



South Mornington JFC

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Round 1 Wrap Up

Welcome to season 2026. Round 1 marked the start of another exciting year for South Mornington JFC, and we are bigger and better than ever with 18 teams taking the field this season. We are incredibly proud that 2026 is now our biggest season on record, with the highest number of player registrations the club has ever had, including record numbers across both our boys and girls programs. It is a huge achievement and a reflection of the strong, family-focused club we continue to build together.

Round 1 also carried special significance as part of ANZAC Round. We were proud to have two teams involved in ANZAC games and a third team take part in the ceremony. Our Under 16s were part of the ANZAC game at Ferrero through the merged Mt Martha side, while our Under 17.5s were involved in a wonderful ANZAC ceremony at Citation. A special mention to Hamish Raftery from our Under 14s, who performed a stunning Last Post and Rouse on trumpet. It was a terrific way to begin the season and a reminder of the values of respect, community and club spirit that mean so much to us.

It was also a big day for our Under 8s, who played their first games for the club at the carnival at Grib Point. There were plenty of smiles, lots of excitement and a great sense of fun right across the day. We warmly welcome all of our new families to SMJFC and look forward to watching the kids grow and progress through the club in the years ahead.





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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

A reminder that our All Club Dinner is scheduled for this Sunday night, 3 May. We are looking forward to bringing everyone together for a great night and will share more details later this week once the meal and timings are finalised.

CONTAINER COLLECTION FUNDRAISER

You may have noticed the collection bags next to some of the bins on Sunday. If you have any empty eligible drink containers, please pop them in the bags rather than the general bin. The club receives 10 cents per container, and with the number of drinks used across a home game, it can add up quickly. It is a simple way for everyone to chip in and help support the club.



SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



We are excited to welcome Black Letter Commercial Law as a new major sponsor of South Mornington JFC for season 2026. Brendan and the team have come on board to support our club, and we are thrilled to have their backing. We are incredibly grateful for the support of local businesses like Black Letter Commercial Law, and if any of our families are ever in need of their services, we would encourage you to support those who support our club.



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Special Acknowledgement

We would also like to once again acknowledge Hamish Raftery from our U14s for his outstanding effort playing the trumpet during our ANZAC ceremony. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of a crowd on such an important occasion, and Hamish handled himself wonderfully. His performance of the Last Post and Rouse was a very special part of the ceremony and something our club was incredibly proud to witness. Well done Hamish, and thank you for representing the club so beautifully.



CONGRATULATIONS

All summer to wait for these important milestones!!

A huge congrats & well done goes to:

Max Fenney - U12 Yellow - 50 games

Joe Lomas - U17.5 - 100 games

Charlie Ross - U17.5 - 100 games



WINEY COW VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

A big shout out to Darryl Edwards as our Winey Cow Volunteer of the Week. When the U10 age group needed a field umpire, Daz immediately put his hand up to help, just as he has done many times before. Volunteers like Darryl are such an important part of our club, always willing to step in when needed and help make sure the kids get to play. Thanks Daz, we really appreciate your ongoing support.





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ROUND 1 RESULTS

U17.5 - The Under 17.5s took on tough opposition in EDI ASP Eagles and fought the game out strongly. There was plenty of effort across the ground and a solid platform to build on from round one.

U16 - Our Under 16s faced a strong Somerville side and kept competing right to the final siren. It was a challenging start, but one that will help set the group up well for the weeks ahead.

U15 - The Under 15s came up against a very polished Bonbeach outfit in round one. While the scoreboard did not fall our way, the boys kept at it and will take plenty of lessons into next week.

U14 - A great start to the season for the Under 14s, who came away with a hard-earned win over Langwarrin. It was a strong team performance and a great reward for effort in round one.

U14 Girls - A fantastic opening game from our Under 14 Girls, who got the season underway in terrific fashion against Clyde. The group played with confidence and teamwork and should be really proud of their first hit-out.

U13 - The Under 13s had one of the closest games of the round and came away with a terrific win over Frankston Dolphins Black. It was a great team effort and a strong way to open the season.

U12 Yellow - A really positive start for Under 12 Yellow, who put together a strong performance against Somerville Blue. The team played good footy and were rewarded with a great first-round result.

U12 Black - The Under 12 Black side got their season off to a flying start with a strong win over Somerville Gold. It was an excellent all-round performance and a great confidence booster for the group.

U12 Girls - A great result for our Under 12 Girls, who started the year with a win over Mt Martha Red. It was a really encouraging first game and a terrific reward for their teamwork and effort.

U11 Tigers - The Under 11 Tigers opened the season with a strong win over Rosebud. A really pleasing start and a great sign of what this group can produce when they play team footy.

U11 Black - The Under 11 Black team had the bye in round one and will be looking forward to getting their season underway next week.

U10 Yellow - No scores are kept at this age, and that is exactly how it should be. The focus for our Under 10 Yellow team was on learning, teamwork and enjoying their footy, and it was great to see them out there representing the club.

U10 Girls - A fun start to the season for our Under 10 Girls, with plenty of enthusiasm and great signs already. At this level it is all about building confidence, developing skills and loving the game.

U8 & U9's - These teams travelled to Crib Point for the season opening carnival. It was hard to tell it was the first game ever for some of these kids as they had a great day in the sunshine at Crib Point. We hope the families enjoyed the day and look forward to having these teams at home in the coming weeks.



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ROUND 1 SNAPS

