

EASTERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE – SENIOR RULES SUMMARY

	Senior Men's	Reserves	U19's	Senior Women's	Veterans – Men's	Veterans – Women's
Start Time	2:20pm SAT	12:30pm SAT	10:40am SAT 8:50am SAT	10:40am SAT 8:50am SAT	7:00pm FRI 2:30pm SUN	Saturday - Various
Quarter Duration	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	15 Minutes
Time on (Home & Away)	Time on all 4 quarters	No time on	No time on	No time on	No time on	No time on
Compulsory Finish Time	No Compulsory finish time					
Time on (Finals)	Time on all 4 quarters	Last 5 min Q3 and Q4 only	Last 5 min Q3 and Q4 only	Last 5 min Q3 and Q4 only	Last 5 min Q3 and Q4 only	No time on
Break Duration (1/4-1/2-3/4)	5 Minutes (1/4 time) 15 Minutes (1/2 time) 5 Minutes (3/4 time)	5 Minutes (1/4 time) 10 Minutes (1/2 time) 5 Minutes (3/4 time)				
Players on Ground <i>Playing positions (Def-Mid-Fwd)</i>	18 6-6-6	16 5-6-5 **18-a-side should both clubs agree**	16 5-6-5 **both clubs can agree – even up applies**	18 6-6-6	16 5-6-5 **both clubs can agree – even up applies**	
Gate Charge Times	10:40am or the end of the first Quarter of the Under 19's (for night games)					
Players on Bench	4	6	8 (max 24 in team)	8 (max 24 in team)	8	8
Min number to start game		14	13	13 (even up rule applies)	14	13 (even up rule applies)
Finals	Premier Division: Top 6 – 4-Week Finals			All Divisions: Top 4 – 3-week finals	Top 4 Knockout	Top 2 Playoff
	Division 1 & Division 2: Top 5 – 4-Week Finals					
	Division 3 & Division 4: Top 4 – 3-week Finals					
Scoring/Results/ Ladders	Scores, Goal Kickers and Best Players for all games lodged by 5.30pm on the day of the match			Scores, Goal Kickers and Best Players for all games lodged by 5.30pm on the day of the match		
Ball	EFNL Full Size Red Sherrin – (Home team to supply new and good condition footballs (red) to umpire)	EFNL Full Size Sherrin – (Home team to supply new and good condition footballs (red or yellow) to umpire)	EFNL Full Size Sherrin – (Home team to supply new and good condition footballs (red or yellow) to umpire)	EFNL Size 4 Sherrin – (Home team to supply 2 good condition footballs (red or yellow) to umpire)	EFNL Full Size Sherrin – (Home team to supply 2 good condition footballs (red or yellow) to umpire)	EFNL Size 4 Sherrin – (Home team to supply 2 good condition footballs (red or yellow) to umpire)
Registration	All players must be registered and financial via Gameday prior to playing any game					
Senior Teams Online Lodgement Pre-Game	Lodge by 10am Friday before game	n/a	n/a	Lodge by 10am Friday before game	n/a	n/a
Match Day Team Sheet & Officials	2 Copies of Team sheet to umpire's min 30 min prior to game commencement	Hand team sheet to umpires at half time	Hand team sheet to umpires at half time	Hand team sheet to umpires at half time	Hand team sheet to umpires at half time	Hand team sheet to umpires at half time

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	Team sheets exchanged					
Team Sheet	Clubs must review the online team sheet for accuracy and adjust as appropriate by 5pm Monday following game					
Live Scores	Minimum Quarterly Preference Live updates throughout game	End of Game	End of Game	Minimum Quarterly Preference Live updates throughout game	End of Game	End of Game
Development Players	n/a	n/a	Permits for overage players in the U19.5's age group will only be considered based on a medical or exceptional circumstances.	n/a	Players over the age of 35 as of 1st January in any year are permitted to play in a veteran's grade team provided, they do not play in any senior grade match in the same season.	
Age Restrictions			A list of 15 players who are only eligible to play in the higher ranked team must be submitted.	Must be 16 as of 1 st January of the season they wish to register Parent/guardian consent required A list of 15 players who are only eligible to play in the higher ranked team must be submitted.	Exemptions for up to 2 (two) players turning 35 in the year of competition via permit shall be considered by the GM-FO.	
Movement of players between teams (19's multiple)						
Team Officials on Bench	Five (5) officials plus runner Max 6 trainers (includes water carriers) – position in boxes around ground					
Drink Carriers	Must be min 15 years old Max 3 persons Must stand in BOXES marked EFNL approved BIB - Orange					
Trainers	Min 1 Accredited Level 1 Sports Trainer (All trainers must have First Aid Accreditation) Max 6 trainers (includes water carriers i.e. 3 trainers + 3 drink carriers = 6) Approved EFNL Bib - White					
Umpires Supplied by EFNL	Field: 2 (EFNL) Boundary: 2 (EFNL) Goal: 2 (EFNL)	Field: 2 (EFNL)	Field: 2 (EFNL)	Field: 2 (EFNL)	Field: 2 (EFNL)	Field: 2 (EFNL)
Club Supplied Umpires	**Where the EFNL cannot provide all umpire's, clubs will be notified**	Boundary: 2 Goal: 2 Club supplied Goal and Boundary must be over 15 years of age Wear EFNL Goal/ Boundary Umpire Bib	Last possession Goal: 2 Club supplied Goal and Boundary must be over 15 years of age Wear EFNL Goal/ Boundary Umpire Bib U19 Prem – EFNL supply Field, Goal and Boundaries	Last possession Goal: 2 Club supplied Goal must be over 15 years of age Wear EFNL Goal/ Boundary Umpire Bib	Boundary: 2 Goal: 2 Club supplied Goal must be over 15 years of age Wear EFNL Goal/ Boundary Umpire Bib	Last possession Goal: 2 Club supplied Goal and Boundary must be over 15 years of age Wear EFNL Goal/ Boundary Umpire Bib

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Runner	Approved EFNL uniform (shorts and pink runners shirt) 18+					
Umpire Escorts	Wear EFNL Umpire Escort Bib - Orange 18+					
Undergarments	Must be beige or black	Must be beige or black	Must be beige or black	Must be beige or black	Must be beige or black	Must be beige or black
Gloves	Must be approved by EFNL	Must be approved by EFNL	Must be approved by EFNL	Must be approved by EFNL	Must be approved by EFNL	Must be approved by EFNL
Football Boots	No metal studs	No metal studs	No metal studs	No metal studs	No metal studs	No metal studs
Mouthguards	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended
Hair / Nails				Tied up / Cut		Tied up / Cut
Ground Inspections	Review Ground Thursday Complete inspection prior to Game				Complete inspection prior to Game	
Goal Post Padding	2.5m high & 35mm thickness					
Penalty Distance (m)	25 metres					
Player Count	Request from any player to umpire Stop play and count in centre square Extra players – free kick from Goal Line No Extra players – free kick centre circle or where play stopped (greater penalty) + 25m penalty. A player can be reported.					
Behind Scored	Kick in once umpires signalled and waved flag					
Ball out of bounds	Ball thrown back in by boundary umpire	Ball thrown back in by boundary umpire	Last Possession rule	Last Possession rule	Last Possession rule	Last Possession rule
Forfeit Calculations	Awarded points and game counts for non-forfeit team % Calculated based on GWM in same Division					
Fixture alterations	10 business days written notice					
Yellow Card	Ordered from the field for 15 Minutes – Can be replaced Individual player 3+ cards = club fine Team 10+ cards = club fine					
Red Card	Ordered from the field for remainder of the Match – can be replaced					
Melee	6 or more players bringing/likely to bring game into disrepute 1 st offence 10 penalty units (\$160 club fine) – Penalty increases for					
Reportable Incident	Accept set penalty after game or before 11am Monday morning immediately following the game.					

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Investigation Request	Attend Tribunal from 7pm Tuesday Lodge by 4:00pm Tuesday post game if Saturday game (Match Review 10am Monday – if Sat Game) Lodge by 4:00pm Wednesday if Sunday game Lodge in writing / pay \$320 Bond Lodge in writing (email) with GM Football Operations					
Finals qualification 1 Minimum Requirement	Min 3 games with club	Min 3 games with club	Min 3 games with club	Min 3 games with team	Min 3 games with team	
Finals qualification 2		Min 3 team games with team	Min 3 team games with team	Any Senior Women's player playing seven (7) or more matches with the clubs first team (higher division) in the home and away season is ineligible to play with that clubs second team (lower division) in the final's series.	Where a club fields one Senior Womens team or a player plays in the lower placed Senior Womens side the following shall apply - Any Senior Women's player playing seven (7) or more matches with the clubs first team (higher division) in the home and away season is ineligible to play with that clubs second team (lower division) in the final's series.	
Finals Qualification 3 + Exception		An exception shall apply where any club fields a first 18 and second 18 team in a final's series match on the same day, or the same weekend. Player who plays 10 or more Senior games is ineligible to play finals unless the player has played 6 or more games with the U19 team or other teams are playing same day/weekend				
Finals Qualification 4 VFL/NAB League/AFL restrictions	12 or more games in VFL, NAB League is ineligible to play EFNL Finals Any player that plays a senior grade game in the VFL/VFLW competitions is ineligible to play EFNL reserves unless that player has played 3 games for that specific team or has played a minimum of 5 games for the club during the season.			More than 50% of total VFLW matches ineligible for EFNL Finals	Should a side field two senior teams and a Veterans Women's team rule 4.1 (d) shall apply with regards to players playing in the clubs higher placed Senior Women's Team	
Penalty Unit	1 penalty unit = \$16					
Players Points & Player Payments	Salary Cap Premier - \$110,000 Division 1 - \$93,500 Division 2 - \$77,000 Division 3 - \$66,000 Division 4 – \$55,000 Points Cap - 46	Any cash awards or player payments included in Salary Cap	n/a			
Rules pertaining to individual competitions						Stand up tackle only