



The latest news from your GVHA

This is a monthly bulletin from the GVHA Secretary, to communicate important information and keep you informed of decisions made by the Executive and General Committee.

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General Committee Members: Kieran Green and Evan Collins

Key points from the May 1st Executive Meeting:

✓ **The Draw**

The Executive reflected on the process of making this season's fixture, and decided we need:

- i. An end of season meeting with clubs to reflect on what went well, and what can be improved.

- ii. A meeting early in the year to discuss the draw, which could be held in conjunction with the AGM.
- iii. An earlier date by which clubs need to enter their teams.

✓ **Finals**

- i. There will be finals for the under 13 Sixers, but how this will be structured will be reviewed at the next Executive Meeting.
- ii. The first round of A Grade finals will be held at Echuca; all other finals will be held in Shepparton.
- iii. The Senior Grand Finals will be held on Saturday, September 9th.

✓ **The Child Safe Standards**

The Child Safe Standards are the compulsory minimum standards for organisations that provide services for children; they are set out by the Victorian Government and are designed to help protect children from abuse. In accordance with these Standards, the GVHA will be adopting a Child Safe Policy. Further information about this will be sent to all clubs in the near future.

✓ **The 'Reciprocal Umpiring Rule'**

- i. For senior games, when there are two games being played on the same day, the teams playing second must supply umpires for the first game, and the teams that played first will then umpire the second game.
- ii. To avoid any confusion, the GVHA Secretary will send out a copy of the fixture which includes the names of the clubs who need to supply umpires for each game. This will be sent out to all clubs very soon.

✓ **RHL Umpiring**

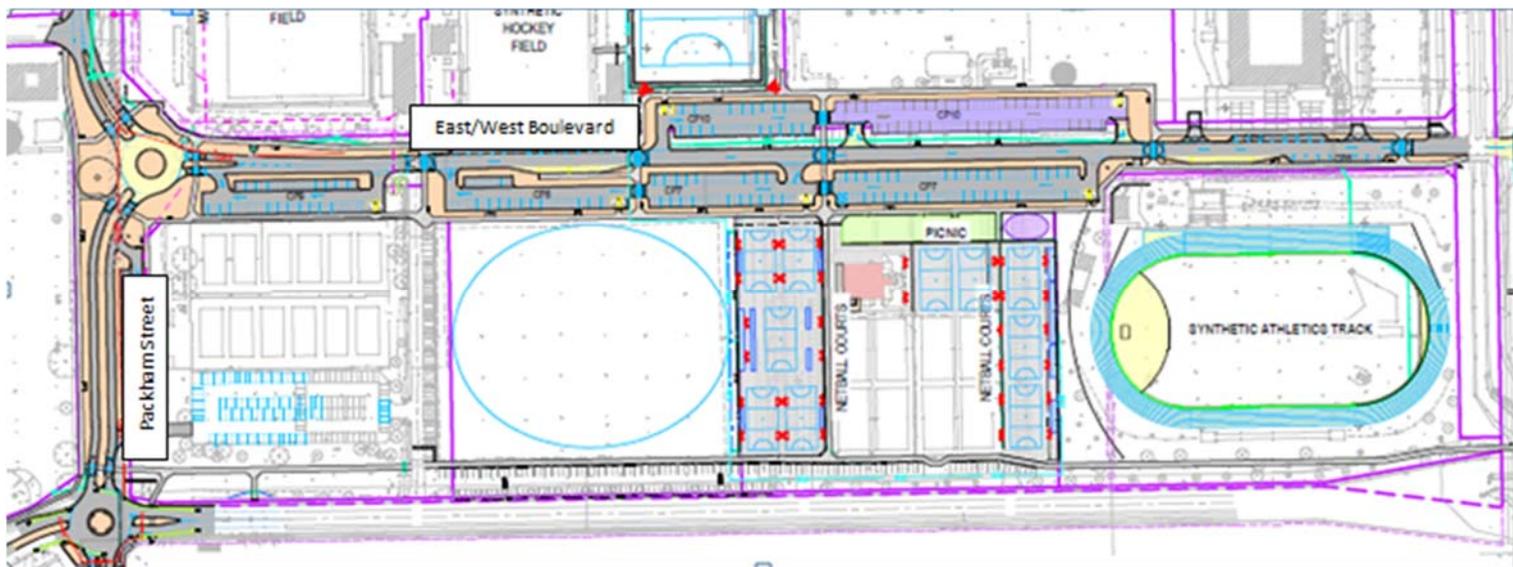
- i. Hockey Central Victoria supplies the umpires for games played in Bendigo.
- ii. GVHA is required to supply umpires for the RHL games played in Shepparton, and this must be organised by the clubs. When there is more than one RHL game being played, the Reciprocal Umpiring Rule applies.

A message from Greater Shepparton City Council:

Council wishes to notify all users of the Sports Precinct that the East/West Boulevard roadway and car parking have been sealed and are ready for use. There are over 600 car

paths between the netball, hockey and soccer facilities, with connecting footpaths and designated pedestrian crossings.

To access the car parking facilities please use the Brauman/Packham Street roundabout and then turn right at the internal roundabout. Please remember to obey all road signs including the “No standing areas” at the front of the netball courts along Brauman Street. This area cannot legally accommodate parallel parking.



If you require further information about the parking, please contact Kelly Halden, Project Manager of the Greater Shepparton Regional Sports Precinct, via email: kelli.halden@shepparton.vic.gov.au

Other important updates:

➤ Scores sheets

There have been some recent cases where score sheets have been rain-damaged or missing. To avoid this, from now on GVHA requests that the following process is carried out:

1. The Manager of the ‘home’ team will take a picture of the front and back of the completed white score sheet.
2. The Manager of the home team will email the pictures of the front and back of the completed score sheet to Lauren Willmott-Murphy, GVHA Score Recorder, at this address: gvhacomps@gmail.com
3. The ‘away’ team will check that the pictures have been correctly sent.

➤ **Looking after 'The Hub'**

It has been brought the Executive's attention that the Hub is not always being left in a clean and tidy state.

If you or your children have been using the Hub, before you leave please make sure there is no rubbish or mess left behind.

We are very fortunate to have the Hub as a place to stay warm and dry, socialise and hold meetings – so let's look after it!

➤ **Concussions**

The Australian Sports Commission has developed a website and series of supporting resources in relation to concussion in sport. The website seeks to ensure that all members of the public have rapid access to information to increase their understanding of sport-related concussion and to assist in the delivery of best practice medical care. The following website contains information specific to athletes, parents and coaches, as well as medical practitioners:

<https://concussioninsport.gov.au/>

That's all for this month, folks! Don't forget...

