in effect).

4. What Is Vilification?

Vilification is any action, comment, or behaviour that incites hatred, serious contempt, ridicule, or abuse of a person or group based on a protected characteristic (such as race, religion, gender, or disability).

Vilification can include:

- Verbal abuse or slurs
- Written or online comments
- Gestures or symbols
- Social media posts or messages
- Repeated teasing or intimidation

5. Unacceptable Behaviour

The following behaviours are unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action:

- Discriminatory language or behaviour
- Racial, religious, gender-based, or homophobic abuse
- Vilifying comments or actions, whether verbal, physical, or online
- Encouraging or supporting discriminatory behaviour
- Retaliation against someone who raises a concern

6. Reporting & Complaints

Any person who experiences or witnesses vilification or discrimination is encouraged to report the matter as soon as possible.

Reports can be made to:

- A Committee member
- The President or Secretary
- The Head of Football (where appropriate)

All complaints will be:

- Taken seriously
- Handled respectfully and confidentially where possible
- Managed in line with Club policies and relevant league procedures

7. Consequences

Breaches of this policy may result in disciplinary action, which may include:

- Education or formal warning
- Suspension or removal from club activities
- Referral to the league or governing body
- Further action as required under applicable rules or legislation

Disciplinary outcomes will consider the seriousness of the behaviour, the impact on others, and whether the matter involves a junior participant.

8. Commitment

East Sunbury Football Club is committed to:

- Promoting respect, inclusion, and equality
- Providing a safe environment for children and young people
- Supporting anyone affected by vilification or discrimination
- Continuously improving our culture and behaviours

By participating in any East Sunbury Football Club activity, all individuals agree to comply with this policy.

9. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed regularly and updated in line with AFL, AFL Victoria and best-practice guidelines.

10. Policy Endorsement

This policy is endorsed by the East Sunbury Football Club Committee and applies to all football activities conducted by the Club.

14A. PLAYER AND OFFICIALS - CODE OF CONDUCT

Players and Official Code of Conduct is in place to ensure football is a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone. All players are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct.

Each Player and Official must:

- a) Not bring the game of Australian Football, the AFL, or the League or the Club into disrepute.
- b) Participate in Competition Matches in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football.
- c) Respect the spirit of the Laws of Australian Football and fair play, and behave accordingly.
- d) Display and foster respect for Umpires, opponents, Coaches, administrators, Officials, parents and spectators.
- e) Never argue with or dispute a decision of an Official or Umpire. If a Participant disagrees with a decision, they should deal with their dispute in accordance with the relevant Rules, Regulations, Policies and Determinations.
- f) Control their emotions, and not engage in verbal abuse of or swearing at or in the vicinity of others, sledging Players and/or Coaches or behaviour that deliberately distracts or provokes an opponent.
- g) Comply with the AFL and SFNL Rules and Regulations including the National Member Protection Policy, the League By-Laws and this Code of Conduct.
- h) Never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field.
- i) Contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual differences, and behave accordingly.
- j) Cooperate with their Club Officials, Coaches and team-mates.
- k) Participate for their own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of their teammates, Coaches and Club Officials.
- l) Comply with and observe the AFL Vilification and Discrimination Policy including respecting the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion.
- m) Not engage in conduct that is, unethical, unbecoming or likely to cause harm to the reputation of the Participant or the Club.
- n) Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media.
- o) Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL, or the League. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs).
- p) Use appropriately the facilities and equipment made available for administration, coaching, training, Competition Matches and events, including facilities provided by the opposing teams.

14B. PARENT AND SPECTATOR - CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct aims to provide a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

Each Parent and Supporter must:

- a) Support the participants and enjoy the Match.
- b) Encourage participation, but don't force it.
- c) Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- d) Not ridicule mistakes or losses.
- e) Lead by example and respect all Players, Coaches, Umpires, Officials and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- f) Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time.
- g) Not publicly criticise Umpires and instead raise personal concerns with Club Officials in private.
- h) Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your Coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.
- i) Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs.
- j) Not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any Player, Official, Umpire or supporter.
- k) Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, Coaches, Officials or Players.
- l) Not to enter the field of play in any sanctioned Competition Match unless granted permission by an Official to do so.
- m) Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media.
- n) Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL, or the League. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs).

Non-Compliance

Parents or others found to have behaved inappropriately may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy.

14C. COACH - CODE OF CONDUCT

The Coach Code of Conduct sets clear expectations for behaviour and professionalism to ensure a safe, inclusive, and positive environment for all participants. Coaches play a vital role as leaders and role models and are expected to demonstrate respect, integrity, and responsibility at all times.

Each Coach and Assistant Coach will:

- a) Respect all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian football, and will refrain from any discriminatory practices including, but not limited to, discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, ethnic background, special ability/disability or sexual orientation, preference or identity.
- b) Abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and the Rules of my Club and League/Association.
- c) Be reasonable in the demands made on the time commitments of the players in my care, having consideration for their health and wellbeing.
- d) Be supportive at all times and refrain from any form of personal or physical abuse and unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care.
- e) Show consideration for varying maturity and levels of ability of my players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in football competition.
- f) Where responsible for players in the 5- to 18-year-old age group, use best endeavours to ensure that players gain equal playing time.
- g) Monitor and ensure the safety of players in my care.
- h) In recognising injury and sickness, seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the participation and / or return to training of injured or ill players.
- i) Keep up to date with the principles of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of my players.
- j) At all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practice fair play.
- l) Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, officials, parents and spectators.
- m) Ensure that players are involved in an environment where skill learning and development are priorities and are not overshadowed by a desire to win.
- o) Reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines in the AFL Anti Doping and Illicit Drugs policies.
- p) Acknowledge that the AFL, or a body affiliated with the AFL, may take disciplinary action against coaches if there is a breach any part of this Code of Conduct. This may include being removed from all duties as a coach at the club.
- q) Acknowledge that disciplinary action may include de registration from the AFL National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

15. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. Purpose

East Sunbury Football Club (ESFC) is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all participants. This policy outlines the Club's approach to the recognition, management and return-to-play requirements for concussion and suspected concussion. ESFC adopts a "when in doubt, sit them out" approach.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all:

- Players (junior and senior)
- Coaches and assistant coaches
- Team managers and trainers
- Medical staff and volunteers
- Parents and guardians (junior players)

It applies to all training sessions, matches and club activities.

3. What is a Concussion?

A concussion is a brain injury caused by a blow to the head or body that transmits force to the brain. Loss of consciousness does not need to occur for a concussion to be present.

Common signs and symptoms include:

- Headache or pressure in the head
- Dizziness or balance problems
- Confusion, memory issues or slowed thinking
- Nausea or vomiting
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Behavioural or mood changes

Symptoms may appear immediately or develop over time.

4. Recognition & Immediate Response

If a player:

- Receives a blow to the head or body and
- Displays signs or reports symptoms of concussion

The player must:

- Be removed from play immediately
- Not return to training or match play on the same day
- Be assessed by a qualified medical professional as soon as possible

Coaches, trainers and officials must not attempt to diagnose concussion.

5. Medical Assessment & Clearance

A player suspected of concussion must:

- Be medically assessed by a doctor or qualified health professional
- Receive written medical clearance before returning to training or matches

For junior players, parents or guardians must be informed immediately.

6. Return-to-Play Protocol

ESFC follows a graduated return-to-play process, which includes:

- Complete physical and cognitive rest
- Light aerobic activity
- Sport-specific exercise
- Non-contact training
- Full contact training (with medical clearance)
- Return to competition

A player must be symptom-free at each stage before progressing. If symptoms return, the player must step back to the previous stage.

7. Junior Players

ESFC takes a conservative approach to concussion management for players under 18:

- Longer recovery periods may apply
- Return-to-play decisions must prioritise player welfare
- Written medical clearance is mandatory

8. Roles & Responsibilities

Club Committee

- Ensure this policy is implemented and communicated

Coaches & Team Officials

- Recognise concussion signs
- Remove players from play when suspected
- Follow return-to-play requirements

Trainers & Medical Staff

- Provide immediate care and guidance
- Support safe return-to-play decisions

Players

- Report symptoms honestly
- Follow medical advice

Parents/Guardians

- Monitor symptoms at home
- Support recovery and compliance

9. Education & Awareness

ESFC will:

- Promote concussion awareness and education
- Encourage a culture where player health comes first
- Support ongoing training for coaches and officials

10. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed regularly and updated in line with AFL, AFL Victoria and medical best-practice guidelines.

11. Policy Endorsement

This Concussion Management Policy is endorsed by the East Sunbury Football Club Committee and applies to all football activities conducted by the Club.

16. JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION PROCESS POLICY

1. Purpose

East Sunbury Football Club is committed to providing a fair, transparent, and development-focused team selection process that prioritises player wellbeing, skill development, enjoyment, and long-term participation in football. This process outlines how junior teams are formed and how selection decisions are made to ensure consistency, fairness, and alignment with the Club's values and EDFL competition requirements.

2. Guiding Principles

Junior team selection at East Sunbury Football Club is guided by the following principles:

- **Participation and Development First** – Junior football is primarily about learning, enjoyment, and development.
- **Fairness and Transparency** – All players are given equal opportunity to be assessed.
- **Age-Appropriate Development** – Selection considers physical, emotional, and skill development appropriate to age.
- **Respect and Inclusion** – Decisions are made respectfully and communicated appropriately.
- **Long-Term Pathways** – Selection supports player retention and long-term development, not short-term results.

3. Selection Responsibility

Team selection is the responsibility of the appointed Coach, supported by:

- Assistant Coaches
- Football Operations / Football Committee (where applicable)

Final oversight rests with the Junior President and Head of Junior Football, who may intervene to ensure alignment with Club policy, values, and EDFL regulations.

4. EDFL Team Number Cap

The Essendon District Football League (EDFL) imposes a maximum team size of 24 players per team for junior competitions.

- Where registrations exceed this number, the Club will work to form additional teams where possible.
- If additional teams cannot be formed due to age group numbers or league constraints, selection decisions will be made in line with this policy and EDFL requirements.
- The Club is committed to being transparent with families where team number limits apply.

5. Team Formation Process

Pre-Season Assessment

- All registered players are encouraged to attend pre-season training and assessment sessions.
- Players will be observed across multiple sessions to allow fair and balanced assessment.
- Late registrations will be accommodated where possible, subject to EDFL team number limits.

6. Team Allocation

- Teams will be formed to ensure positive development environments for all players.
- Where multiple teams exist in an age group, squads will be structured to ensure that all players are selected in the division of the EDFL that best suits the level of each player, so they can continue to develop.

7. Selection Criteria

When selecting junior teams, coaches will consider a combination of the following factors:

- Skill level and football ability
- Effort, attitude, and willingness to learn
- Attendance and commitment to training
- Understanding of team play and game sense
- Physical readiness and safety considerations
- Positional balance and team structure
- Behaviour in line with Club Codes of Conduct

No single factor will determine selection. Decisions are made using an overall, holistic assessment.

8. Match Day Selection & Rotation

- Coaches are encouraged to provide reasonable and equitable game time, in line with EDFL rules.
- Rotations should support learning, skill development, and enjoyment.
- Winning is not prioritised over participation at junior levels.

9. Communication with Players & Parents

- Selection decisions are communicated by the Coach.
- Discussions will focus on development areas and opportunities, not comparisons with other players.
- Coaches will not discuss the selection of other players.

Parents or guardians with concerns are encouraged to:

1. Allow a cooling-off period (minimum 24 hours after a match or selection decision).
2. Raise concerns respectfully with the Coach.
3. Escalate to Junior President or Head of Junior Football, only if required.

10. Behaviour & Conduct

Pre-Season Assessment

- Abuse or harassment of coaches, selectors, or volunteers regarding selection decisions will not be tolerated.
- All parties are expected to adhere to the Club's Codes of Conduct.
- Breaches may result in disciplinary action.

11. Special Considerations

- Player wellbeing, injury, and confidence will always be prioritised.
- Adjustments may be made for new players, late starters, or returning players.
- Any concerns regarding fairness or bias should be raised confidentially with the Head of Junior Football

17. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

1. Purpose

East Sunbury Football Club (ESFC) recognises that social media is an important tool for communication, promotion, and community engagement. This policy aims to ensure that social media is used in a positive, respectful, safe, and responsible manner that reflects the Club's values and protects members, particularly children and young people.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All players (junior and senior)
- Coaches, officials, and team managers
- Committee members and volunteers
- Parents, guardians, and spectators
- Members and supporters

This policy applies to:

- Official ESFC social media accounts
- Personal social media use where ESFC, its members, or activities are referenced

3. Club Values

All social media activity connected to East Sunbury Football Club must reflect the Club's values of being:

- Respectful, Inclusive, Professional, United.

Content or behaviour that does not align with these values may be addressed under this policy.

4. Official Club Social Media Accounts

Official ESFC social media accounts are managed by the Social Media Coordinator, or other authorised persons approved by the Committee.

Only authorised administrators may:

- Post content on official accounts
- Respond to messages or comments
- Represent the Club online

All official content must be:

- Accurate and appropriate
- Positive and inclusive
- Consistent with Club policies and Codes of Conduct

5. Acceptable Use

When using social media in connection with ESFC, individuals must:

- Communicate respectfully and responsibly
- Promote positive behaviour, participation, and enjoyment
- Respect privacy and confidentiality
- Use appropriate language and imagery
- Comply with Club policies and Codes of Conduct

6. Unacceptable Use

The following behaviour is not permitted on social media where it relates to ESFC:

- Abuse, harassment, bullying, or intimidation
- Discriminatory, offensive, or derogatory comments
- Sexualised or inappropriate content
- Criticism of club, league, other EDFL club's players, coaches, officials, volunteers, or umpires
- Posting confidential or private information
- Engaging in arguments or online disputes
- Content that damages the reputation of the club or the EDFL

7. Children and Young People

ESFC is committed to safeguarding children and young people online.

- Images or videos of children may only be posted on official Club platforms with appropriate consent
- Children must be appropriately dressed and portrayed respectfully
- No tagging of children on personal social media without parental consent
- Direct messaging of children by Club representatives is not permitted
- Communication with junior players should include a parent/guardian or occur via team or Club channels

8. Personal Social Media Use

Members are reminded that personal social media activity can reflect on the Club.

When referencing ESFC, individuals must:

- Act in a respectful and responsible manner
- Avoid bringing the Club into disrepute
- Understand that inappropriate posts may be treated as a breach of Club policy

9. Monitoring and Moderation

ESFC reserves the right to:

- Monitor official Club social media platforms
- Remove comments or content that breach this policy
- Block users who engage in inappropriate behaviour

10. Behaviour & Conduct

Breaches of this Social Media Policy may result in disciplinary action, including:

- Request to remove content
- Education or formal warning
- Suspension or removal from a role
- Termination of membership
- Referral to the EDFL, AFL, or relevant authorities

Serious breaches involving child safety will be escalated immediately.

11. Complaints

Concerns or complaints regarding social media use should be reported to:

- The Social Media Coordinator
- A Committee Member
- The Child Safety Officer (for child-related concerns)

18. EDFL FIXTURE DATES

| Weekend of | Premier Men | Div 1 Men | Div 2 Men | Premier Women | Div 1 & 2 Women | Junior Girls & Boys | Thirds Men |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 04-Apr-26 | <i>Easter</i> | <i>Easter</i> | <i>Easter</i> | <i>Easter</i> | <i>Easter</i> | <i>Easter</i> | <i>Easter</i> |
| 11-Apr-26 | Rd 1 | Rd 1 | Rd 1 | Rd 1 | Rd 1 | Rd 1 | Rd 1 |
| 18-Apr-26 | Rd 2 | Rd 2 | Rd 2 | Rd 2 | Rd 2 | Rd 2 | Rd 2 |
| 25-Apr-26 | Rd 3 | Rd 3 | Rd 3 | Rd 3 | Rd 3 | Rd 3 | Rd 3 |
| 02-May-26 | Rd 4 | Rd 4 | Rd 4 | Rd 4 | Rd 4 | Rd 4 | Rd 4 |
| 09-May-26 | Rd 5 | Rd 5 | Rd 5 | Rd 5 | Rd 4 | Rd 5 | Rd 5 |
| 16-May-26 | Rd 6 | Rd 6 | Rd 6 | Rd 6 | Rd 5 | Rd 6 | Rd 6 |
| 23-May-26 | Rd 7 | Rd 7 | Rd 7 | Rd 7 | Rd 6 | Rd 7 | Rd 7 |
| 30-May-26 | Rd 8 | Rd 8 | Rd 8 | Rd 8 | Rd 7 | Rd 8 | Rd 8 |
| 06-Jun-26 | <i>Kings Birthday</i> | <i>Kings Birthday</i> | <i>Kings Birthday</i> | <i>Kings Birthday</i> | <i>Kings Birthday</i> | <i>Kings Birthday</i> | <i>Kings Birthday</i> |
| 13-Jun-26 | Rd 9 | Rd 9 | Rd 9 | Rd 9 | Rd 8 | Rd 9 | Rd 9 |
| 20-Jun-26 | Rd 10 | Rd 10 | Rd 10 | Rd 10 | Rd 9 | Rd 10 | Rd 10 |
| 27-Jun-26 | Rd 11 | Rd 11 | Rd 11 | Rd 11 | Rd 10 | Rd 11 | Rd 11 |
| 04-Jul-26 | Rd 12 | Rd 12 | Rd 12 | <i>Bye Week</i> | <i>Bye Week</i> | <i>Bye Week</i> | Rd 12 |
| 11-Jul-26 | Rd 13 | Rd 13 | Rd 13 | Rd 12 | Rd 11 | Rd 12 | Rd 13 |
| 18-Jul-26 | Rd 14 | Rd 14 | Rd 14 | Rd 13 | Rd 12 | Rd 13 | Rd 14 |
| 25-Jul-26 | Rd 14 | Rd 15 | Rd 15 | Rd 14 | Rd 13 | Rd 14 | Semis |
| 01-Aug-26 | Rd 15 | Rd 16 | Rd 16 | Rd 15 | Rd 14 | Semis | Prelim |
| 08-Aug-26 | Rd 16 | Rd 17 | Rd 17 | Rd 16 | Semis | Prelim | Grand Final |
| 15-Aug-26 | Rd 17 | Rd 18 | Rd 18 | Semis | Prelim | Grand Final | |
| 22-Aug-26 | Rd 18 | Quali/Elim | Semis | Prelim | Grand Final | | |
| 29-Aug-26 | Quali/Elim | Semis | Prelim | Grand Final | | | Bye Week |
| 05-Sep-26 | Semis | Prelim | Grand Final | | | | Split Round |
| 12-Sep-26 | Prelim | Grand Final | | | | | Finals |
| 19-Sep-26 | Grand Final | | | | | | Grand Finals |

Season dates are subject to change.

19. EDFL MEN'S FIXTURE

2026 MEN'S EDFL FIXTURE DIVISION TWO

ROUND 1 - Friday 3 April (Good Friday)

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|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Keilor Park v Coburg Districts (KEP) | 2:15PM |
| Saturday 11 April | |
| Sun. Kangaroos v Roxburgh Park (EBR) | 2:15PM |
| East Sunbury v Hadfield (JMM) | 2:15PM |
| Burn. Heights v Westmeadows (BHR) | 2:15PM |
| Glenroy v Northern Saints (SER) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 2 - Saturday 18 April

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|--|--------|
| Hadfield v Coburg Districts (MAR) | 2:15PM |
| Westmeadows v Keilor Park (WIR) | 2:15PM |
| Northern Saints v Sun. Kangaroos (CMR) | 2:15PM |
| Roxburgh Park v Burnside Heights (LAR) | 2:15PM |
| East Sunbury v Glenroy (JMM) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 3 - Friday 24 April

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| Roxburgh Park v Hadfield (LAR) | 7:00PM |
| Saturday 25 April (Anzac Day) | |
| Sun. Kangaroos v East Sunbury (EBR) | 2:15PM |
| Burn. Heights v Coburg Districts (BHR) | 2:15PM |
| Keilor Park v Northern Saints (KEP) | 2:15PM |
| Glenroy v Westmeadows (SER) | 2:30PM |

ROUND 4 - Saturday 2 May

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|--|--------|
| Northern Saints v Cob. Districts (CMR) | 2:15PM |
| Westmeadows v Roxburgh Park (WIR) | 2:15PM |
| Hadfield v Glenroy (MAR) | 2:15PM |
| East Sunbury v Burnside Heights (JMM) | 2:15PM |
| Sunbury Kangaroos v Keilor Park (EBR) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 5 - Saturday 9 May

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Glenroy v Coburg Districts (SER) | 2:15PM |
| Burn. Heights v Sun. Kangaroos (BHR) | 2:15PM |
| Keilor Park v East Sunbury (KEP) | 2:15PM |
| Roxburgh Park v Northern Saints (LAR) | 2:15PM |
| Westmeadows v Hadfield (WIR) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 6 - Saturday 16 May

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| East Sunbury v Coburg Districts (JMM) | 2:15PM |
| Northern Saints v Westmeadows (CMR) | 2:15PM |
| Keilor Park v Roxburgh Park (KEP) | 2:15PM |
| Sunbury Kangaroos v Glenroy (EBR) | 2:15PM |
| Hadfield v Burnside Heights (MAR) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 7 - Saturday 23 May

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Cob. Districts v Sun. Kangaroos (COR) | 2:15PM |
| Roxburgh Park v Glenroy (LAR) | 2:15PM |
| Burnside Heights v Keilor Park (BHR) | 2:15PM |
| Westmeadows v East Sunbury (WIR) | 2:15PM |
| Northern Saints v Hadfield (CMR) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 8 - Saturday 30 May

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Glenroy v Keilor Park (SER) | 2:15PM |
| Burn. Heights v Northern Saints (BHR) | 2:15PM |
| Hadfield v Sunbury Kangaroos (MAR) | 2:15PM |
| Westmeadows v Coburg Districts (WIR) | 2:15PM |
| Roxburgh Park v East Sunbury (LAR) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 9 - Saturday 13 June

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| Glenroy v Burnside Heights (SER) | 2:15PM |
| East Sunbury v Northern Saints (JMM) | 2:15PM |
| Keilor Park v Hadfield (KEP) | 2:15PM |
| Sun. Kangaroos v Westmeadows (EBR) | 2:15PM |
| Coburg Districts v Roxburgh Park (COR) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 10 - Saturday 20 June

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|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Coburg Districts v Keilor Park (COR) | 2:15PM |
| Roxburgh Park v Sun. Kangaroos (LAR) | 2:15PM |
| Hadfield v East Sunbury (MAR) | 2:15PM |
| Westmeadows v Burn. Heights (WIR) | 2:15PM |
| Northern Saints v Glenroy (CMR) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 11 - Saturday 27 June

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| Keilor Park v Westmeadows (KEP) | 2:15PM |
| Coburg Districts v Hadfield (COR) | 2:15PM |
| Burn. Heights v Roxburgh Park (BHR) | 2:15PM |
| Glenroy v East Sunbury (SER) | 2:15PM |
| Sun. Kangaroos v Northern Saints (EBR) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 12 - Saturday 4 July

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| Hadfield v Roxburgh Park (MAR) | 2:15PM |
| East Sunbury v Sun. Kangaroos (JMM) | 2:15PM |
| Coburg Districts v Burn. Heights (COR) | 2:15PM |
| Westmeadows v Glenroy (WIR) | 2:15PM |
| Northern Saints v Keilor Park (CMR) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 13 - Saturday 11 July

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| Cob. Districts v Northern Saints (COR) | 2:15PM |
| Roxburgh Park v Westmeadows (LAR) | 2:15PM |
| Glenroy v Hadfield (SER) | 2:15PM |
| Burnside Heights v East Sunbury (BHR) | 2:15PM |
| Keilor Park v Sunbury Kangaroos (KEP) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 14 - Saturday 18 July

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Coburg Districts v Glenroy (COR) | 2:15PM |
| East Sunbury v Keilor Park (JMM) | 2:15PM |
| Sun. Kangaroos v Burn. Heights (EBR) | 2:15PM |
| Northern Saints v Roxburgh Park (CMR) | 2:15PM |
| Hadfield v Westmeadows (MAR) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 15 - Saturday 25 July

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Burnside Heights v Hadfield (BHR) | 2:15PM |
| Westmeadows v Northern Saints (WIR) | 2:15PM |
| Coburg Districts v East Sunbury (COR) | 2:15PM |
| Roxburgh Park v Keilor Park (LAR) | 2:15PM |
| Glenroy v Sunbury Kangaroos (SER) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 16 - Saturday 1 August

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| Glenroy v Roxburgh Park (SER) | 2:15PM |
| Sun. Kangaroos v Coburg Districts (EBR) | 2:15PM |
| East Sunbury v Westmeadows (JMM) | 2:15PM |
| Keilor Park v Burnside Heights (KEP) | 2:15PM |
| Hadfield v Northern Saints (MAR) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 17 - Saturday 8 August

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| Keilor Park v Glenroy (KEP) | 2:15PM |
| Sunbury Kangaroos v Hadfield (EBR) | 2:15PM |
| Northern Saints v Burn. Heights (CMR) | 2:15PM |
| East Sunbury v Roxburgh Park (JMM) | 2:15PM |
| Coburg Districts v Westmeadows (COR) | 2:15PM |

ROUND 18 - Saturday 15 August

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| Burnside Heights v Glenroy (BHR) | 2:15PM |
| Northern Saints v East Sunbury (CMR) | 2:15PM |
| Hadfield v Keilor Park (MAR) | 2:15PM |
| Westmeadows v Sun. Kangaroos (WIR) | 2:15PM |
| Roxburgh Park v Coburg Districts (LAR) | 2:15PM |

FINALS SERIES - TOP FOUR

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| Semi Finals - August 22/23 |
| Preliminary Final - August 29/30 |
| Grand Final - September 5 |

VENUES

BHR - Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve, CMR - Charles Mutton Reserve, COR - Cole Reserve, EBR - Eric Boardman Reserve, JMM - John McMahon Reserve, KEP - Keilor Park Reserve, LAR - Lakeside Reserve, MAR - Martin Reserve, SER - Sewell Reserve, WR - Willowbrook Reserve

20. EDFL WOMEN'S FIXTURE

2026 WOMEN'S EDFL FIXTURE DIVISION ONE

ROUND 1 - Saturday 11 April

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|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Tullamarine v Craigieburn (LDR) | 10:00AM |
| Burn. Heights v Westmeadows (BHR) | 11:50AM |
| Keilor Park v Coburg Districts (KEP) | 11:50AM |
| Gisborne v Taylors Lakes (GAR) | 11:50AM |
| East Sunbury v Sunbury Lions (JMR) | 11:50AM |
| Sun. Kangaroos v Roxburgh Park (EBR) | 4:50PM |
| Airport West BYE | |

ROUND 2 - Saturday 18 April

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Coburg Districts v Tullamarine (COR) | 11:50AM |
| Sunbury Lions v Keilor Park (CO) | 11:50AM |
| Airport West v Gisborne (HAR) | 11:50AM |
| Craigieburn v Sunbury Kangaroos (VFR) | 11:50AM |
| Rox. Park v Burnside Heights (LAR) | 11:50AM |
| Westmeadows v East Sunbury (WR) | 4:50PM |
| Taylors Lakes BYE | |

ROUND 3 - Saturday 25 April (ANZAC Day)

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| Tullamarine v Westmeadows (LDR) | 10:00AM |
| Keilor Park v Airport West (KEP) | 10:00AM |
| Taylors Lakes v Sunbury Lions (LIR) | 11:50AM |
| Gisborne v Roxburgh Park (GAR) | 11:50AM |
| Burn. Heights v Coburg Districts (BHR) | 11:50AM |
| Sun. Kangaroos v East Sunbury (EBR) | 4:50PM |
| Craigieburn BYE | |

ROUND 4 - Saturday 2 May

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Craigieburn v Keilor Park (DSA) | 11:50AM |
| Sunbury Lions v Tullamarine (CO) | 11:50AM |
| East Sunbury v Burnside Heights (JMR) | 11:50AM |
| Cob. Districts v Sun. Kangaroos (COR) | 11:50AM |
| Airport West v Taylors Lakes (ESR) | 11:50AM |
| Westmeadows v Gisborne (WR) | 4:50PM |
| Roxburgh Park BYE | |

ROUND 5 - Saturday 9 May

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|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Tullamarine v East Sunbury (LDR) | 10:00AM |
| Burn. Heights v Sun. Kangaroos (BHR) | 11:50AM |
| Coburg Districts v Westmeadows (COR) | 11:50AM |
| Taylors Lakes v Craigieburn (LIR) | 11:50AM |
| Gisborne v Sunbury Lions (GAR) | 11:50AM |
| Roxburgh Park v Airport West (LAR) | 11:50AM |
| Keilor Park BYE | |

VENUES

BHR - Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve, CO - Clarke Oval, COR - Cole Reserve, DSA - DS Aitken Reserve, EBR - Eric Boardman Reserve, ESR - Etzel Street Reserve, GAR - Gardiner Reserve, HAR - Hansen Reserve, JMR - John McMahon Recreation Reserve, KEP - Keilor Park Recreation Reserve, LAR - Lakeside Reserve, LDR - Leo Dineen Reserve, LIR - Lionheart Reserve, VFR - Vic Foster Reserve, WR - Willowbrook Reserve

ROUND 6 - Saturday 16 May

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Keilor Park v Roxburgh Park (KEP) | 10:00AM |
| East Sunbury v Coburg Districts (JMR) | 11:50AM |
| Sunbury Lions v Airport West (CO) | 11:50AM |
| Westmeadows v Taylors Lakes (WR) | 11:50AM |
| Tullamarine v Burnside Heights (LDR) | 11:50AM |
| Craigieburn v Gisborne (DSA) | 11:50AM |
| Sunbury Kangaroos BYE | |

ROUND 7 - Saturday 23 May

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Burnside Heights v Keilor Park (BHR) | 11:50AM |
| Roxburgh Park v Craigieburn (LAR) | 11:50AM |
| Sunbury Lions v Coburg Districts (CO) | 11:50AM |
| Sun. Kangaroos v Tullamarine (EBR) | 11:50AM |
| Airport West v Westmeadows (HAR) | 11:50AM |
| Taylors Lakes v East Sunbury (LIR) | 11:50AM |
| Gisborne BYE | |

ROUND 8 - Saturday 30 May

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Gisborne v Burnside Heights (GAR) | 11:50AM |
| Craigieburn v Sunbury Lions (DSA) | 11:50AM |
| Roxburgh Park v East Sunbury (LAR) | 11:50AM |
| Coburg Districts v Airport West (COR) | 11:50AM |
| Taylors Lakes v Keilor Park (LIR) | 11:50AM |
| Westmeadows v Sun. Kangaroos (WR) | 4:50PM |
| Tullamarine BYE | |

ROUND 9 - Saturday 13 June

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| Keilor Park v Tullamarine (KEP) | 10:00AM |
| Coburg Districts v Roxburgh Park (COR) | 11:50AM |
| Airport West v Craigieburn (ESR) | 11:50AM |
| East Sunbury v Gisborne (JMR) | 11:50AM |
| Burn. Heights v Sunbury Lions (BHR) | 11:50AM |
| Sun. Kangaroos v Taylors Lakes (EBR) | 4:50PM |
| Westmeadows BYE | |

ROUND 10 - Saturday 20 June

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Sunbury Kangaroos v Keilor Park (EBR) | 11:50AM |
| Airport West v Burnside Heights (ESR) | 11:50AM |
| Tullamarine v Taylors Lakes (LDR) | 11:50AM |
| East Sunbury v Craigieburn (JMR) | 11:50AM |
| Roxburgh Park v Westmeadows (LAR) | 11:50AM |
| Gisborne v Coburg Districts (GAR) | 11:50AM |
| Sunbury Lions BYE | |

ROUND 11 - Saturday 27 June

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Tullamarine v Gisborne (LDR) | 10:00AM |
| East Sunbury v Airport West (JMR) | 11:50AM |
| Westmeadows v Keilor Park (WR) | 11:50AM |
| Craigieburn v Coburg Districts (DSA) | 11:50AM |
| Sun. Lions v Sunbury Kangaroos (CO) | 11:50AM |
| Taylors Lakes v Roxburgh Park (LIR) | 11:50AM |
| Burnside Heights BYE | |

ROUND 12 - Saturday 11 July

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|--|---------|
| Keilor Park v Gisborne (KEP) | 10:00AM |
| Coburg Districts v Taylors Lakes (COR) | 11:50AM |
| Roxburgh Park v Tullamarine (LAR) | 11:50AM |
| Sun. Kangaroos v Airport West (EBR) | 11:50AM |
| Burnside Heights v Craigieburn (BHR) | 11:50AM |
| Westmeadows v Sunbury Lions (WR) | 11:50AM |
| East Sunbury BYE | |

ROUND 13 - Saturday 18 July

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| Craigieburn v Westmeadows (DSA) | 11:50AM |
| Taylors Lakes v Burnside Heights (LIR) | 11:50AM |
| Gisborne v Sunbury Kangaroos (GAR) | 11:50AM |
| Airport West v Tullamarine (HAR) | 11:50AM |
| Keilor Park v East Sunbury (KEP) | 11:50AM |
| Sunbury Lions v Roxburgh Park (CO) | 4:15PM |
| Coburg Districts BYE | |

ROUND 14 - Saturday 25 July

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Tullamarine v Sunbury Lions (LDR) | 10:00AM |
| East Sunbury v Sun. Kangaroos (JMR) | 11:50AM |
| Roxburgh Park v Gisborne (LAR) | 11:50AM |
| Taylors Lakes v Airport West (LIR) | 11:50AM |
| Coburg Districts v Keilor Park (COR) | 4:50PM |
| Westmeadows v Burnside Heights (WR) | 4:50PM |
| Craigieburn BYE | |

ROUND 15 - Saturday 1 August

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Keilor Park v Taylors Lakes (KEP) | 10:00AM |
| Gisborne v Westmeadows (GAR) | 11:50AM |
| Craigieburn v Tullamarine (DSA) | 11:50AM |
| Sunbury Lions v East Sunbury (CO) | 11:50AM |
| Burn. Heights v Roxburgh Park (BHR) | 11:50AM |
| Sun. Kangaroos v Cob. Districts (EBR) | 4:50PM |
| Airport West BYE | |

FINALS SERIES

Semi Finals - August 8/9
Preliminary Final - August 15/16
Grand Final - August 22/23



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