

FORFEIT PROCEDURE



1. FORFEIT (FOOTBALL & NETBALL) PROCESS:

STEP 1 – Notify the opposition, League and Umpires

- The offending club must contact (in writing) the League secretary (General Manager) and opposition club before **8pm on Wednesday before the scheduled match**.
- **If the above deadline passes** the offending club must contact (in writing) the League secretary (General Manager) and opposition club **before 5pm on Friday before the scheduled match**. The offending club will be fined the amount for any association umpires scheduled for that match.
- **If the above deadline passes** the offending club must contact (in writing) the League secretary (General Manager) and opposition club before the scheduled match. The offending club will be fined the amount for any association umpires scheduled for that match and additional action will be taken by the Gippsland League board for the offence.

STEP 2 – Approval and alterations to the scheduled times

- The League will approve the notice received (in writing) and copy in the opposition club and umpire association
- If the forfeit occurs before **Thursday 9pm** clubs may negotiate a change in the start times for the other scheduled matches (as per red box below). If the notice of forfeit is received after this deadline the matches will start at the originally scheduled times. **No exceptions!**

ALTERATION OF MATCH TIMES need to be approved by the League and the relevant umpiring panels. The clubs are to negotiate these start times direct and the League will have no involvement with a negotiation to start times. Please note should start times be moved with out approval of the League and umpiring association after the deadline the clubs will be liable for action to be taken at the boards discretion.

STEP 3 – Forfeit outcomes and input of results

- For any football match that is forfeit. The home club must enter the result as 0-0 as a forfeit. The club receiving the forfeit will be able to enter a team to count towards finals qualification. The offending club cannot. Forfeit percentage shall be calculated according to 11.2.2 and 11.2.3 of the Laws of Australian Football. This percentage will be calculated after Round 18 based on the average win/loss scores of the two clubs involved in the forfeit.
- For any netball match that is a forfeit. The result is entered as a win to the receiving club with a final score of 20-0. The club receiving the forfeit will be able to enter a team to count towards finals qualification. The offending club cannot.

Netball Forfeit additional

- Club receiving forfeit awarded the four premiership points with a match score of twenty to zero (20-0)
- Credit games to only seven (7) nominated players on a official score sheet for finals qualifications.
- No games shall be credited to players of the offending team
- In the event of a forfeit in a senior grade, a lower team from the club must be forfeited before a higher team.



FORFEIT INFORMATION SHEET

FORFEIT TIMELINE

- **WEDNESDAY** – Any forfeits need to be sent in writing to the League and opposition club by 8pm
- **THURSDAY** – Any late forfeits that occur will be liable for a fine (in line with the umpire fees for that match). Adjustment to scheduled match times may be proposed up until 9pm Thursday night. These must be approved by the League and Umpiring Association before being finalised.
- **FRIDAY** - All forfeits need to be sent in writing to the League and opposition club by 5pm. Forfeits will be liable for a fine (in line with the umpire fees for that match) and no adjustment to the match times can occur even if agreed to by both clubs.
- **AFTER 5pm FRIDAY** - Any forfeits that occur after 5pm need to be sent in writing to the League and opposition club. Forfeits will be liable for a fine (in line with the umpire fees for that match) and will also face additional action at the Gippsland League boards discretion. No adjustments to the match times can occur even if agreed to by both clubs.

ALTERATION OF MATCH TIMES

Any alteration to match times need to be approved by the **League and the relevant umpiring panels**. The clubs are to negotiate these start times directly and the League will have no involvement with a negotiation to start times.

Please note should start times be moved without approval of the League and umpiring association after the deadline the clubs will be liable for action to be taken at the boards discretion.

UMPIRE ASSOCIATION CONTACTS

ASSOCIATION	BEST CONTACT	BACK UP	HOME VENUES
SALE UMPIRES	Nick Cullis - 0404 366 990	Ken Wegener - 0427 430 329	Sale, Maffra
LATROBE VALLEY	Scott Moorehouse -0487 001 374	Dan Swallow - 0413076555	Moe, Morwell, Tgon
SOUTH GIPPSLAND	Gary Scholz - 0413235763		Leongatha, Wonthaggi
GIPPSLAND	Tim Cosstick - 0407 517 922	Ken Jones - 0433 610 499	Drouin, Warragul
EAST GIPPSLAND	Daniel Lancaster - 0481 247 469	Steve Butler - 0406 503 844	Bairnsdale

PLEASE NOTE: COVID AFFECTED MATCHES

Teams affected by COVID availability may take place with the following numbers. Both clubs must agree to start the match with these numbers. The League encourages a common sense approach to getting matches played under COVID availability conditions.

- Senior Football – 16 field – 3 bench
- Senior Netball – 5 on court and 1 bench
- Reserve teams can field a minimum of 14 players and 2 on the bench players
- Junior Football Teams can field a minimum of 14 players in total
- Junior Netball Teams can field a minimum of 5 players in total