

M.S.J.F.L.

Club Bulletin



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This Club Bulletin has been produced as an information publication to assist the league to communicate with Clubs and their team officials. The Bulletin will be circulated at the Delegates Meeting and emailed to Club Presidents and Secretaries for distribution to their team officials.

Umpires' Mentor

Thank you to those Clubs that have been advertising and encouraging people to think about and become an umpire with the MSJFL, numbers have increased as a result. The Umpiring Department is now looking for people to become an Umpires' Mentor and assist with their training. Consequently, Clubs and Team Managers are being asked to place an advertisement in their Club/Team newsletters seeking interest.

If any person would like to be trained and be considered for becoming an MSJFL Umpires' Mentor, please contact the MSJFL's Umpire Advisor, Adrian Fisher on 0433 919 262 or umpires@msjfl.com.au.

Additionally the MSJFL has reviewed its fee structure for umpires, particularly where it applies to boundary umpires as a means of encouraging greater attendance in the older age groups. As a result, the boundary umpires' remuneration will be graded based on the age group, as it is for field umpires, and the MSJFL will no longer provide boundary umpires for Under 13s and below during the home and away season.

Stretchers

Clubs are reminded that it is a requirement for the home team to ensure access to a stretcher on match day. Similarly visiting team managers/trainers should make enquires of the home team as to whether they have a stretcher and its location.

Game Time/Venue Changes

Club are reminded that Game changes must be agreed by both teams and should be lodged at least 7 days in advanced. Where agreement is not reached on the proposed time change, the game should be played at the original scheduled time. If the game is being rescheduled due to a venue clash, then it may be necessary for the home side to investigate the use of an alternative venue.

In addition to the required 7 days notice of any proposed time or venue alteration between the clubs, it is also imperative that the League Senior Administration Officer and the Umpiring Department be advised as it may affect the availability of umpires and the information contained on Sporting Pulse.

Consequently, Club Fixture Coordinators must review the remaining games to ensure there is not a conflict.

Match Day Environment

As advised by email to all Club Presidents and Secretaries, the AFL and MSJFL have arranged for a mid season follow up meeting to discuss how Clubs are progressing with implementing their Match Day Environment Strategy. Clubs are therefore once again encouraged to have Committee members, team officials, players and parents attend a meeting to discuss this very important issue.

The meeting is to be held on Thursday 16 July 2009 at 7.30 pm, Moorleigh Reserve and Clubs which do not attend and/or submit their completed documentation may be fined.

Advocates Training

The MSJFL held training for potential club/player advocates, this training was well attended and as advised previously it was necessary for advocates to have attended this training in order to attend the Tribunal. The League would like to thank the Mordialloc/Braeside Junior Football Club for the use of their facilities. Certificates of Attendance, which will be valid for a 3 year period, will be sent in the next few weeks.

Given the popularity of the training session a further course is scheduled to be run just prior or at the commencement of the 2010 season.

Coaches

Coaches are reminded that they are not permitted to wander the boundary during the match and must remain in the designated team bench area.

Players Playing Up in Age

Players playing up in age, due to a shortage or to assist an older team, may do so and continue to play in their rightful age group. However once a player has played in one older age group team, they are not permitted to play with another team where the Club has multiple teams in the same age.

For example if a player normally plays in an under 12 East side and due to player shortage, also plays for the Under 13 South side on one or more occasion, they cannot play for another under 13 team for the remainder of the season even though it may be several weeks apart, however they may play for the under 13 South side again.

Club Fines

Clubs are reminded that they are responsible for the behaviour of the Club Officials and spectators which is regularly conveyed to Clubs at the Delegates' meeting, other meetings and in publications such as this. Similarly Clubs may be fined for non-compliances, and whilst in the past the League has been lenient in such matters the league educative approach is not resulting in a change in behaviour at team level. Therefore the League will be increasing its monitoring and policing of the League requirements associated with pre, during and post game activities.

Team Signature Sheets

Team Managers are requested to ensure that the team sheets are filled out correctly by adding and deleting players as required and ensuring players correctly sign the sheets. Additionally, it is necessary to ensure sporting pulse is updated, failure to ensure these actions are carried out correctly could result in a fine or more importantly affect a player's ability to play in finals.