

# THE PRESIDENT'S PITCH



**15 JUNE 2016**

We have a full fixtures this weekend (June 17/18/19) at Yarra with Shield and U18's Friday night and U12's & U10's all Saturday morning. Immediately following are critical VL1 games v Brunswick all Saturday afternoon. For those who cannot make it to the ground SMASH FM will be broadcasting on line which is sure to be a lot of fun: [Facebook](#), or [Website](#). On Sunday the Women's MetA and Mens PC complete the fixture.

It will again be a Burger Day (egg & bacon am, Angus pm) all day which was hugely successful and enjoyed by all last month.

## **Treatment of Umpires**

Across the competition there have been a number of instances this season of abuse towards umpires, including towards junior umpires who are training as part of the new HockeyVic Umpire Development Academy. YVHC has been sanctioned for poor responses toward umpires from coaches / spectators and we must raise the bar on this.

We hope that all YVHC players continue to accept a 'bad' or 'missed' call and get on with playing the game of hockey. Without the umps, there wouldn't be a competition!

On field our approach to umpires has been generally exemplary. If there are concerns regarding rule interpretation, you can clarify at half time or at the end of the match. Ideally through your Captain or Coach. Umpires won't change their decision in the heat of the moment, and the other team will have already played on.

YVHC will comply with any suspensions as a result of players/coaches being reported to and disciplined by HV (whether specifically directed at umpires or any bad behavior). **Any fines henceforth will also be passed on to the individual.** We will assist you if you think you have been wrongly reported and have established a process for this – see <http://www.yarravalleyhockey.com.au/get-involved/conduct/>

If there are issues with how rules are being interpreted or umpiring decisions from the weekend, please contact your section representative [mensrep@yarravalleyhockey.com.au](mailto:mensrep@yarravalleyhockey.com.au), [womensrep@yarravalleyhockey.com.au](mailto:womensrep@yarravalleyhockey.com.au), [juniorrep@yarravalleyhockey.com.au](mailto:juniorrep@yarravalleyhockey.com.au) and NOT HockeyVic directly.

If you have seen a serious discipline breach and believe it should be reported, please contact the Executive Committee ASAP after the incident. ( [president@yarravalleyhockey.com.au](mailto:president@yarravalleyhockey.com.au), [secretary@yarravalleyhockey.com.au](mailto:secretary@yarravalleyhockey.com.au) or [treasurer@yarravalleyhockey.com.au](mailto:treasurer@yarravalleyhockey.com.au) )

### **Player safety**

The Australian Sports Commission has released a website and series of supporting resources in relation to Concussion in Sport. <https://concussioninsport.gov.au/>

YVHC recommends checking this page out so you know the updated guidelines on what to do if you/someone you know suffers a concussion playing sport. The Concussion check list has been mounted on the first aide box in our main store room.

### **Message from HV**

A reminder of the use of fitbits™ or other similar type or wrist worn fitness monitor: These are considered watches under the regulations and must be hidden under tape or a sweat band. Umpires and TO's have been advised of this and may ask any exposed unit to be removed.

### **Fundraising: Tax deductible ASF donations**

You will see our hockey pitch thermometer moving up another \$10K shortly to \$60K. Our contribution to the new turf at end 2016 is \$100K, so we are making good progress. With the financial year heading to a close please do consider a donation to the YVHC Australian Sports foundation. Or join the Coterie and take advantage of the tax deductability there and enjoy the upcoming function on August 6. See <http://www.yarravalleyhockey.com.au/get-involved/asf/> All donations are totally tax deductible and come direct to the club. You can also donate directly to either the Excellence fund <https://asf.org.au/make-donation/yarra-valley-hockey-club-excellence-program> or Turf upgrade <https://asf.org.au/make-donation/yarra-valley-hockey-club-turf-upgrade>

[Mens Health round](#) is upcoming, look out for our teams with Orange laces as we participate in "lace up round" June 25th.

regards

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