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VCFA Club Handbook

2026

WELCOME

This document is an overview and introduction to the VCFA and provides you with all the information you need to prepare for Season 2026.

For the most up to date information, please visit the VCFA website at www.vcfa.org.au or follow the VCFA on our social channels (Facebook & Instagram)

THE VCFA

The Victorian Churches Football Association (VCFA) is a values based, community focused, football association located in Victoria.

The VCFA exists to bring people together to play football at all levels in a way that reflects our Christian values, and to honour God through football.

The VCFA delivers an inclusive, accepting and affordable football competition for participants from 4-65 years old.

Competitions are played on Saturdays (our Masters on Friday evenings) across the football season with member Clubs predominantly located around metropolitan Melbourne.

HISTORY

We were established in 1983 as the Eastern Suburbs Churches Soccer Association Inc., out of the merging of the Reformed Churches Soccer League (est. 1970) and the Eastern Suburbs Protestant Churches Junior Soccer Association (est. 1978).

- 1983 | Eastern Suburbs Churches Soccer Association Inc.
- 1998 | Victorian Churches Soccer Association
- 2012 | Victorian Churches Football Association (VCFA)

PURPOSE

For God through football.

Our purpose is to facilitate football competitions for every person across the Victorian community.

We promote competitions where people can develop football skills in an inclusive environment.

Our Association promotes Christian values between players, officials, and supporters, creating an atmosphere of acceptance and grace for all who participate.

VALUES

Respect
- We respect the game and the people who make it

Community
- We aim to bring people together

Integrity
- We are fair and consistent

Sportsmanship
- We are team players

Inclusivity
- We celebrate our differences

DOCUMENTS AND POLICIES

There are various documents and policies which are requirements to follow as part of affiliation with the VCFA.

Key documents will be sent to New Clubs, or alternatively all documents can be found on the VCFA website at www.vcfa.org.au.

- VCFA Constitution
- VCFA Match Rules (supplementary rules to compliment the Laws of the Game)
- VCFA Strategic Plan 2022-2026
- Club Strategic Development Plan template
- VCFA Codes of Conduct
- VCFA Child Safety Code of Conduct
- VCFA Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Club Pre-Season Checklist
- VCFA Pre-Match Prayer
- Club Playing Strip application form

Two further key processes are completed via an online form which is sent to new and existing member clubs. Ensure you action these two forms:

- VCFA Club Affiliation Form - Open now, until 15 January 2026
- VCFA Team Nomination Form - Opens 1 February 2026

SYSTEM

The VCFA uses a game management system for all association player registrations, match day activities (team sheets, result submissions), and all fixtures, ladders and data capture.

Training for this platform is available from the VCFA Administrator, as well as instruction manuals being available on the VCFA website at www.vcfa.org.au.

FEES

The VCFA continues to be committed to delivering low, affordable fees for members and players, year on year, whilst maintaining the quality of the program. Through good financial governance fees have remained low, with minimal increases over the years.

In 2026, both player registration fees and team fees will remain at the 2025 rate for all our divisions, Senior men's (MPL and Divisions) and Senior women's (WPL and Divisions), Masters and Juniors.

Referee Pass-Through fees in 2026 will continue in the same way as 2025, where they will be exact and match the fee paid to the referee with the fee received from each respective club, for each match. In 2026, the U16 Mixed and U16 Girls competitions will see the introduction of VCFA appointed referees for all matches.

Assistant Referee Pass-Through fees will be introduced in 2026 for teams who have VCFA appointed Assistant Referees on their matches, these will be exact and match the fee paid to assistant referees with the fee received from each respective club, for each match.
In 2026, VCFA allocated AR's will be provided for all MPL (including Reserves) and WPL matches, with the expansion to rollout allocation of AR's to Divisional matches (according to AR pool) TBC.

In 2026, Dribl administration registration fees will become a Pass-Through to Clubs, where this will be exact and match the fee paid to Dribl with the fee received from each club, for all of their member Dribl registrations.

2026 FEES

- Association Affiliation Fee: **$100**
- Senior Team Fee: **$1500**
- Masters Team Fee: **$1500**
- U18 Team Fee: **$200**
- Junior Team Fee: **$200**
- Small Sided Games Team Fee: **$100**
- Player Registration Fee: **$70** *per player*
- Dribl Pass-Through Fee: **$3** *per Dribl registration*
- Referee and Assistant Referee Pass-Through Fee: ***see below***

Referee fees for each division are (cost will be 50% of fee, per match/per team):

- **MPL 1 & MPL 2:** $160 per game
- **MPL 1 Reserves and MPL 2 Reserves:** $140 per game
- **WPL:** $160 per game
- **Division 1 (& below):** $140 per game
- **Masters:** $140 per game
- **U18:** $120 per game
- **U16:** $100 per game
- **Cups:** $160 per game
- **Assistant Referees:** $80 per game (where each game requires 2 AR's)

Fees will be invoiced in four instalments during the season: ***March***, ***May***, ***August***, ***October,*** as per the following:

- March (R1) Invoice - Club Affiliation; Team Fee Deposit (50%); Pre-season Cup (where applicable)
- May (R2) Invoice - Team Fee Balance (50%); Player Registration; Dribl Registration Pass-Through; Referee and AR Pass-Throughs; Fines
- August (R3) Invoice - Player Registration (new); Dribl Registration Pass-Through (new); Referee and AR Pass-Throughs; Fines; National Representative Players
- October (R4) Invoice - Player Registration (new); Dribl Pass-Through (new); Referee and AR Pass-Throughs; Fines

2026 VCFA CALENDAR - KEY DATES

2026 VCFA Calendar					
Date	***Men***	***Women***	***Juniors***	***Masters***	***Admin***
January 15					Club Affiliation Due
February 1					Team Nominations Open
February 5					**VCFA AGM**
February 15					Team Drafts Due
March 1					Final Team Nominations Due
March 5					**Season Launch**
March 14	Pre Season Cup				
March 21		Pre Season Cup			
April 11	Round 1	Round 1		Round 1	
April 18			Pre Season Cup		
April 25			Round 1		**Anzac Day Round**
May 2	**Female Football Week**				
May 16	Cup Round 1	Cup Round 1			
June 6	Interleague Weekend	Interleague Weekend	King's Bday	Interleague Weekend	King's Bday
July 4			School Holidays		
July 31	**Registration Cut Off**				
August 1		Summer Comp Team Nominations Open			
August 1	**Multicultural Round**				
August 6					**President's Dinner**
August 31		Summer Comp Team Nominations Close			
September 5	Round 18	Round 18	Round 18	Round 18	
September 12	Cup Semi Finals	Cup Semi Finals			**Junior Presentation**
September 19	Cup Finals	Cup Finals			
September 24					**Senior Presentation**
September 28					**CFFA Nationals (Victoria)**
October 1					New Club EOI Open
October 12		Summer League Starts			
November 15					New Club EOI Close