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MEMO	
To:	RDFNL Senior Clubs
From:	RDFNL Operations Manager
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Subject:	Senior Finals Instructions – Week 2

Dear Clubs,

Schedule for Week 2 of the 2019 Senior Final Series is listed below.

WEEK 2 - SENIOR FINALS (FOOTBALL)						
COMPETITION	DATE	HOME	V	AWAY	VENUE	TIME
SENIORS	31/08/2019	Diggers Rest	V	Rupertswood	CLARKE OVAL	2:00PM
SENIORS	1/09/2019	Romsey	V	Wallan	ROMSEY PARK	2:00PM
RESERVES	31/08/2019	Wallan	V	Rupertswood	CLARKE OVAL	12:00PM
RESERVES	1/09/2019	Diggers Rest	V	Woodend-Hesket	ROMSEY PARK	12:00PM
Under 19.5	31/08/2019	Rupertswood	V	Woodend-Hesket	CLARKE OVAL	10:00AM
Under 19.5	1/09/2019	Diggers Rest	V	Melton Centrals	ROMSEY PARK	10:00AM

Match Day Managers (Football)	
Saturday, August 31 st - 2 nd Semi Final (Clarke Oval)	Jordan Doyle, Glen Shilling & Grant McMillan
Sunday, September 1 st – 1 st Semi Final (Romsey Park)	Jordan Doyle, Ollie Matthews & Brenton Knott

Change Rooms / Coaches Box / Shorts

Clubs **highlighted** above shall use the home rooms & home coaches box. The higher ranked club (left hand side) will wear coloured shorts, the lower ranked club to wear white shorts.

WEEK 2 SENIOR FINALS (NETBALL)						
COMPETITION	DATE	HOME	V	AWAY	VENUE	TIME
A GRADE	31/08/2019	Rupertswood	V	Wallan	CLARKE OVAL	1:15PM
A GRADE	1/09/2019	Macedon	V	Romsey	ROMSEY PARK	1:15PM
B GRADE	31/08/2019	Rupertswood	V	Macedon	CLARKE OVAL	12:00PM
B GRADE	1/09/2019	Romsey	V	Melton Centrals	ROMSEY PARK	12:00PM
C GRADE	31/08/2019	Diggers Rest	V	Rupertswood	CLARKE OVAL	11:00AM
C GRADE	1/09/2019	Macedon	V	Broadford	ROMSEY PARK	11:00AM
19 & UNDER	31/08/2019	Rupertswood	V	Woodend-Hesket	CLARKE OVAL	10:00AM
19 & UNDER	1/09/2019	Wallan	V	Macedon	ROMSEY PARK	10:00AM

Match Day Managers (Netball)	
Saturday, August 31 st - 2 nd Semi Final (Clarke Oval)	Kim Bailey & Fiona Tanner
Sunday, September 1 st - 1 st Semi Final (Romsey Park)	Michelle Brinkhuis & Krissy Clements

Footy Record

Whether your club is playing finals or not the League **requires all clubs to submit their club notes no later than Tuesday midday on each week of the finals series.**

Entry Prices

The Board of Management has confirmed the entry price for the 2019 Senior Final Series remains unchanged as follows:

- Adult \$10
- Concession \$6
- Under 16 Free
- Pass-outs will be in the form of your stamped gate receipt. This receipt will also enable you to travel between venues on the same day if necessary.

These costs shall apply to all venues in the first three weeks of the Finals Series.

- Gates open at 8am for weeks 1 – 3 of the Senior Finals Series

Entry to Finals Matches – Bar, Canteen & Raffle Clubs, the Bar & Canteen host clubs will be issued with 10 passes, the Raffle Club with 5 passes. Please note these passes are not transferrable from Saturday to Sunday.

Canteen and Bar Requirements for Host clubs

Canteen

To be open at least one hour before first match and remain open to 15 minutes after finish of last match. RDFNL Clubs hosting finals are required to comply with the following requirements for the purchase of products from League sponsors.

Pies / Pastries / Cakes

It is a requirement to purchase Pies, Pasties & Pastry products (including cakes, slices & bread rolls) exclusively from Routleys. These should be ordered directly from Routleys, details below.

Phone: 1300 721 627

Fax: 5272 1794

Email: orders@routleysbakery.com.au

Soft Drinks / Water / Sports Drinks

It is a requirement to source items such as soft drinks, water and Gatorade exclusively from Asahi Premium Beverages. To place an order, all clubs should complete the order form and send to Jordan for processing on your behalf (jordan@aflgoldfields.com.au)

Alcohol

All alcoholic beverage products must be purchased **EXCLUSIVELY** for finals bars via the following supplier:

The Liquor Co-Op

Contact: jordan@aflgoldfields.com.au

Match Manager

The League shall appoint a match manager who will be in sole control for all match arrangements and any decision or dispute shall be referred to him/her and his/her decision shall be final.

Entry to Finals Matches – Players & Support Staff

As agreed in conjunction with the amended finals arrangements, finals passes for players & officials will only be applicable for the Grand Final.

Entering of Results

Each participating team is required to enter their team online and generate team sheets as per the usual practice.

The league will enter the results for each match. **Please ensure your full results are handed to the RDFNL Match Manager after each match.**

Alcohol

Alcohol is not permitted to be brought into any ground. Security guards will check all cars entering the venues.

Marquees

Any club or body wishing to utilize a marquee during any finals series matches requires League approval.

Match Times and Time On

Match Times

Grade	Start Time	Qtr Length (Mins)	Time On	¼ Time Break (mins)	½ Time Break (mins)	¾ Time Break (mins)
Seniors	2:00pm	20 mins	Yes	5	20	5
Reserves	12:00pm	20 mins	No	5	15	5
Under 19.5s	10:00am	20 mins	No	5	15	5

Time On

Time on is added (clock stops) in two circumstances, as follows:

1. The field umpire indicates time on by raising one arm and blowing his/her whistle. Time does not recommence until the field umpire again raises one arm and blows his/her whistle to indicate that play is to recommence.
2. Time on is added (clock stops) after a score and until play recommences. Time on is added from when the goal umpire indicates the score with his/her fingers, until either (a) after a goal, play recommences in the center of the ground, or (b) after a behind is scored, the full back recommences the game by kicking the ball.

In all other grades of Football (Reserves and U19.5) time on is added (clock stops) in three circumstances:

1. The ball is lost.
2. The ball goes flat.
3. A stretcher enters the playing field where trainers consider an injured player should be stretchered from the field. Stretchers cannot enter the field of play until a Trainer signals that a stretcher is required. Time stops when the stretcher enters the playing field, and restarts when it crosses the boundary line.
4. In rare and exceptional circumstances, the field umpire considers that time should be added, in which case the field umpires will communicate such to the time keepers. An example of this may be, say, an unattended car rolls onto the playing surface. These instances will be rarely invoked.
 - a) For all competitions where time on does not apply (Reserves and Under 19.5), if a match is interrupted by an injury to a player preventing the match from continuing, the clock stops and time keepers keep a record of time lost with that game time unable to made up and scheduled finish times must still be adhered to. Only when the safety of the player has been guaranteed and removed from the playing arena can a match restart. Time lost will be deducted from remaining quarters. E.g. 10 minutes of game time is lost in the second quarter; 5 minutes will be deducted from the third and fourth quarters. Lost time cannot be made up.

Timekeepers for Finals Matches

Each team is required to provide one timekeeper for their match. The timekeeper shall bring a time keeping device (clock) and timekeeper cards.

Drawn Football Finals

In the event of a drawn game in any Finals match (including the Senior Football Grand Final), the following shall apply:

- a) The teams will change ends following a break of no more than three minutes.
- b) A five-minute quarter will be played (including time-on) before immediately changing ends for another five-minute quarter (including time-on). There is to be no break between these quarters.

- c) If at the end of the second five-minute quarter scores are still level, no change of ends will occur, play will be restarted at the centre bounce and the first score will win.

NOTE: Extra time will commence as soon as goal umpires have ascertained the scores are correct, and umpires are ready. The players must not leave the ground, coaches may address the players prior to the commencement of extra time, however teams are to change ends at the completion of the first five (5) minutes.

Umpire Escort / Interchange Steward

During all finals matches, the RDFNL will supply Umpire Escorts and Interchange Stewards.

Security Guards will act as Umpire Escorts.

Riddell Umpires Officials will act as Interchange Stewards.

Change Rooms

- Each change room will have a sign at the door to advise who will use which rooms and this will be displayed at the start of the day.
- Please ensure your team has removed all of your property immediately after half time of your match to allow the next side to prepare for their upcoming game. Similarly, can you arrange for the rooms to be vacant after your team has left for the start of your match to allow for a side just finished to change.
- Each club is responsible for the cleaning of their change room following their match. Rooms will be inspected after each match by the Match Manager. Clubs that fail to do so will be penalised \$100.

Also, please ensure that the change rooms are swept and left in a tidy fashion.

Emergency Umpire

An emergency umpire will be appointed to all final series matches. Please ensure your club, coaches and support staff are well aware of the requirements and rules and refer to the Laws of Australian Football for clarification.

Finals Eligibility

From RDFNL By-Laws 126

SENIORS

- a) A player must play in at least four (4) premiership matches played over a minimum of four (4) rounds of the current season to qualify to play in the final series. A player selected as an interchange player and whose name is on the list of players exchanged before the commencement of the match and who is on the ground in uniform and ready to play and remains so ready until the conclusion of the match, shall for all purposes be deemed to have played in such match.
- b) A registered player, playing four games with the Reserves or Under 19.5, or a total of four games in the Senior Grade, Reserve Grade and Under 19.5 during the minor rounds in any one season, shall be eligible to play in the final series in the Senior Grade competition.
- c) In addition to 126b, to be eligible to play Reserves or Under 19.5 finals matches, a player must have played a minimum of 1 game in that competition in the home and away season. The requirement to have played a minimum of 1 game in the Reserves in the home and away season to be eligible to play Reserves finals matches does not apply if both the Seniors and the Reserves of the players Club are playing Finals on the same weekend.
- d) Any player who, during the currency of the season, has played more than nine matches in the minor rounds with the Senior Grade of his Club;
i) Shall be ineligible to play in the finals of the Reserves Grade, except and unless, the player belongs to a Club which has its Senior Grade and Reserve Grade teams playing in the Finals on the same weekend.

- ii) Shall be ineligible to play in the finals of the U19.5 Competition, except and unless, the player belong to a Club which has it Senior Grade and U19.5 teams playing in the Final on the same weekend.
- e) A player may only participate in one finals match in the age group the player has qualified for in any round of a finals series. No player is allowed to play in more than one finals match during the same round of finals, the only exceptions to this rule are if a Club has Senior, Reserve and U/19.5 teams in the finals and find themselves short of players in the Reserves or U/19.5 competitions, it is then permissible to bring a player up from a lower age group to fill any vacancies.
- f) For the purpose of Senior Finals Eligibility, TAC Cup matches played shall be counted as Senior matches played in the RDFNL.
- g) Any player in the under age competition (U19.5), who plays in nine (9) or more premierships matches collectively at Senior or Reserve shall be ineligible to play for his Club in the U19.5 level in that season, except that when the player has played in both the U19.5 and the higher grade game on the same day or round, the higher grade games shall not be taken into consideration for the implementing of this rule.
- h) A player is free to interchange between his VFL and Under 18 TAC Cup club team during the RDFNL home and away season.
- i) A VFL listed player is eligible to play finals matches provided they have met the qualification rules as outlined in rule 126 a).
- ii) For the purpose of Senior Finals Eligibility, AFL Goldfields Club 18 matches shall be counted towards Senior matches played in the RDFNL

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- k) A player must play in at least four matches in a grade to be eligible to play in the final series in that grade, except in the following cases:
- i) Where a registered Junior player is selected to play in the Under 19.5 or any open age side

Team Manager

The Team Manager is to report to the Match Manager 20 minutes before the starting time for their match with a completed Team Sheet.

The Team Manager is responsible at the conclusion of the match to

- Record on the Team Sheet your club's best players and goal-kickers for the game.
- Collect the timekeeper card (signed)
- Obtain Match Manager/Umpires "All clear" or obtain reports (if applicable)
- Sign the umpires match report.
- Hand timekeepers card to Match Manager
- Hand completed team sheet to Match Manager
- Ensure the change rooms are left in a clean and tidy manner
- Any other duties required by the Match Manager

Team Officials Uniforms

All officials must be properly attired and perform only the tasks he/she is required to do;

Runner

- Up to two runners
- Must wear official runner top – Fluro Pink
- Must wear club home colour or white shorts / pants.

- Dark coloured skins may be worn underneath shorts.
- Strictly no Jeans or Cargos.
- Deliver messages to players only.
- Must not linger on the ground under any circumstances.

Trainers

- Must wear blue or white pants and official RDFNL trainers top.
- Can attend to injured players and deliver water only.
- Must not deliver messages.

Water Carriers

- Must wear official water carrier top – Fluro Blue
- Must wear club home colour or white shorts / pants.
- Dark coloured skins may be worn underneath shorts.
- Strictly no Jeans or Cargos.
- To deliver water only.
- Water only to be delivered during breaks in play (i.e. after goal scored).
- Must not linger on the ground under any circumstances.
- Shall be stationed around the ground and not at or near the bench.
- Must not deliver messages.

Clubs can field up to four (4) persons to deliver water inclusive of trainers as per by-law 102.

Trainers and water persons should be made aware of the kicking-in after a behind rule (i.e. not allowed in 50m arc).

Officials in Bench Area

Only persons authorised may enter the playing arena during the playing of a match and Match Day Officials must remain within the marked area around the interchange box. Clubs competing in the RDFNL senior competition are permitted to have up to 4 officials (including Coach, Asst Coach, Chairman of Selectors, etc) within the marked confines of the Interchange box.

Furthermore, Clubs are permitted to have up to two (2) runners, six (6) trainers and/or water carriers, and four (4) interchange players. Clubs will be allowed to use an additional two (2) water carriers in extreme weather conditions, however, this must be approved by the Umpire. All, apart from Trainers and Water Carriers, are to remain seated in the coaches box at all times during play, or within the confines of the perimeter lines surrounding the Coach's Box. If no lines are marked, all must remain within the confines of the Coach's Box.

If there is insufficient space within the coach's box, or no box is provided, then remaining officials are to be situated outside the boundary line. Trainers and Water carriers may be spread around the ground but must be positioned against the fence and not on the boundary line when at rest. All other personnel not mentioned above are considered unauthorized, and umpires have been instructed to remove them from the ground.

Any Club desiring authorisation of any other officials must apply to the League for such authorisation, prior to the commencement of the match. Coaches and their coaching staff who don't remain within the perimeter lines surrounding the coaches box will be penalised 10 penalty units per offense.

Regards,



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