



The Return to Play - Match Day Protocols and Procedures as laid out in the document are applicable to all competitions of the Ballarat FNL.

This includes:

- McDonalds Ballarat FNL Football (Senior & Juniors)
- McDonalds Ballarat FNL Netball (Senior & Juniors)
- McDelivery BFLWomens League

Any interpretations or clarification regarding these protocols and procedures will be at the discretion of the league executive.

Clubs must ensure that to meet the COVID protocols as set out by the state government, a COVIDsafe plan must be produced and displayed prior.

COVID Safety Officers are to be clearly identifiable (Fluro vest).

It is suggested that clubs implement ticketing for games and events that will meet tracing requirements. Details are available from the league on ticketing options.

QR codes and appropriate signage **MUST** be displayed at all times.

Venue

1. Clubs are to seek advice from the relevant local council or shire for the density capacity of their venue.
2. Clubs are to use one QR code per venue. This will cover both football and netball at the same venue.
 - a. If multiple codes are used in different areas of the venue all present will need to check in at each area they go into.
 - b. If netball and football are not co-located, individual QR odes will be required for each venue.
3. Cleaning of public areas (canteen areas, bar areas, public toilets, fence rails, seating, etc) are the sole responsibility of home clubs.
 - a. Cleaning must be conducted within the hygiene protocols for each venue.
4. All public access spaces (indoors) must have a poster clearly indicating the capacity of the space.
 - a. Either 1 : 2sq metre or 1 : 4sq metre
5. Clearly defined public spacing posters and signs must be displayed around the venue accessible to the public.
6. Where practical, sperate entry and exit points for canteen, bar, and social rooms.



FOOTBALL

Match Day

General

Teams are not to cross over - that is, each grade must have finished use of changerooms before the next grade can utilise changerooms.

Access to changerooms will only be granted to players and club officials directly involved in that game.

Spectators, family members, club members or other club committee are not permitted in changerooms for any reason.

Sufficient time to be allowed for cleaning of changerooms between use.

It is important to note that changerooms (medical room where available) may be used during a game for treatment of a serious player injury. All other medical needs should be attended on the boundary line at coaches' boxes.

If a coach / club wants spectators / parents to be part of the post-match address this must be done in an area that is not the change rooms and meets density regulations.

Clubs should consider establishing alternate facilities that may be required should weather conditions deem this necessary (ie - Marquee)

During Play

7. Each player can only drink from their own water bottles

Possible options:

- a. Water carriers carry named bottles to only those in mid field.
- b. Players in deep forward and backline roles have named bottles behind goals under fence.
- c. Players interchange whenever a drink is required.

Common Equipment

8. Clubs need to clean all warmup footballs following warm up.
9. Any footballs kept on the bench are cleaned after each quarter.
10. Each club to provide a table at the bench for players water bottles to be located.
11. Home club to provide cleaning items in coaches boxes, timekeepers boxes, interchange benches.
12. At the end of a match each, game official's area must be cleaned, including timekeepers' box, interchange stewards and scoreboards (where there is a change in personnel)



Procedure at any break in play

13. Spectators are allowed at the huddle, however at all times physical distancing needs to be maintained by all, including players, coaches, and spectators.
14. Match football must be cleaned at all breaks by the ground manager.
15. Players are not to share water bottles. Each player is to provide, or be provided, their own named water bottle.
16. Players not to share towels.
17. No sharing of lollies or other common food.



GAME DAY PROCEDURE

Under 19 Team

- Use of change rooms pregame for address by coach and medical needs (strapping etc)
- Bags moved aside by players to designated position in change rooms or other location.
- Players leave changeroom prior to game start for final on ground warm up (and do not return to change rooms)
- Game commences.
- Cleaning conducted of touch points etc by club officials.
 - *NOTE: Under 19 team does not return to change room at half time - players and officials remain on the ground*
- Post-game address to be conducted in a separate room or area (subject to density rules) or marquee
- It is recommended that players shower / change at home.

Reserves Team

- Use of changerooms for pregame address by coach and medical needs (strapping etc)
 - *Players and game officials may only enter on completion of cleaning.*
- Bags moved aside by players to designated position in change rooms or other location.
- Players leave changeroom prior to game start for final on ground warm up (and do not return to change rooms)
- Game commences.
- Cleaning conducted of touch points etc by club officials.
 - *NOTE: Reserves team does not return to change room at half time - players and officials remain on the ground*
- Post-game address to be conducted in a separate room or area (subject to density rules) or marquee
- It is recommended that players shower / change at home.



Senior Team

- Use of changerooms for pregame address by coach and medical needs (strapping etc)
 - *Players and game officials may only enter on completion of cleaning.*
- Players leave changeroom prior to game start for warm up (and do not return to change rooms)
- Game commences.
- Players allowed to changerooms at half time - no other persons permitted to enter the changerooms other than officials directly involved in that game.

Club Expectations

Home Club

- Provide a safe venue that meets current COVID protocols and expectations of club COVIDsafe plan.
- Provide appropriate hygiene equipment for all areas of use.
 - Home rooms
 - Visitor Rooms
 - Umpires Rooms
- Responsible for the cleaning and hygiene of:
 - Home rooms
 - Umpire rooms
 - common areas
 - any other areas requiring attention or management.

Away Clubs

- Ensure away rooms are cleaned as per the match day procedures listed.
- Consult with and assist home club with management of hygiene protocols for club members and public where required.
- Promote safe practices.



Netball

Teams are not to cross over - that is, each grade must have finished use of changerooms before the next grade can utilise changerooms.

Sufficient time to be allowed for cleaning of changerooms between use.

It is important to note that changerooms (medical room where available) may be used during a game for treatment of a serious player injury. All other medical needs should be attended courtside.

Match Day

General

20. Posters clearly highlighting how many allowed in the room at any one time. Prepared by home clubs following determination of the size of the changeroom.
21. Access to changerooms will only be granted to players and club officials directly involved in that game.
22. Spectators, family members, club members or other club committee are not permitted in changerooms for any reason.
23. Warm up of all types conducted outside changerooms. This is to allow 1 per 2sqm in changerooms.
24. When a team leaves the change room for warm up, they do not return to the changeroom. To provide club volunteers extra time to do any cleaning prior to the team currently playing returns to the changerooms post-match.
25. When leaving the changerooms all bags of that team are placed in a designated corner of that room or in the team area outside. Nothing left on benches or surfaces to allow for cleaning.
26. Home club to ensure that all cleaning products are provided in visitor and umpire rooms as well as home rooms. All cleaning products to be left behind by visiting club.

Changeover between games

27. Teams from a club do not cross over. Next team enters after the previous team has left the court and have moved to a separate location, which might be the changerooms. No spectators / parents in changerooms.
28. If possible, next team enters through a separate point to the team leaving the court.
29. If a coach / club wants spectators / parents to be part of the post-match address this must be done in an area where physical distancing of the total group (players and spectators) can be maintained.



Common Equipment

30. Clubs need to clean all warmup netballs following warm up.
31. Any netballs kept on the bench are cleaned after each quarter.
32. Each club provided with a table at the bench for players water bottles to be located.
33. Home club to provide cleaning items at timekeepers / scorer table, interchange benches. At the end of a match each club and timekeepers to clean the area.

Procedure at any break in play

34. Where the netball court has a clearly defined fence around the playing court (single court venue), spectators are not to enter the court area during a break.
35. Where there are multiple courts and the playing court is not clearly separated, spectators must not approach the players benches or official's area during breaks.
36. Match netball must be cleaned at all breaks.
37. Players are not to share water bottles. Each player to provide own named water bottle.
38. Players not to share towels.
39. No sharing of lollies or other common food.

During play

40. Each player can only drink from their own water bottles
41. No sharing of towels.



START TIMES

Football

GRADE	START	QUARTERS	BREAKS
Seniors	2:15pm	4 x 20m (+T/O)	5m / 20m / 5m
Reserves	12:00pm	4 x 24m (No T/O)	5m / 12m / 5m
Under 19	9:50am	4 x 22m (No T/O)	4m / 10m / 4m

- In the event the Reserves or U/19 match should be behind schedule at half time, the time remaining between the start of the third quarter and the scheduled finishing time of the Reserves shall have the 4 minute break deducted and halved.
- Each half shall constitute the length of the final two quarters

Netball

GRADE	START	QUARTERS	BREAKS
A Grade	2:45pm	4 x 15m	3m / 5m / 3m
B Grade	1:30pm	4 x 15m	3m / 5m / 3m
C Grade	12:15pm	4 x 12m	2m / 4m / 2m
D Grade	11:10am	4 x 12m	2m / 4m / 2m
E Grade	10:05am	4 x 10m	2m / 3m / 2m
19 & Under	9:00am	4 x 12m	2m / 4m / 2m