



AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL (men and women)

2016

AUS Australian Rules Football competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of the [Australian Football League](#) (AFL) except where these differ from AUS sports rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. Team/squad size

1.1. Men

- Minimum registered players – 21
- Maximum registered players – 30
- Maximum cross registrations – 3
- Minimum number of players that can take the field without incurring a forfeit – 14
- Maximum number of interchange players - 6

1.2. Women

- Minimum registered players – 18
- Maximum registered players – 30
- Maximum cross registrations – 3
- Minimum number of players that can take the field without incurring a forfeit – 12
- Maximum number of interchange players - 8

2. Game time/duration

2.1. All games will be 2 x 20 minutes duration with 10 minutes for half time.

2.2. Medal matches will include time on, should it be required.

2.3. A summary of games time/duration is also available via the [AUS supplement – games time summary](#).

3. Point score

3.1. Points for each match shall be awarded as follows;

- Winning team: 3 points
- Drawn match: 2 points per team
- Losing team: 1 point
- Forfeited team: 0 points

3.2. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of points at the completion of the preliminary rounds, the higher placed team(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria in order, favours one team:

- a) Difference in points scored (for and against) in all pool games
- b) Percentage (for/against) in all pool games
- c) Result of round game of the team/s on same points

4. Drawn matches

4.1. If preliminary matches are drawn at full time, both teams will be awarded 2 points as per section 3.1.

4.2. If progression or medal matches are drawn at the end of normal time, two extra periods of 5 minutes duration shall be played.

4.3. In the event that scores are still tied, the ball is taken back to the centre without teams changing ends and play is recommenced. The first team to score is declared the winner.

5. Forfeits

5.1. Australian Rules Football is run under the [AUS Guideline – forfeit of competition requirements](#).



- 5.2. A forfeit will be declared 10 minutes after the scheduled start of play where either team is unable to commence play.
- 5.3. The forfeit score is 60 points to nil (0).
- 5.4. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by the sport officials), the game shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended revised game duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams.
- 5.5. In the event of a game being abandoned, the [AUS abandonment guideline](#) will be implemented.

6. Uniform requirements

- 6.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.
- 6.2. The specific uniform requirements for Australian Rules Football are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:
 - Entire team must have matching shorts (appropriate Australian Rules Football specific), socks, and guernseys (can be shoulder cut)
 - Numbering on backs of guernseys is compulsory
 - Numbering on shirts is restricted to one or two digit numbers
 - Jersey number to remain the same for each player for entire tournament
 - Mouthguard is compulsory
- 6.3. Minimum uniform requirements for AUS events must be met:
 - A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
 - Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed short
 - All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms
 - Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours
 - All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt
 - Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated
 - All participants must retain the one number throughout the tournament (if numbered jerseys are used)
 - Numbers on shirts are restricted to one or two digit numbers
 - Players should not take the field of play in any costume or part of a costume. If they do, players will be asked to remove costume items or incur a code of behaviour report

7. Team duties

- 7.1. Team duty requirements for Australian Rules Football are:
 - Two people from each team competing in the current match will be required to perform the duties of goal umpiring at one end x 1 and to run the boundary x 1
- 7.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with that team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager.
- 7.3. Teams that do not fulfil team duties will be fined as per the [AUS Guideline – forfeit of competition requirements](#).

8. Presentation

- 8.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of the competition.
- 8.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those teams finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the competition.



8.3. Pennants will be presented at the closing presentation to the following teams

- For regional university games events
 - Mens champion
 - Womens champion
- For the Australian University Games
 - Overall mens champion
 - Mens champion division 2
 - Overall womens champion
 - Womens champion division 2

8.4. The following trophies will be presented to the overall champion teams at the Australian University Games (note that trophies are presented at the closing presentation):

- Mens Overall Champions – The E.J. Hartung Cup
- Womens Overall Champions - AUS Womens Australian Football Champions trophy

Previous rule amendments

March 2003 | July 2004 | April 2005 | August 2005 | March 2010 | April 2011 | May 2012 | May 2014 | February 2015