



MESC CUP 2024 HANDBOOK



Welcome to the MESC Cup 2024



Thank you for registering for the MESC Cup 2024, proudly hosted by Mount Eliza Soccer Club.

With over 250 teams and 2500 players registered, the Tournament promises to be a fantastic event for the Melbourne football community, and we are looking forward to watching young players of all ages and abilities enjoying tournament football.

For more information regarding any of the following, please visit the MESC Cup [website](#).

VENUES

Games will be played at two venues depending on age and category:

Mount Eliza Secondary School soccer grounds (Canadian Bay Road Mount Eliza)	Frankston Pines Soccer Club (Monterey Blvd Frankston North)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- U7, U8 and U9 (Boys & Girls)- U10, U11, U12 (Girls)- U10 Premiers (Boys)- U11 Champions/Premiers (Boys)- U12 Champions (Boys)- U13 Champions (Boys)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- U10 Joeys (Boys)- U12 Premiers (Boys)- U13 Premiers (Boys)- U13 (Girls)- U14, U15 and U16 (Boys & Girls)



PARKING

Mount Eliza Secondary College

- There are two parking areas off Canadian Bay Road. The first driveway is closest to Nepean Highway, the second enters the basketball courts a little further along.
- Alternatively, you can park along Mount Eliza Way, although parking here is limited. Please note that this is a residential area, and driveways must be unobstructed for locals.
- Emil Madsen Reserve is a three-minute drive from the college and has a large car parking area. If possible, we suggest parking at the reserve and ride sharing to the school.
- Please **DO NOT** park inside the school ground perimeter fence or near the playing fields.
- The entry gates must be free of cars to ensure quick access for ambulance/emergency services in the case of an emergency.

Frankston Pines Soccer Club

- There is ample parking along Monterey Blvd, as well as a large car park that services the club.

GETTING IN AND OUT OF THE GROUNDS

Mount Eliza Secondary College

- There are three entry gates into the grounds. Please see the location map provided that identifies these gates, as well as the pitches and layout of the school grounds.

Frankston Pines SC

- Can only be accessed from Monterey Blvd.

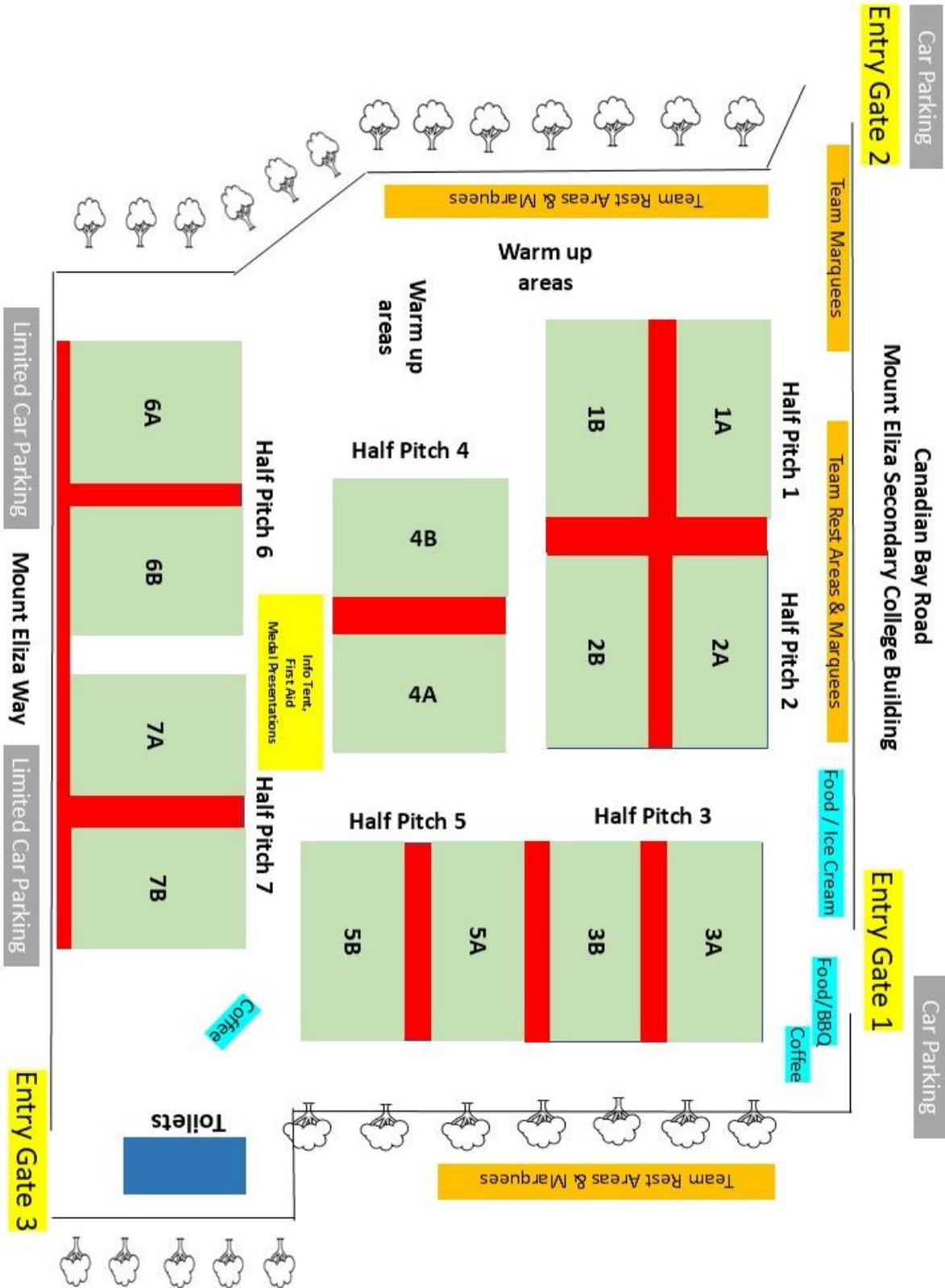
WARM UP AREAS

Consideration should be shown to each other with respect to warm ups before your group games. Multiple teams may need to share half-pitch warm ups. Should you need assistance, please refer to the MESC information tent.

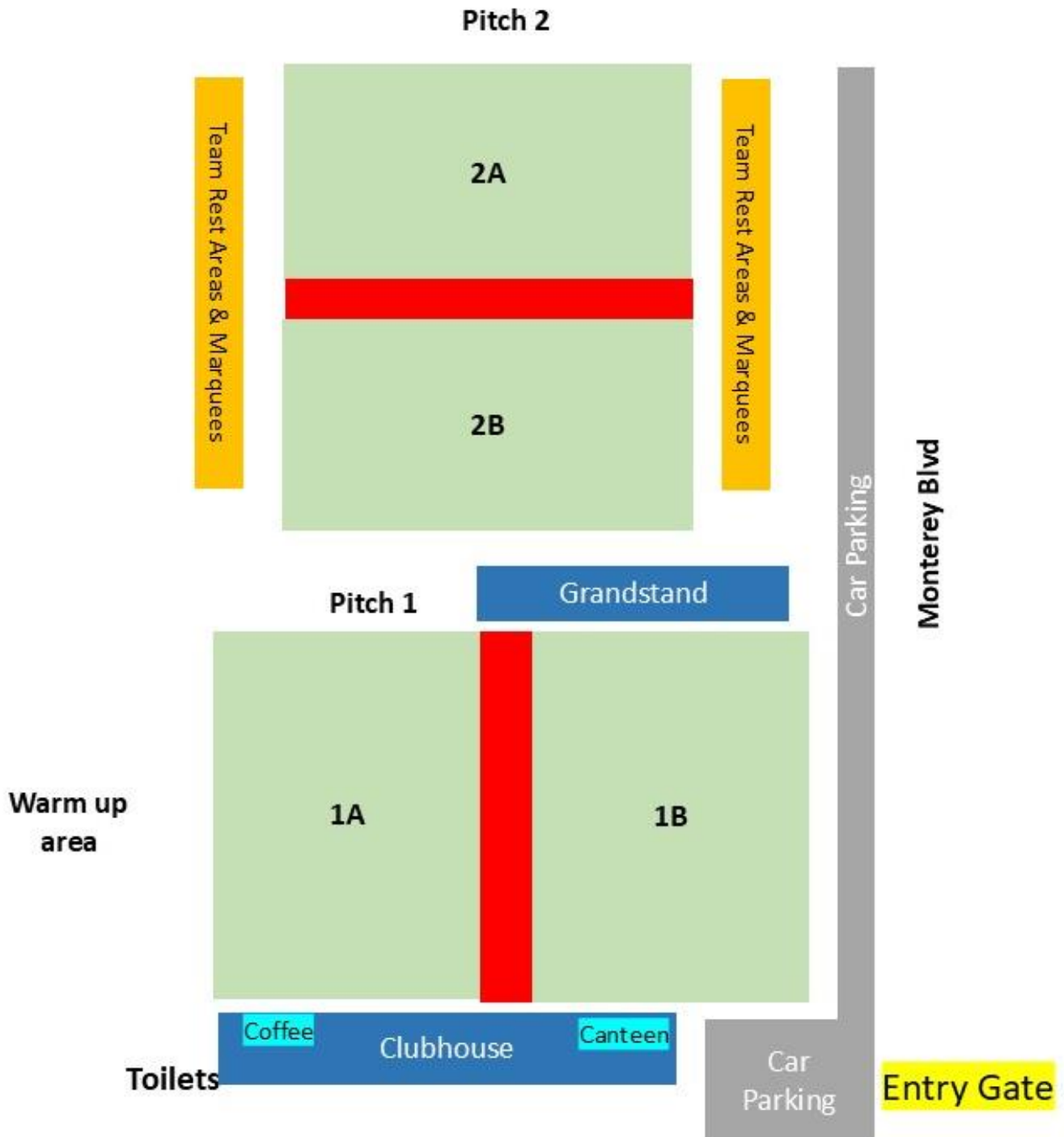
GAZEBOS

Teams that wish to may set up gazebos. These must be situated on the outside perimeter of the grounds (highlighted on the venue maps) and should not obstruct any playing or warm up areas. Any shelter must be firmly secure. In the event shelters pose a threat to safety or match logistics, tournament officials may ask for them to be moved.

MOUNT ELIZA SECONDARY COLLEGE SOCCER GROUNDS



FRANKSTON PINES SOCCER CLUB





TEAM GAME SCHEDULES

Fixtures have been finalised and are available to view on the Cup website. Please navigate to "[VIEW THE SCHEDULE AND RESULTS](#)", click "[Categories](#)", click your age group/grade, then click your team to view your fixtures and pitch numbers.

HOW LONG ARE GAMES?

- **Ages U7 to U8s:** 2 x 10-minute halves with a 5 minute half-time break
- **Ages U9 to U13s:** 2 x 15-minute halves with a 5 minute half-time break
- **Ages U14 and above:** 2 x 15-minute halves with a 5 minute half-time break

In light of feedback received over the years, we have structured the tournament so that your experience is held on one day. Your games will be played during either a morning or afternoon session. To allow this to happen, there are **15 minute breaks between opening round games**. It is important that once your game is over and after quick refreshments and team talk, you make your way to your next game. These will generally be on the same pitch, or the one beside you. Please make yourself aware of the location map and pitch numbers to ensure efficiency.

Please note that MESC may change the duration of both halves and/or half time to ensure the match is finished by the scheduled time.

RULES OF THE GAME

Please look through the "[RULES OF COMPETITION](#)" on our website to view the relevant rules that govern the Tournament.

UNIFORM

Please bring an alternative coloured shirt or bib to avoid a colour clash with other teams.

Goalkeeper tops cannot clash with either teams' colours.

If a referee's top is similar to a team's colour, the referee must wear a coloured bib.

Football boots should be worn during all games (no metal studs).

Shin guards are compulsory and must be worn at all times. If players are not wearing shin guards, they will be asked to leave the pitch.



MATCH OFFICIALS

Referees

Referees will be provided for all games. Junior referees will oversee most games as part of our Referee Development Program with support from our Senior Referee Coordinator. Please respect all decisions and practice good sportsmanship. Senior referees will be allocated to finals.

Referees will provide the match ball for each game.

Match results will be delivered by referees to the MESC event team, where they will be input into Cup Manager.

Linesman

For ages U12 to U16, teams should provide a linesman for each of their opening round games. Linesman will be provided by MESC for all finals.

Ground Marshalls

Each team must supply a Ground Marshall. Ground Marshalls must wear hi visibility vests, and are responsible for implementing their team and supporters' Code of Conduct during the tournament.

MESC CUP CODE OF CONDUCT

MESC will not tolerate any anti-social or abusive behaviour during the competition. Behaviour that breaches our Code may result in players and/or teams being disqualified from the Tournament. [#RespectTheGame](#)

CHILD SAFETY

Parents/guardians should stay with their children at all times.

Please make sure to enter and exit the grounds safely.



FOOD AND DRINKS

Coffee and food vans will be available at both venues. EFT and cash payments are accepted.

Due to safety reasons, teams are not permitted to bring their own BBQs or cooking devices.

Please respect our venue providers by taking your rubbish with you.

Please be mindful that Mount Eliza Secondary College is a school, and that there can be absolutely no smoking on the premise. Both venues are smoke free zones; no smoking or vaping is allowed. **THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED WITHIN SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

TOILETS

Toilets are available at both venues.

Mount Eliza Secondary College

- Portable toilets are located next to the cabin situated near the Mount Eliza Way entry gate

Frankston Pines

- Inside the clubrooms

FIRST AID

There will be stretchers and basic first aid kits available at both venues, located at the MESC information tent.





INSURANCE AND PLAYER INJURY

Parents/guardians and children acknowledge that soccer is a contact sport and they assume all risks associated with participation in this sport, including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants and equipment, the effects of weather, and other reasonable risk conditions associated with the sport.

The MESC Cup does not offer player accident insurance cover to any participant.

If playing in the Tournament for a registered and financial Football Victoria affiliated club, a player may be covered under Football Victoria's Insurance Policy. Please contact Football Victoria with any enquiries.

Players, parents and coaches choose to participant in the tournament at their own risk and may be liable for the costs that arise from suffering an injury whilst participating in the event. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure participants are adequately insured including ambulance coverage.

MESC has Public Liability and Professional Indemnity insurance.

Best of luck to all teams. We hope you have a great experience with us during the 2024 MESC Cup.

MESC Committee

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