



VICTORIAN JUNIOR PANEL REFEREE REQUIREMENTS

The Victorian Junior Panel Program is a critical pathway to the development of Referees in Victoria. The Victorian Junior Panel Program is made up of selected qualified referees who are nominated by their home association and appointed to officiate in Victorian Championship League games.

Associations participating in the Victorian Championship League must supply qualified Junior Panel referees as per the information below.

Minimum numbers are as follows:

1 team = 1 Referee*	7 teams = 5 Referees
2 teams = 2 Referees	8 teams = 6 Referees
3 teams = 2 Referees	9 teams = 6 Referees
4 teams = 3 Referees	10 teams = 7 Referees
5 teams = 4 Referees	11 teams = 8 Referees
6 teams = 4 Referees	12 teams = 8 Referees

*Associations new to competing in Victorian Championship League level and associations that may not be in a position to supply one (1) referee may apply in writing to the VJBL Administration for assistance prior to the last testing day in November

ASSOCIATION PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO MEET QUOTA

As per the VJBL Rules of Operation, an association that fails to meet their quota as at the final testing day in February will be subject to the following penalties for the Victorian Championship League season.

- **First year**, the option of losing a percentage of their home games or buying back games at the rate set by the VJBL administration (2019/20 season \$100 plus GST per game).
Associations may nominate (1) Reserve referee who has passed the written test but has not passed the fitness test, but the nomination must be approved by the TOC. This nominated person will be included in the association's referee numbers required as part of the panel referee program. This referee will primarily be used at the home association but should be available to travel to other venues when required and is not eligible to officiate finals.
- **Two years in a row**, the option of losing a percentage of their home games or buying back games at the rate set by the VJBL administration (2019/20 season \$200 plus GST per game)
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- **Three years in a row**, teams will be penalised a percentage of their home games and **the VJBL will also have the right to deny participation into the Victorian Junior Championship League for the next championship season.** (There will be no option to buy back penalised games)
Associations will NOT be permitted to use reserve referees when short 3 years in a row.
- **Four years in a row, and your association will not be permitted into the Victorian Championship League for the following year.**
- All decisions will be final as directed by the VJBL Administration.