



CLUB 18

**AFL Goldfields
2019 Club 18**

**New Team
Expression of Interest**



Introduction

The second season of the AFL Goldfields Club 18 competition was held in 2018, combining Clubs from the Ballarat Football Netball League and the Riddell District Football Netball League. Four teams competed in a 14-Round home & away season, with the Sunbury Lions taking out the first-ever AFL Goldfields Club 18 premiership following a two-week Finals Series. The Club 18 competition is managed and governed by AFL Goldfields.

In 2018, the Club 18 competition consisted of the following Clubs:

- Bacchus Marsh Football Netball Club (Ballarat FNL)
- Sunbury Lions Football Netball Club (Ballarat FNL)
- Diggers Rest Football Netball Club (Riddell District FNL)
- Wallan Football Netball Club (Riddell District FNL)



The AFL Goldfields Club 18 competition provides an opportunity to play social/semi-serious competition football to those who may have been recently retired or lost to the game, for those who struggle playing at a higher level, or simply for those who cannot commit to regular training or a full season of football for various reasons.

Benefits of Club 18 Football teams for Football Clubs

- Retain/Reintroduce players and their families, and for longer
- Increase membership
- Increase volunteer base
- Increase Club income
- Improve overall Club culture

Benefits for players and their Families

- Highly social & fun
- Fitness & sport participation
- Opportunity to play in team sport
- Opportunity to represent a Club, Town, Region
- Flexible / different match times



“As a club we believe the Club 18 competition has become an integral part of our culture and our Club, which encourages all to join and play football...”

...I would encourage all Clubs to consider joining the competition as it is a fantastic addition to your Club's portfolio of sides, whilst also a further opportunity to increase revenue through additional membership and registrations...”

DANIEL FURNELL | DIGGERS REST FNC

Criteria for Affiliation

- 1) **Proof of incorporation** – Incorporated pursuant to the Act or is a company incorporated pursuant to the Corporations Act. Must be up to date with Incorporation obligations.
- 2) Application will **comply with and satisfy AFL Victoria's requirements** new teams.
- 3) **The Club was a financial member for the previous season of the league or association with which it was then affiliated** (if applicable). i.e. Recent annual report as well as current financial status with other associations in which the Club is involved with.
- 4) **Team name and uniform are or will be altered to be acceptable by AFL Goldfields** if deemed appropriate.
- 5) **Club facilities and financial circumstances are of a standard acceptable to Management.** i.e. proposed grounds for use and permission or letter of support from council and the Club President.
- 6) **Committee structure** and names – outlining how the Club 18 team will be represented in the structure.
- 7) Provide a **list of players willing to play for your club.**
- 8) **Demonstrate that players are predominantly new to Club 18 football or from your Club's existing teams**
- 9) **Consultation**, if any, with stakeholders that this application involves i.e. surrounding junior/senior clubs, AFL Goldfields, Councils etc.

Competition By-Laws

In 2018 there were some By-Laws implemented specific to Club 18 that help provide structure and an overall framework for the competition to work as effectively as possible. Some rules are also in place to help protect the integrity of the competition.

Some Club 18 By-Laws of note include:

- By default, quarters are 15 minutes with no time-on, however, this is somewhat flexible match-by-match.
- By default, the number of players on the playing surface for a match is 16, however, this is also somewhat flexible.
- An unlimited number of players are permitted on a team's interchange bench for every match.
- Players must qualify for Club 18 Finals as done with other football competitions.
- Any player who has played any Senior Grade match in the current season is automatically ineligible for Club 18 matches for that season.

A complete list of Club 18 By-Laws will be issued to each participating Club in season 2019.

Expression of Interest

Should you Club be interested in applying to be part of the AFL Goldfields Club 18 competition for 2019, please complete the following form and attach any documents as necessary.

Primary Information:

Club Name (Official Incorporated/registered name)		
Current League Affiliations (Ballarat FNL, Riddell District FNL, etc.)		
Name of respondent and Position at Club (respondent must hold official role at Club)	Name:	
	Position:	
Club Postal Address	Street Address/ PO Box number:	
	Town/Suburb:	
	Post Code:	
Club Ground Address:	Street Address:	
	Town/Suburb:	
	Post Code:	
Primary Contact Info	Name:	
	Phone:	Mob:
		Home/Work:
	Email:	
Club Incorporation No.		
Club ABN		



Club Positions:

Please provide AFL Goldfields with the following information to show your eligibility and commitment to the competition (all positions must be filled):

Position:	Full Name:	Mobile:	Email:
Club President			
Club Secretary			
Club Treasurer			
Club Vice President			
Club 18 Coordinator			
Club 18 Administrator/Registrar			
Club 18 Sports Trainer			
Club 18 Head Coach			
Other (please specify) – include anyone will who positively influence your application	Name:		
	Role:		
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Submitting your Expression of Interest

After completing the above Expression of Interest form, please date and sign below, before sending your Club's completed form and any additional supporting documentation through to Mitch Tinning of AFL Goldfields via email at michael@aflgoldfields.com.au.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Club 18 Expression of Interest for 2019, please contact Mitch via the email address above or call directly on 0403 241 375.

We ask that Clubs who participated in 2018 also complete the above form.

Clubs will be given until **Friday 1st March 2019** to submit their Expression of Interest. Clubs will then be notified no later than **Friday 15th March 2019** of outcomes. Next season for Club 18 will likely commence in mid-to-late April of 2019.

On behalf of the _____ **FNC** (*Club's name*), I,

_____ (*Club official's name*) would like to submit our Club's

Expression of Interest in joining the AFL Goldfields Club 18 Competition for Season 2019.

_____ (*print name*)

_____ (*signature*)

_____ (*role at Club*)

_____ (*date*)