

FOOTBALL

Football - 1st XVIII Boys

All BAS - BOYS matches shall be played according to the Laws of Australian Football: (<https://resources.afl.com.au/afl/document/2019/12/04/d8d5f2cf-04eb-4530-b2d5-5cc799ff625c/2019-Laws-of-Australian-Football.pdf>) except where the following regulations state otherwise:

1. Matches are to be played, where possible, Wednesday in Term 2. Coaches will meet in term 4 of the previous year to devise a draw that takes into account other school football commitments for that year. 1st XVIII matches will start at 3.00pm.
2. Independent central umpires are to be appointed for 1st XVIII matches.
3. Each school must provide a correctly attired boundary and goal umpire for 1st matches. Where no boundary umpires are available for a match the AFL 'Last Disposal Rule' shall apply. If the ball goes out of bounds between the forward and defensive 50m arcs as a result of a kick or handball, the opposing team will receive a free kick where the ball crossed the line. If it is not clear who disposed of the ball last, it is thrown in. Either side of the 50m arcs, and when the last touch is not clear, the central umpire shall throw the ball up.
4. Matches will be played as 4 x 20-minute quarters with no time on.
5. The break at the end of the first and third quarters will not exceed 5 minutes. The break at half-time will not exceed 10 minutes. Sides will stay on the ground at half-time unless arrangements are made between coaches prior to the match start time.
6. All 1st XVIII sides will be permitted to use up to four interchange players, unless otherwise agreed between the two teams.

A team must have 14 eligible players to take the field before a match for premiership points may proceed.

7. Forfeit: The score for a forfeit shall be recorded as the average number of points scored for that round.
8. **FINALS:**
 - (a) The two teams that finish on top of the ladder at the end of the preliminary rounds in the 2nd XVIII competitions will play off in a Grand Final.
 - (b) **Tied scores at the end of a Grand Final**

Should scores be tied at the completion of the fourth quarter, teams will change ends after a break of 3 minutes and play 5 minutes each end, with an immediate change over and no break between the two 5-minute periods. If scores are still tied at the end of extra time, play will continue as normal until the next score is registered and the siren will sound to mark the end of the match.

All other match conditions will be as for the preliminary rounds.

9. RESULTS for ALL BAS Sports are required to be entered into SportsDash within 48 hours after the completion of the match.

Both schools are required to enter OR confirm results and scores before they will be declared official. Updated results and ladders will be available on the BAS Website under SPORTS / RESULTS & FIXTURES.

Completed scoresheets must be retained by the winning school and be available for presentation should they be requested.

Football - 2nd XVIII Boys

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1. The second XVIII fixture will be played on Tuesdays in Term 2. Starting at 4.00pm.
2. BAS will endeavour to supply a central umpire for each match OTHERWISE each school involved in the match is to supply a central umpire for 2nd XVIII matches.
3. Each school must provide a correctly attired boundary and goal umpire for 2nd XVIII matches. Where no boundary umpires are available for a match the AFL 'Last Disposal Rule' shall apply. If the ball goes out of bounds between the forward and defensive 50m arcs as a result of a kick or handball, the opposing team will receive a free kick where the ball crossed the line. If it is not clear who touched the ball last, it is thrown in. Either side of the 50m arcs, and when the last touch is not clear, the central umpire shall throw the ball up.
4. Matches will be played as 4 x 15-minute quarters with no time on. Length of quarters can be adjusted if lack of daylight will make playing conditions unsafe.
5. All breaks, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ time, will not exceed 5 minutes. Sides will stay on the ground at half-time.
6. Team sheets will be exchanged between 2nd XVIII coaches prior to the match. The size of the teams can be adjusted through negotiation between schools involved in the fixture if required.
7. There is no limit to the number of interchange players that may be used for 2nd XVIII. A team must have 14 eligible players to take the field before a match for premiership points may proceed.
8. RESULTS for ALL BAS Sports are required to be entered into SportsDash within 48 hours after the completion of the match.

Both schools are required to enter OR confirm results and scores before they will be declared official. Updated results and ladders will be available on the BAS Website under SPORTS / RESULTS & FIXTURES.

Completed scoresheets must be retained by the winning school and be available for presentation should they be requested.

9. **FINALS:**
 - (a) The two teams that finish on top of the ladder at the end of the preliminary rounds in the 2nd XVIII competitions will play off in a Grand Final.
 - (b) **Tied scores at the end of a Grand Final**

Should scores be tied at the completion of the fourth quarter, teams will change ends after a break of 3 minutes and play 5 minutes each end, with an immediate change over and no break between the two 5-minute periods. If scores are still tied at the end of extra time, play will continue as normal until the next score is registered and the siren will sound to mark the end of the match.

All other match conditions will be as for the preliminary rounds.

Football - Intermediate and Junior Boys

1. Intermediate Matches will be played Tuesdays at 4pm during Term 2.
Junior Matches, when entries permit, shall run as separate Year 7 & Year 8 competitions, or a combined Junior competition on Wednesdays in Term 2 from 4.00pm - 5.15pm.
2. Matches will consist of 4 x 15-minute quarters. This may be changed at the umpire's discretion.
3. Where possible, independent umpires will be appointed for Intermediate matches. When this is not possible, and for all Junior matches, the home team (first named team on the fixture) must supply a central umpire.
4. There is no limit to the number of interchange players that may be used. A team must have 14 eligible players to take the field before a match for premiership points may proceed.
5. Tackling is permitted per the Laws of Australian Football, however: NO PLAYER shall be deliberately slung, dumped or thrown to the ground in any tackle.
6. Each side is to provide a boundary and goal umpire.
Where no boundary umpires are available for a match the AFL 'Last Disposal Rule' shall apply. If the ball goes out of bounds between the forward and defensive 50m arcs as a result of a kick or handball, the opposing team will receive a free kick where the ball crossed the line. If it is not clear who touched the ball last, it is thrown in.
Either side of the 50m arcs, and when the last touch is not clear, the central umpire shall throw the ball up.
7. **Mercy Rule**
In Junior games, if the margin equals or exceeds 45 points at $\frac{3}{4}$ time the game will be "called" and deemed to be over.

In Intermediate games, if the margin equals or exceeds 60 points at $\frac{3}{4}$ time the game will be "called" and deemed to be over.

In above situations, the coach from both Schools will approach the Central Umpire/s at the break and advise them that the game is over. The score at this time will be recorded as the final score.

The remainder of the game will be played as a "friendly" game, where Coaches can implement strategies to make the game fun and enjoyable with the emphasis on giving the less experienced players the opportunity to play a more active role in the match, e.g. swap players between teams, play additional numbers on the ground, award a free kick to the losing team after each goal above the suggested margin is scored.
8. **Premiership:**
In INTERMEDIATE and JUNIOR competitions, the team that finishes on top of the ladder at the end of preliminary rounds shall be awarded the premiership.

The WINNER of the BAS Intermediate Boys Competition will qualify to compete in the AFL Herald Sun Intermediate Competition for that year.
9. RESULTS for ALL BAS Sports are required to be entered into SportsDash within 48 hours after the completion of the match.

Both schools are required to enter OR confirm results and scores before they will be declared official. Updated results and ladders will be available on the BAS Website under SPORTS / RESULTS & FIXTURES.

Completed scoresheets must be retained by the winning school and be available for presentation should they be requested.

Football – Senior Girls

Football will be played in Term 2. Matches shall be played according to the rules of the AFL Female Football Guidelines:

(https://resources.afl.com.au/afl/document/2019/12/04/5422d829-52d3-47c1-b51e-b887be438f0a/AM-6436-AFL-Female-Football-Guidelines_FA_web.pdf)

except where the following regulations state otherwise:

1. Games will start at 4pm and will consist of 4 x 15-minute quarters with no time on. There will be a 3-minute break between 1st and 2nd and 3rd and 4th quarters. A 5-minute break at half time. The clock will be stopped when the umpire stops the game for an injury.
2. BAS will endeavour to supply a central umpire for each match OTHERWISE each school involved in the match is to supply a central umpire. Each school is to provide one boundary and one goal umpire.
Where no boundary umpires are available for a match the AFL 'Last Disposal Rule' shall apply. If the ball goes out of bounds between the forward and defensive 50m arcs as a result of a kick or handball, the opposing team will receive a free kick where the ball crossed the line. If it is not clear who touched the ball last, it is thrown in.
Either side of the 50m arcs, and when the last touch is not clear, the central umpire shall throw the ball up.
3. All players involved are required to wear a mouthguard, correct football boots and football jumpers. A size 4 leather football is recommended for use in this competition.
4. There is no limit to the number of interchange players that may be used. A team must have 12 eligible players to take the field before a match for premiership points may proceed.

No matter how many players a team has available they will only be permitted to have the same number of players on the ground as their opposition.

Schools are encouraged to share players to ensure participation is maximised and even numbers on both teams are achieved. If one school lends another school players and the game progresses with 12 or more players per side, the match will still be played for premiership points.

5. Rule Modifications:
 - (a) Each team will have 18 players on the ground at any one time. This can be negotiated between the two opposing sides prior to the arranged match time. Schools are asked to contact their opposition in advance should any variations in numbers be sought or they will be short of numbers for the fixture. Please see No. 4.
 - (b) Whenever the ball goes out of play across the boundary line a free kick will be awarded against the team that last touched the ball prior to it going out of play. Penalties for a deliberate 'out of bounds' or a deliberate 'rushed behind' shall not be applied in this competition.
 - (c) Tackling is permitted per the Laws of Australian Football, however: NO PLAYER shall be deliberately slung, dumped or thrown to the ground in any tackle.
 - (d) A 25 metre penalty shall be imposed where the Laws of Australian Rules Football impose a 50m penalty.

(e) A player is only permitted to bounce the ball THREE TIMES in a single possession before disposing of it in the correct manner.

6. RESULTS for ALL BAS Sports are required to be entered into SportsDash within 48 hours after the completion of the match.

Both schools are required to enter OR confirm results and scores before they will be declared official. Updated results and ladders will be available on the BAS Website under SPORTS / RESULTS & FIXTURES.

Completed scoresheets must be retained by the winning school and be available for presentation should they be requested.

8. Final:

(a) The two teams that finish on top of the ladder at the end of the preliminary rounds in the will play off in a Grand Final.

(b) Tied scores at the end of a Grand Final

Should scores be tied at the completion of the fourth quarter, teams will change ends after a break of 3 minutes and play 5 minutes each end, with an immediate change over and no break between the two 5 minute periods. If scores are still tied at the end of extra time, play will continue as normal until the next score is registered and the siren will sound to mark the end of the match.

All other match conditions will be as for the preliminary rounds.

Football – Junior Girls

Junior Girls Football will be played in Term 3. Matches shall be played according to the rules of the AFL Female Football Guidelines:

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except where the following regulations state otherwise:

1. Games will start at 4pm and will consist of 4 x 15-minute quarters with no time on. There will be a 3-minute break between 1st and 2nd and 3rd and 4th quarters. A 5-minute break at half time. The clock will be stopped when the umpire stops the game for an injury.
2. BAS will endeavour to supply a central umpire for each match OTHERWISE each school involved in the match is to supply a central umpire. Each school is to provide one boundary and one goal umpire.
Where no boundary umpires are available for a match the AFL 'Last Disposal Rule' shall apply. If the ball goes out of bounds between the forward and defensive 50m arcs as a result of a kick or handball, the opposing team will receive a free kick where the ball crossed the line. If it is not clear who touched the ball last, it is thrown in.
Either side of the 50m arcs, and when the last touch is not clear, the central umpire shall throw the ball up.
3. All players involved are required to wear a mouthguard, correct football boots and football jumpers. A size 4 synthetic football is recommended for this competition.
4. There is no limit to the number of interchange players that may be used. A team must have 12 eligible players to take the field before a match for premiership points may proceed.

No matter how many players a team has available they will only be permitted to have the same number of players on the ground as their opposition.

Schools are encouraged to share players to ensure participation is maximised and even numbers on both teams are achieved. If one school lends another school players and the game progresses with 12 or more players per side, the match will still be played for premiership points.

5. Rule Modifications:
 - (a) Each team will have 15 a-side – no rucks and rovers on the ground at any one time. This can be negotiated between the two opposing sides prior to the arranged match time. Schools are asked to contact their opposition in advance should any variations in numbers be sought or they will be short of numbers for the fixture. Please see No.4
 - (b) To start play the ball will be thrown up between 2 centre players.
Players should be approx. equal size. There shall be no more than 3 players from each team closer than 20m from a ball up.
 - (c) If the ball goes out of bounds a free kick will be awarded against the team that last kicked the ball prior to it going out of play. If there is doubt or the ball came off hands or body, the umpire shall call a ball up 5 metres in from the boundary. Penalties for a deliberate 'out of bounds' or a deliberate 'rushed behind' shall not be applied in this competition.
 - (d) Tackling is permitted per the Laws of Australian Football, however: NO PLAYER shall be deliberately slung, dumped or thrown to the ground in any tackle.

- (e) A player is only permitted to bounce the ball THREE TIMES in a single possession before disposing of it in the correct manner.
- (f) Any player catching a ball directly off a kick from another player, provided the ball has travelled at least 10 metres, shall be awarded a mark.
- (g) A 25-metre penalty shall be imposed where the Laws of Australian Rules Football impose a 50m penalty.
- (h) While tactics such as tagging and flooding are elements of the AFL competition, they are contrary to providing an environment that maximises the fairness, speed and skilled execution of Australian Football. Nor do these tactics encourage clean disposals, one-on-one competition or other desired aspects of learning the game. To stop congestion players will be instructed by the umpire to stay in their correct positions.

6. **MERCY RULE**

In Junior games, if the margin equals or exceeds 45 points at $\frac{3}{4}$ time the game will be “called” and deemed to be over.

In above situations, the coach from both Schools will approach the Central Umpire/s at the break and advise them that the game is over. The score at this time will be recorded as the final score.

The remainder of the game will be played as a “friendly” game, where Coaches can implement strategies to make the game fun and enjoyable with the emphasis on giving the less experienced players the opportunity to play a more active role in the match, e.g. swap players between teams, play additional numbers on the ground, award a free kick to the losing team after each goal above the suggested margin is scored.

7. The team that finishes on top of the ladder at the end of preliminary rounds shall be awarded the premiership.

The WINNER of the BAS Junior Girls Competition will qualify to compete in the AFL Herald Sun Intermediate Competition in the following year.

8. **RESULTS** for ALL BAS Sports are required to be entered into SportsDash within 48 hours after the completion of the match.

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