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## Welcome to Your Weekly Updates

### A few highlights in this week's newsletter include:

\*2023 U10 Mixed, U10 Girls & U11 Girls Div 2 (Modified) Lightning Carnivals Handbook and Fixture Released

\*Entering scores in PlayHQ – Pre-populating FINAL scores

\*My Sport Live Round 14 matches

\*The 2023 U8 & U9 Lightning Carnival Handbook, including Fixtures, has now been released, and can be accessed [here](#).

\*Presentation Night Save the Date, Award Nominations and Perpetual Cup returns

\*Unders program



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## **VAFA U19 Female Football Competition - Feedback**

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Good morning SMJFL Club Presidents and Secretaries,

Yesterday (9 August) I attended a Metro CEOs Meeting with AFL Victoria where the VAFA confirmed their intention to introduce an U19 Girls Football Competition in season 2024.

We believe the introduction of an U19 Female Football Competition would have wide

ranging implications for our SMJFL Clubs, and for football more generally.  
At this stage we have no further information other than verbal confirmation that VAFA are consulting with their clubs.

The SMJFL would be interested to understand whether your club is:

1. Aware of VAFAs proposed U19 Female Competition; and
2. What, if any, position your club might have regarding VAFAs proposed introduction of an U19 competition.

For ease and consistency of response we have created a JotForm – please complete the 1-minute survey here: [VAFA U19 Female Football Competition - SMJFL Club Feedback Form](#)

Regards, Matthew



## SMJFL 2024 Season Age Group - Feedback

**In 2022 the SMJFL applied to AFL Victoria to extend the Boys U17.5 Age Group to U18.**

AFL Victoria ultimately declined the application on the grounds that:

1. there was insufficient data to determine whether the age group amendment would lead to increased participation; and
2. that it would negatively impact senior leagues and particularly teams within those senior leagues.

AFL Victoria also advised that the panel felt that the exemption process included within the SMJFL's Bylaws, provided sufficient latitude to accommodate those players deemed to have "aged out" who have personal circumstances which warrant playing in the U17.5 competition as over age players.

Since then the SMJFL has continued to assess exemption requests on their merit.

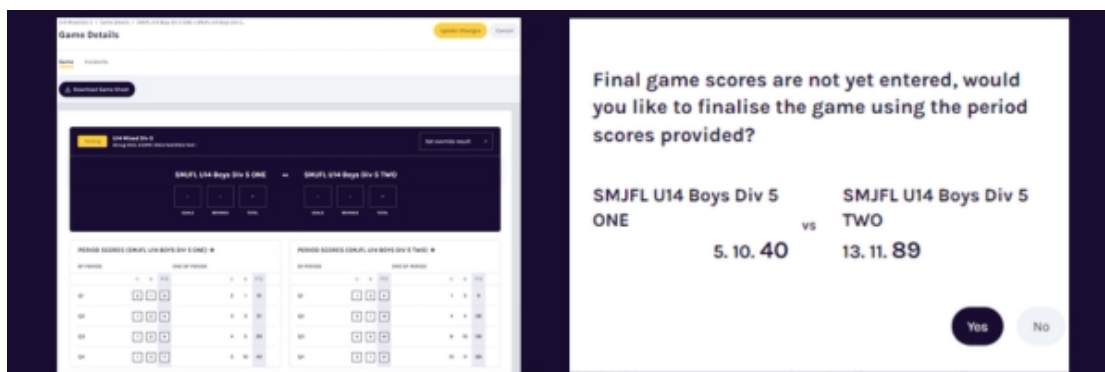
Such reasons for exemptions include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Where the team within a club is short on required participants and over age participants will allow the team to participate
  - Personal Health & Wellbeing; and
  - Other relevant personal circumstances

**The SMJFL now has an additional years detailed data to draw upon and we invite SMJFL Clubs to signal their support, or otherwise, for the extension of the U17.5 Boys Competition to U18.**

**You can provide feedback via the following [link](#):**

**Please respond by 18 August, thank you.**



## Entering scores in PlayHQ – Pre-populating FINAL scores

For those who are unaware, PlayHQ can now prepopulate FINAL scores if Quarter-by-Quarter scores are entered.

As per the below example, if club administrators have entered the Quarter-by-Quarter scores without entering the FINAL score, and click on 'Update Changes' in the top

right corner of the page (see Screenshot 1), PlayHQ now asks them to confirm the FINAL score (see Screenshot 2)

If this functionality does not work on your device, it may be necessary to complete a 'System Refresh' on your Internet Browser.

For any tech support and/or queries about this functionality please feel free to contact AFL Club Help on [1800 7529 235](tel:18007529235).

## Presentation Night Save the Date, Award Nominations and Perpetual Cup returns

Club Presidents and Secretaries have been sent the following information this afternoon.

2023 SMJFL Presentation Night – Save the Date:

- When: **Sunday 8th October**
- Where: **Kingston Town Hall, Moorabbin**
- Timing: **6:30pm to 10:00pm (split into 2 x sessions)**

Awards – nomination forms and deadlines:

- [Club Volunteer Umpire of the Year Award](#) (mod rules umpire)  
– submissions due by **Thursday 24 August**
- [SMJFL Club Administrator of the Year Award](#) (committee member)  
– submissions due by **Thursday 24 August**
- [Storage King Volunteer of the Year Award](#) (non-committee member)  
– submissions due by **Thursday 24 August**
- [OpenCorp Sportsmanship Award](#) (player, umpire, playing group, team or club) – submissions due by **Thursday 24 August**
- **NEW AWARD** [SMJFL Female Coach of the Year](#) (any type of SMJFL coach - female) – submissions due by **Thursday 24 August**
- **NEW AWARD** [SMJFL Coach of the Year](#) (any type of SMJFL coach – any gender) – submissions due by **Thursday 24 August**

### 10-year player awards:

You will be emailed by the end of next week by Football Intern Sarah with a list of 10-year players for you to double check against your own records.

### Perpetual cups:

Please have someone return all your club's 2022 Premiership Perpetual cups **by 24 August** to RSEA Park

## Unders program

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The SMJFL is excited to partner with AFL Victoria for the 2023 Unders program, with Week 2 of the program being run this Saturday, 12th August at McKinnon Reserve, from 9am until 12pm. An updated Unders Fixture for Weeks 2-4 can be accessed [here](#)

The Unders program is new for the SMJFL this year and will replace the traditional Auskick Carnival as the end of season Auskick transition event. Its aim is to provide all currently registered Auskick players in the SMJFL region their first exposure to Junior Football – thus helping to support the pathway from Auskick through to Under 8's football in 2024.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Saturday August 12th	McKinnon Reserve	8.30am - 12.15pm
Saturday August 19th	Le Page Park, Cheltenham	8.30am - 12.15pm
Saturday August 26th	McKinnon Reserve	8.30am - 12.15pm

## Finals

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SMJFL Finals fixtures are currently being set up in PlayHQ for Semi Final week. Once the Season finishes the teams will be populated. Clubs can view the fixtures through PlayHQ [HERE](#)

*\*Please be advised the SMJFL and Local Government Authority (Councils) reserve the right to make necessary adjustments to the finals fixtures should there be any issues with venues.*



## Change Our Game Professional Development Scholarships Program

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Applications are NOW OPEN for the 2023-24 [Change Our Game Professional Development Scholarships Program](#).

The program aims to support women to obtain and succeed in leadership roles in sport and recreation at different stages of their career, including women who are:

- new to the workforce or returning from a career break
- aspiring to become a CEO or senior executive
  - current senior executives, and
  - new or aspiring board directors

For more information on each stream and eligibility, or to apply, click [here](#).

Applications close at **5pm AEST on Monday 28 August 2023.**

## Submitting incorrect team sheets

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The SMJFL is receiving many requests from clubs wanting to edit their team sheets following the completion of matches. Please be advised that the league will not be acting on these requests unless there is sufficient evidence provided that a player did/did not play and/or played with an incorrect jumper number.

As per SMJFL By-law 43.1.1, clubs may be fined for submitting incorrect team sheets.

## Player Eligibility / Ineligibility for Finals

As we approach Round 11 all clubs are reminded of our player movement and finals qualification policy.

Clubs need to be in consultation with players who have permits to play in competitions outside of the SMJFL so that you are aware of their eligibility.

Please note that the Coates League - Sandringham Dragons competition is not included in our consideration of programs ranked higher than our competition. The players can play more than 5 games and still play in their community club football. These programs and the APS, AGS, private school weekend competitions all run alongside our competition and do not count to this eligibility criteria.

This can be found here:

### APPENDIX 4 – PLAYER MOVEMENT AND FINALS QUALIFICATION POLICY

Furthermore, the SMJFL requests that clubs familiarise themselves with the below By-law sections pertaining to Player Eligibility for Finals (44. Appendix 4 – Player Movement and Finals Qualification Policy).

#### 2.1 The following player movement restrictions apply:

Once a player has played a total of six matches in any higher ranked competitions (including U19s and/or Senior) they are unable to play in a lower ranked competition for the remainder of the season (including finals).

#### 2.5 To qualify for finals in a particular team a player must:

- a) play in at least five home and away matches with that particular team or a lower ranked team; or
- b) play in at least five (5) home and away matches with a lower ranked team to be eligible for the higher ranked team whilst satisfying clause 2.6 of this policy; and
- c) satisfy clause 2.3 of this policy.

2.7 A player may only play in one finals match per competition (girls' competitions are separate from the mixed/boys), per round.

2.8 A player is ineligible for a particular team once they play a finals match in a higher ranked team.

2.9 By way of clarification, a player's record in terms of the player movement policy, is moved with any team that has been re-graded. i.e., if a player has played 4 games in U13 Div 1 but the team has moved to U13 Div 2 his/her record (for player movement purposes) is 4 games in U13 Div 2.

2.10 The Chief Executive Officer (at his or her absolute discretion) may provide an exemption for any of the clauses in this policy.

If your club needs assistance with managing Player Movement, please see below 2 x examples of how some clubs manage this area:

[Player Movement Sample Worksheet #1](#)

[Player Movement Sample Worksheet #2](#)

## **SMJFL Board Recruitment Policy & Procedure - Clubs invited to provide feedback- CLOSING 15 AUGUST**

As part of the SMJFL's commitment to good governance the SMJFL Board has drafted a policy and procedure to guide our organisations approach to Board succession planning thereby ensuring the SMJFL maintains the skills relevant to the needs of the organisation.

The DRAFT policy and procedure have been sent directly to SMJFL Club Presidents and Secretaries with the Board inviting feedback via a the following JotForm portal

at: [DRAFT SMJFL Board Succession Policy & Procedure July 2023 Feedback Form](#) by midday 15 August 2023.

If you have any questions please contact: Matthew Brown, CEO via email at: [ceo@smjfl.com.au](mailto:ceo@smjfl.com.au)

[SMJFL Board Succession Policy & Procedure Memo 200723](#)  
[DRAFT SMJFL Board Succession Policy & Procedure July 2023](#)



**JOIN THE GIRLS!**  
**THE FUTURE OF AFLW STARTS HERE**  
St Kilda FC Bentleigh East Auskick Centre  
Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm from August 8th  
at Moorleigh Reserve

Scan the QR Code to register for the chance to win a signed 2023 St Kilda Jumper!

For more detail, please contact [aslyn.witney@afl.com.au](mailto:aslyn.witney@afl.com.au)

## All Girls Auskick

Registrations are now open for the 2023 NAB Auskick Program running in Term 3 for St Kilda FC Bentleigh East - All Girls Auskick Centre

The total price for this program is \$60. All Participants will receive a modified equipment pack, and an AFLW Membership as well as a guaranteed halftime experience at an AFLW game.

Click the link or scan the QR in the flyer to register

- <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/f82bd8>

Register for the chance to win a signed 2023 St Kilda Jumper!

St Kilda FC Bentleigh East T3 All Girls Auskick Centre will run from Tuesday 08/08/23 for 6 weeks at Moorleigh Reserve from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

For more information regarding this program, please contact Aslyn Witney at [aslyn.witney@afl.com.au](mailto:aslyn.witney@afl.com.au)

## Coaching Charter Workshops and Assistance

SMJFL and AFL Vic are continuing to promote the development of strong coaching cultures and having already received 7 Charters from participating Clubs, the opportunity remains for Clubs to engage with our Coach Developer, Paul Jemmeson before the end of the season.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Paul at [coaching@smjfl.com.au](mailto:coaching@smjfl.com.au) if your Club is interested in a coaching workshop or if you have other coaching development opportunities you wish to explore. This could include:

- Assistance with Coach reviews
- Assistance with 2024 recruiting interviews.
- Assistance with review of Club Coaching Performance.

## CoachAFL Level 2 Courses Open

CoachAFL Level 2 EOI is now **OPEN**. There are 8 offerings kicking off from October 2023 through to February 2024.

Saturday 14th October  
Sunday 29th October  
Sunday 5th November

Saturday 25th November  
Saturday 2nd December  
Saturday 13th January  
Sunday 4th February  
Saturday 17th February

To register for any of the above dates, click [HERE](#)

## SMJFL Member Club AGM Notification

Should your Member Club have their AGM date locked in please notify us by [THIS JOTFORM](#)

## Toyota Good for Footy Raffle

The Toyota Good For Footy Raffle is on for clubs to register. Tickets are sold for \$5 and all proceeds go to the club. There's over \$250,000 worth of prizes.

1st Prize is a 2023 Toyota Kluger

2nd Prize is a 2023 Toyota Corolla Cross

3rd Prize is a 2023 Toyota Yaris Cross

Plus other great prizes and money can't buy experiences

To register your club go to

to <https://toyotagoodforfooty.raffletix.com.au/account/register>



## MY SPORT LIVE Matches

For **Round 14**, the following **Friday Night matches** will be filmed and streamed to the following channels:

- U12 Mixed Div 6 ,Highett Reserve 1 , 5.40PM, Highett / St Pauls Doggies U12 Mixed SMITH vs Brighton Beach U12 Mixed TWEEDIE / HUGHES - **My Sport Live**
- U17.5 Boys Div 2 Highett Reserve 1 7:15pm Sandy Rovers Highett U18 Boys YOUNG vs E Brighton Vampires U18 Boys MOORE - **SMJFL Facebook**

## Adding Volunteers to the Game Sheet

Volunteers can be added to a line-up and are included in the Game Sheet with their specific roles.

To add volunteers to the line up, enter a First Name and Last Name next to the role you wish to add.

Click Save Team Selection when complete.

For further information click [HERE](#)



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# GRANTS, REWARD PROGRAMS



## Women and Girls Coaching AND Umpiring Grants

AFL Victoria has just released grants for clubs in the female coaching and umpiring space.

Coaching: Clubs with Women's and Girls Teams are eligible for grants of \$500 - \$1000 to fund the purchase of equipment for Women and Girls football programs.

For further information see the attached flyer [HERE](#)

To apply for the grant click [HERE](#)

If your club requires any support in applying for the grant email

[gmclubs@smjfl.com.au](mailto:gmclubs@smjfl.com.au)



## 2023 VOLUNTEER GRANTS

The very good Federal Government Volunteers' Grant has again just opened. It is a competitive grant that we have won many times. Eligibility and suitability to apply extends to almost all non-profit organizations, including community sporting organizations. This makes it competitive but still very much winnable. There is a lot of detail behind the grant but here is a summary.

If interested in knowing more or wanting us to apply for this grant, please let us know as soon as possible. Each Federal Electorate has its own deadline, some in a couple of weeks. If you are interested, one of our team will be in touch to have a 10 minute discussion with you to take the next steps.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



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