Australian Football will be conducted according to the rules of the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) for the men’s competition, and the Victorian Women’s Football League (VWFL) for women, with specific ICSC exceptions listed below.

1. The Event
   Australian Football is contested as a gender-specific Round-robin Tournament for both men and women (according to each year’s ICSC Calendar of Events). The men’s First XXII competition shall be contested between Newman, Ormond, Queen’s, Trinity and St. Hilda’s for the A.L. Kenny Cup.

   Each College is eligible to enter a team into the Men’s Second XXII and Women’s competition.

   The previous year’s top four placed teams will be seeded accordingly, while the remaining teams will be seeded according to the current year’s Random Draw.

   The winner’s of each preliminary match shall be awarded four competition points. No points will be awarded for a loss and two points shall be awarded for a drawn preliminary match. Percentage (points for/points against x100) shall be used to determine ladder positions where two or more teams have the same amount of competition points.

   Finals shall consist of four Quarter Finals (women’s competition only); two Semi Finals (men’s and women’s competitions only) and a Grand Final. The women’s competition will also consist of a 3rd/4th play-off. Positions 3 – 5 for the men’s First XXII competition will be decided by ladder position; while the men’s First XXII will have 3rd and 4th positions determined by the best loser from the Semi-finals ie. the team that loses by the smallest margin.

2. Team Size
   Men: Each team may only play 22 players in any given game (18 on the field with four on the inter-change bench).

   Women: Each team may play up to 26 players in any given game (18 on the field with up to eight on the inter-change bench).

3. Match Duration

4.1 First XXII
   Preliminary matches will consist of four 20 minutes quarters with no time-on. The Grand-finial will consist of four 20 minute quarters with time-on being played in the last half only.

4.2 Second XXII
Preliminary matches will consist of four 15 minutes quarters with no time-on. The Semi-finals and Grand-Finial will consist of four 15 minute quarters with time-on being played in the last half only.

For both Firsts and Seconds football, the umpire may, at their discretion, call time-on in any quarter of any game due to major interruptions in play.

A break of five minutes will be allocated between the 1st and 2nd quarters and the 3rd and 4th quarters. Ten minutes shall be allocated for half time.

3.3 Women
Preliminary matches and Quarter Finals will consist of two 10 minutes halves with no time-on. The Semi Finals and Grand Final will consist of two 15 minute halves with time-on being played in both halves for goals and extensive stoppages only.

The umpire may, at their discretion, call time-on in any half of any game due to major interruptions in play. Five minutes shall be allocated for half time.

3.4 All Games
In the event of a drawn finals’ game (men’s Firsts and Seconds and women’s finals), two 5 minutes halves shall be played to determine the winner. Should scores still be level after this extra time, a ‘golden goal’ period shall follow where the team to kick the first goal will be declared the winner. (Men’s) or point (Women’s)

4. Forfeit
A forfeit shall be declared if a team does not have 15 players to commence the game within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time (a goal will be awarded to the non-offending team for every 2 minutes delay of game). The team forfeited against will receive the four competition points and a score-line of 60:0 for all competitions will be recorded.

The offending team will receive no points and will be penalized according to the ICSC’s relevant policy.

5. Eligibility
Colleges competing in both Firsts’ and Seconds’ competitions shall only be permitted to select a player in one team in any one round or week.

Colleges competing in both Firsts’ and Seconds’ competitions shall only be permitted to select a player in the Seconds’ Semi Final or Grand Final providing they have not played more than two games of First XXII football; or

Where a College qualifies for both Firsts’ and Seconds’ Grand Finals, they may play any player in the Second XXII team that is not selected in the First XXII team for the Grand Final.

6. Game officials
Two VAFA, and/or other appropriately qualified field umpires will be provided for each match. One umpire will be provided for Women’s.

Competing colleges must provide one boundary and one goal umpire for each preliminary match. An additional official must also be supplied to perform the time-keeper/scorer duties.
7. **Player Behaviour – the Order-off Rule**
   Field umpires shall have the power to report and send off players for unsportsmanlike behavior. Players will be sent from the field for 15 minutes in which time they cannot be replaced by a substitute player.

   Any player reported in a match (by the controlling umpire and/or the Competition Manager/Sport Host) shall appear before an independent tribunal consisting of the Sport Development Manager at Melbourne University Sport (or their nominee), the Chair of the Heads of College (or their nominee) and a member of the ICSC Executive. This tribunal is to be arranged by the Secretary of the ICSC as soon as practically possible after the incident and before the next scheduled game.

8. **Out-of-bounds Rule – Women’s Competition Only**
   To encourage the flow of the game, balls deemed out-of-bounds will be awarded as a ‘free kick’ to the non-offending team.

9. **Uniform**
   Competitors should wear their College sport uniform. Numbers must be present on all football jumpers and must be recorded on the Match Summary Sheet.

10. **Equipment**
    Footballs will be provided by the Host College for each match. A combination of new and used footballs will be used for matches. Footballs remain the property of the ICSC and must be returned to the College Host immediately after each game.

11. **ICSC Policies**
    All ICSC Policies and Procedures must be adhered to by all participants.

    Designated Team Captains and College Sports Representatives are also expected to ensure their College participants are aware of all relevant polices and procedures and act accordingly.

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