



EAST QUALIFYING BULLETIN 21st July 2010

QUALIFICATIONS FOR FINALS

A player must have played and signed the back of the scoresheet in a manner that permits identification, in his/her own writing on the day of the match eight times to be eligible for the finals.

Exemptions:

If a team can convince the VJBL Board they cannot field seven qualified players the relevant body may grant permission from a lower grade or age group to play. The player from the lower age group must not be from a higher grade.

Medical Certificates may be accepted as evidence of injury/illness but not after the last round of the competition.

THE RUN FOR THE FINALS

BOYS GRADES

12 East 1 Only Mornington (2) can dislodge a team in the five. They play only one team in the five while Blackburn (2) Play two teams in the five. However Mornington (2) have three away games. Bulleen (4) play the two top teams and will not have it easy against close neighbours in the other two, so they are not yet totally safe.

12 East 2 Eltham (4) v Frankston (5) this week is a vital one, as is Chelsea v Cranbourne (2). There has not been much between teams in this grade all season so it is very hard to predict.

12 East 3 There is a top eight in this grade, but a big gap between 6th and 7th Any of five teams could still make the 7th and 8th spots. Melbourne (4) can consolidate their position against challenger Kilsyth (5) this week.

14 East 1 Melbourne (4)'s 3 point victory last round has improved their prospects a lot. After a hard game this week they have an easy run home. Nunawading (4) also have a "happy" draw so Sherbrooke will need to win one hard game against a top team and defeat Nunawading (3) in the last round to make it. Kilsyth (3) have a mountain to climb to make it.

14 East 2A Still very close between four teams. This week's clash between Nunawading (4) and Chelsea is crucial. If the Gulls win they are 90% likely to make finals and Nunawading (4) would then depend on defeating Sandringham (4) the following week. Likewise Blackburn (3) will be down to a 10% chance unless they can topple Sandringham (4) but the other result would be "game on".

14 East 2B Lots of these games are hard to predict as consistency has not been a virtue of most teams. Lots of excitement this round as Eltham (5) host Sandringham (5) 4th & 5th while Melbourne (5)'s very slim hopes in 7th spot depend on defeating Oakleigh (2) 6th. Dandenong (4) 3rd can slip into vulnerable territory if they lose to Doncaster (2) 2nd, as they have tough games right to the end.

14 Reg 3 Again four teams two spots. Warrandyte (3) have four tough games. All may depend on three games to be played between Eltham (6), Ringwood (3) and Dia Valley (5) with only two making finals.



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14 East 3 Sth Sherbrooke (2) would need to win at least one of their two hard games as well as the easier ones to have any chance. Mornington (2) have two likely wins. The last round game between Mornington (2) and Cranbourne (2) could be required to settle the matter.

14 Reg 4 East This one is almost settled Warrandyte (4) would probably need four wins to make it and even then they need other games to go right for them.

14 Reg 4 Nth/Central In addition to defeating Coburg (3) in the last round, to make finals Eltham (8) would need to defeat at least one higher team.

GIRLS GRADES

12 East 1 Three teams are level on 7-7. Southern Peninsula (2) won an important victory in the last round, but rd 17 they meet Mornington (2) may be defining. Chelsea may need to defeat a higher team to make it. Head to head will be vital.

12 East 2 Two of Knox (6), Ringwood (2), and Frankston (6) will make the finals. Knox (6) can count on two wins, Ringwood (2) also while Frankston (6) have a hard run home and will need many good wins to make up the deficit.

14 East 1 Apart from dominant Kilsyth (3) the top eight teams are all very close. Chelsea gained valuable breathing space last round while Mornington (2) made gains. They have three challenging games remaining. The variables are still too many for any reliable prediction as to which combination of six teams will make 3rd to 5th positions.

14 Reg 2 Currently a missing result makes comments difficult. Whatever Broadmeadows (4) v Bulleen (6) this week will be very important. Melbourne (3) has many hard games to make up ground on rivals, while Keilor (3) has the comfortable run home.

14 East 3 can Dandenong (4) make up two games on Ringwood (2) or Pakenham? Ringwood (2) have a bye and a likely win at minimum. Pakenham play two teams below them. So at best Dandenong (4) would need to win all four and hope for an unexpected result.