

PICOLA & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Regulations

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These Regulations are designed to allow a club secretary/ match day secretary guidance on procedures of the normal day to day activities and to the responsibilities involved in running of the club, from the PDFNL perspective.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES AND DUTIES MAY INCUR A FINE OR FINES AS THE CASE MAY BE

(Rules of bodies or associations with whom the PDFNL may affiliate with from time to time may also apply.)

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1.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 1.1 The Annual General Meeting of the League is held prior to December. All clubs shall hold their Annual General Meetings prior to the league Annual General Meeting.
- 1.2 All items of agenda to this meeting are required to be in the hands of the League Secretary at least twenty eight (28) days prior to the meeting.
- 1.3 There will be a Pre AGM and AGM Meeting scheduled each year, to discuss Constitutional Matters. The Pre AGM is a workshop/ discussion type meeting to discuss strategic planning and debate motions. The AGM to move motions and elect the members of the Board.
- 1.4 A list is required at the Annual General Meeting of all club officials, namely President, Secretary and two (2) Directors of the League, together with their addresses, phone numbers and if applicable, email address.
- 1.5 The annual PDFNL affiliation fee of \$20 plus GST is due at or before the AGM.

2.0 CLUB DELEGATE MEETINGS

- 2.1 The PDFNL shall endeavour to have a minimum of 4 meetings per year to be held in February, April, June and August. Meetings may be scheduled at a nominated venue.
- 2.2 Meetings may be held in other months or at other times, depending on necessity.
- 2.3 The league Operations Manager shall provide information to nominated club representatives and agenda for the ordinary meetings. This may be done electronically.

3.0 PDFNL Board

The Board are to make decisions on all operational matters with consultation with clubs as deemed necessary.

4.0 “PDFNL RECORD”

- 4.1 Player names and their jumper numbers must be submitted (in numerical order) to the PDFNL board nominated firm prior to the commencement of the season for inclusion in the “PDFNL RECORD”.
- 4.2 For the initial list, it must be submitted by the Monday 12 noon prior to the first game.
- 4.3 Senior and Reserve Grades should be on one list Finals to be separated, with Under 17 and Under 14 each on a separate list.
- 4.4 For the benefit of supporters and umpires (who have been known to refer to the “PDFNL RECORD” rather than the Team Sheets), it is essential that these team lists are maintained correctly throughout the season, with changes to the elected printer by 12 noon Monday.
- 4.5 Club Notes MUST be submitted for “The Record” each week except when a team has a bye. These need to be submitted to the elected by 12 noon Monday.
- 4.6 Clubs shall advise the League Operations Manager of any issues incurred .

Failure to comply with rule 4 shall be dealt with at the discretion of the PDFNL Board.

5.0 CLEARANCES / REGISTRATIONS

5.1 Clearances open for two separate windows November 1st – December 1st and February 1st- 30th June . The only permits that can be dealt with prior to that date are those for interstate summer competitions (e.g. Darwin).

5.2 A person must be registered through the PDFNL requested IT system prior to taking the ground in a League competition match. This also includes any match day officials including coach, team manager and trainers, other team volunteers being;

Interchange steward

Water Persons

Team runner

Team manager

All club umpires

Trainers

Scoreboard attendant and timekeeper;

Extra's may be hand written on the team sheet before distributing.

All players and match day staff are required to annually re-register upon on the IT program .

6.0 MATCH DAY

6.1 It is required that a scoreboard attendant from the home club be on duty for all grades.

6.2 Any alteration to match times/days must receive prior written approved from the league Operations Manager.

6.3 It is the responsibility of the HOME CLUB SECRETARY to notify the elected Umpiring association of any approved alteration to match times / days .

6.4 Starting Time shall be as per ;

5ths

Start 9.00am - 4 x 8 min ¼ 's.

No break between 1st and 2nd or 3rd and 4th quarters.

2 mins at half time

Under 14's

On Ground by 9.35

Start 9.40

15 Min. Qtrs. (No time-on)

¼ time – 3 mins

½ time – 5 mins

¾ time – 3 mins

Under 17's

On ground by 10.50

Start 10.55

18 Min Qtrs (No time on , except for stretcher or ambulance)

¼ time – 3 mins

½ time – 5 mins

$\frac{3}{4}$ time – 3 mins

Reserves

On ground by 12.25

Start by 12.40

18 min Qtrs (No time on, except for stretcher or ambulance)

$\frac{1}{4}$ time - 3 mins

$\frac{1}{2}$ time - 5 mins

$\frac{3}{4}$ time – 3 mins

(time keepers are to reduce times to ensure correct starting time of senior match)

Seniors

On ground by 2.05

Start 2.15

20 min. Qtrs + Time On , as per \Rightarrow

$\frac{1}{4}$ time - 5 mins

$\frac{1}{2}$ time – 15 mins

$\frac{3}{4}$ time – 5 min

6.5 MATCH RESPONSIBILITIES

Requirement	Further Detail	Penalty
Supply of		
1 x Interchange Steward (Home club)	folder, red/yellow cards, stopwatch	warning 1st , then \$100
1 x Scoreboard Attendant (Home club)		warning 1st , then \$100
1 x Time Keeper (each club)	each club , each grade	warning 1st , then \$100
1 x Goal Umpire (each club)		\$200
1 x Boundary Umpire(each club)		\$200
1 x Central Umpire(accepting seniors each club)		\$200
1 x Umpire Escort (each club)		\$100
Uniform		
Runner	Supplied Runners Top, club coloured shorts and socks	warning 1st , then \$100
Water Carrier	fluro yellow or orange t-shirt or vest (club lettering on back) club coloured shorts	warning 1st , then \$100
Trainer	Whitetop , Black or white pants (club lettering on back)	warning 1st , then \$100
Goal Umpire	White Coat	warning 1st , then \$100
Club Umpire	Whiteshirt with club or white coloured shorts	warning 1st , then \$100
Player under short bike type pants	Beige or bone coloured	warning 1st , then \$100
Miscellaneous		
Entering of results onto IT	By 5.30pm	warning 1st , then \$100
Sending of required match stationary	3 pm next working day	\$150
Supply teamsheets to umpires and opposition	15 minutes prior to scheduled start time	referred to board
Player not listed on teamsheet		referred to board, minimum \$250

There are no warnings and all fines are double within finals.

6.6 Officials listed upon the team sheet and therefore only ones permitted within the playing arena and not required to wear uniform as per another operating rule, must be identifiable by means of arm band

6.7 Home Club must ensure that all spectators including match personnel are in designated area throughout the game. Spectators must be behind the fence at all times.

Home Club must ensure the safety of all umpires

6.8 Prior to the commencement of any match, the persons responsible from each club must sign off the ground and surround as required by the designated insurer .

If either club official is not willing to sign, the match **MUST NOT PROCEED**. It is vital that such inspection take place due to the insurance requirements.

If a Club risk management officer won't sign the form prior to the start of the Under 14's then a \$1000 bond must be put up by the club that did not sign the form and you must contact the League Operations Manager immediately by telephone . The Leagues Operations Manager or their representative shall inspect the premises and may order works to be carried out to make the ground and surrounds safe, or determine that the complaint is not warranted.

If on inspection the ground and facilities are found to be satisfactory the club who elected not to sign the check list will lose the \$1000 and/or the match points

It is essential that, together with the checklist, a detailed written explanation of the reason/s for not signing off on the checklist be supplied immediately to the League Operations Manager, with the original copy to be forwarded in the match envelope.

If the dispute is settled and/or the issue associated with the safety of the ground and/or surrounds is satisfactorily repaired, to both clubs satisfaction, the check list shall be signed.

The next scheduled game (as detailed in starting times) shall then go ahead. It may be necessary to cancel one or more of the games, which shall be at the discretion of the League Operations Manager. In such an event, where both officials have not signed the checklist and a game is not played, the points shall be shared ie. two points each.

In an event where one official will not sign the checklist, and a game is not played, and the league Operations Manager or their representative, believes the complaint is not warranted, the points shall be awarded to the club who were prepared to play.

6.9 Team Sheets the only official record of players and other officials on match day.

A completed team sheet printed off the IT System shall be handed to the umpires prior to the commencement of a match, a copy to the opposing team and a copy to the interchange steward.

Once the team sheets have been lodged with the umpires, **NO CHANGES** are permitted to be made without the consent of the umpires and the opposing club Team Manager or Club Secretary.

It is the sole duty of the Inter Change Steward to record jumper changes caused by the Blood Rule etc. on the Interchange form

Failure to hand in the team sheet to the umpire/s prior to official starting times, in all grades, the penalty will be:

- a) The executive and/or the Board may penalize by fine or loss of points or both any team in any grade who deliberately fail to exchange team sheets in the prescribed manner
- b) The first fine in any grade during the season will be \$100. With any subsequent fine in the same grade during the same season being \$500
- c) Failure to record a player upon a teamsheet shall re referred to the PDFNL board via the Leagues Operation Manager.

6.10 Match results are to be are completed as requested by the League Operations Manager

To meet Tv scoreboard and national press commitments results from all grades are to be entered at the completion of each grade with the Seniors final scores to be entered before 5.30pm.

6.11 All necessary match day stationery should be checked and posted no later than 3pm the following working day.

Failure to comply with rule 6.10 or 6.11 may result in a \$150 fine.

6.12 Interchange stewards are to be provided with a box adjacent to the interchange area on the ground for their sole use.

6.13 A stretcher must be provided and placed at the interchange box for use by both teams.

6.14 Interchange clipboard must contain the red/yellow board for the interchange steward to return the umpire's signals when there is a "send off" and a stopwatch or watch.

7.0 UMPIRES

7.1 Clubs supply a central umpire for U14, U17, reserves.

7.2 It is the responsibility of both home and away clubs to provide an escort in all grades for umpires leaving the ground at half time and after matches.

Escorts should also be wary of quarter time and three quarter time breaks, should attention be required.

7.3 A representative of each club must attend the umpires' room at the conclusion of the match and ascertain if there any reports. If a report has been made the league operations manager must be notified by the host club within 24 hrs.

7.4 If for unexpected reason an umpire from the elected supplier of umpiring services, is not supplied or does not arrive then each club shall provide one official to officiate as central umpires.

7.5 All Club Central Umpires are able to report players in the course of matches and should be made fully aware of the relevant rules prior to officiating at a match.

Club appointed boundary and goal umpires are not able to report.

In all grades when goal umpires swap ends they must check their scorecards to ensure they have the same score and also check if the scoreboard is correct. At the end of the game they must check each other's scorecards to see if they are correct and sign both cards. The scorecards are to be handed to the home club official.

8.0 FORFEIT

Any club not notifying the League secretary of its intention to forfeit a match before the commencement appointed time in any grade on the day of the match, shall be liable to meet expenses incurred for such a match. Such expenses to be at the jurisdiction of the Board.

9.0 PLAYER NUMBERS

9.1 To commence the game a team must have a minimum of 14 players with no more than eight (8) players borrowed from the opposing team.

9.2 Each team must have equal numbers on the ground at the start & during the match excepting when an injury or order off applies

9.3 A match permit to be filled out when a player/s are used to assist the opposing team to field a side and to be forwarded to League Operations Manager with Match results

10.0 TRIBUNAL

- 10.1 Tribunal where possible will be held on a Wednesday night at venue to be determined by the Operations Manager.
- 10.2 Whether a player or official has been reported, or is named in the report of a player or official from an opposing club, that person **MUST** attend any Tribunal Hearing when requested to do so unless approval is provided by the Operations Manager.
- 10.3 A witness (offended player) may give evidence by phone, if, they have work commitments (written confirmation from his employer is required) or reside out of the Goulburn Murray Region (proof may be required), the phone number must be made available to the tribunal at all times during the hearing. An advocate from the witnesses club must still attend the tribunal.
- 10.4 A U17 and U14 player must take a parent, club official or guardian to be present at the tribunal.
- 10.5 In all cases, it is the responsibility of the club to provide an advocate to attend with that person.
Failure to comply may result in a fine of \$250.
- 10.6 A running sheet will be available upon request from the leagues operations manager, 24 hours prior to scheduled tribunal .
- 10.7 Any video evidence, photographs or medical records , that a club may wish to use must be authenticated by way of a declaration by the person recording the film. Such evidence must be provided to the league operations manager 24 hrs prior to the case.
- 10.8 A suspended player may go onto the playing area during breaks, but must be behind the fence during the game., except if the suspended player is the approved coach of the side playing within that match.
- 10.9 If an Under 14s or Under 17s player is sent off the ground twice throughout the home & away or final series the club will receive a letter.
The third time the player will face the tribunal & answer to the third charge with the prior send offs being taken into consideration
An Under 14 or Under 17 player cannot take a Set Penalty for any offence.
- 10.10 The club of a reported or investigated player who faces tribunal shall be liable for all costs.
- 10.11 A player wishing to accept a set penalty:
Must provide such request in writing, no later than 12 noon on the first working day following the match.

11.0 UNDER 14 SPECIAL RULES

- 11.1 Each side may have eighteen players (equal number of players) on the ground, with unlimited interchange players during the home and away season only . If all parties agree then equal numbers can be added to the field. Clubs may use up to 25 players during finals.
- 11.2 All players to be under the age of 14 by midnight of the 31st December in the preceding year
- 11.3 A player in possession of the ball may not chop with hand or arm the opposition player who is tackling him
- 11.4 Central Umpires may award a 25 metre penalty
- 11.5 Kicking in danger rules to be enforced stringently
- 11.6 A player is allowed to bounce the ball twice only

- 11.7 A size 4 synthetic or leather ball may be used, shall clubs not agree then a synthetic shall be used.
- 11.8 Clubs must share players to even up player numbers.
- 11.9 The umpire has the discretion to order off any player for a period of time or the entire match. The umpire must state the reason why on the order off card
- 11.10 In all games the ball will be thrown up by the central umpires when the ball goes out of bounds.
- 11.12 Club umpires have the right to report
- 11.13 No set penalties allowed

12.0 SPECIAL RULES RESERVES and UNDER 17's

12.1 If a team has less than 18 on the team sheet the opposition must not have more than that number upon the ground at anytime.

12.2 A Maximum of 24 player during finals, during the home and away clubs may agree to have more than 24, this is to be agreed upon on match day , between the two sides.

13.0 OVERAGE PLAYER - UNDER 17 & UNDER 14

- 13.1 Clubs can apply in writing to the League Secretary up to 2 weeks prior to the start of the season for permission to have an over age player/s.
- 13.2 No over age players will be allowed excepting in exceptional circumstance.
- 13.3 The League will appoint a committee of 3 persons to oversee if a player is eligible. This appointed committee will have the final say if a person/s can be used as an over age player.
- 13.4 Overage players will not be eligible for any league award.
- 13.5 Any player who has been granted permission to play overage may only play finals, if the club has requested written permission, to play overage during finals, prior to round 14.
- 13.6 The board may withdraw the right to play overage at any time and at the board's sole discretion.
- 13.7 Overage players will be ineligible to poll League Best & Fairest Votes or win League Goal Kicking Award.

14.0 FINALS ELIGIBILITY

- 14.1 To be eligible to play in Under 14, Under 17, Reserves & Senior finals, a player must play at least (4) Club games with their current club, during the home and away period.
- 14.2 (i) A player to be eligible to play in the RESERVES finals must not play more than 50% of senior games in the home & away season. This includes junior footballers.
(ii) A player must have played 3 reserves games during the home and away season to qualify to play reserves finals , this includes junior players
- 14.3 A game played as a "sub player" is considered a senior game.
- 14.4 Day permits to another league counts as a senior game played.

- 14.5 Where both Club Senior and Reserve teams are participating in finals matches on the one weekend, rule 14.2 shall not apply.
- 14.6 A player is not able to play reserves if they have played seniors previously on the same weekend.
- 14.7 Should the age of any person representing a Club in its Under 14 & Under 17 team be challenged, that person shall be obliged to complete and verify a Statutory Declaration as to his age and to exhibit his birth certificate thereto. The same shall be admissible in any hearing by way of protest or dispute before the Tribunal.
- 14.8 If a player has not qualified for finals due to illness or injury, the club may write to the Executive Members for special permission to play due to unforeseen circumstances.
- 14.9 The eligibility criteria to play in finals is four matches which means 4 match days not reserves & firsts in only 2 weekends.
Any player can record one (1) game in each PDFNL match round. If a player competes in both seniors & reserves on the same weekend, the higher grade in which he plays will count for the purposes of league finals eligibility records.

15.0 FINALS ELIGIBILITY – TAC UNDER 18 PLAYERS

For the purpose of finals qualification, a match within the Tac Cup shall be considered as (1) one senior game for that player's senior team.

16.0 FIXTURING

- 16.1 The season shall commence and terminate on dates determined by the Board.
- 16.2 No member Club shall, during the season, participate in a match not scheduled in the draw without the permission of the Board.
- 16.3 Prior to the Annual general meeting a draft draw will be prepared and provided to each club for comment.
- 16.4 The league will endeavour to accommodate all requests for clubs for preferential games within the draw. This however will not always be possible.
- 16.5 The Board have discretion to consider individual circumstances and needs of each division in regards to starting dates, scheduled byes and fixturing between clubs.
- 16.6 Home and Away Matches:
 - (a) In all matches four points shall be awarded to the winning team and two points for a draw.
 - (b) Placing in the Finals shall be decided on these points.
 - (c) Where match points are equal the Club with the highest percentage of scores for and against shall be placed ahead of the others.

17.0 Substitution Rule(senior games only)

- 17.1 Each team is permitted three (3) interchange players and one (1) Under 17 substitute player within senior game only.
- 17.2 The fourth player (under 17 player), known as the substitute , shall begin the game wearing a green vest over his playing guernsey. He may not be interchanged while wearing the green vest. At any time during the first two quarters, he may be substituted for one of the

other players in the team - either on the ground or on the bench. He shall take off his green vest, and the player he substitutes shall put on a red vest. The player in the red vest will take no further part in the game. Teams are limited to a single substitution per game. A player may be substituted for tactical reasons or to replace an injured player.

17.3 The substitute player shall be noted as substitute upon team sheet.

17.4 At half time, the fourth player (under 17 player), known as the substitute, shall remove his green vest and is no longer subjected to clause 11.2 b).

18.0 FINALS

A final eight (8) will operate for all grades.

Final Eight

Week 1

Elimination Final #1 5 x 8

Elimination Final #2 6 x 7

Qualification Final #1 1 x 4

Qualification Final #2 2 x 3

Week 2

2nd Semi Final Loser 2nd QF vs Winner of 2nd EF

1st Semi final Loser 1st QF vs Winners of 1st EF

Week 3

Preliminary Final #1 Winner 1st QF v Winner 2nd Semi

Preliminary Final #2 Winner 2nd QF v Winner 1st Semi

Week 4

Grand Final Winners of 1st and 2nd Preliminary final

Finals starting times will be notified prior to the finals series.

Reserves & Under 17's Finals ONLY

In the Reserves and Under 17's there is Time ON and OFF in the second half of the game for the finals series only . . . not the home and away games.

Each competing club shall provide a check scorer to assist appointed goal umpires in case of disputed score cards.

19.0 TIED FINALS

In all matches where a result is tied the following procedure shall be followed:

- (a) After the umpire signals the conclusion of play, a break of five minutes shall be provided (from end of game to commencement).
- (b) Two five minute halves will be played with TIME ON
- (c) After the first 5 minutes the teams will change ends without a break.
- (d) If no result is achieved after the 10 minutes, a break of 5 minutes shall take place.
- (e) A further two five minute halves PLUS TIME ON will be played and the procedure will be repeated until a result is achieved.

20.0 FINALS VENUES

20.1 Finals shall be hosted amongst all venues on the below rotating system.

Every club side rises up 1 place per season until they host the grand final and once they have hosted the Grand final they shall re-enter the draw at the bottom (1).

For 13 side, 13=Grand, 12=None, 11=1st Prelim, 10= None, 9=2nd Prelim, 8=None, 7=1st Semi, 6= 2nd Semi, 5=1st QF, 4=2nd QF, 3= 1st EF, 2=2nd EF, 1=None.

20.2 The board shall inspect all grounds in February or March and advise clubs of any issues. These issues shall be rectified and re-inspected by May 15th.

Failing to rectify issues to the board's expectation by the 15th May,

Or making alternative arrangements in line with clause 13.1(c) and with the board's approval, shall see the board remove that clubs right to stage the proposed final for that year.

20.3 All finals shall be played at venues within the Picola & District Football Netball League

20.4 Under extreme circumstances the board may alter finals venues.

21.0 FINALS CATERING

All clubs hosting a final shall be allocated all the catering at that final. If they feel it will be too much for them to cope with, it is up to them to tender out duties or ask for help from other clubs.

The league shall receive all proceeds from gate takings at all finals.

The Board will monitor & make decision in relation to the catering if it is felt necessary

Clubs doing hot food & bar MUST have the appropriate food handling & Responsible Service of Alcohol training

Finals – Supply of food & drink for Umpires

It is the hosting club's responsibility to supply sandwiches, tea or coffee & soft drinks to all umpires for finals.

22.0 GRAND FINALS PRESENTATION

22.1 Presentation of medals and trophies shall be made at the discretion and as arranged by the PDFNL board.

22.2 Premiership Pennants to be in club colours

22.3 All Grand Finals are to be played on a Saturday.

23.0 ADMISSION AND PROGRAM PRICES

23.1 Admission and program prices for home and away games and finals will be determined by the Board and recorded in the minutes of the prior annual general meeting.

24.0 PLAYERS AS UMPIRES

The league will allow club players to both play and officiate as registered umpires with a recognised umpiring body on match day.

25.0 CANCELLED MATCH

Exceptional circumstances may be applied in the case of an official or player, or a serious injury to a player or official on the playing arena that results in the player or official not being able to be moved. In such an event, when the game has not gone past half time, the clubs shall share the points awarded, ie. two points each.

If the event occurs after half time, the game shall be awarded to the Club (ie four points) which is in front at that time. If scores are level of this time, the game shall be tied.

26.0 CLUB COLOURS

<u>Club</u>	<u>Jumper</u>	<u>Shorts</u>
Berrigan	Red, Black & White	BLACK
Blighty	Red & White	RED
Deniliquin Rovers	Blue & White	BLUE
Jerilderie	Green, red & Purple	PURPLE

Katamatite	Black & Gold	BLACK
Katunga	White with Red Vee	RED
Mathoura	Blue with Red Sash	BLUE
Picola United	Royal Blue with White Sash	BLUE
Rennie	Bottle green & white	GREEN
Strathmerton	Red, White & Blue	BLUE
Tocumwal	Red, Grey & White	RED
Waaia	Black with Red Sash	BLACK
Yarroweyah	Green & Gold	GREEN

In the event of jumper clashes the clubs may agree to wear an alternative jumper and / or shorts. White shorts are to be worn by visiting teams or as advised within finals

27.0 AREA AGREEMENTS

27.1 In consultation with clubs the PDFNL board may enter into area agreements with the following leagues.

- - Murray Football League.
- - Goulburn Valley Football League
- - Cobram Junior Football League
- - Shepparton Juniors
- - Albury /Wodonga juniors
- - Yarrawonga juniors

28.0 INVESTIGATIONS OFFICER

28.1 The League Secretary, on receipt of advice of a request for an investigation and all required paperwork and appropriate fee, appoint any approved investigations officers to undertake such investigations.

28.2 The cost of any inquiry conducted by the board or its committees shall be charged to the offending parties, or to the club who sought the investigation shall the investigation find there is no case to answer.

29.0 CONTAGIOUS DISEASE

Players who have a contagious disease, must produce a doctor's certificate which is to be delivered to the league secretary on the Friday prior to the game to state the player had a contagious disease and is now clear of infection and no longer contagious.

30.0 RISING STAR

30.1 The Picola & District Football Netball Leagues will award a "Rising Star of the Year" award for each Best Under 18 player in Picola District Football Netball League competition.

30.2 Player must be 18 & Under as at the 1st January in the current playing year

30.3 A player can play 15 senior games in any previous season in any League

30.4 The PDFNL Executive, judging only on those nominations submitted, will decide quarterly award winners

30.5 The Rising Star of the Year will be the player from the four quarterly winners

30.6 In the event of a tie the award will be shared

30.7 Nominations must be submitted by 6pm on the Sunday following ROUNDS 5,10,15 & 20 by email

30.8 A Club may have an U18 who is still eligible for U17 who the Club rate as the Clubs best player and as such may be nominated.

30.9 A Club can nominate more than one player.

30.10 Nominations are retained for the season each so once a player is nominated he can be considered each month

31.0 FINANCE

31.1 An administration fee will be charged each year , the amount to be decided by the executive

31.2 In the event there is a surplus at the end of the operating year a equal distribution may be paid to all financial clubs , which shall be determined by the PDFNL Board and announced at or prior to the AGM.

32.0 FUNCTIONS

All functions conducted by the Picola & District Football Netball League Shall be smoke free.

33.0 BEST & FAIREST PRESENTATION

The league shall hold senior and vote count at a suitable time and venue announced prior to the end of the season, the league shall advise of a compulsory number to be supplied by all clubs.

34.0 League Best & Fairest

Senior	Pearce Medal
Runner Up	David Wilson Memorial Trophy
Reserves	McKenzie Medal
Runner UP	
Under 17's	Payne Medal
Runner Up	Lawless Trophy
Under 14's	Smith Medal
Runner Up	Henderson Trophy

BEST & FAIREST Procedure

1. League Operations Manager to open & record the votes
2. To be checked by another person prior to the count in all grades
3. Votes to be kept until that year's Annual Meeting then they can be destroyed
4. A vote card is not valid unless recipients of votes can clearly be verified without doubt, and that the votes have been verified by both umpires.
5. Clubs shall be informed of all their player who are in the top 10 vote getters in each grade at the completion of the 3rd last round.

35.0 REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

Any player chosen to representative the VIC OR NWS in football squads can apply in writing to the League for a donation of \$100 to help towards the costs

36.0 FINANCIAL AWARDS

If a player is not in attendance at vote count where they are the recipient of money awards & it is known who has won the award then the money award will not be handed out. Any exceptional circumstances requests must be received in writing by League Operations Manager prior to the night.

37.0 GLASS POLICY.

34.1 No Club or individual is permitted to sell or dispense alcohol in glass containers on match days before the completion of the senior game or the last match.

34.2 Any club ignoring this rule shall be fined \$500 for each match day infringement

34.3` Special exemptions may be granted by the League upon written application under circumstances deemed extraordinary

This rule shall apply to Netball and Football at home matches, practice matches and finals

38.0 BAR OPENING HOURS

38.1 No BAR or premises shall sell any alcohol prior to the completion of the Under 17's match during the Home & Away or Finals matches.

39.0 LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Awarding of Life Membership of the PDFNL is at the sole discretion of the PDFNL board .

All applications from clubs or board members shall be considered including league contribution outside of roles mentioned in the below guideline.

In considering life membership of the PDFNL , the following loading for specific league roles, for each year of service , shall be adopted.

League President – 20 points

PDFNL Board Member – 10

300 Senior Football Games -100

300 A Grade netball Games – 100

PDFNL Paid Employee – 7.5

100 collective points is to serve as a significant guide for the awarding of life membership, with contribution beyond these roles to be considered in all cases.