



BERWICK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

FAQ's

SEASON 2024

BJfc

What clubs form part of EFNL

Eastern Netball Football League is made up of 48 clubs (Junior and Senior) with 614 teams in total with 71 of these Netball Clubs. The Junior Competition consists of 39 clubs over 7 local council regions. EFNL have 48 divisions with 37 of these competitive from Under 11's to Under 19.5's. Their strong partnership with Hawthorn Football Club allows multiple interactions with this AFL club.

Bayswater	Lysterfield	Kilsyth	Rowville
Blackburn	Rowville Nights	Knox	Scoresby
Boronia	East Burwood	Vermont	South Belgrave
Chirnside Park	East Ringwood	Montrose	South Croydon
Coldstream	Fairpark	Mooroolbark	The Basin
Croydon	Ferntree Gully	Noble Park	Upper Ferntree Gully
Endeavour Hills	Forest Hill	North Ringwood	Wantirna South
Donvale	Glen Waverley Hawks	Norwood	Waverley Blues
Glen Waverley Rovers	Heathmont	Ringwood	

Will there be a new uniform?

If the change of league is successful, this will mean a change of uniform for BJFC as we are currently branded SEJ, however, EFNL allows a 3-year grace period for us to transition to EFNL branded uniforms. EFNL do not play with white shorts therefore only require the need to purchase one pair of shorts for the year.

Will my fees go up?

Every year the fee structure is discussed by the new incoming Committee for the next season. We are unable to anticipate whether a fee increase will be introduced into the 2024 Season at this stage, regardless of what league we end up in.

When does the fixture come out for the EFNL?

The full season fixture for EFNL typically comes out in February / March each year.

When does the season start?

The EFNL season begins 1 week prior to the SEJ season.

How long is the season?

EFNL seasons run for 14 rounds plus 3 weeks of finals.

EFNL - do not play the middle week of the April Holidays or the Kings Birthday weekend, however they do play on the Sunday in the middle of June School Holidays.



Are the finals the same structure and is it still just U11 and up?

Yes, EFNL have the same finals structure of only competitive age groups (U11) playing off in the Finals Series.

Do EFNL supply umpires?

Two Umpires for all U8 to U17.5 mixed/boys and U16-U18 girls, Senior umpires cross over into Juniors on Sunday.

Boundary and Goal Umpires

EFNL do not supply Boundary Umpires for any of their games. They use the "Last Possession" rule in their games and if required, the Field Umpires will bring the ball in 10m from the boundary and ball up. Teams are required to provide their own goal umpire for every game.

Individual Grading of Teams

In regard to EFNL, all competitive age groups are graded from U11 through to U17.5 Boys. If we are to transfer to EFNL we will consider grading our teams from U11 age group, previously we commenced from U13's. As we only have 1 team for U12 Girls through to U18 Girls, unless there are multiple teams these teams will not be graded.

Grading of teams within EFNL Competition.

The league will send out nominations for clubs to put forward what division/grade they believe their teams should compete in for the 2024 season. This process commences in early February.

EFNL will then analyse past season results (for existing teams) and determine what division/grade the EFNL deems appropriate for each team. Clubs will then be notified of what divisions/grades they are in and then have 5 days to respond to the EFNL if they believe a team has been placed in an incorrect division/grade. Once all teams and grades are finalised the league will create a fixture for the first 4 rounds which will serve as grading games.

Once the 4 rounds are completed, grading will be done by the league and any changes will be made. EFNL will look at wins and losses (including margins) as well as which teams clubs have played when determining changes to grades.

The fixture from Rounds 5-14 is then released. Clubs with 2 teams in an age group generally start in A grade and D grade. Clubs determine who plays in each team.

Playing Up

Players can play up an age group if registered to that team.

EFNL Ladders

EFNL does not include percentages on their ladders as they use a win/loss ratio formula instead.

Assisting sides in the same age division

Once a child has played 5 games in a higher division side, they cannot play in the lower division side again. Lower division players can help the higher division teams though out the season.

If BJFC move or stay? Will there be an U16s age group?

There is an U16 competition within the EFNL and U16 will remain for SEJ for next season.

Travel Times

Below is a summary of estimated travel times as we know that travel can make a big difference to how Game Day plays out for our families. It is important to note that 7 games of the season will be away games and 7 local home games.

EFNL Affiliated Clubs and distance / travel from Berwick (Arch Brown)

Bayswater	27kms - 30 mins	Lysterfield	17kms - 16 mins
Blackburn	35kms - 32 mins	Mitcham	33kms - 27 mins
Boronia	23kms - 25 mins	Montrose	32kms - 34 mins
Chirnside Park	44kms - 37mins	Mooroolbark	36kms - 36 mins
Coldstream	44kms - 45 mins	Noble Park	18kms - 21 mins
Croydon	38kms - 33mins	North Ringwood	35kms - 29 mins
Donvale	36kms - 28 mins	Norwood	34kms - 29 mins
East Burwood	31kms - 29 mins	Ringwood	33kms - 27 mins
East Ringwood	35kms - 29 mins	Rowville	18kms - 18 mins
Endeavour Hills	13kms - 16 mins	Rowville Knights	18kms - 18 mins
Fairpark	24kms - 26 mins	Scoresby	24kms - 22 mins
Ferntree Gully	22kms - 23 mins	South Belgrave	13kms - 13 mins
Forest Hill	33kms - 29 mins	South Croydon	37kms - 31 mins
Glen Waverley Hawks	26kms - 25 mins	The Basin	25kms - 27 mins
Glen Waverley Rovers	26kms - 25 mins	Upper Ferntree Gully	21kms - 22 mins
Heathmont	32kms - 26 mins	Vermont	30kms - 25 mins
Kilsyth	31kms - 35 mins	Wantirna South	29kms - 24 mins
Knox	24kms - 26 mins	Waverley Blues	30kms - 32 mins
Lilydale	39kms - 42 mins		

FDJFL Affiliated Clubs and distance / travel from Berwick (Arch Brown) (U13 to U19 Girls)

Bonbeach	33.5kms - 40 mins	Karingal	35 kms – 35 mins
Carrum Downs	29kms – 30 mins	Keysborough	21 kms – 25 mins
Carrum Patterson Lakes	32kms - 35 mins	Langwarrin	33kms – 40 mins
Chelsea	35kms -40 mins	Mordialloc	26kms – 35 mins
Devon Meadows	18kms – 25 mins	Mornington	55kms – 50 mins
Edithvale - Aspendale	25kms – 32 mins	Mt Eliza	45 kms – 45 mins
Frankston Dolphins	37kms – 35 mins	Pearcedale – Baxter	28 kms – 35 kms
Frankston Rovers	37kms – 35 mins	Pines	36 kms – 35 mins
Frankston YCW	37 kms – 35 mins	Seaford	33 kms – 35 mins

AFLSE have advised they are in discussion with MPJFL, how will this effect BJFC?

AFLSE confirmed they are in talks with the Mornington Peninsula Junior Football League (MPJFL) that would see them join the regional competition along with the FDJFL and SEJFL.

The regional competition is played in age groups u15s and above in 2024 Season.

U13 and U14's will join part of the regional competition in 2025.

MPJFL Affiliated Clubs and distance / travel from Berwick (Arch Brown) **(U15 to U18 Girls)**

Balnarring JFC	53.1 kms - 47 mins	Red Hill JFC	61.5 kms - 55 min
Beleura	55.4 kms - 40–50 mins	Rosebud JFC	74.1 kms - 55 min to
Crib Point	53.1 kms) 50 min to 1 hr	Rye	81.7 kms - 1 hr
Dromana	66.5 kms - 50 min to 1 hr	Somerville	41.2 kms – 35 mins
Hastings	38.5 kms - 35–50 min	Sorrento	85.5 kms 1 hr 10 mins
Moorooduc	47.7 kms - 40–50 min	South Mornington	53.9 kms – 45 mins
Mount Martha	52.9 kms - 50 min to 1 hr	Tyabb	44.2 kms – 40 mins

Will fees be reduced to compensate the extra kilometres we will have to travel to games?

No, we will still be expected to cover the same amount of expenses as being in the SEJ/AFLSE. It should be highlighted that out of the 14 games, 7 are played locally. If the other two SEJ/AFLSE clubs are also successful with their transfer to SEJ/ALFSE and are potentially in the same division, this will make 9 games out of 14 played locally.

Interleague

EFNL field the following squads in the Victorian Metro Development Series.

- 2 x u14 Boys
- 2 x u15 Girls
- 2 x u15 Boys

All the 7 Victorian Metro Leagues only do the same age groups (U14 and 1U5) as they are feeders to Coates League.

Coates League begins in Under 16s with the futures program.

Unlike SEJ the EFNL do not have interleague teams for U16, U17.5 or U18 girls. This is because players from these age groups have already been identified and are already at the Coates League future program.

EFNL has partnered with Project Gap who provide high performance support throughout the program. EFNL also has a partnership with the Hawthorn FC for our representative program which allows unique opportunities for players involved.

The series is played over 3 games:

- Wednesday Night late May
- Saturday Kings Birthday
- Monday Kings Birthday

U8 Competition

There is a complete change to the way AFLSE and EFNL structure their U8 competition. EFNL organises these age groups into hubs so that there is less travel for families. The under 8s competition is played at a central venue each week, if BJFC were to join the under 8 competition this would be held at Rowville.

Eg/ Fixture – BJFC vs Rowville U8s – you would play two 9 a side games side by side on a modified ground size.

- Ground Size – Small Oval 75m Long v 50m Wide
- No bouncing ball
- No tackling, barging, stripping, stealing ball
- No Scoring
- No kicking off ground
- Qtr Length 10 mins

An example of who falls in a hub is as follows:

Endeavor Hills	Rowville Hawks	Ferntree Gully
Rowville Knights	Upper Ferntree Gully	Lysterfield Wolves
Noble Park		

U9 and U10 Competition

Under 9s

A team consists of 18 players. This team is then split into two and forms two 9 a side games.

Eg/ Fixture – BJFC vs Rowville U9s – you would play two 9 a side games side by side on a modified ground size.)

- Ground Size – Small Oval 75m Long v 50m Wide
- No bouncing ball
- No tackling, barging, stripping, stealing ball
- No Scoring
- No kicking off ground
- Qtr Length 10min

Last three rounds of season we revert to 18 a side, full ground and stand tackles to prepare for Under 10s the following season.

Under 10s

A team consists of 18 players and played on a full ground (where appropriate). There is no zoning in U10's and EFNL Umpires are supplied.

Travel Times

South Belgrave 1	9.8kms - 12 mins	Glen Waverley Rovers 1	27.3 kms –26 mins
Endeavour Hills 1	13.0kms - 15 mins	Upper Ferntree Gully 2	21.2kms - 23 mins
Endeavour Hills 2	14.7kms - 18 mins	Ferntree Gully 2	22.6 kms – 25 mins
Rowville 2	17.9kms -18 mins	Noble Park 1	19.9kms - 24 mins
Lysterfield 1	19.9 kms – 20 mins	Upper Ferntree Gully 1	22.6 kms – 26 mins
Ferntree Gully 1	21.2kms - 23 mins	Noble Park 2	23.1kms - 28 mins
Rowville 1	21.9 kms –23 mins	Wantirna South 1	29.6 kms – 27 mins
Rowville Knights 1	24.9 kms –25 mins	Lysterfield 2	29.6 kms – 27 mins

Set game times for EFNL

The table outlines the intended set times for each age group within EFNL Competition. There will be circumstances where the age group falls outside of their set time, but it will only ever be in the timeslot immediately before or after the set timeslot.

GRADE	START TIME	QTR DURATION
Under 8	Between 9am -1pm	10 mins
Under 9	09:00	10 mins
Under 10 Mixed	09:00	10 mins
Under 10 Girls	09:00	10 mins
Under 11 Mixed	10:05	12 mins
Under 12 Girls	10:05	12 mins
Under 12 Mixed	11:25	15 mins
Under 13 Mixed	11:25	15 mins
Under 14 Girls	11:25	15 mins
Under 14 Mixed	12:55	20 mins
Under 15 Boys	12:55	20 mins
Under 16 Girls	12:55	17 mins
Under 16 & 17.5 Boys	14:45	20 mins
U18 Girls	14:45	20 mins

Player Transfer Points

Currently in SEJ a team can only have 10 player transfer points however EFNL do not utilise a player transfer points system.

Will we merge with the senior club?

No - whilst we have a very strong relationship with the Senior Club there is no vision of merging with the Berwick Football Club. Having this relationship allows a clear pathway for our U17 boys and our U18 Girls to join Berwick Football Club.

Can the club afford to move?

Yes, the club is financially stable and able to afford a transfer of leagues.

EFNL Match Matrix

Boys- Age Group	UNDER 8	UNDER 9	UNDER 10	UNDER 11	UNDER 12	UNDER 13	UNDER 14	UNDER 15	UNDER 16	UNDER 17.5
Phase	Introductory	Introductory	Introductory	Competition	Competition	Competition	Competition	Competition	Competition	Competition
Game Time	9/10/11/12pm	9:00am	9:00am	10:05am	11:25am	11:25am	12:55pm	12:55pm	2:45pm	2:45pm
Ground Size	Max: 75m x 50m	Max: 75m x 50m	Max: 120m x 80m	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
Age Qualification	1/1/14-30/4/15	1/1/13-31/12/13	1/1/12-31/12/12	1/1/11-31/12/11	1/1/10-31/12/10	1/1/09-31/12/09	1/1/08-31/12/08	1/1/07-31/12/07	1/1/06-31/12/06	1/07/04-31/12/05
Max. Player Lists				24	24	24	24	24	26	28
Players on Ground	Min: 7 Max: 9	Min:7 Max:9	Min: 14 Max:18	Min: 14 Max:18	Min: 14 Max:18	Min: 14 Max:18	Min: 14 Max:18	Min: 14 Max:18	Min: 14 Max:18	Min: 14 Max:18
Players on Bench	4-way Rotation (Back-Mid-Fwd)	4-way Rotation (Back-Mid-Fwd)	8	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Officials on Bench	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Evening up Rule	✓	✓	✓	+2 (Max)	+2 (Max)	+2 (Max)	+2 (Max)	+2 (Max)	+2 (Max)	+2 (Max)
Ball	Size 2 (Synthetic)	Size 2 (Synthetic)	Size 2 (Synthetic)	Size 3 (Synthetic)	Size 3 (Synthetic)	Size 4 (Synthetic)	Size 4 (Leather)	Size 5 (Leather)	Size 5 (leather)	Size 5 (leather)
Quarter Duration	10	10	10	12	15	15	20	20	20	20
Break Duration	5-5-5	5-5-5	5-5-5	5-10-5	5-10-5	5-10-5	5-10-5	5-10-5	5-10-5	5-10-5
Scoring/Results/Ladders	No Scores, ladders	No Scores, ladders	✓ (Not published)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Finals	✗	✗	✗	3 Weeks	3 Weeks	3 Weeks	3 Weeks	3 Weeks	3 Weeks	3 Weeks
Umpires	Field: 1 (EFNL) Boundary: 0 Goal: 0	Field: 1 (EFNL) Boundary: 0 Goal: 2	Field: 1 (EFNL) Boundary: 2 Goal: 2	Field: 2 (EFNL) Boundary: 2 Goal: 2	Field: 2 (EFNL) Boundary: 2 Goal: 2	Field: 2 (EFNL) Boundary: 2 Goal: 2	Field: 2 (EFNL) Boundary: 2 Goal: 2	Field: 2 (EFNL) Boundary: 2 Goal: 2	Field: 2 (EFNL) Boundary: 2 Goal: 2	Field: 2 (EFNL) Boundary: 2 Goal: 2
Tackling/ Bumping	✗	✗	Stand-up tackle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barging/ Stealing	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow Card	15 Mins – Can be replaced	15 Mins – Can be replaced	15 Mins – Can be replaced	15 Mins – Can be replaced	15 Mins – Can be replaced	15 Mins – Can be replaced	15 Mins – Can be replaced	15 Mins – Can be replaced	15 Mins – Can be replaced	15 Mins – Can be replaced
Red Card	Remainder – can be replaced	Remainder – can be replaced	Remainder – can be replaced	Remainder – can be replaced	Remainder – can be replaced	Remainder – can be replaced	Remainder – can be replaced	Remainder – can be replaced	Remainder – can be replaced	Remainder – can be replaced
Shepherding	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bouncing	✗	✗	1 max	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deliberate kick off the Ground	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Marking	Any distance	Any distance	No less than 5m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Playing on Advantage	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ball-ups	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ball-ups	2 opponents' Same height/ Must tap	2 opponents' Same height/ Must tap	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Throw ins	Last touch	Last touch	Last possession	Last possession	Last possession	Last possession	Last possession	Last possession	Last possession	Last possession
Behind Scored	Ball returned to centre	Ball returned to centre	Kick-in	Kick-in	Kick-in	Kick-in	Kick-in	Kick-in	Kick-in	Kick-in
Penalty Distance (m)	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25

Girls- Age Group	UNDER 10	UNDER 12	UNDER 14	UNDER 16	UNDER 18
Phase	Introductory	Development	Competition	Competition	Competition
Game Time	10:05am	10:05am	11:25am	12:55pm	2:45pm
Ground Size	Max: 90m x 60m	Max: 120m x 80m	Full	Full	Full
Age Qualification	1/1/2012-31/12/2014	1/1/2010-31/12/2011	1/1/2008-31/12/2009	1/1/2006-31/12/2007	1/1/2004-31/12/2005
Maximum Player Lists	18	24	24	24	24
Players on Ground	12	Min:14 Max:16	Min:14 Max:16	Min:14 Max:15	Min:14 Max:15
Players on Bench	6	8	8	8	8
Officials on Bench	4	4	4	4	4
Evening up Rule	✓	+2 (Max)	+2 (Max)	+2 (Max)	+2 (Max)
Ball	Size 2 (Synthetic)	Size 3 (Synthetic)	Size 4 (Synthetic)	Size 4 (Leather)	Size 4 (Leather)
Quarter Duration	10	12	15	17	17
Break Duration (1/4-1/2-3/4)	3-5-3	5-10-5	5-10-5	5-10-5	5-10-5
Scoring/Results/ Ladders	✓ (Not published)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Finals	✗	3 Weeks	3 Weeks	3 Weeks	3 Weeks
Umpires	Field: 1 (EFNL) Boundary: 0 Goal: 0	Field: 1 (EFNL) Boundary: 2 Goal: 2	Field: 1 (EFNL) Boundary: 2 Goal: 2	Field: 2 (EFNL) Boundary: 2 Goal: 2	Field: 2 (EFNL) Boundary: 2 Goal: 2
Tackling/ Bumping	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barging/ Stealing	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow Card	15 Mins – Can be replaced	15 Mins – Can be replaced	15 Mins – Can be replaced	15 Mins – Can be replaced	15 Mins – Can be replaced
Red Card	Remainder – can be replaced	Remainder – can be replaced	Remainder – can be replaced	Remainder – can be replaced	Remainder – can be replaced
Shepherding	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bouncing	1 max	1 max	✓	✓	✓
Deliberate kick off the Ground	✗	✗ (No accidental Score)	✗ (No accidental Score)	✓	✓
Marking	Any distance	No less than 5m	✓	✓	✓
Playing on	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Advantage	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Ball-ups	2 opponents' Same height/ Must tap	✓	✓	✓	✓
Throw ins	Last possession	Last possession	Last possession	Last possession	Last possession
Behind Scored	Ball returned to centre	Kick-in	Kick-in	Kick-in	Kick-in
Penalty Distance (m)	25	25	25	25	25