

M.S.J.F.L. Club Bulletin



Number 2

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

Notifying League Tribunal Secretary

The Club Secretary of a reported player has up until 6pm on the Monday following the game to advise the Tribunal Secretary of their decision to take a set penalty or to appear before the Tribunal on the Wednesday night following the game. The notification period may be extended at the sole discretion of the Tribunal Secretary.

The League's Tribunal Secretary is David Cannizzo, his telephone number is **9553 5985**, Facsimile number **9553 5655** and Email address david.cannizzo@sfl.com.au and copy to crusso@msjfl.com.au the League's Secretary.

The option of taking of the "Set Penalty" will be at the League's discretion.

If the League's Tribunal Secretary is not notified by 6pm on the Monday following the game, the reported player is unable to play in any official MSJFL and/or AFL Victoria Matches until the situation is resolved by either the player accepting the set penalty or appearing before the Tribunal.

Unfit Ground

Recently the league has experienced the situation where the Team Managers felt a Ground was unsafe to play on. Following consideration of this situation the Executive has resolved the following:

If in the opinion of a Team Manager a ground is not safe to play on then they should approach the opposition Team Manager and if it is agreed the ground is unfit then:

1. Attempts should be made to find a suitable alternative venue
2. If no alternative venue is available, the match may be rescheduled.
3. If the match is not able to be rescheduled the home will forfeit the points.

In the event agreement is unable to be reached between the Team Managers, a MSJFL or Umpire Official should be contacted to attend and arbitrate. If a MSJFL Official is not available to attend at the time then any Team Manager has the right refuse to play on the Ground and submit a report to the MSJFL to consider. Following consideration by the MSJFL Executive if it is determined the ground:

1. Was suitable the Team refusing to play will forfeit any game points.
2. Was not suitable the Home side will forfeit any game points.

Bench Officials

Teams are reminded a maximum of 4 Bench Officials may be within the perimeter of the oval during play; these officials must be wearing the correct MSJFL approved bibs for the tasks that they are performing, Clubs may be fined for a breach. For further information see MSJFL Bulletin 1.

Parents on the Ground

Team Officials are requested to remind parents they are not permitted to go on to the ground during a game to check on their child's wellbeing. Under MSJFL rules every team is required to have an appropriate qualified trainer at their matches and any concerns should be address to the Teams Trainer who may enter the ground during play. See Bulletin 1 for more detail on Trainer requirements.

Team Trainers, Boundary & Goal Umpires

The League Officials are still observing Team Trainers, Goal and Boundary Umpires coaching players whilst performing their duties. Team Managers are requested to remind Team Trainers, Goal and Boundary Umpires they are not permitted to coach or deliver messages to players in the course of their duties. Additionally Runners are reminded they are only permitted to deliver a message to a maximum of two players before leaving the playing field. Runners are not permitted to stay on the playing field and must not obstruct or interfere with play(er).

Teams whose Runners, Trainers, Goal and Boundary Umpires breach these requirements may be penalised.

Umpires Vote Envelopes

The league has reminded Umpires for the necessity for them to ensure the details on the Best and Fairest envelopes are completed. Team Managers are also being requested to double check the envelopes have:

- The correct names of the Clubs
- The right age group and grading and
- The Date

Unfortunately if this information is not completed correctly your players may miss out on valuable votes.

Abusive Players and Officials

Bench Officials and Players are reminded that they are not permitted to make abusive or derogatory comments about players and/or umpires. The League has a zero tolerance towards abusive players and Officials which may result in penalties be awarded or your Club fined.

Player Being Yellow or Red Carded

Players may be sent off by the umpire for a duration ranging from the length of one full quarter to the rest of the match. Any player sent off must have the reason and the duration explained to him by the umpire. Team Managers are required to **immediately** attend and notify the Time Keepers of the players name as the time does not start until the Time Keeper is notified and records it. Team Managers should also check with the Umpire at the break to confirm the duration, confirm with the Time Keeper and request they advise them when the time has lapsed.

Yellow Card

Players who receive a yellow card are off the field for a total of one full quarter and may not return to the field or be replaced until the time has lapsed. Yellow Card offences are not reportable by an umpire.

Red Card

Players who receive a red card are off the field for a minimum of one full quarter but it may be longer (rest of game). Red Carded player are not allowed to play until their time has lapsed but may be replaced by another player at the end of one full quarter. The showing of a "Red Card" by an umpire informs all participants that a report has been made.