Mount Eliza Cup 2026 Handbook

Thank you for registering for the MESC Cup

We're excited to welcome players of all ages and skill levels to another fantastic end-of-season tournament, proudly hosted by the Mount Eliza Soccer Club. It's always a great tournament filled with fun, football, and community spirit!

For more details, including important updates and event information, please visit our website, click on **"About the Tournament"** tab to learn more.

https://mtelizasccup.cups.nu/

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Obligations of Participants

- All Spectators are to stand a safe distance from the playing field (behind barriers or cones where marked).
- Coaches, Players and Officials must show respect to the Referees, the Mount Eliza Cup has a ZERO tolerance policy to poor & abusive behavior.
- All Teams must present a ground Marshall to the Match Referee before a game can commence.
- Coaches must not be inside the playing field during games.
- Each Team is allowed a max of 2 Coaches and one Official inside their Technical Area.
- Reminder these are kids playing the sport they love. This is not the World Cup Finals.

WHERE DO WE PLAY?

Games will be played across three venues in 2025 depending on age/category as below.

- **Mount Eliza Secondary College Soccer Grounds** (Canadian Bay Rd, Mount Eliza)
- **Emil Madsen Reserve** (Wooralla Drive, Mount Eliza)
- **T.B.C - Frankston Pines Soccer Club** (Monterey Blvd, Frankston North)

Please help us keep these venues clean and tidy by taking everything you bring with you when you leave. We appreciate your cooperation in respecting the facilities and helping us create a great environment for everyone.

PARKING

At **Mount Eliza Secondary College** there are 3 parking areas off Canadian Bay Road. First driveway closest to Nepean Highway to your left & right and also the driveway beside basketball courts a little further along the road.

You can also park along Mount Eliza Way although parking here is very limited, please be aware this is a residential area, and driveways must not be obstructed, **council will regularly patrol these areas and fine people who are parked illegally on the nature strip**.

With regards to the school grounds there is No parking permitted inside the perimeter fence or near the playing fields, this is reserved for authorized tournament personnel only & Emergency vehicles. **VERY IMPORTANT : The entry gates must be free of any cars to ensure that in the case of an emergency quick access can be guaranteed for Ambulance/Medical services.**

At both **Emil Madsen Reserve** and **Frankston Pines Soccer Club** there is plenty of parking inside the grounds.

GETTING IN AND OUT OF THE GROUNDS

Mount Eliza Secondary College - there are 3 entry gates into the grounds, there is a location map in "Tournament Information" this identifies theses gates and will also identify pitches and layout of the school grounds. Emil Madsen Reserve can be accessed from Wooralla Drive entry gate. Frankston Pines Soccer Club can be accessed off Monterey Blvd.

TEAM GAME SCHEDULES?

Once fixtures have been finalized they will be available to view on the cup website link below, please click "VIEW THE SCHEDULE AND RESULTS", click "Categories", click on your "age group/grade" then click your team to view your fixtures and pitch numbers.

https://mtelizasccup.cups.nu/

HOW LONG ARE GAMES?

Ages U7 to U8s, 2 x 10-minute halves with 5 min. half time break
Ages U9 to U13s, 2 x 15-minute halves with 5 min. half time break
Ages U14 and above, 2 x 15-minute halves with 5 min. half time break
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 click on "TOURNAMENT INFORMATION", and then "RULES OF COMPETITON" to view the relevant rules that will govern the Tournaments. https://www.mtelizacup.com.au/

For **U7/8s** ages we will be following the Bayside regulations of 7v7 including keeper on a quarter pitch, no offside, kick ins (no throw ins), goal kicks and corners to be taken, keepers cannot kick the ball out of their hands. For further information check the Competition Rules document.

TEAM COLOURS

Teams must play in same colour tops and be a different colour (easy to differentiate) to the opposition team, colored bibs can be worn. Goalkeeper tops cannot be the same colour as either team. If a referee's top is similar to a team's colour, the referee must wear a colored bib.

Football boots moulded or screw ins can be worn (no metal studs) runners are not recommended. Shin guards must always be worn, if players are not wearing shin guards, they will be asked to leave the pitch.

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referees

Referees will provide the match ball for each game and will provide final match results to the MESC event team to input into the Cup Manager to generate group tables.

Junior referees will take up most games for this competition. Some are experienced, others will be starting their journey to officiate the beautiful game, so please, respect the decisions made and practice good sportsmanship. More senior referees will oversee proceedings and be allocated to finals.

Linesperson

We would also ask that teams provides a linesperson for each of their games. Linespeople will be provided for finals games in ages U12 to U16.

Ground Marshalls

Each team **must** supply a Ground Marshall (hi-visibility vests must be worn) and will be responsible for their team and supporters' code of conduct during the tournament. **NO GROUND MARSHALL NO PLAY**

CODE OF CONDUCT

Mount Eliza Soccer Club will not tolerate anti-social and/or abusive behavior towards referees, players, tournament staff or fellow spectators.

ANY ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS REFEREES, PLAYERS, COACHES, GROUND MARSHALLS, OFFICIALS AND OTHER SPECTATORS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND MAY RESULT IN PLAYERS AND TEAMS BEING DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION.

CHILD SAFETY

We recommend that parents/guardians always stay with their children to ensure that children do not get lost at either venue and please take care to enter and exit the grounds safely. Please also accompany your children to the portable toilets.

NO DOGS OR PETS

To help keep the tournament safe and comfortable for all participants and spectators, we kindly ask that no dogs be brought to the venue. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding so the event can run smoothly for all involved.

WARM UP AREAS

To help the tournament run smoothly, teams should only approach their designated pitch *after* the previous game's players and supporters have fully cleared the area. This will allow for a short warm-up period of approximately 5–10 minutes before kick-off.

Additional warm-up areas are marked on the venue map and can be used throughout the day as needed.

FOOD AND DRINKS

Mount Eliza Secondary College venue will have coffee and food vans along with club & Charity fundraising BBQ with sausages.

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

All our venues are smoke-free zones; no smoking or vaping is allowed.

THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED AT THE MT ELIZA CUP.

GAZEBOS

Teams are welcome to set up gazebos, but please ensure they are placed along the *outside perimeter* of the grounds, as shown on the venue maps. Gazebos must not block any playing fields or designated warm-up areas.

For everyone's safety, all shelters must be securely anchored. If they are not properly secured, tournament officials may ask for them to be taken down.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

TOILETS

Portable toilets will be available at the school and will be located next to the cabin situated near the Mount Eliza Way Entry Gate. Emil Madsen Reserve and Frankston Pines Soccer Clubs have toilets inside the clubrooms.

FIRST AID

At all venues there will be basic first aid kits and stretchers located at the info desk areas.

INSURANCE AND PLAYER INJURY

Parents (or 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 will be covered under Football Victoria's Insurance Policy.

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.

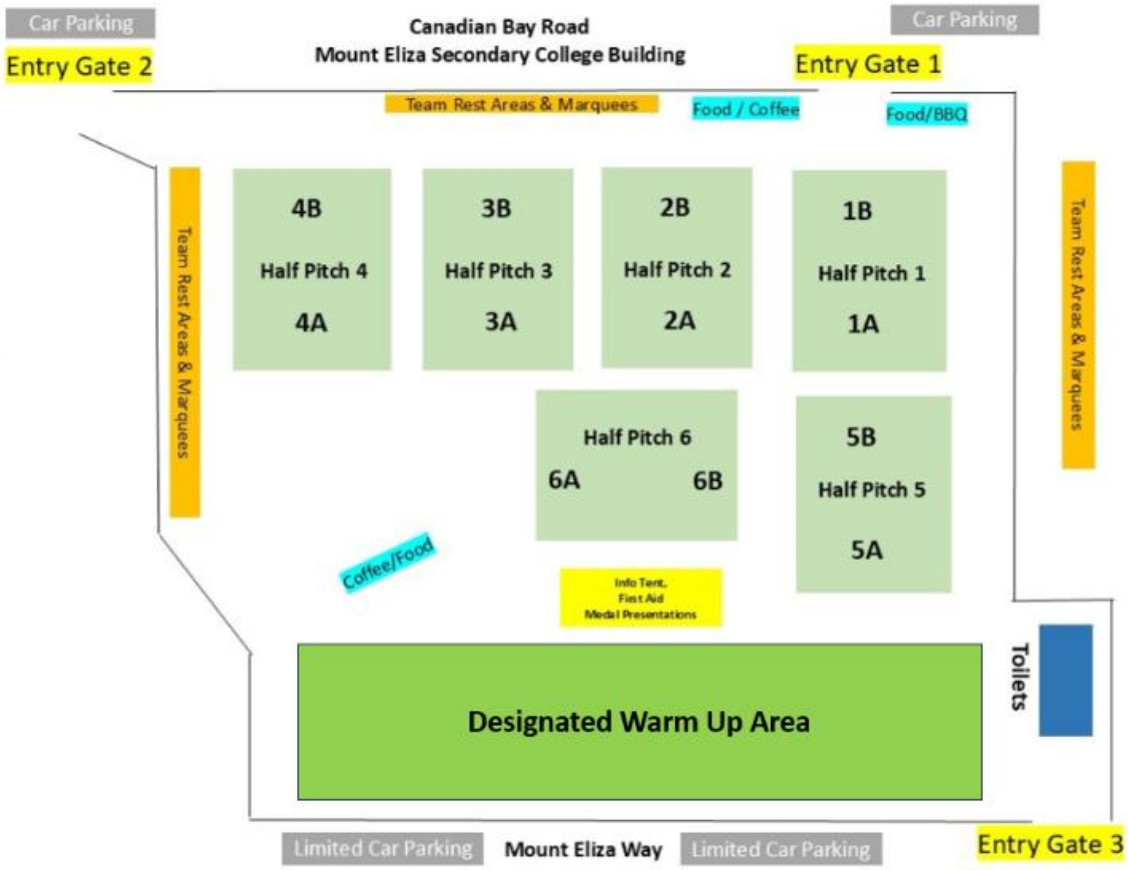
Good luck to all teams, we hope you have a great time with us during the MESC Cup in 2026.

Mount Eliza Soccer Club

VENUE MAP

Mount Eliza Secondary College Grounds

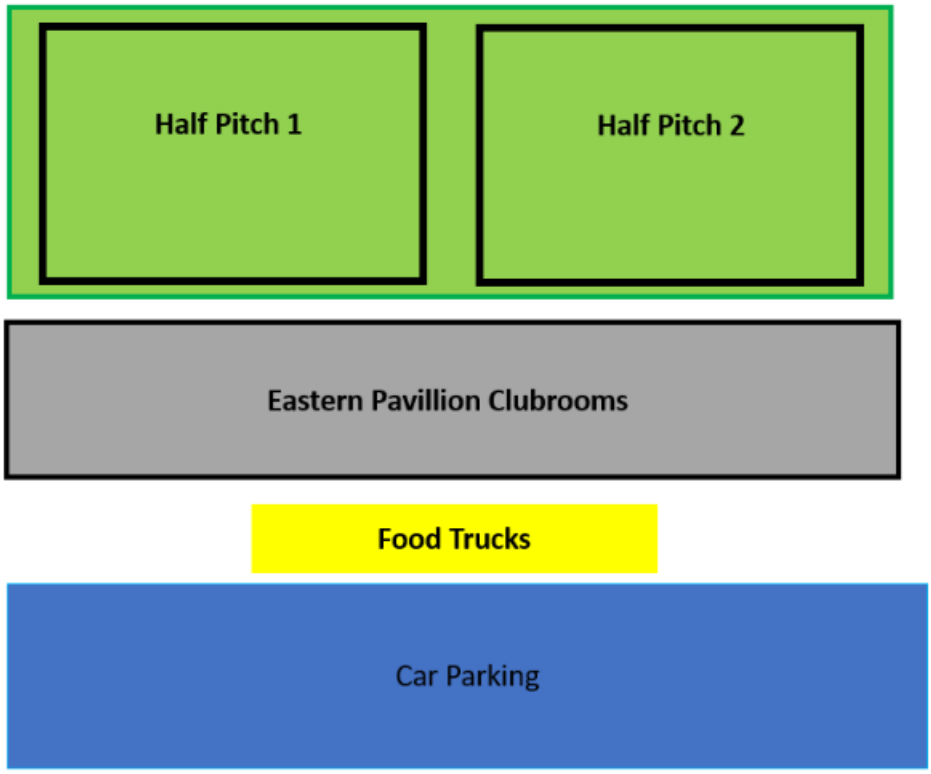
Canadian Bay Rd, Mount Eliza



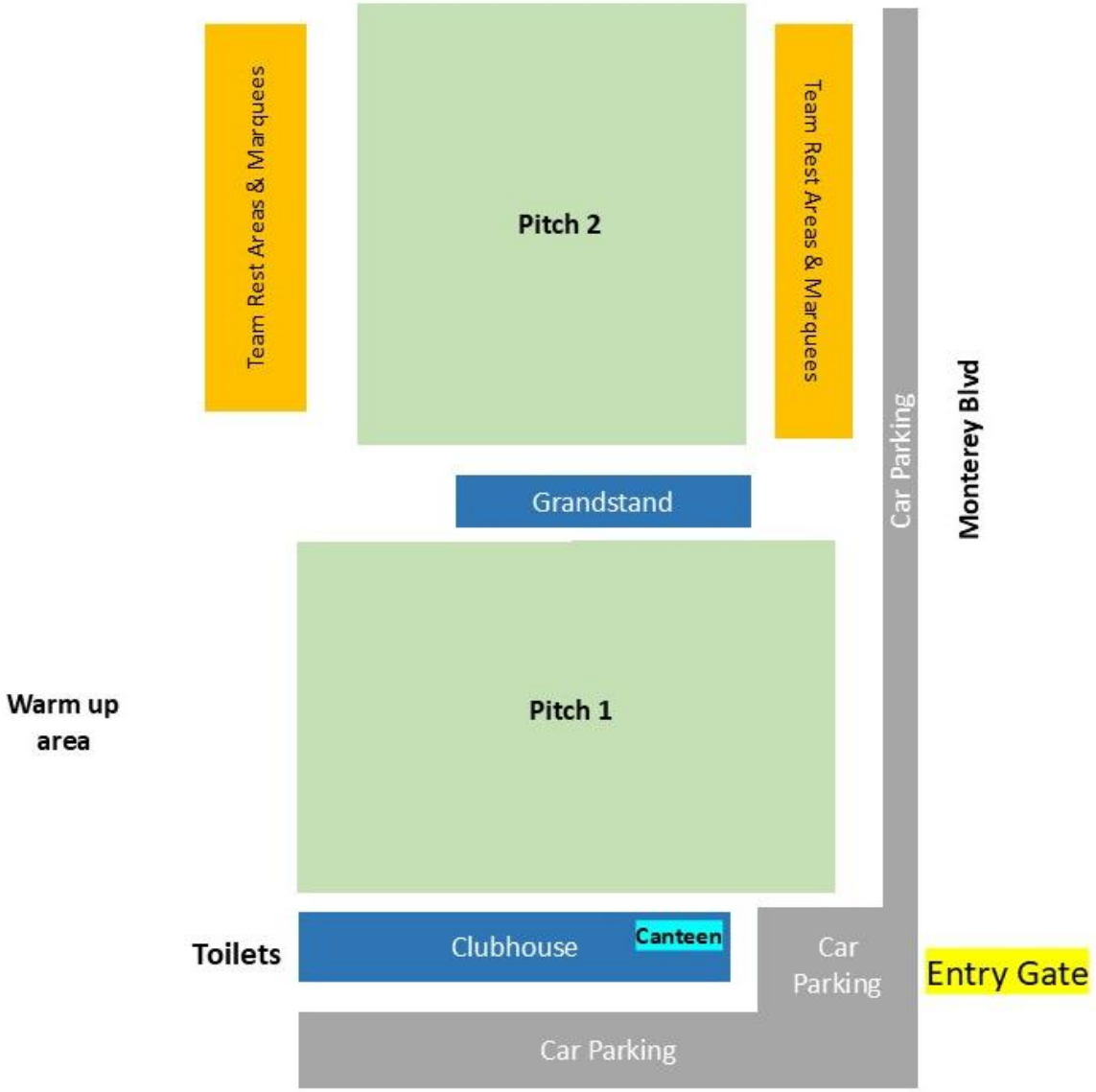
VENUE MAP

Emil Madsen Reserve

Wooralla Drive, Mount Eliza



VENUE MAP

Frankston Pines Soccer Club

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