



Tournament Info Pack

**Tuesday 26th &
Wednesday 27th September 2023**

Reservoir

FOOTBALL

C.T Barling Reserve,
Plenty Road, Reservoir

NETBALL

Darebin Community Sports Stadium,
Plenty Road, Reservoir

INTRODUCTION

The Victorian Aboriginal Community Services (VACSAL) understands the significant role that gatherings, such as family, community, cultural and sporting events have played in our Aboriginal community since time began.

VACSAL is a peak Aboriginal Community organisation delivering a range of government funded programs to support and assist children, young people and families as well as strengthening communities and culture.

These annual events have a productive impact on many levels of the Victorian Aboriginal society; the carnivals bring various communities from all over Victoria together in a highly valued cultural exchange. The gathering of so many Aboriginal families in the one place reinstalls kinship arrangements and the obligations associated with kinship. There are very few opportunities for the Aboriginal communities of Victorian to come together as nations to share common interest, to participate in sports and at the same time discuss issues affecting each community.

Providing an avenue for communities, families and individuals to be involved in a cultural meaningful activity is an established method of strengthening community. It promotes Aboriginal connections and awareness that impact on community safety.

VACSAL are pleased to have the support of the Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing branch of the Department of Health and Human Services. The notion of the carnival and their role fit nicely with their statement that "Health and wellbeing through sport, community connectedness and culture are integral to our people thriving."

Dr Alf Bamblett worked tirelessly in our community over his lifetime to ensure that Aboriginal people had a voice, that we are participants and not just recipients. This Carnival is all about participation. Whilst we expect that each competitor will step up and bring their best, we also hope that each will value the experience of the competition and connection with kin and community.

This Carnival will always be a special event that has a very important place in the Aboriginal community throughout Victoria. "It's not just about sport." It is so much more to so many people.

VACSAL recognises that sports is a great vehicle to engage the Aboriginal community in promoting healthy lifestyles, addressing social disadvantage and strengthening cultural identity in order to create of a strong, healthy and vibrant community.

REGISTRATIONS

- Registrations for Football can be made by clicking on [this link here](#). This form is to register your team only.
- Registrations for Netball can be made by clicking on [this link here](#). This is a two step registration process.
- Step 1: The Team Manager will register the team and invite their players to join the team.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER TEAM

- Step 2: Each individual player will receive an invite email and will need to register themselves into the team.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER PLAYER

- All team managers are required to attend the Opening Ceremony on Monday 25th September 2023 at 6.30pm to register team participants. Invites to the Registration Night will be emailed to team managers after registration closes on Monday 4th September 2022 at 5pm.
- Registration is to ensure that all playing participants in the carnival are covered by insurance.

AGE GROUPS

- 9 and under - At time of carnival cannot be 10.
- 12 and under - At time of carnival cannot be 13.
- 15 and under - At time of carnival cannot be 16.
- 17 and under - At time of carnival cannot be 18.

CARNIVAL COORDINATORS

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INSURANCE

Insurance cover is for basic medical benefits cover only. This does NOT allow for loss of income should a player not be able to resume normal working duties. Teams have the option of taking out their own additional comprehensive coverage.

INCLUSION

VACSAL supports the governments approach to ensure the opportunity for everyone to participate in sport and active recreation regardless of ability, cultural or religious background, socio-economic circumstances, gender, age and LGBTIQ+ identity.

VACSAL will work with participants regardless of ability to ensure they are able to compete to the best of their ability. VACSAL will be guided by parent/guardian/carer and will hold the final decision in the fairness of competition for all.

VACSAL's obligation is to align with The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission's Guidelines for Trans and Gender Diverse Inclusion in Sport and the Equal Opportunity Act of 2010.

VACSAL will consider a person's sex to be what they say it is, whether or not it aligns with their sex as recorded at birth.

PLAYER GUIDELINES

All players must be registered.

No player may take part in more than one division or play for more than one side. Once a player plays one game with a team, they are not allowed to then play for another team or division.

Exemptions will be considered for juniors playing up a division to ensure a full team and participation for all registered players.

All players must play 2 games to qualify for finals.

Team list to be signed off by local Aboriginal community organisation, elder or respected person.

Junior players must be born in the required year as stated. No exceptions will be considered. Players are advised that they may be asked to show proof of age. A letter from the following will be accepted:

PLAYER GUIDELINES cont

- **Community Organisation**
- **School**

Players are encouraged to play in their own age group for talent identification.

Please indicate if your players play in representative competitions.

Any player exemptions will be communicated by VACSAL.

ABORIGINALITY AND NON-ABORIGINAL PLAYERS

Non-Aboriginal players who are part of Aboriginal families and community are allowed to participate in the carnival with a limit of 2 players per team.

VACSAL has the right to challenge Aboriginality.

Non-Indigenous players must be identified on team registrations and team list.

INTERSTATE TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS

This is a competition for the Victorian Aboriginal community. All registered teams will be located within Victoria.

Players with connections to the Victorian Aboriginal community living interstate are able to participate.

TEAM UNIFORMS

Each team shall nominate its uniform.

In the case of a clash of colours – Then the first named team **MUST** wear the alternate uniform.

MATCH MANAGEMENT

All matches will be under the control of Court/Ground Marshalls appointed by the Committee.

DISPUTES COMMITTEE

Disputes committee will be made up of the following

- Two representative from VACSAL
- Two representatives from below major sporting clubs attending the event
- One independent representative from partner association (Basketball Victoria, AFL Victoria, Netball Victoria)

All disputes representative must declare any conflict of interest must resolve any disputes by representing VACSAL with a non-biased opinion (E.g. family interest, club interest.)

- Fitzroy Stars
- Black Eagles
- BRUZ
- West Vic Eels
- Melbourne Stars
- Southern Lightning
- Mallee Tigers
- Melbourne Warriors
- Bunurong

Complaints must be in writing, text message, email or letter and lodged within 10mins after the game/incident has finished to the Carnival Coordinator and will be referred to the Disputes Committee. If complaint is not resolved before the commencement of a game, the game can proceed but the result may be reviewed on the outcome of the complaint.

Complaints in regard to age and or Aboriginality during finals will not be considered.

The Team Manager/Coach is the only person who can lodge a complaint.

DRAWS AND SCHEDULE

Draws and Schedules are automatically generated by an IT program. Scores cannot be changed after a game as it is all online and done outside the control of VACSAL.

Team managers are highly advised to ensure teams scorers are allocated to each game.

Team players need to be registered before the event and updated where needed.

Human error may impact data entry and may impact on results. We highly recommend teams ensure competent officials and notify VACSAL of any errors as soon as possible.

OFFICIALS

It is the coach/team managers responsibility to ensure that their teams play at the scheduled time of commencement.

Appointed Team Managers/Coaches are responsible for:

- Entering the team list ten (10) minutes prior the match is due to commence.
- Team ready to take the field/court
- Checking the correct amount of players are on the field/court at the start of every quarter/half
- Communication with the Organising Committee/Coordinators.

Each nominating team shall provide the following officials:

- 1 Scorer (Basketball/Netball/Football)
- 1 Goal and Boundary Umpire (Football)

It will be the Court/Ground Marshalls responsibility to complete and return the score sheets to the Carnival Administration.

CONDITIONS OF GAMES (FOOTBALL)

- All matches shall commence at the advertised time.
- 2 x 15-minute halves. 5 minutes for half time
- Teams cannot take the field without a minimum of 14 players.
- 1 penalty goal will be recorded to the opposing team for each minute (or part thereof) a team is late. The exception will be where the Tournament Committee has made an error with court allocations/fixtures.
- If a team does not take the field within 5 minutes of the scheduled starting time, a walkover will be recorded. In a forfeit the score will be 20 to 1.

DRAWN GAMES

- Drawn games will be recorded in all Round Games.
- No Drawn games in any Finals Matches.
- There shall be a two minute interval at the end of full time.
- Extra time shall consist of two halves of five minutes, with an interval of two minutes at half-time.
- Teams shall change ends at half-time.
- In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, the ball shall be returned to the centre for a ball up and teams shall play for a golden goal.

FINALS

Finals will be determined by the structure of the draws (number of teams).

GRAND FINALS

The two-(2) top teams from each section/division/finals will enter into the grand final.

- 15 minute quarters with 5 minutes for quarter time and 10 minutes for halftime

POINTS

Points shall be awarded on the following basis;

- For a Win 4 points
- For a Draw 2 points (2)

If two-(2) or more teams have the same number of ladder points, point places shall be determined by percentages between the tied teams (points for and against).

CONDITIONS OF GAMES (NETBALL)

- All matches shall commence at the advertised time.
- 2 x 10-minute halves. 3 minutes for half time
- Teams cannot take the field without a minimum of 5 players.
- 1 penalty goal will be recorded to the opposing team for each minute (or part thereof) a team is late. The exception will be where the Tournament Committee has made an error with court allocations/fixtures.
- If a team does not take the field within 5 minutes of the scheduled starting time, a walkover will be recorded. In a forfeit, the score will be 20 to 1.

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- Teams shall change ends at half-time.
- In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a signal shall be used to indicate play will continue until one team has a two-goal advantage.
- During both of these intervals, substitutions and/or team changes may be made and the centre pass is taken by the team entitled to the next centre pass.

FINALS

- Finals will be determined by the structure of the draws (number of teams).

GRAND FINALS

- The two-(2) top teams from each section/division/finals will enter into the grand final.
- 10 minute quarters with 2 minutes for quarter time and 3 minutes for halftime

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- For a Draw 2 points (2)
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WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECK

VACSAL requires all community volunteers to gain a Working with Children's Check. Please see poster below.

Do you work or volunteer with children?

You may now need a Working with Children Check



The Working with Children Check is a new checking system that will affect many adults who work or volunteer in child-related industries. The new check is different from a police check and is continually monitored for new relevant offences and findings. It's another way we're protecting Victoria's children.

To find out how and when it affects you visit:

www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren or call 1300 652 879.

Application forms can be collected and lodged at participating Australia Post outlets.

Working with Children Check

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RULES

SMOKING

Smoking and vaping is banned within 4 metres of all stadium entrances.

Smoking and vaping is banned within 10 metres of all outdoor venues at and underage sporting events.

DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE

This is strictly a drug & alcohol free event. No liquor or drugs shall be brought into or consumed in the confines or surroundings of the basketball courts at any time during the tournament.

VIOLENCE

Any type of violence will not be tolerated by players and spectators. A range of penalties may include ejection and/or police involvement. Let's enjoy this tournament in good sportsmanship and best of luck to all competing teams.

PHOTOGRPAHY

By registering for this event, you agree to being filmed or photographed which may be used for VACSAL marketing or promotional purposes. Every effort will be made to address any privacy concerns conveyed to VACSAL.

TOURNAMENT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Clubs and coaches are responsible for players, officials and spectators code of conduct.
- We remind you all that you are on Aboriginal land; we ask that you acknowledge & respect country whilst you are in the area.
- That you respect both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal community members. We ask that you treat the visit, as you would wish your community to be treated when communities come to your country.
- Ensure a safe and healthy environment for all families, in particular young children attending the carnival.
- Respect the Stadiums, Grounds and surrounding area which includes all their signage.
- We encourage all drivers to drive safely and in a lawful manner at all times.
- Communicate and co-operate fully with key community stakeholders to ensure the continued development and growth of the carnival and its aims.
- Players and Spectators are to respect the Referee's and Umpires decision. Only coaches and team captain may address the referees or umpires.
- Players and spectators are to respect opposition players.
- Encourage the feeling of goodwill and sportsmanship towards all members participating in the carnival.
- VACSAL has the right to ask to leave the premises should you not abide by these rules to ensure the cultural safety of all participants.

ACCOMMODATION LIST

Parkside Inn Motel

<https://www.parksideinn.com.au>

Novotel Melbourne Preston

<https://www.novotelmelbournepreston.com>

Quest Preston

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/au/quest-preston.en-gb.html>

Parc Hotel Bundoora

<https://www.parchotel.com.au/>

Coburg Motor Inn

https://www.tripadvisor.com.au/Hotel_Review-g1816502-d1647202-Reviews-Coburg_Motor_Inn-Coburg_Moreland_Greater_Melbourne_Victoria.html

Quest Ivanhoe

https://www.questapartments.com.au/City/melbourne?gad=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMlueCrna6_wIVm5RLBR1-cQocEAAYASAAEglYFfD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

Quest Bundoora

Brunswick Tower Hotel

<https://www.brunswicktowerhotel.com.au/>

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