

NORTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION PRIMARY BOYS/MIXED & GIRLS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL FINALS

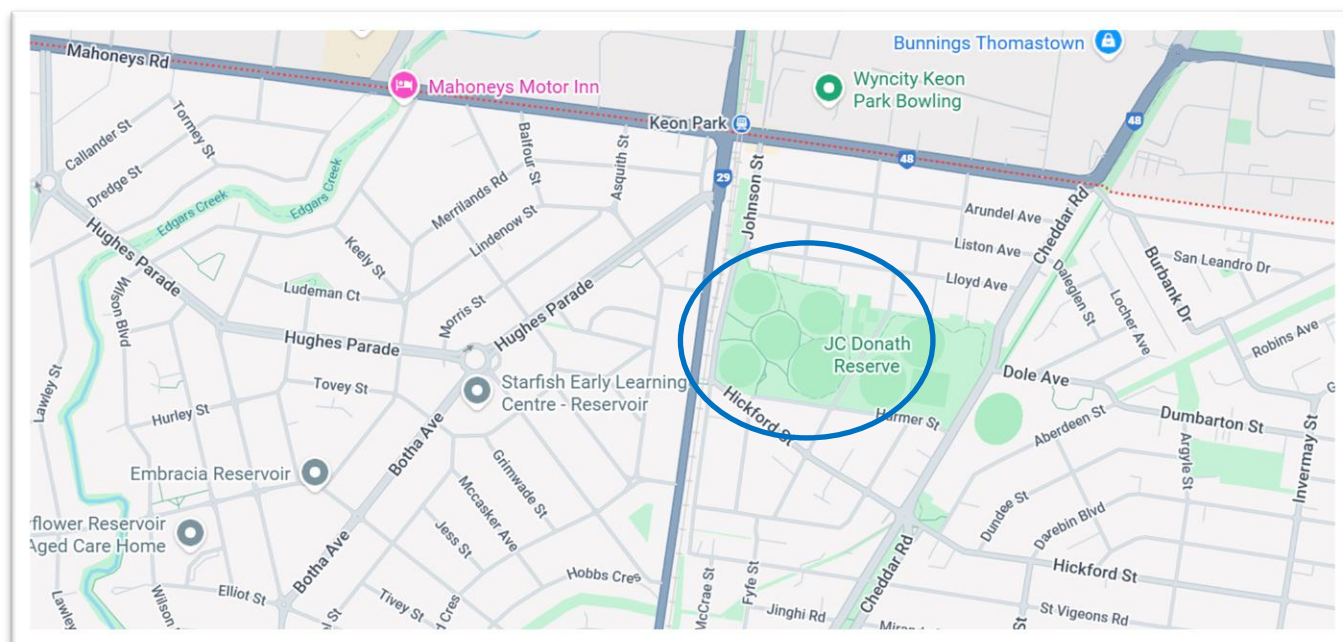
Venue: JC Donath Reserve
Harmer Street, Reservoir 3073

When: Tuesday 4th August 2026
9:45am – 2:00pm

Convenor: Iain Ross
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Event briefing: 9:45am sharp

**This fixture is subject to change if schools are running late or withdraw from competition etc.*

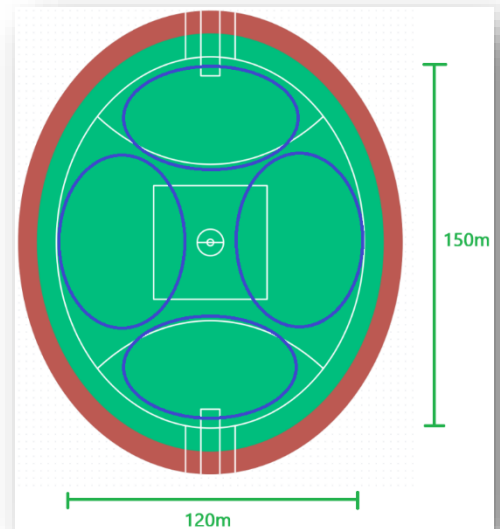


COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- Points will be allocated for Round Robin matches as follows: 4 points for a win, 2 points for a draw, and 0 points for a loss.
- If, at the end of the round robin, two teams are equal on matches won then the winner of the face to face match will be declared the winner. If their face to face match was a draw then the total percentage from all of their games will be used to determine the winner.
- If more than two teams are tied on matches won, percentage from the matches involving the other tied teams will be calculated to determine a winner.
- In the event of a draw being played in the final, the game shall be decided by playing two 5 minute halves with a one minute interval. If the game is still a draw both teams change ends and the first score wins.

MATCH FORMAT & RULES

- **All matches shall consist of 2 x 15 minute halves with a half-time interval of 5 minutes.**
- 'Time On' is not played unless directed by the field umpire in extenuating circumstances (Injury, Blood Rule, Time Wasting etc).
- A 'Yellow Card' may be used to give the umpires/convenor the power to send a player from the field for a 10 minute period. A player sent from the field with a 'Yellow Card' is not replaced. If a player receives two 'Yellow Cards' during one day's competition, the second 'Yellow Card' will be recognised as a 'Red Card' and the Order Off Rule will apply.
- Football is conducted under the Laws of Australian Football unless otherwise stated.
- [Further information on tackling can be found here.](#)
- [Quick facts about the format can be found here.](#)
- Ground Size: maximum 85 m x 65 m (max)
- Soft Zones: The ground will be split into three zones, forward, middle, and back with three (3) players to start in their zones for when the ball is thrown up. To encourage the spread of play, all players should reset into the zones before each ball up.
- Marking: any distance shows control.
- Field ball-ups are to be contested by 2 similar players selected by the Umpire, not necessarily the nearest or the tallest.
- Where the ball is kicked out of bounds without being touched, a free kick will be awarded to the nearest opposition player.
- Where the ball is touched out of bounds, play will be restarted by a Ball-up conducted 5 metres in from the boundary.
- A player is permitted one bounce and then must dispose of the ball by kicking or handballing to another player.
- A player is not permitted to deliberately kick the ball off the ground. (Penalty: Free kick).
- Modified tackling – wrap tackle only. Bumping is not permitted or slinging of players.
- Players may be interchanged at any time during the match or at the intervals. Any player so interchanged may return to the game at a later interval.
- An injured player can be replaced during play but is not permitted to play again during that quarter (blood rule excepted).
- A free kick shall be awarded against a player who takes full possession of the football at a bounce or throw by a field Umpire or at a boundary throw in. Instead players are required to tap or punch the ball back into play from a bounce or throw by a field Umpire.
- If a player unintentionally smother the ball (ie. a player kicked the ball into an opposing player in close proximity) this would be play on.
- Players cannot steal the ball directly out of another's hands. If a wrap tackle has been executed correctly & the player loses the ball with no prior opportunity, it would be considered play on as the ball has not been stolen directly out of the players hands.
- If a player has prior opportunity to dispose of the ball, then is legally wrap tackled, this would be considered holding the ball & a free kick is awarded to the opposition.
- Standing on the mark is not deemed a smother. As such, if a ball is touched on the mark (in general play or kicking for goal), the umpire can adjudicate it that way.
- Please see the [SSV Primary Schools Resource Manual](#) for more useful sport specific information.



GIRLS PLAYING IN BOYS/MIXED

- A girl cannot play in a girls' team and a boys/mixed team in the same sport within the same calendar year. The stream of competition competed in at District level should be carried through to Division, Region, and State.
- Team sheets are reviewed by the event convenor, and Region Coordinator. Teams to be found in breach of this rule may face consequences, including disqualification.

TEAM SIZE

- **A maximum of fourteen (14) players may be used in one day.**
- **Nine (9) players on the field playing where players are split into x3 forwards, x3 midfielders and x3 backs.**
- **A completed team sheet** (endorsed by the school's principal or their representative) must be submitted via email to the NMR Primary Coordinator via email (heath.yasunaga@education.vic.gov.au) no later than the day before the event, or a hard copy handed to the convenor before commencement of play. If not provided, the teacher/coach will need to complete a team sheet manually prior to their team being able to play.

EQUIPMENT AND OFFICIALS

All schools/teams participating in the NMR Boys/Mixed & Girls Australian Football Finals will need to provide:

- A competent Timekeeper with a time clock and a siren, horn or bell.
- A goal umpire for each team playing/competing.
- [Score sheets which can be printed and found here.](#)
- **1x synthetic size 3 new match ball.**
- **Warm up balls** (if schools choose too).
- **1x first aid kit** (including ice packs and any asthma/EpiPen's as required).
- **Referees will be provided by P.E Sports Specialists-** we thank PESS for their support.
- Goal posts and Cones – provided to all SSV Coordinators

DRESS

- Players must wear matching jumpers with distinctive numbering corresponding to their team sheet, same colour shorts (without pockets) and same colour socks.
- No jewellery is to be worn.
- Players not correctly dressed will not be permitted to compete.
- Mouthguards are strongly recommended.
- Depending on the surface, football boots are recommended.

FIRST AID

- First Aid will be provided.
- Schools must bring **their own first aid kits for bus travel and to further support first aid on the day**. Schools must bring their own ice packs to the event.
- If required, schools must bring their own student's EpiPen's and asthma kits to the event. Schools are responsible for their own student's anaphylaxis and asthma equipment and cannot rely on event first aid resources for these instances.
- Any strapping or taping requirements will be the players responsibility to have complete prior to game time. There will be no provisions for strapping and/or taping from event management.



Goal posts we will use, hold up with windy conditions and provide easy visuals for those closer calls between goals and behinds, click on the image.

STATE FINALS INFORMATION

- The winner of the Grand Finals in the Boys/Mixed and Girls competitions will be awarded the Champions pennant and qualify as the NMR representative at the [State Championships](#).

Best wishes to all schools competing at the NMR Primary Boys/Mixed & Girls Australian Football Finals,
Heath Yasunaga | SSV Northern Metropolitan Region Primary Coordinator
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SSV NORTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION PRIMARY
BOYS/MIXED FINALS

POOL A		
1. Inner North Merri-bek Division	2. Nillumbik Division	3. Woodlands Division
School:	School:	School:
Round	Match Time	Teams
1	10.00am	vs.
2	10:55am	Bye with Round 1 vs. Loser of Round 1
3	11:50am	Winner of Round 1 vs. Bye with Round 1
<i>20-minute break between rounds</i>		
POOL B		
4. Darebin Division	5. Banyule Division	6. Whittlesea Division
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Awarded to

for participation in the NMR Australian Football Finals

Wayne Schultz & Heath Yasunaga
NMR Coordinators

Iain Ross
NMR Football Convenor

GO WELL!

On behalf of the Northern Metropolitan Region team, SSV wishes you all the very best in your event today & trust you have a quality experience.

REFLECTION

Three things **I did** well:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

One thing **I learnt** today:

One thing **I can** improve on:

Further reflection....

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