



2026 SEQ JUNIORS GRAND FINAL INFORMATION

Congratulations to all teams on winning the right to play off in the Grand Final of your respective age group and division. Grand Final weekend is a massive few days for all involved. We require your assistance to ensure the weekend runs smoothly and is a great experience for all players, officials, parents and supporters.

PRE-MATCH

- Competing teams must print & supply 3 team sheets (match manager, opposition, self) and update team online.
 - No handwritten players or coaches permitted
- Team inspections will be done **45 minutes prior to starting time, teams must be in the change room with all team officials present**
 - Team Manager to give signed team sheet to the AFLQ Team Liaison
 - Completed Officials Code of Behaviour form to be handed in to match manager prior to the match starting – AFLQ Team Liaison will provide these pregame
- Organise volunteers & players
 - 1 x coach, 1 x assistant coach (additional female coach permitted), 1 x team manager, 1 x runner (Bib) only allowed in coaches box with interchange players only
 - Emergency players and anyone not listed on the team sheet in one of the roles above will not be permitted in the coaches box
 - Coaches and the team manager must have their lanyard. All officials in the coaches box should be wearing club polos
- Entering the ground pregame (team photo done once entered the ground)
- Ground announcer will welcome:
 - 10 minutes before start time – Umpires
 - 9 minutes before start time – Away team
 - 8 minutes before start time – Home team
 - Example for match that starts at 10.00am
 - 9:50am – umpires enter
 - 9:51 – away team enters
 - 9:52 – home team enters
- 5 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time teams must line up for the playing of the National Anthem
 - Coin toss straight after
- Teams in the next match
 - Not to enter the change room until after half time, if you are not sure, ask
 - When your team leaves the change rooms, move all belongings into a neat pile in a corner as another team will be entering after half time
 - Are allowed on their ground at half time **when the umpires and teams have left the ground** but must leave the ground immediately **when the umpires come back on the ground**
- Correct shorts – home team wear coloured shorts & away team wears white shorts (Boys competitions)
- Players arriving late must report to the Match Manager



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DURING MATCH

- Breaks – 5 minutes, 10 minutes & 5 minutes
 - Sirens: 2 sirens = 2 minutes before match starts. 1 Siren = 1 minute before match starts.
- **NO SPECTATORS WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE GROUND AT BREAKS**
- Time on only applies for goals, behinds or a major game delay which will be called by the umpire.
- Umpire will only stop play if a stretcher is called (play will be resumed when the stretcher is off the ground) or the play is in the vicinity of the injured player (play will resume when the player leaves the area or is ok to continue playing)
- Blood Rule – as soon as the umpire asks a player to leave the ground, the replacement player may enter the ground immediately (through the interchange) and play will not resume until the replacement player is in position
- **Drawn match procedure:** Both goal umpires meet at full time to confirm scores. If scores are level:
 - 6 minute break & teams change ends
 - 2 x 3 minute halves (plus time on)
 - Half time teams swap ends straight away (no break)
 - Ball is bounced/thrown up in middle to recommence
 - If still level, these steps repeat until a result is determined
- **Send-off laws – yellow & red cards**
 - Yellow card, player is sent off for 15 minutes of elapsed time, can be replaced
 - Red card, player is sent off for the remainder of the match and reported, can be replaced after 15 minutes of elapsed time
- **Issue Management Process**
 - Questions or concerns from coach's box – Team Manager to approach Match Manager
 - Concerns with Coach's box – Match Manager to approach Team Manager
 - Match Manager will only approach Coach, Assistant Coach or Runner directly if there has been a warning and the behaviour continues

POST MATCH

- **All competing teams must leave the field as soon as possible and go to the presentation stage**
- Presentation ceremony will include
 - Award for the Competition Best & Fairest
 - Best on Ground
 - Coach of runners up will be invited to speak
 - Coach of winning team will be invited to speak
 - Winning team will receive premiership medals, premiership cup, premiership flag & match ball
 - Photo on stage with the winning team in McDonald's hats

At the completion of the presentations, players from both teams will receive gifts from AFL Queensland & McDonald's