

Starting Times & Quarter x Quarter Times for Season

Grade	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
U13	12 8.45 --8.57	12 9.00--9.12	15 9.16--9.31	15 9.34--9.49
6 Minute breaks between games if time allows				
JC	15 9.55 --10.10 5 minute break	15 10.13--10.28	15 10.32--10.47	15 10.50-11.05
SC	20 11.10 --11.30 8 minute break	20 11.33--11.53	20 11.58--12.18	20 12.22-12.42
B	20 12.50 --1.10 8 minute break	20 1.13--1.33	20 1.38--1.58	20 2.02--2.22
A grade	2.30			

4* 22 min plus time on

All games must start at stated times.

Long blast (until players move into position) by timekeepers 1 minute before start of play and recommencement of each quarter.

Please note if any games other than A grade are running behind schedule at half time the timekeepers **must divide the remaining time evenly for the last two quarters to finish at the above times.**

Timekeepers responsibilities

It is important that clubs clearly select competent and responsible people for this position.

During an A1 Grade match both Timekeepers are to take time on and off. The general approach to which watch is to be used is as follows

- Home Club - 2nd and 4th Quarters Visiting 1st and 3rd Quarters The idea of both taking the time on and off for all the quarters is a precaution in case one clock breaks down.
- Timekeepers must regularly check their watches for accuracy. Timekeepers shall add time on when:-
 1. Directed by the field umpire including ball out of bounds.
 2. When the goal umpire signals a point.
 3. When the goal umpire signals a goal.

Clubs must note that the Umpires may call for extra time in the **last half of B Grade Senior colts, Junior colts and Under 13s.** for serious injuries where a stretcher is required.

The Timekeeper is responsible for filling out the Timekeeper Penalty Report Sheet relating to sending off players in all Grades. Umpire will complete and sign penalty report sheet.

Home timekeeper must note the time of start and finish of each quarter together with the score on the score-card, both timekeepers must sign the home club score card before presenting to the field umpire to sign.

Remember that the Timekeeper is required in some clubs to prepare a match report, vote on the most valuable players, take goal kickers, and even select best players, and report on umpires. This is being very unfair on the timekeeper as he has a responsible task to do on the day, and therefore his workload should not be impinged upon. Share the work around, remember it is better to have more involved for the overall benefit to the club.

H.F.L. SEND-OFF RULE

CATEGORY A

For a breach of the following Laws which constitute reportable offences

- Physical contact with an umpire
- Misconduct or abusive language to an umpire
- Assaults another player or official
- Violently pushes an opponent after that player disposes of the ball
- Intentionally kicks, trips, charges or strikes an opponent
- Engages in unduly rough play

The offending player(s) shall be automatically reported and sent from the field for the **REMAINDER OF THE GAME and NOT REPLACED for a period of 15 MINUTES OF FLAT TIME IN A GRADE AND 10 MINUTES OF FLAT TIME IN ALL OTHER GRADES** if in the opinion of the umpire the breach was intentional, vicious or provocative. In this situation the field umpire will stop play using the time off signal, verbally inform the player of the report and hold vertically a **RED CARD** so that it can be seen by the timekeepers. **Timekeepers to acknowledge send-off by showing of YELLOW CARD.** Play shall not recommence until the player has exited the field through the interchange area. A 50-metre penalty will also be awarded against the offending player. The timekeepers shall note the time of the send off and the player involved. The report sheet completed by the umpire will indicate the nature of the offence.

Where the 2 umpire system is used, the Number 2 umpire shall at the time of the offence indicate to Number 1 umpire by blowing his whistle to stop play at such a time that the team offended against is not disadvantaged. The replacement player can only enter the arena after the 15 minute or 10 minute period after permission from the timekeepers or interchange steward (if present).

CATEGORY B

For a breach of the following Laws, collectively deemed by the umpire as misconduct.

- Dispute an umpire's decision
- Uses threatening or abusive language
- Throws an opponent
- Attempts to kick, trip, charge or strike
- Engages in unduly rough play
- Used audible offensive language

The offending player(s) shall be reported or warned at the discretion of the umpire.

Any player reported or warned will be sent from the ground for a period of **15 MINUTES FLAT TIME IN A GRADE AND 10 MINUTES OF FLAT TIME IN ALL OTHER GRADES AND NOT REPLACED.** In this situation the field umpire shall stop play, verbally inform the player if he has been reported and hold vertically a **YELLOW CARD.** **Timekeeper to acknowledge send-off by showing of YELLOW CARD.** Play shall not recommence until the player has exited through the interchange area. The timekeepers shall note the time of the send off and the player(s) involved.

The player or his replacement can only enter the arena after the 15 minute or 10 minute period and permission from the timekeepers or interchange steward (if present). If any offending player receives a second yellow card in the same game, he shall be off for the **REMAINDER OF THE GAME and NOT REPLACED FOR A PERIOD OF 15 MINUTES FLAT TIME in A GRADE and 10 MINUTES FLAT TIME IN ALL OTHER GRADES.**

At the conclusion of the game the umpire will enter the details of the misconduct on the Send Off Sheet for any subsequent tribunal appearance. Where the 2 umpire system is used, the Number 2 umpire shall at the time of the offence indicate to Number 1 umpire by blowing his whistle to stop play at such a time that the team offended against is not disadvantaged.

Any abusive language after a yellow or red card shall be treated as a second and reportable offence as in Category A. The player will be verbally informed of the second offence and shown a red card. **Timekeeper to acknowledge send-off by showing of yellow card.** He will be off for the **REMAINDER OF THE GAME AND SHALL NOT BE REPLACED FOR 15 MINUTES FLAT TIME IN A GRADE & 10 MINUTES FLAT TIME IN ALL OTHER GRADES.**

The Time Keeper Send-off Sheet must be signed by the Umpire after the game even if no player has been sent off, with a fine being imposed on the home club if not done.