DEVON MEADOWS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB EST. 1977

PARENT HANDBOOK



WE WELCOME YOU TO THE 2024 FOOTBALL SEASON

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1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

A big warm welcome to all returning and new panther families. So many new families join us and want to become Panthers this year and I look forward to meeting you all at some point floating around the club.

At DMJFC, we pride ourselves on respect, trust, friendship, and volunteering. We are a respected club, wellknown to do things 'by the book'. This ensures a consistent and safe message relayed from the league via competition rules and bi-laws.

As you would be aware, 2024 will see us moving to our brand-new facilities on the corner of Browns and Craig Road, which is very exciting! This transition will hopefully begin in April, and will see us having some disruptions to training/games during this time. Please be patient as we go through this process.

Please find below our 2024 committee. DMJFC is solely run by volunteers who also have families/jobs/etc. With the influx of players over the last four years, we are in need of more volunteers to join our awesome committee. The more helpers we have, especially during this year of club transition, the smoother the club will run.

Please reach out to me if you are interested in jumping on board. Melanie

Alder.

2. OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE

- President Melanie Alder. I am Canadian-born, but have come to love Aussie Rules Football. I have been the Auskick Coordinator at Casey Fields for 4 years, team manager at DMJFC for 3 years, registrar in 2018, secretary in 2019, and president in 2021/2022. I have four boys at DMJFC this year in U15 (Boey), U13 (Chevy), U9 (Maxy), and U8 (Brock).
- Vice President Admin- Open for applications
- **Treasurer** Kelly Hughes. Kelly commenced on committee in 2023. Her son Zev (U16) moved across to our club in 2022. Roc (U14) joined us last year. Kelly has been, and is, very involved in multiple committees.
- Secretary Melynda Morley. Melynda has a daughter (Maddi) and a son, Tom (U6), who has played at DMJFC since U9. She was team manager for 2 years and has also been on the committees merchandise coordinator and was the 2021/2022/2023 secretary.
- Football Operations Vice President- Joel Alder. Joel has played all his junior years at

DMJFC and played seniors at Meadows. He has coached Boey's (U16) team from U9-U11, which made it to the Div.2 preliminary finals in 2019. He has also coached Chevy (U14) in U11, U12 and U13. Joel is also an U13 development coach for the St Kilda Next Generation Academy.

- **Coach Co-ordinator** Adam Carland. Adam joined the committee last year. He has coached at our club since his son Kai (U12) was in Under 8. He has another son, Brodie (U9).
- **Registrar** Cassandra Tognazzini. Cassandra has been on the committee for a few years now as an Auskick Coordinator, Team Manager, and General Committee member. Cass has a son, Levi (U11), which she was team manager for since Under 8. She now has another son, Kobi, in Under 9. Cass also has a daughter, Aylah.

Supporting the Office Bearers are the amazing General Committee, which includes:

Jessica Robertson – Apparel Coordinator Jenni Morris-Cosgriff – Policies/General Committee Member Emily Brown – Playing Jumpers Coordinator Brooke Stanley - Playing Jumpers Coordinator Kevin Derix – Female Co-ordinator Bridget Talbot – Team Manager Co-ordinator Emma Robinson – First Aid Coordinator Chris Williams - Grants Applications Peter Nissen – Events Co-ordinator Kris Hollis - Website Coordinator Amy Mepstead – General Committee Helen Kennedy – Special rounds & Child Safety Officer Scott Morley – General Committee Member

Still Needed:

Vice President Admin

Game Day Co-ordinator

Sponsorship Co-ordinator

General Committee Members

Social Media & Marketing

Equipment Co-ordinator

3. DEVON MEADOWS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB MISSION STATEMENT & VALUES

MISSION

To teach and develop every player in all aspects of Australian Rules Football, providing opportunities to learn the fundamentals of the game, enabling all players, regardless of ability, gender, age, religion, to be the best they can be while enjoying the game. Player retention through safe and enjoyable learning environments to progress into our senior program.

KEY PRINCIPLES

Build and keep improving a community-based inclusive club, providing opportunities to all players, regardless of ability, gender, nationality, age, religion, or background.

<u>RESPECT:</u> Provide a club that values and respects all players, umpires, officials, and spectators.

TRUST: To be honest with oneself, the team, and other members of the club.

FRIENDSHIP: Promote and cultivate strong relationships within our football community.

VOLUNTEERS: A club that values, respects, and encourages all volunteers.

<u>LEADERSHIP</u>: Strong leadership within the team and club, and promoting the benefits of teamwork and team spirit.

<u>COMMITMENT:</u> Work hard toward achieving this mission, and make a positive impact at DMJFC.

The Spirit of Junior Football is embedded in everything we do - and everything we do is for the players.

4. WHAT TO EXPECT AT DEVON MEADOWS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Devon Meadows Junior Football Club is part of the Frankston District Junior Football League (FDJFL). We abide by the AFL Southeast Bi Laws. There are strict guidelines in regards to the start of the preseason training.

Training nights run 4 nights a week (Tue-Fri) with all teams training twice a week and most teams training Wednesdays and Fridays. There are varying times with the younger age groups starting at an earlier time of approximately 5pm. Preseason training for U8-U11 commences no earlier than March, end of March for Under 8/9. U12-U14 recommences no earlier than Feb and top age groups – U15 and above can start having a few sessions in December.

The Home and Away season will begin on the 21st of April. Home games are played at Casey Fields Ovals 2 and 3 until our new grounds are ready April/May 2024. Home games will then be played at Booring Recreation Reserve Devon Meadows. Away games are played around Frankston, anywhere from Mount Eliza to Bonbeach for the U8-U12, and anywhere in the Southeast for U13 and up.

We run a number of awards nights, usually on a Sunday throughout the season at Devon Meadows Netball and Football Club at Glover Reserve, Devon Meadows. This is a great night to socialise, have a feed, while listening to the coaches reports on the games. Coaches also recognise players for their efforts. DMJFC also runs a couple of social/fundraising events throughout the season. We are looking for a few people to help in organising these. Please contact us if you are interested.

Presentation Day is normally held mid-September. This is a great day to celebrate the season and normally entails some fun activities for all ages.

Facebook is our main platform for information. Please follow our club page DMJFC. Every team also has their own dedicated Facebook page. All club-related information is posted on the club page and moving forward, only team-related information will be communicated via the team pages. Contact a committee member or your Team Manager if you cannot find the club page.

Merchandise orders can be placed through our webpage (see Links) or alternatively, the merchandise coordinator can be contacted (see Contacts).

Canteen will run on game days and where possible on a Friday night throughout the season.

We also run Auskick sessions from the end of April until end of July at Glover Reserve on Saturdays 830-930am.

5. PLAYER FEES

2024 Fee Structure (Due round 1 – April 21st)

Age group	Fees
U8-U10	\$180
U11-U13	\$200
U14-U18	\$220

Preferred method of payment of fees is through PlayHQ registration but can also be paid through EFT at the club, direct bank transfer, or cash to an office bearer. Please contact the treasurer if you'd like to register your child and only pay a deposit. If you have questions relating to your child's registration or fees please contact either the registrar or treasurer. Early Bird discount of 5% ais applied automatically for fees paid by Feb 1st. Family sibling discount of 5% is provided as required.

To pay a deposit or set up a payment plan, please contact <u>registrar@devonmeadowsjfc.com.au</u> or the treasurer at <u>treasurer@devonmeadowsjfc.com.au</u>. We're open to payment arrangements but we ask that these are organised with the treasurer prior to April 1st. Unfortunately, your child will not be able to play round 1 unless a payment plan is in place as they will not be covered by club insurances in case of an accident. What your fees cover...



Details for direct transfer fee payments:

Bank:	Bendigo Bank
Account Name:	Devon Meadows Junior Football Club
BSB:	633 000
Account Number:	167 561 711

Please ensure you place a reference when transferring funds.

6. CLUB UNIFORM

New to the club registration – A new player to the club will receive 1 pair of game day club shorts and 1 pair of game day club socks FREE- for their first season, once registration is finalised and fees have been paid.

Game Day Uniform-

- DMJFC game day playing top- These are handed out to players closer to round 1 and are on loan for the season. They are to be returned to the Team Manager at the end of the fixtured season. These remain the property of DMJFC.
- DMJFC game day shorts.
- DMJFC game day socks (red white black).
- Football Boots- Players must not wear any form of metal stops in their boots.
- Mouthguard- DMJFC has a strict gameday NO MOUTHGUARD, NO PLAY policy.
- 'Skins' may be worn under shorts, at shorts length only and be a flesh or black colour.
- Sleeveless undergarments are acceptable providing they are not visible.

Training Attire- Club training apparel can be ordered through the DMJFC online merchandise shop

- DMJFC training t-shirt/singlet or equivalent.
- DMJFC training shorts or equivalent.
- Football boots

7. VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are the backbone of Australian Junior Football Clubs. They are the glue that holds together every football club in Australia.

Each week there are several roles and tasks that need to be filled by volunteers so that our games can go ahead as planned. DMJFC, just like **every other junior club** whether it be footy/athletics/soccer, etc., is a non-for-profit organization and is purely volunteer ran. It is the expectations that all families help out in some capacity, anything from 2hrs of canteen duties per season, to officials or committee roles. This ensures junior clubs/games run smoothly, and fees are kept at reasonably low costs.

To assist within the club, we ask that at least 1 parent/guardian from each family be registered on PlayHQ as a volunteer under DMJFC, and that a Working with Children Check is obtained and a copy sent to the Team Manager. This card is free for volunteers in Victoria.

Team volunteer roles include:

- Coach/Assistant Coach
- Team Manager
- Runner- (minimum age of 16 years of age)
- Water Runner (must be minimum 13 years of age)
- Goal Umpire
- Boundary Umpire
- Ground Marshall
- Time Keeper
- First Aid/Trainer
- Cut Oranges for half Time
- Lollies/Snakes for post game

Canteen

One volunteer from each team is required to assist in the canteen on their home games, for 30min prior to the game or 30min after the game. This will be organised by the Team Manager with someone putting up their hand voluntarily, or may be put out as a team roster. This will be communicated weekly though your team page on Facebook.

8. CHILD SAFETY & WELLBEING

The Devon Meadows Junior Football Club is committed to creating a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment for all children and young people who participate in football at our Club. We are committed to implementing child safe practices in accordance with the Victorian Child Safe Standards and have a zero tolerance for any form of child abuse or harm and will act quickly to protect children and young people should an incident occur.

All Volunteers within the club with on-field roles, must obtain and provide a copy of their Working With Children Check (WWCC). This is a club policy which promotes good practice in child safety and provides appropriate care and protection whilst in the care of the Club. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining our high standards around child safety.

9. GAME DAYS & WHAT TO EXPECT

PRIOR TO GAME DAY

Game day details & information will be posted on your teams Facebook page in the week prior to the match. Please confirm if your child is or is not playing in the match when prompted. This assists the coach in their planning and preparations. Volunteer roles will need to be filled in order for the team to take the field. No volunteers, No game.

GAME DAY

Under 8 – Under 10 players should arrive 30mins prior to a game. No clubrooms will be available to these teams due to multiple games played on an oval and the lack of change rooms available. Come dressed and ready to play.

Under 11 – Under 14 players should arrive 45 mins prior to a game (coach discretion). Under 15

- Under 18 players should arrive 1 hour prior to a game (coach discretion).

- Full club uniform is to be worn in order to take the field.
- No mouthguard, No play, No exceptions.
- No jewellery is to be worn on field. Facial & ear piercings must be removed (taping them is not permitted by the leagues rules). Nails must be short.
- If a player (male or female) has their hair braided, and it swings free from their head when the head is moved, it may cause harm to another player if struck by the braid. Due to injury that may be caused, players are not permitted on the field with free braids in their hair. This includes plaited ponytails. Players with plaited ponytails will be instructed by the Umpire to either roll the plait into a bun or remove the plaid and replace with a loose ponytail (as long as the ponytail does not hide the player's number).

DURING THE GAME

Only players and registered officials are allowed to be on the field. Spectators are not permitted on the ground at any stage of the game or any breaks, but are permitted on the ground once the umpires have left the field, unless otherwise directed by the league or club official. Players from the following game can have a warm up kick during the breaks.

It is also **not acceptable** for spectators to be inappropriately yelling at, or coaching players from the sidelines, especially from the boundaries of the coaches boxes. Any negative comments and remarks will be treated as per our code of conduct breaches and be reported to officials.

This is not tolerated, and can be confusing to the players who are being coached by the coach and not spectators. Spectators/players/officials/coaches must refrain from negative language and remarks. We are committed to maintaining high standards within our Club.

AFTER THE GAME

Under 8 to Under 10 must sing the club song after each game together with their team. Remember, these are the $\frac{8}{8}$

non-competitive years and crucial for enjoyment, player development & team bonding. Please **discourage** 'winning' and 'losing' terms. Coaches will hand out awards and briefly chat to the team about the game.

10. CODES OF CONDUCT

The Devon Meadows Junior Football Club (DMJFC) fully supports the codes of conduct as introduced by the AFL and Football Victoria. All registered DMJFC players, volunteers and parent/guardians must abide by the relevant Code of Conduct in place, as detailed below and in our policy manual. While education, encouragement and parental Support will reduce infringements, it is possible that breaches of the Code of Conduct will occur from time to time. To provide for such incidents, Devon Meadows Junior Football Club have adopted administrative procedures that can be found in our policy information.

PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play by the rules the rules set by DMJFC, Frankston & District Junior Football League (FDJFL) and the laws of the game.
- Never argue with an umpire or other official without these people you cannot play football.
- Control your temper verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games and is not tolerated.
- Be a team player it's a team game, treat it that way.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated fairly.
- Co-operate with your coach, the umpires, team mates and officials.
- Play for your own enjoyment and to improve your skills.
- Use of ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability, will **not** be tolerated. Not only will you let down your family, coach, team mates and club, but these types of remarks are now illegal.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS, TEAM OFFICIALS & SUPPORTERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that you are there for the participants (players and officials) to enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation, but don't enforce it.
- Teach that enjoyment is better than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses supporters are there to support not belittle.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators physical or verbal abuse will **not** be tolerated.
- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticise umpires, coaches and officials raise your concerns with club officials in private.
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability you'll let down your coach, team mates and family if you do, and many such comments are actually now illegal.
- Acknowledge that a parent or official cannot interact with opposing players or officials
- Will use social media platforms respectfully. This includes using only club managed team pages for any club and team related communications.

11. HOUSE KEEPING

Please respect the spaces in and around the club. This includes and is not limited to, change rooms, amenities, club rooms and around the grounds. There are many bins provided around the club for your convenience and to minimise and discourage littering. Changerooms need to be kept free from rubbish, and again please use the bins available in each room.

Please ensure you have discussions with your family of the importance of contributing to maintaining a clean and tidy club as well as keeping this standard when you are visitors at other clubs. When using changerooms, please understand that over lapping teams may also be using the same space. Therefore, please do not leave personal items, clothing, bags and rubbish everywhere. If you put it down, please pick it up, bin it, or clean it up. Please help us to keep our club clean and tidy by treating it like you would your home. We appreciate your assistance with this.

11.1 PARKING

Please observe parking signs at al grounds.

- Do not park in Disabled Parking bays if you are not a holder of a permit.
- Do not park where Ambulance access is reserved. This hinders emergency access requirements.

If dropping your child off at a game or training, please do not park in restricted or reserved parking spaces or double park other cars and block access. Be mindful that many children are around and crossing the car parks. Please drive in an appropriate and safe manner when entering or exiting the carpark areas.

12. ALCOHOL, SMOKING & VAPING

This is a junior sport. Alcohol and smoking/vaping is prohibited at games and training. Our league does not permit persons officiating at matches to smoke on the playing arena at any time including quarter and three-quarter time intervals. This applies to coaches, team managers, runners, goal and boundary umpires, first aiders and water persons etc.

To assist the effectiveness of this policy the Devon Meadows Junior Football Club requires the entire area of the Devon Meadows Junior Football Club Ground & Facility to be smoke free. This includes:

- all outdoor playing/training/dining/drinking areas
- spectator viewing areas
- car parks
- in vehicles that are within the boundary of the sporting ground.

We thank you for your cooperation in regards to our Alcohol, Smoking & Vaping policy.

13. CONCUSSION & HEAD INJURIES

If a player has suffered a concussion or is suspected of having a concussion, they must be medically assessed as soon as possible after the injury and must NOT be allowed to return to play in the same game/practice session (please refer to our club concussion policy) There will be an accredited first aider at every game and the basic rules of first aid will be used when dealing with any player who is unconscious or injured. The earliest that the player may return to play (once they have completed a graded loading program and have obtained medical clearance) is on the 21st day following the concussion (where the day of concussion is designated day "O"). This means that a player who is concussed in a match on a Saturday will miss at least the next two Saturday matches and will only be able to return to play on the third Saturday (i.e. the 21st day after the concussion was sustained) if they have recovered according to the protocols and have been medically cleared to return to play. Refer to AFL management of sport related concussion in Australian Football;

https://www.afl.com.au/news/1082723/community-football-to-adopt-minimum-21-day-return-to-playprotocols#:~:text=Under%20the%20new%20community%20guidelines,return%2Dto%2Dplay%20program.

14. ASTHMA & MEDICAL INFORMATION

If your child has Asthma, please supply a copy of their asthma management plan to the Team Manager who will also share this with the Team Trainer/first aider. All relevant medical information such as allergies, injuries & medical conditions must be shared with the Team Manager and the Team trainer to ensure appropriate care and treatment of the player is carried out should it be required.

15. AWARDS PROCEDURES

At the start of the season, Team Managers are given team awards donated by various sponsors, as well as canteen awards. Awards are a great way to encourage and acknowledge players/team. Allocation of awards are as follows;

Under 8 – Under 12: Awards are divided evenly throughout the team over the season. Best players are given for encouragement/effort/participation.

Under 13 – Under 16: Encouragement to at least each player receiving an award. Awards can be given on merit but also taking into account effort, behaviour, training attendance, etc.

Team Awards – Donated awards other than the sponsors/canteen may be handed to the whole team on one particular day for having a great game as a team.

16. VOTES COUNT

Team managers from Under 11 and above are allocated vote cards for the 14 rounds. Coaches complete one vote card per week in the order of 6 votes -1 vote. One vote card is rotated through selected on field/officials' volunteers. The order of this vote card is 3 votes -1 vote.

U11 and above also have league best and fairest votes, as voted by umpires. If no league umpire has been allocated, club umpires of both teams must come together, choose their 6-1 votes and then inform the secretary of the home team to lodge votes.

16.1 CLUB BEST AND FAIREST

Under 8 – Under 10: All players receive a participation award.

Under 11 – Under 12: Top 5 players receive a trophy. Coach can then choose 3 players to receive three trophies, not in order of votes. All other players receive a participation award.

Under 13 – Under 18: Top 5 players receive a trophy. Coach can then choose 3 players to receive three trophies, not in order of votes. All other players receive a medallion.

Injuries and medical conditions exempted, players must have played a minimum of 5 games in order to receive an award/medallion

Best and Fairest Awards:

Under 11 and above – Trophies are awarded by votes Most votes – Best and Fairest 2nd most votes – Runners Up Best and Fairest 3rd most votes – Most Consistent 4th/5th most votes – in order of votes, coach chooses trophy category

Coach can then choose 3 players to receive three trophies, not in order of votes.

17. TEAM & CLUB EVENTS & SPECIAL ROUNDS

17.1 Club Nights

DMJFC holds awards/club Sunday dinner nights throughout the year. This is a great night to socialise and get to know families from the team and throughout the club. Each age groups will hold 1 awards night. On these nights, coaches will discuss how their team is performing, provide a debrief about games played, and hand out awards to players and parent helpers.

17.2 Team Nights

Individual teams are encouraged to organise their own team bonding sessions and relationship building activities, as these have a positive impact on team dynamics and success. There are many options for these nights, including pie nights, pizza nights at the club etc. Each team will be allocated an amount towards a team session. Anything above that is at families' expenses.

17.3 Special Rounds

Information will be distributed on your team pages in relation to any events or activities being carried out for these rounds of the season.

- ANZAC ROUND
- MOTHERS DAY
- OTHER ROUNDS such as MND, Reconciliation, Mental Health & TAC.

18. SOCIAL MEDIA

The Devon Meadows Junior Football Club has a strict Social Media Policy that can be found online. Please ensure that ONLY direct carers of players are on the team pages for player privacy and protection. Only players above 13 years of age are allowed on team pages.

19. CONTACTS

COMMITTEE

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Merchandise Co-ordinator	Jessica Robertson	apparel@devonmeadowsjfc.com.au	0478 098 793

TEAM MANAGERS 2024

Under 8 Red	Amy Mepstead	0412 807 496
Under 8 Black	Emma Randall	0415 562 649
Under 8 White	Karen Pitt	0413 163 650
Under 9 Red	Helen Kennedy	0413 064 637
Under 9 White	Alyce Redman	0400 607 415
Under 9 Black	Stevie Kelly	0437 942 244
Under 10 Red	Jaclyn Guzzardi	0401 573 368
Under 10 White	Meagan Fox	0481 464 636
Under 10 Black	Kristen Hollis	0448 662 846
Under 10 Girls	Hayley Bazina	0481 303 612
Under 11 Red	Cassandra Tognazzini/ Mystee	0424 366 433
	Lawrence	
Under 11 Black	Natalie Luckeraft	0402 321 778
Under 12 Red	Emily Digkolis	0404 472 936

Under 12 Black	Catrina Cotton	0475 770 372
Under 12 Girls	Pamela Dowes	0417 034 453
Under 13 Red	Luisa Locandro	0407 579 379
Under 13 Black	Jess Robeertson	0478 098 793
Under 14	Joanne Osbourne	0411 556 374
Under 15	Caroline May	0407 514 799
Under 16	Kelly Dale	0472 602 000
Under 16 Girls	Sharon Brown	0415 613 906
Under 18 Girls	Nick Cross	0491 611 573
Team Manager Co-ordinator	Bridget Talbot	0403 643 772

COACHES 2024

Under 8 Black	Ash Riztics	0413 711 525
Under 8 Red	Jeff Pereira	0439 966 219
Under 8 White	Joe Quadara	0451 577 199
Under 9 Black	Kris Smith	0402 253 371
Under 9 Red	Andrew Honson	0400 687 613
Under 9 White	Brendan Fenech	0439 840 010
Under 10 Black	Brendan Saliba	0437 767 770
Under 10 Red	Scott Guzzardi	0488 383 118
Under 10 White	Stephen Walter	0407 854 311
Under 10 Girls	Tim Jamieson	0411 152 100
Under 11 Black	Chris Arnold	0418 592 930
Under 11 Red	Kalem Knight	0407 606 206
Under 12 Black	Adrian Wood	0403 802 550
Under 12 Red	Rhyse Shortis	0466 090 048
Under 12 Girls	Kevin Derix	0486 024 141
Under 13 Black	Chris Langley	0405 282 967
Under 13 Red	Peter Nissen	0412 279 944
Under 14	Jay Tootel	0438 608 798
Under 15	Aaron Setford	0407 992 223
Under 16	Paul Ray	0438 366 037

Under 16 Girls	Keith Unsworth	0430 511 804
Under 18 Girls	Paul Bressan	0407 654 333

20. LINKS & ONLINE RESOURCES

PlayHQ Registration	https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/devon-meadows-junior-football-club-afl- south-east/027d6b0c/register
Devon Meadows Junior Football Club Website	https://www.dmjfc.com.au/
DMJFC Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/DevonMeadowsJFC
DMJFC merchandise online	https://devon-meadows-jfc.square.site/s/shop
Devon Meadows Junior Football Club Policies	https://www.dmjfc.com.au/_files/ugd/da46cf_bdf6664766af4dafad6cfb0718 5e7241.pdf
Frankston District Football League	https://www.aflsoutheast.com.au/fdjfl/
Volunteer Working with Children Check Victoria	https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/
Management of sport related concussions AFL March 2024	https://play.afl/sites/default/file s/2024-03/The-Management-of- Sport-Related-Concussion-in- Australian-Football-Mar-24.pdf

21.FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & REMINDERS

Q Who do I speak to if I have any concerns?

- A In the first instance, speak to your team manager or coach. Otherwise, please see a coordinator or office bearer.
- Q What is your policy to mouthguards being worn?
- A The club has a strict NO Mouthguard NO Play policy. No exceptions.

Q Does training and games still go ahead if it is raining?

A YES! It is a winter sport. Unless of severe weather warning or storms, training is held rain, hail and shine. Any training cancellations due to weather will be communicated through your team page. Prepare for winter conditions.

Q Where do I purchase merchandise and apparel?

A We are now using e-commerce. Please follow the link below to order and pay online. Alternatively, contact a committee member. For merchandise that has personal names or nicknames on them the full amount must be paid in full prior to order being placed. Apparel is available to be collected at the club on Thursdays and Fridays.

Q How long does it take for merchandise to arrive after ordering?

A The club will announce cut off order dates for which apparel and merchandise orders need to be in by. Turn around time can take about 6-8 weeks. When the orders arrive, you will be notified.

Q Where are our home games held?

A Our home games are held at Casey Fields on either Oval 2 or 3 until our new grounds are ready April/May 2024. Home games will be played at Booring Recreation Reserve Devon Meadows.

Q Do I need a working with children's check to volunteer?

A All volunteers who deal directly with children require a Working with Children Check. This includes all on-field officials, canteen helpers, etc. We do strongly encourage EVERY volunteer to apply for a Working with Children Check. If you have a WWCC, please hand a copy to your team manager.

Q How can I get involved in the club to help in roles that need assistance?

A Please ask any of our committee members if you are interested in helping in anyway whether it big or small, everyone's help is appreciated.