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NOTES FOR TEAMS / PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN EDPL FINALS – EDPL WINTER SEASON 2026

Divs 1,2,3,4 – 2026 Winter Finals at *POCKETS MOORABBIN (168 Chesterville Rd, Moorabbin)*

- **Week 1 Tuesday 8th Sept** – Divs 1,2,3,4 **Elimination** (Ladder position 3 v 4, winner plays week 3, loser is out)
- **Week 2 Tuesday 15th Sept** – Divs 1,2,3,4 **Qualify** (Ladder position 1 v 2, winner in Grand Final, loser plays wk 3)
- **Week 3 Tuesday 22nd Sept** – Divs 1,2,3,4 **Preliminary** (Elimination Winner v Qualifying Loser)
- **Week 4 Tuesday 29th Sept** – Divs 1,2,3,4 **GRAND FINALS!** (Qualifying Winner v Preliminary Winner)

Combined DDPL / EDPL Premier Division 2026 Winter Finals – Run by DDPL – Venue to be confirmed.

- ***Week 1 Tuesday 6th October** – **Elimination** (Ladder position 3 v 4, winner plays week 3, loser is out)
- ***Week 2 Tuesday 13th October** – **Qualify** (Ladder position 1 v 2, winner in Grand Final, loser plays wk 3)
- ***Week 3 Tuesday 20th October** – **Preliminary** (Elimination Winner v Qualifying Loser)
- ***Week 4 Tuesday 27th October** – **GRAND FINALS!** (Qualifying Winner v Preliminary Winner)

Divisions 1,2,3,4 – 2026 Winter Finals...

- **All “teams” not competing in this year’s finals are required to provide umpires for the entire finals’ series.**
- **This will also apply to any team that is eliminated during the finals’ series, after week 1.**
- **All non-playing “teams” required to supply Umpires on each Tuesday night of finals, for all 4 weeks,**
Minimum 2 umpires per team each night of Finals (or if only 1 umpire, to umpire more frames)

- 1) All players (and umpires) are required to be at the venue no later than **6:45pm**, preferably earlier! Captains and Umpires are to report to control desk as soon as they arrive at venue.
- 2) Current **EDPL FINALS DRESS-CODE** is applicable to **all players and umpires**.
By-law 4.5.2 – EDPL members participating in Winter finals or EDPL Tournaments (either as a player, official or umpire), must wear either black slacks OR a black skirt with black stockings, black business shoes or ALL BLACK runners and a club/exec shirt (caps, beanies, denim, suede, colored runners NOT acceptable).
- 3) **Team Captains are required to exchange with opposition captain a clear written or printed list of team members (in playing order) on an official EDPL scoresheet by 6:45pm.** Include all substitutes if being used.
- 4) The team that finished higher on the ladder at the end of the home and away season will get the option of being the home or away team on the night (good idea to prepare both HOME/AWAY team lists just incase)
- 5) The Home Team is responsible for lodgment of a completed original Scoresheet at the end of the match.
- 6) Table allocation to each division for practice & matches will be announced after 6:30pm.
- 7) **Official Practice begins at 6:45pm with 15 minutes allowed for each team**
AWAY team practice 6:45-7:00pm, HOME team practice 7:00-7:15pm.

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- 8) Official Finals speech 7:15pm, teams pre-match speeches, then all matches commence asap, 7:20pm.
- 9) Teams may be able to arrange their own practice sessions earlier, by contacting venue management.
- 10) A specific time for pre-team speech will be announced prior to matches commencing so don't go off and do your own thing (you may miss an announcement when your team is that motivational chat.)
- 11) No captains can be called in during any finals game, except in the case of a dispute and only when requested by the Head Adjudicator.
- 12) Players who feel that an umpire's call is incorrect should call in the official Head Adjudicator for a ruling. This must occur at the time of the disputed call. The Head Adjudicator's decision is final.
- 13) In the event of a draw, team captains are required to submit to the Finals Officials desk with a list of players (in playing order) who will participate in the tie-breaker play-offs.

This list is to be given to EDPL Exec Finals Officials within 5 minutes of a draw being determined. Players must be from the original team, at the Captain's discretion. The format to be used in the event of a draw is:

- ALL Divisions (1,2,3,4) – 5 frames of singles (5 players playing 1 frame each).

A coin will be tossed prior to play commencing, with the winner of the toss deciding whether to break in the first frame of the play-offs. Breaks for subsequent frames will alternate. All games to be played concurrently with play ceasing as soon as a winning team is decided (i.e. 3 frames won).

- 14) Eligibility of players for selection in a finals team is the Club's responsibility. EDPL Execs / Finals Officials are not in a position to rule on any queries raised on this subject on the night. Players found to be ineligible after playing, will be treated as "un-registered" and standard penalties applied (loss of match).
- 15) Club support of teams is encouraged however "over the top" barracking or intimidating behavior towards opposing team members will not be tolerated. The Head Adjudicator & Umpires are empowered to impose the "loss of frame" rulings (unsportsmanlike behavior) should the situation arise.
- 16) The "Block Warning" at the beginning of the night is classified as "first and final warning", with regards to 'coaching', 'loss of frame' rulings etc. Venue management and the EDPL Executive Committee has the right to eject from the premises any person not behaving correctly.
- 17) All current By-laws, playing rules and the Constitution apply. Any disputes other than on playing rules will be resolved on the night in accordance with By-laws.
- 18) Any questions, queries or concerns should be referred to the Finals Officials.
NOTE: At the discretion of the EDPL Executive, frame/s may be moved to alternative table/s if they deem it necessary for the continuation of proceedings.
- 19) Listen to all announcements made by the Exec Finals Officials as they probably will affect you! This includes all players. Don't talk through the speeches & then come up to the Officials desk asking questions!
- 20) A "Block Warning" will be given at the start of each match. PLEASE LISTEN TO IT!
- 21) Grand Finalist Teams required to sit for team photo BEFORE their match. Player medallions for Winning teams will be presented on Grand Final nights, then another photo taken of Winning Team with medals.
- 22) Only players and umpires actually involved in a game, & Finals Officials, are permitted inside playing areas.
- 23) If your team wins the night please express your enjoyment away from the tables as others will be still trying to play their games.

(Failure to comply with points 22 & 23 could see your team lose a frame).

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CLUBS WHO HAVE MADE IT TO THE FINALS IN WINTER 2026.

BEST OF LUCK TO YOU AND YOUR TEAM!