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## 2024 SEASON - AND WE'RE OFF!



The 2024 FIDA Season is underway across Victoria. The new look metro competition has given more clubs the opportunity to manage their team within the varying player skill and capability.

It has been amazing to see clubs that moved to the A Grade excel in their skills and embrace the opportunity to compete in a higher level competition. This enables the elite players to have greater game time with other players at a similar skill level. Comparatively, the additional teams in C grade gives those players more engagement with the game.

In the Northern conference, we welcome Benalla Saints into the carnival. With two rounds completed, the players are enjoying their return to footy.

In the Western conference, the Warrnambool FIDA team are now South Warrnambool Roosters. Together with the Wimmera Whippets and Grampian Giants, their players have participated in 2 rounds.



The Central conference have completed 2 rounds embracing the FIDA spirit with Rupertswood, Bendigo Suns & Kyneton Tigers.

It is an amazing start to the the 2024 season now with over 800 players participating across Victoria.



## LEADING THE LADDER

A Grade  
Williamstown  
Seagulls

B Grade  
Fountain  
Gate Gators

C Grade  
Monash  
White

Central  
Bendigo  
Suns

Western  
South  
Warrnambool

[FIDA Fixture](#)





## AN EXCITING BRAND REFRESH

The new look and feel accentuates the boldness of the FIDA league; the strength in the football community and the sharp angles demonstrate that different is good and different has meaning.

We thank the many players who have participated in this new look and are part of the story. We look forward to sharing the FIDA story and broadening the community in the future.

## T.R.Y. AWARDS | TEAM-RULES-YOU

What a rewarding experience when the captain from your opposition is able to reach out and select someone from your team to receive an award that celebrates the Spirit of FIDA in demonstrating the Player Code of Conduct.

We thank the clubs for educating their players by revisiting the Player Code of Conduct video and helping them to understand the expectation of fair play by respecting the team, following the rules (even if sometimes they don't agree) and being accountable when something doesn't go quite right.



Williamstown Seagulls play the video before their home games.



Safer Girls Safer Women T.R.Y. Award Round

Recipients - Ferntree Gully Eagles | Central Conference

Right - Kananook Bulls | Coburg Lions



i-drivesafety T.R.Y. Award Round

Recipients - Mazenod | Ringwood Spiders | Ballarat Bulldogs | Cranbourne Eagles





# TACKLE FREE CARNIVAL #1

  
**BEYOND  
THE POSTS**



## What a day!

- ✓ Sun Shining
- ✓ 41 players with smiles
- ✓ 6 teams ready to play - FIDA Mixed (St Albans; Mazenod; Coburg; Ferntree Gully); Lower Plenty Bears; Ringwood Spiders; Parkside; Sandown Cobras
- ✓ 2 x fields (100m x 50m) ; games played simultaneously
- ✓ Many, many, many happy volunteers

A huge thank you to the team at wcig for sponsoring our very first Tackle-Free carnival. Their staff were amazing who came along to this carnival and helped with running the event and being involved with the players.

Another huge thank you to the Ringwood Spiders who were able to secure Jubilee Park for the day and host a magnificent event.

Without players there is no event, so thank you to all the Clubs that encouraged players to join in the fun - whether they played as a team or combined to be part of the mixed FIDA team.

There were a lot of goals kicked and many laps of the field as the players chased the footy. By the end of the day...many tired legs! Well done to everyone that participated.

The next Tackle Free Carnival is on 30th June at Waverley Park.  
(Suitable for mid-low functioning players, or players who lack confidence in matches)

If you are interested in sponsoring the next Tackle Free Carnival please reach out to [ceo@fida.org.au](mailto:ceo@fida.org.au)





# FIDA Season Launch

How times flies...

The season launch was an opportunity to share the FIDA story with the wider community. Often you need to experience and feel what FIDA means to so many whether it be a player, their family or the wider support network. This is what happened:

- Real life stories were shared,
- The vision for our future painted and.
- The community network was alive and enthusiastic.

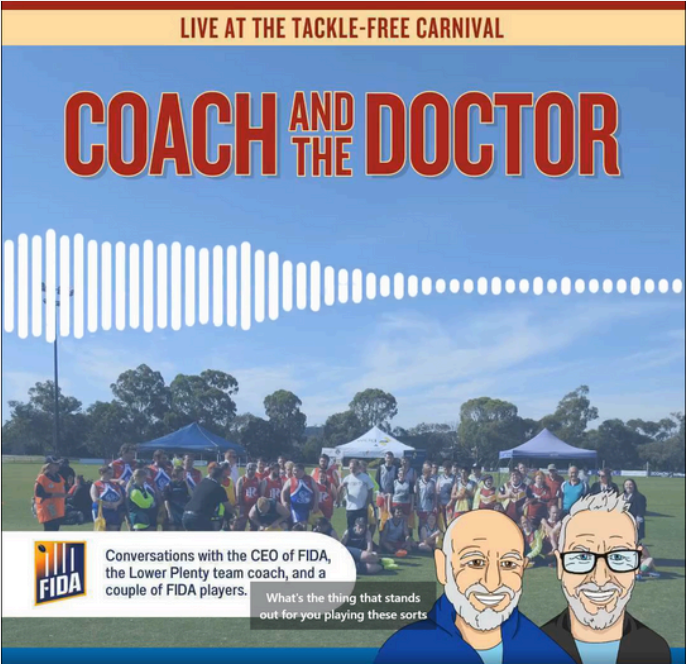


We thank the volunteers who give up their time and expertise to support FIDA and our sponsors who continually support our initiatives.



## The Coach and The Doctor podcast

The Coach and The Doctor podcast joined us on the oval at the tackle-free carnival, and we spoke all things FIDA and tackle-free footy. Tune in for insightful conversations with the CEO of FIDA, the Lower Plenty team coach, and a couple of fantastic players.



## Uniform consistency for our Officiating Umpires

Thank you to i-drivesafety who have sponsored our uniform for umpires. It looks great on match-day to have consistency across all games.



## Monash Demons host WA's North Beaches to a friendly match

Braving the cold Melbourne winter's morning, the team's played at Jordan Reserve. A great display of skill from players and mega cheers from the crowd.



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