



WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country V/Line Cup Handbook

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Match Conditions and Rules



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1.0 - DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE

14 Male teams will compete in the V/Line Cup.

7 female teams will compete in the V/Line Cup Girls.

The 21 teams will play in two Boys Divisions and a Girls Division. Each team will play in two full length matches. See below diagram below:

COMPETING TEAMS – BOYS DIVISIONS							
<i>Division 1</i>	South East	North East Border	Goulburn Murray	Greater Western Victoria	Barwon	Gippsland	Pioneers
<i>Division 2</i>	South East	North East Border	Goulburn Murray	Greater Western Victoria	Barwon	Gippsland	Pioneers
COMPETING TEAMS – GIRLS DIVISION							
<i>Division 1</i>	South East	North East Border	Goulburn Murray	Greater Western Victoria	Barwon	Gippsland	Pioneers

1.1 – Program of Matches

Each team shall play 2 matches across the Carnival.

1.2 – Match Protocols

Shaking of hands prior to commencement

As occurs in all AFL Vic Country Junior Football Representative fixtures, prior to the commencement of each game both sides will line up to shake hands with the umpires as a show of goodwill and sportsmanship.

Post-Match

All players are to shake hands with the opposition post-match and make their way to the centre wing position for a brief presentation. Here, a medal will be awarded to the player judged best on ground from each competing team, chosen by their own team’s coaching panel.

1.3 - Venue Information

Oval	Address	Nearest Hospital	Hospital Phone
Deakin Reserve Shepparton	Nixon Street, Shepparton	Goulburn Valley Health Graham St. Shepparton (5 <i>mins</i>)	Enquiries 5832 2322
Princes Park Reserve Shepparton	Quinan Pde, Shepparton	Goulburn Valley Health Graham St. Shepparton (4 mins)	Enquiries 5832 2322
Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Mooroopna	Midland Hwy, Mooroopna	Goulburn Valley Health Graham St. Shepparton (10 mins)	Enquiries 5832 2322
Shepparton Showgrounds (Function Space)	High Street, Shepparton	Goulburn Valley Health Graham St. Shepparton (5 mins)	Enquiries 5832 2322

1.4 - Hospital and Emergency Information

Hospitals	Address	Phone
Goulburn Valley Health	Graham St, Shepparton	5832 2322
Doctors		
Wyndham House Clinic	Maude St, Shepparton	5820 3400
Physio		
Fix	116 Corio St, Shepparton	5831 5400
Dentist		
Goulburn Valley Dental Group	169 Nixon St, Shepparton	5821 2567
X-Ray Services		
Goulburn Valley Imaging Group	106 Nixon St, Shepparton	1300 797 484

1.5 - Organising Committee

Name	Title
Joel Lovett	Football Operations Coordinator – AFL Victoria
Sam Saracino	Sports Events Officer – City of Greater Shepparton
Leigh Buwalda/David Harris	AFL Victoria State Umpiring Team
Nick Hullet	National Media Manager – Community Football
Riley Brettell	AFL Victoria Partnerships Manager

1.6 - Leisure Centre Details

Leisure Centre	Address	Contact
Aquamoves	25 Tom Collins Drive, Shepparton	5832 9400

1.7 - AFL Marsh Nation Risk Protection Program

All teams will be covered at Silver Level personal accident cover (unless the club has purchased a higher level of cover) under the AFL National Risk Protection Program. Further details regarding the level of cover can be found at <https://sport.marshadvantage.com.au/afl>

AFL Victoria Country strongly recommends that each player consider their own personal needs in respect of private health insurance, loss of income cover, life insurance and Ambulance membership.

2.0 - CARNIVAL CONDITIONS & RULES

2.1 - Marketing

All marketing and logo placement information is included within the V/Line Cup Marketing Guidelines. Final full funding reimbursement requires that all procedures outlined within the Marketing Handbook are adhered to.

Naming Rights

V/Line continues as the Naming Rights Sponsor of the competition (known as the V/Line Cup) which encompasses both Boys and Girls competitions. As such, the competitions are officially known and should always be referred to as the:



Badges & Logos – On-field Apparel

Please refer to V/Line Cup Marketing Handbook.

Badges & Logos – Off-field Apparel and other communications

Please refer to V/Line Cup Marketing Handbook for logo placement and size requirements.

For more information and apparel orders please contact your preferred AFL Victoria Licensee.

2.2 - Carnival Management

The Organising Committee shall consist of the names outlined in Section 1.5. This committee is responsible for the conduct of all matches and shall have the power to determine matters not specifically provided for in these general arrangements and match conditions.

2.3 - Carnival Format

Matches will be played in respective divisions outlined in section 1.0 of this document. A fixture is attached in Appendix 2.

2.4 - Team Lists / Team Entry Sheet

All teams are required to supply the following team details on the supplied document.

1. Full Name
2. Date of Birth
3. Guernsey Number
4. Height & Weight (Weight Optional – Boys & Girls)
5. Local Club
6. Talent Region
7. Team Details - Coaches, Manager, Runners & Trainers

Each Team shall use PlayHQ printable Team sheets on Match Day and select Best Players (1 to 6 in order) and goal kickers and submit to the Match Day Manager.

2.5- Match Conditions

A) Boys Player Eligibility

Up to 24 players can be brought to the carnival to represent their team, each of whom **must not reach the age of 16 during the 2023 calendar year**. Players to be born in 2008 for eligibility in the 2023 V/Line Cup.

Division 2 Boys teams are encouraged to include a 25th player who must have been part of either the Kick Start or Multicultural programs.

No player who has played in the Metropolitan Junior Development Series is eligible to be selected for their respective V/Line Cup team.

B) Girls Player Eligibility

Players must fall within the following age range to be registered for the carnival:

- i. Attained the age of twelve years of age before January 1; and
- ii. Not turning older than 15 years of age in the year of competition (must be no older than 14 by January 1 of the competition year). Players must be turning 13-15 in the year of competition.
- iii. Players to be born in 2008, 2009 or 2010 for eligibility in the 2023 V/Line Cup.
- iv. In 2023 exemptions for girls turning 16 will be considered under exceptional circumstances according to criteria in appendix 7.
- v. Girls Division teams are encouraged to include a 25th player who must have been part of either the Kick Start or Multicultural programs.
- vi. No female who has participated in the U16 or U18 National Championship matches is eligible to be selected for their respective V/Line Cup team.

- vii. No player who has played in the 2023 Metropolitan Junior Development Series is eligible to be selected for their respective V/Line Cup team.
- viii. If a player has played Coates Talent League game/s, the decision to include them in the V/Line Cup will be left at the discretion of discussions between the relevant Region and Talent Managers.
- ix. If they have been heavily involved in the Coates Talent League and are already above the standard of this carnival, please be mindful of the other players who have not had this type of development opportunity that could be in their place and leave them out knowing they are already in the Coates Talent League pathway.

C. Player Permitting

All players must be permitted from their local community club into the V/Line Cup club which they will be playing with.

The player permitting procedures are outlined in appendix 8.

D. Duration of Matches

V/Line Boys	4 x 20 Minute quarters with no time on
V/Line Girls	4 x 15 Minute quarters with no time on

Note: The umpire will have the ability to call "time on" in the event of what they judge to be a significant delay (e.g., Stretcher is used)

E. Length of Breaks

¼ Time:	5 mins
Half Time:	10 mins
¾ Time:	5 mins

F. Drawn Match

If a match score is drawn at the conclusion of normal playing time the score will stand as the final score.

G. Interchange Rules

1. Three (3) copies of Team Sheets nominating 24 (or 25) names, with an "I" against up to 6 (7) interchange players must be handed to the Match Day Manager 30 minutes before the start of play. The Match Day Manager will provide copies to the opposition Team Manager and to the Umpires.
2. Team Coaches and Officials are to place themselves on the side of the ground approximately 30 meters apart in coaches' boxes (where provided) unless elevated coaches boxes are being used.
3. Interchanges are to be conducted through a marked interchange box located between the two coaching boxes. Any player leaving the ground at any other place (except on a stretcher) cannot return to the field of play for the remainder of the match if they have been replaced.

4. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager's to have a staff member supervise interchanges of their team.

H. Coaching Box/Area

Each team shall be permitted no more than six (6) non-playing officials on the bench during matches. E.g., Coach, Assistant coach (x2), Trainer and Runner (x2).

I. Elevated Coaches Boxes

If the facility has elevated coaches' boxes, coaches are entitled to coach from the elevated level if they wish. This may alleviate congestion on the bench area. Teams need to provide their own communication system if utilising elevated coaches' boxes in case the provided systems do not work.

J. Bleeding Players

No player shall participate in any Carnival match or continue to participate in any Carnival for so long as such player:

- a. is bleeding; or
- b. has blood on any part of his/her person or uniform

Without limiting the generality of the above, a player shall immediately upon the discretion of a field umpire, leave the playing arena where such umpire is of the opinion that the player is bleeding or has blood on any part of his/her person or uniform. Upon being directed to leave the playing arena, a player shall not return to take further part in any match until and unless:

- a. the cause of any such bleeding has been abated;
- b. the injury is securely covered to the extent that no visible blood shall emanate there from;
- c. any blood-stained article of uniform has been removed and replaced;
- d. any blood on any part of a player's body has been thoroughly cleansed and removed.

On observing that a player is bleeding or where any item of uniform or any part of the player is otherwise covered in blood, the umpire shall cause the resumption of play to be delayed after the first break in play following detection of such injury or blood, so that the player can leave the field. Where a player is directed by an umpire to leave the field under this Rule the umpire shall wait a reasonable period to allow the replacement player to take up position before re-commencing play. If a replacement player does not enter the field, the umpire shall re-commence play immediately. Any player directed to leave the field shall do so through the designated interchange area. A player who refuses to promptly obey a direction of an umpire given in accordance with this Rule shall be reported for misconduct by the umpire and such refusal shall be deemed to constitute a reportable offence under the Laws of the Game of Australian Football.

K. Order off Rule

The umpire in charge of a match shall have the power to send a player from the field for a period of ten (10) minutes of playing time (during which time a replacement shall be permitted).

The player sent off must report to his Team Manager. The Team Manager in conjunction with the opposition Team Manager and Timekeepers will inform the player when he is able to return to the field.

A player sent off does not have to be reported. But a player reported must be sent off for ten minutes.

A second offence warranting send-off means the player must be reported and remain off the field for the duration of the match (with replacement again allowed).

L. 50 Metre Penalty – V/Line Cup Boys

All infringements warranting a penalty will incur a 50m penalty during Boys Carnival games.

25 Metre Penalty – V/Line Cup Girls

All infringements warranting a penalty will incur a 25m penalty during Girls Carnival games.

M. Process for Reported Players

The reporting Umpire is to notify the Team Manager of any reports at the end of the game and complete an AFL Victoria Country Notice of Report Form. The Team Manager is then to notify the Match Day Manager on the same day the report is made. The Controlling Body will nominate an MRO who will assist the Controlling Body in relation to a notice of report and if the Person has committed a Reportable Offence, the MRO will complete a Notice of Charge.

The Organising Committee is to then set up Tribunal if the player has not accepted a set penalty as set out in the notice of charge. If required, the tribunal will be held on same day as report at the venue of the match consisting of:

- Chairperson – Appointed by WorkSafe AFL Vic Country. This will be chaired by the AFL Goulburn Murray Tribunal Chairman at the Commission Offices located at Shepparton.
- Up to two (2) WorkSafe AFL Vic Country Staff or other persons appointed to act as tribunal members.

Where possible any penalties given will be imposed for the remaining duration of the carnival. If imposing any part of the penalty during the carnival is not possible, reference will be made to the player's league regarding the incident and subsequent finding.

N. 2023 Rules and Regulations, & Coaching Philosophies

The V/Line Cup Coaching Philosophies and Guidelines implemented in 2015 will continue to be in place. These guidelines need to be read and signed off by all coaches participating in the 2023 V/Line Cup. Please refer to Appendix 2.0.

O. Density Rule

Following on from the Talent Pathway changes put in place in 2017, the V/Line Cup will also now include the density requirement as a rule in all V/Line Cup matches, to be ruled upon by the officiating umpires.

At any stop play (stoppage, kick in and centre bounce) there must be five forwards in the forward half, and two in the F50 of each team.

Umpires will be encouraged to talk to the players, and if players are not abiding by the rule there will be 1 warning per quarter per team (play stopped, and green card shown to the offending Club's

bench). Any offences following a warning will result in a free kick 35m out from goal (as marked by the officiating umpire) directly in front.

This will be the first introduction to this rule for all players and umpires involved, and given it is a development opportunity for umpires as well as players, all coaches and officials will be expected to respect this learning opportunity for all our umpires and players.

Any coach or official found to not be supporting of the umpires in their learning of this rule implementation will be held to the penalties of the V/Line Cup Coaches Code of Conduct, with official warnings and possible match suspensions if behaviour is not modified.

2.6 - Umpires

Field, Goal and Boundary Umpires will be arranged by the AFL Victoria Umpiring Team (Leigh Buwalda/David Harris) and be selected from the V/Line Umpires Academy.

2.7 - Timekeepers

One each shall be provided by each competing team.

2.8 – Scoreboard Attendant

One each shall be provided by each competing team.

2.9 - Runners

Each team may appoint two (2) Official Runners who shall be attired in an Official V/Line Cup top supplied by the WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country.

Please check if your Region has any Runners tops remaining from previous years, and if so, please ensure you bring them along to use, and return to AFL Victoria at the conclusion of your carnival.

If using two runners, runners must enter and exit the ground through the interchange area. If using one runner, the runner can enter and exit the ground directly from the bench area.

2.10 – Players Uniforms

All Guernsey's must display the competition sponsor logo (V/Line), WorkSafe and AFL Vic Country logos as provided by WorkSafe AFL Vic Country and described in the V/Line Cup Marketing Handbook.

2.11 – Jumper Clashes

Regions/Teams need to ensure they play in approved jumper, shorts and socks designs and colours. Jumper clashes will be advised in the preliminary rounds to affected teams and one team will be advised to wear an alternative strip where a clash is indicated.

2.12 – Match Rules

The Carnival will be conducted under the Australian Football League's "2023 Laws of Australian Football" as approved for AFL Victoria Country matches for 2023 unless otherwise stated.

2.13 – Child Safety & Working with Children Checks

Adults who will have direct contact with children less than 18 years of age need to have a valid Working with Children Check. A WWCC can be obtained through the government website at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

It is the responsibility of each team management to ensure that those personnel requiring a WWCC provide evidence of their card, and the safety of the children under the team's care is the highest priority.

Important steps to take to ensure we are adhering to the Child Safe Standards are:

- For each staff member involved with a V/Line Cup team, a filed copy of a valid WWCC card must be kept on record by the team management.
- Each team must communicate to all players, staff and parents that there is a staff member available to contact for any concerns around a player's safety, and their contact details.
- Players and staff are not to share rooms at accommodation.
- Any reports concerning the safety of a player throughout the V/Line Cup carnival, training and/or trials must be communicated to AFL Victoria competition management for reporting and to ensure appropriate action is put in place.

3.0 - MATCH DAY MANAGER

3.1 - Rooms

Ensure that the rooms are clearly allocated to each team and to umpires.

3.2 - Scoreboard

Make sure the scoreboard is operating. Prior to the event, have the team names (or region names) prepared for display on the scoreboard.

3.3 - Grounds

Ensure that grounds are marked appropriately and that the Goal Posts are padded.

3.4 - Footballs

WorkSafe AFL Vic Country will provide all Footballs to be used during the Carnival. Match Day Managers will provide umpires with one new and one used football before each game. Only AFL Vic Country V/Line branded footballs are to be used during the Carnival and will be required to be collected at the conclusion of each match.

3.5 – Ground Inspection

Fill out provided Match Day Checklist Form and keep with match day paperwork.

3.6 - Timekeepers

WorkSafe AFL Vic Country will provide two (2) timekeepers for each match. V/Line Cup Boys - 4 x 20 min quarters (5min, 12min, 5min intervals)
 V/Line Cup Girls – 4 x 15 min quarters (5min, 12min, 5min intervals)

3.7 - Runners

WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country & V/Line Sponsor polo shirts will be provided to teams and need to be returned to the ground manager after a team’s final match. Please refer to rule 2.9 for rules on Runners.

3.8 – Order Off Rule

Any player ordered off (refer to rule) is to be informed of when to return to the field by agreement by both Team Managers. This should be done in conjunction with the timekeeper and Match Day Manager.

3.9 – First Aid

Each team is required to have its own first aid support. Ensure that there is access to a first aid room and stretcher, have access to a telephone in case of emergency and be aware of the best local sports medicine clinic to send serious injuries to. Emergency contact numbers are shown in section 1.4 of this handbook.

3.10 – Team Sheets

Collect 3 Team Sheets from each Team Manager 30 minutes prior to the game. Give one copy to the opposition Team Manager, one copy to the Umpires and keep a copy for return with results.

3.11 - Results

Collect Results from Goal Umpires. Collect Match Reports from Team Managers with all scores, goal kickers and best players recorded on the form provided. All match day paperwork to be returned to AFL Victoria (Joel Lovett) after the day’s matches.

3.12 - Filming

Collect USB’s if filming is occurring and distribute to both team’s management.

3.13 – Match Day Managers Contacts

Name:	Mobile:
Name:	Mobile:
Name:	Mobile:

Further Match Managers will be announced closer to the event, and all will be notified accordingly.

4.0 - TEAM MANAGERS

4.1 – Team Managers Role

Oversee the proper conduct of the team and officials during the Carnival.

Ensure Coaches coach to the Coaching Philosophy and alert them to any concerns of this matter. Prepare and submit three (3) copies of Team Sheets at each match to the Match Day Manager 30 minutes prior to each match. Team sheets produced through PlayHQ should be the team sheets submitted.

Ensure that adequate first aid supplies are provided (ice, etc.) and to be aware of the location of stretchers at each venue.

Submit a Match Report (on PlayHQ generated team sheets) to the Match Day Manager at the conclusion of each match ensuring all goal kickers and best players are recorded before submission.

Submit nominations for Team of the Championships at the conclusion of match on the final day of the carnival for your team.

Attend any meetings called for the purpose of the Carnival during the Carnival.

APPENDIX 1. Carnival Fixture

Monday 25/9	Deakin Reserve			
	10.00am	Girls	South East	NEB
	12.00pm	Boys 2	South East	NEB
	2.00pm	Boys 1	South East	NEB
	Mooroopna			
	10.00am	Girls	Gippsland	Barwon
	12.00pm	Boys 2	Gippsland	Barwon
	2.00pm	Boys 1	Gippsland	Barwon
	Princess Park			
	10.00am	Girls	GWV Rebels	Goulburn Murray
	12.00pm	Boys 2	GWV Rebels	Goulburn Murray
	2.00pm	Boys 1	GWV Rebels	Goulburn Murray
Tuesday 26/9				
	Vline Breakfast	8.30am – 10am		
	Deakin Reserve			
	11.00am	Girls	Barwon	South East
	1.00pm	Boys 2	Barwon	South East
	3.00pm	Boys 1	Barwon	South East
	Mooroopna			
	11.00am	Girls	NEB	Gippsland
	1.00pm	Boys 2	NEB	Gippsland
	3.00pm	Boys 1	NEB	Gippsland
	Princess Park			
	11.00am	Girls	Pioneers	GWV Rebels
	1.00pm	Boys 2	Pioneers	GWV Rebels
	3.00pm	Boys 1	Pioneers	GWV Rebels
Wednesday 27/9	Deakin Reserve			
	10.00am	Girls	Goulburn Murray	Pioneers
	12.00pm	Boys 2	Goulburn Murray	Pioneers
	2.00pm	Boys 1	Goulburn Murray	Pioneers

[Click here](#) to view the competitions fixtures, results & ladders page on the PlayHQ public website.

APPENDIX 2. Coaching Philosophies and Practices



A V/Line Cup Coaches Meeting will be conducted virtually (time and date TBC) for all Coaches and will be facilitated by AFL Victoria State Coaching Manager, Jennifer Taffs.

Links will be sent prior to Team Management contacts.

Competition Coaching Philosophy

The aim of the V/Line Cup is to develop young footballers to the maximum of their ability.

To achieve their potential, players are to be coached in such a way that develops:

The skills, physical attributes, and football knowledge, and the personal characteristics and self-esteem of each player

AFL Victoria believes that the above development can be maximized in an environment that:

- Emphasises individual player development rather than team success.
- Emphasises individual contribution as an essential component in a team environment.
- Considers the players' long-term participation in football at a variety of levels.
- Promotes a balanced approach to the players' lifestyle.

Players in the V/Line Cup competition are to be coached in a manner that provides players with the maximum opportunity to be developed and to facilitate the potential transition into a Coates Talent League program.

The V/Line Cup competition via the conduct and coaching of the competition prepares and encourages exiting players not moving into a Coates Talent League program to continue to play community football at a level appropriate to the player's ability while enhancing players enjoyment of the game.

Coaching Practices

AFL Victoria has adopted the following 'Coaching Practices Policy' to assist in the development of players. V/Line Cup Coaches are required to implement the policy in their coaching practices. AFL Victoria takes very seriously breaches to its coaching practices and philosophies and will impose the appropriate disciplinary actions.

Sliding/Rolling/Press/Zone

For the purpose of our own rules a sliding/rolling/press/zone can be defined but not limited to a standard formation like a 12 man or more zone that keeps its shape in relation to the ball movement of the opposition, with the defensive intention to slow play down and minimise space. For kick-ins only a 12-man zone can be employed.

Taggers/Run with Players

'Taggers' whose sole aim is to stop the opposition player from gaining possessions are not to be used in the V/Line Cup. It is acceptable, however, that players seek to gain possessions themselves whilst maintaining close checking of their opponent. Players are not to 'run-with' the same opponent for long periods within quarters or matches, this would be seen as 'tagging'.

Positional Rotations of Players

Coaches are required to give players the opportunity to demonstrate proficiency at playing in a variety of positions and players should be used in a number of roles throughout the championships.

Interchange Bench/Rotations

The interchange bench is to be used for the purpose of player welfare and to be consistent with the development philosophy of V/Line Cup. AFL Victoria does not condone the use of the interchange bench solely to gain a game day

advantage. In other words, an unreasonable number of rotations or under use of the interchange. Both examples listed would not allow players to settle into the game and this would be contrary to the spirit of the use of the interchange bench in the V/Line Cup.

Extra Player in Defence

'Flooding & Crowding' the opposition's forward line or midfield (i.e., the practice of moving multiple players to fill space in the opposition's forward half or forward fifty-metre area) is not to be used in the V/Line Cup. It makes it very difficult for forwards to develop, does not encourage accountability for midfielders, and reduces the skill development of back line players.

One additional player positioned on the defensive side of the ball in the opposition's forward half, and additional players running into defense with their opponent in transition are not considered to be flooding *in general play only*.

High Density Football

At centre square bounces, teams are only to have 6 players in each of the areas of the ground (**the 6, 6, 6 rule**). For example, at the centre bounce teams will ensure that there are six (6) defenders, six (6) midfielders and six (6) forwards. When the ball enters the opposition's forward half and there is a stop of play (a ball-up or throw-in). Coaches are required to ensure that at least **five (5)** players remain inside the opposite half of the ground delineated by an "imaginary" line across the centre of the ground. Furthermore, **two (2)** of those **five (5)** players must be inside the forward fifty-metre area (50 metre arc). This is the expectation of all kick outs as well. Coaches are required to ensure that defensive players honour the same principles as the forwards when applying 'High Density Football'.

Style of Play

Coaches must emphasize a style of play that requires players to be disciplined when their opponents have the ball, at boundary throw-ins, ball ups, etc., and where players are accountable for an opponent in such circumstances.

Whilst wanting to encourage the initiative and creativity of players it is considered essential that players can demonstrate when required that they are able to be accountable for their opponent.

Coaches should encourage players to develop the skills and behaviours that are relevant to the requirements at Coates Talent League level and not to compromise the development of all players involved.

Use of Runners

AFL Victoria believes that having a maximum of two runners on match days is acceptable to assistance in the development of players. Club Managers and Coaches are to ensure that runners are to be physically capable of doing the runner's job and not to be 'standing stillers' or 'walkers' but are to deliver the message as quickly as possible and return after giving the message immediately to the coaches box or interchange bench.

Runners are to be messengers, not coaches. If two runners are used, they are to use the interchange gates to enter/exit the ground (one runner on the field at a time). If one runner only is used, they can enter/exit the ground directly from the interchange bench.

Coaching Behaviour

Coaches and players are role models within the competition and swearing or aggressive, intimidating actions will not be tolerated.

Coaches are to be controlled in the coaches' box due to the audibility of their coaching with the small crowds in attendance at these matches and players shouldn't be coached in a way that results in them swearing, being aggressive etc, before or during play. V/Line Cup Coaches will be held accountable to the 'Coaches Code of Conduct', please see a copy of the code on the below link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NyGEqRjeK2Lhzy0Ve8Or9bW1R-pb01TZ/view?usp=sharing>

Disciplinary Actions

Breach 1 - Warning: A warning will be given to the coach and recorded for future reference.

Breach 2 - Suspension: The coach will receive game/s suspension.

Breach 3 - Termination: The coach will be terminated from coaching the V/Line Cup.



2023 V/Line Cup Coaches Code of Conduct

I _____, coach of the Division _____ Boys/Girls

In the _____ Region

Have read, understood, and hereby commit to the best of my ability, to uphold the V/Line Cup Rules, Regulations and Coaching Philosophies.

COACHES SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

COACHES NAME: _____

REGION MANAGER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

REGION MANAGER NAME: _____

Enforcement of Competition Rules

As stated in the Coaching philosophies, AFL Victoria believes that player development can be maximised in an environment that:

- Emphasises individual player development rather than team success.
- Emphasises individual contribution as an essential component in a team environment.
- Considers the players long-term participating in football at a variety of levels.

As such, there should be no need to police coaching staff on match day, but if any potential breach occurs of actively coaching against the Policy, or not modifying game style at the request of an AFL Victoria match day official, the process for reporting will be as follows:

- If an AFL Victoria official is of the view that a coach is breaching the Philosophy, the Match Manager is to be notified.
- The Match Manager will then alert the offending coach of the breach.
- From this point, the matter should be resolved through identifying and correcting the issue.
- If the coach continues to coach in a style that is believed to be against the Philosophy, the Coach is to be notified in writing via their Region Manager within 24 hours of the match completion, where decisions will made by the organising committee of any disciplinary actions that are to be taken.

APPENDIX 3. Ground & Venue Maps

Deakin Reserve - Nixon St. Shepparton



Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Midland Hwy, Mooroopna



Princess Park (John Riordan Oval) - Quinan Parade, Shepparton

