



ROUND 12 NEWSLETTER

Hello Cougars Community!

Well done to another round done and dusted! The weather was a challenge for many games; the Under 16 Girls faced a forfeit by Whitehorse and there were wins and losses to round out the day... plenty of fun too for the junior age groups!

Round 13 is the 'Sit Down' round, where the YJFL (and NJFC) will encourage all coaches and team officials to sit down in their designated coaching areas.

The YJFL (and NJFC) is committed to creating safe, positive and inclusive environments for all match-day participants, whether they are players, umpires (90% under 18 years old) or adults fulfilling match day roles.

We ask that our wonderful Cougars community gets behind this initiative and supports all of our match day officials while they show great leadership in the ability to 'sit down'.



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ROUND 12 ROUND UP (& A LITTLE BIT FROM ROUND 11)

Well done to Morris Farrer from Under 12 Mixed for achieving his 50 game milestone.



Here's some awesome team spirit from Coach Amy and the Under 9 Girls – a team on the up and up... growing still and make a fun and safe space for junior girls to come and try footy. We invite any junior girls to come and join in at training and learn about footy – the more the merrier!



The Under 9 Blues had a great game at home great competitive spirit!



Here's the Under 11 Mixed team after their win over Canterbury – well done team!



We can't forget our involvement in the NBJFC Under 11 Girls team and our 2 players contributing to yet another stunning victory, this time over Glen Iris – well done girls!



Here's the Under 12 Mixed team at half time, getting ready to bring home a win – well done players!



The Under 13 Mixed team also brought home a convincing win, and there is nothing better than hearing club rooms ring with the Cougars song! Well done team!



Here's some action from the Under 14'2 Boys' team – good work from Cohen Wallace amongst some heavy pressure!



Congratulations to Django Wilhelms for achieving his 100th game with NJFC – his name will be added to the 100 Games board in the club rooms soon. So good!

Congratulations also to Jacob Lewis who made his 50 game milestone on Sunday. It was a wet game out at Templestowe and Jacob, along with all team mates, played a valiant game and made all of the NJFC supporters very proud.



Well done to Freddy Garden and Thomas Cowie from the Under 12 Mixed team, for reaching the 50 game milestones in Round 11.



And finally, please keep across the YJFL's Instagram page – we are regularly featured!



THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING NJFC!

We look forward to the call from Grill'd Fairfield to invite us to collect a \$300 cheque for winning the July 'Local Matters' community vote, which appears we have won!

Thank you to everyone who tucked into burgers and supported the club!



NJFC SCARVES – FINALS WHIRLS ARE MANDATORY!

Don't forget that we've now taken delivery of beautiful scarves and they're for sale when we have the merch shop open – Sunday mornings 9am – 11am and Wednesday evenings 5pm -6pm (or thereabouts).

We definitely want to see a lot more Kevin Sheedy-style scarf action going on to support all of our teams in their pursuit of fun and fierce Cougars competition on the footy fields!



GIRLS AND WOMEN UMPIRING – YJFL INVITATION

NJFC would love to see female players and parents/carers get involved in umpiring. Our younger teams have had the benefit of one of our former player young women, Chloe Kodagoda umpiring their games and doing a fabulous job of it!

There's no commitment other than learning what it takes to become an umpire - either as club appointed or YJFL appointed. It's paid work, good fun and will improve the game with greater diversity and representation.

If you're interested but don't want to go alone, I would be happy to 'plus one' the session.. who knows, I might get inspired too! Just reach out to Kellie on 0413 597 087 or president@njfc.com.au



YARRA JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

WOMEN & GIRLS UMPIRE EXPERIENCE HUB

SUPPORTING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN UMPIRING

YJFL Umpiring is inviting all Women and Girls in the league who are umpiring now or interested in umpiring in 2026!



UMPIRING PATHWAY

Hear from AFLW umpires on the pathway from community to elite level.



BUILD CONFIDENCE

In your ability to officiate, lead, and understand AFL Football. Learn the positives of umpiring.



MANAGING EXPECTATIONS

Managing expectations & challenges as a female umpire.

SESSION DATE: MONDAY AUGUST 4, 6PM - 7PM, FORD PARK, BELLFIELD

Register your interest here



SCOREBOARD REPLACEMENT – SPONSOR IDEAS WELCOME!

On the radar for the club is the replacement of the clapped out electronic scoreboard.

We would like to provide businesses or organisations with the opportunity to sponsor the new scoreboard (or part thereof) and subject to agreement, with naming rights.

Ideally we'd like local businesses involved – if you have any suggestions or connections on this front, please contact Josh at sponsorships@njfc.com.au to Kellie at president@njfc.com.au to discuss further.

Like the good Cougars we are, we will be tenacious and ferocious in our efforts to uncover all funding and sponsorship opportunities, and we'd also gratefully receive any donations to make the scoreboard replacement a reality.

<https://asf.org.au/projects/northcote-junior-football-club/calling-northcote-junior-football-supporters>

AUSKICK UPDATE

Thanks very much to the Under 16 Girls team for rounding out the Auskick season with another successful fundraising barbecue, with over \$700 made on the day.



The Auskick families love the connections and the community that we are creating for them and with them.

Northcote Auskick is sending 2 teams to the 4-week Under 7s round robin series, which we hope goes well for all of the players and their parents.

We look forward to welcoming these junior players next year to form our Season 2026 Under 8 teams.

END OF SEASON DAY – SUNDAY 14 / 09 - BILL LAWRY OVAL

Please note that our End of Season awards and celebration day will be held at Bill Lawry Oval (Westgarth Street, Northcote) on Sunday the 14th of September. We will provide further details of the days' schedule once the Home/Away season is complete. We will of course be looking for volunteers to help run the sausage sizzle over the day and will be calling out to teams for people to help.

CLUB FUN AT WHAT THE PUTT

Over the holidays, a group of players from the Under 9 girls, Under 11 and Under 12 teams had fun at What the Putt minigolf in Brunswick, which is one of our club sponsors. It was a lot of fun and we can highly recommend it! <https://www.whattheputt.com.au/mini-golf/>



If you're interested in holding your end of season team event at What the Putt, please let Kellie or Josh know to assist with the booking.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION & WWCC UPDATES

Complete or update your Volunteer registration (which needs to be done each year) by following this link

<https://support.playhq.com/hc/en-au/articles/900003189303-Registration-as-a-Player-Team-manager-Coach-Official-Medical-Officer-or-Volunteer>.

Choose to register yourself; choose your role; fill in all information on the 'participant details' page, including your WWCC number (card or lodgement number) and finish.

NJFC exists to support children, and all volunteering is done in that context, no matter what the role or task is, or when it is done. Please ensure your Working with Children Check is up to date and apply here if you don't have one or need to update it

<https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>

Thanks for helping us keep our club strong, safe and ready for fun!

CONCUSSION AND INJURY MANAGEMENT

As per the AFL Guidelines - ALL players with a suspected concussion need a prompt medical assessment (with a registered medical doctor). This assessment can be provided by a medical doctor present at the venue, a local general practitioner or a hospital emergency department.

Please visit the YJFL website for more information

<https://www.yarrajfl.org.au/managing-head-injuries>

TOYOTA RAFFLE – GET ON BOARD!

Our club is registered to sell tickets, and you can buy them for NJFC online for \$5 at the link

<https://toyotagoodforfooty.raffletix.com.au/northcotejfc?q=buy>



Please get on board as it helps raise funds for our club, which we want to use to continue making our club a great place for kids of all ages!

CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

NJFC is a Donation Partner for the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS). Follow the instructions on setting yourself up as a CDS sponsor for the Cougars, and the Club will see the benefits you can set up here

<https://cdsvic.org.au/fundraising>.

100% YES ✓



100% NO ✗



Refund facilities are everywhere around us – Northland, Collingwood Leisure Centre...as well as the CDS Depot itself, in Preston at 24 Quinn Street (east of the new Bunnings). Small contributions will add up to make the club a bigger and better place. More information here!

<https://cdsvic.org.au/locations>

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