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YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

MATCHDAY PROGRAM

**SERVICEFM STADIUM
SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**

WELCOME

MICHAEL CARTER - CEO, FOOTBALL SA



It is a pleasure to welcome you to ServiceFM Stadium for the 2026 Youth Club Championship Girls Grand Finals.

Today's Grand Finals provide an opportunity to celebrate youth football in South Australia and recognise the players, coaches, match officials, volunteers and families who have contributed throughout the season.

The Youth Club Championship provides young players with the opportunity to develop their skills, compete in a quality club environment and continue their football journey. Throughout the season, we have seen an impressive standard of football, teamwork and sportsmanship across the competition.

Reaching a Grand Final is a significant achievement and reflects the commitment and hard work of every player, coach and club involved. Congratulations to all teams competing today on earning their place on the Grand Final stage.

I would also like to acknowledge the families, volunteers, club officials and match officials whose contribution and support make competitions such as the Youth Club Championship possible.

On behalf of Football South Australia, I wish all teams the very best for their Grand Finals and hope everyone enjoys the football and the occasion.

Congratulations to all involved on a fantastic season.

Michael Carter

Chief Executive Officer
Football South Australia



EVENT PROGRAM

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER	EVENTS
7:30 AM	GATES OPEN
9:00 AM	UNDER 13 YOUTH GIRLS PREMIER LEAGUE A & B GRAND FINAL COMMENCE
10:30 AM	UNDER 14 YOUTH GIRLS PREMIER LEAGUE A & B GRAND FINAL COMMENCE
12:30 PM	UNDER 15 YOUTH GIRLS PREMIER LEAGUE A & B GRAND FINAL COMMENCE
2:30 PM	UNDER 16 YOUTH GIRLS PREMIER LEAGUE A & B GRAND FINAL COMMENCE

NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUES

GIRLS TIER 1



UNDER 13 NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER | 9:00 AM | SERVICEFM STADIUM (PITCH 2)
WESTERN STRIKERS V ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY



UNDER 14 NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER | 10:30 AM | SERVICEFM STADIUM (PITCH 2)
ADELAIDE JAGUARS V WESTERN STRIKERS



UNDER 15 NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER | 12:30 PM | SERVICEFM STADIUM (PITCH 2)
WESTERN STRIKERS V SOUTH ADELAIDE



UNDER 16 NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER | 2:30 PM | SERVICEFM STADIUM (PITCH 2)
ADELAIDE JAGUARS V ADELAIDE CITY

NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUES

GIRLS TIER 2



UNDER 13 NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER | 9:00 AM | SERVICEFM STADIUM (PITCH 3)
ADELAIDE COMETS V SALISBURY INTER



UNDER 14 NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER | 10:30 AM | SERVICEFM STADIUM (PITCH 3)
ADELAIDE COMETS V FLINDERS UNITED



UNDER 15 NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER | 12:30 PM | SERVICEFM STADIUM (PITCH 3)
STURT LIONS V ELIZABETH GROVE



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FLINDERS UNITED V SALISBURY INTER

ABOUT THE YCC

The Nova Youth Club Championship (YCC) is a premier competition designed to bring together top-tier youth football teams, emphasising the holistic development of players, coaches, and match officials. At its core, the Nova YCC promotes a collaborative and respectful environment, ensuring the football community thrives collectively.

The Nova YCC recognises and rewards clubs that uphold best practices, focusing on comprehensive player development. This approach not only enhances individual skills but also cultivates positive behaviours that contribute to the overall growth and improvement of the sport, providing a clear developmental pathway for players.

The previous competition formats (Junior Premier League (JPL) and Junior State League (JSL)) often allowed players to move freely between competitions, leading to a blurred competitive structure. The Nova YCC introduces a clear and structured pathway, ensuring players selected within it follow a defined progression, fostering consistency and stability.

To reinforce commitment and reduce player movement between clubs, the Nova YCC enforces a regulation where players are restricted to one club per season. This change aims to ensure dedication to the club and maintain the integrity of the competition.

In an effort to further enhance the player experience, the Nova YCC introduces club incentives. These incentives reward clubs that implement best practices, such as player tracking, video recording, and meeting minimum coach qualification standards. By recognising these efforts, the Nova YCC encourages clubs to create the best possible environment for player development.

Football South Australia (FSA) and the participating clubs acknowledge their shared responsibility in ensuring a positive match day experience. Through collective commitment, all stakeholders can influence the game day atmosphere, making it respectful, inclusive, and enjoyable for all participants. Football should always centre around the joy of the game, underpinned by respect, inclusion, and leadership at its heart.

The opportunity to enhance the game day experience for everyone involved has never been greater. Together, we can create an environment where every player, coach, match official, and spectator thrives, contributing to the growth and success of youth football.

“Youth development isn’t just part of football, it’s the foundation. When we invest in the next generation, we secure the future of the game. We all share the responsibility to support our young players, create a positive environment, and structure that helps them thrive in the game”

- Michael Carter – Football SA CEO



FOOTBALL SA VARIETY FOOTBALL FOUNDATION FUND

Football South Australia is proud to announce the establishment of the Football SA Variety Football Foundation Fund, a landmark strategic partnership with Variety SA designed to remove financial and social barriers preventing children from participating in football.

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NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUES

GIRLS TIER 1 SQUAD LISTS



UNDER 13 NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE
WESTERN STRIKERS V ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY
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NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUES

GIRLS TIER 2 SQUAD LISTS



UNDER 13 NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE
ADELAIDE COMETS V SALISBURY INTER
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MATCH OFFICIALS

NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUES - GIRLS TIER 1 2026 GRAND FINALS

U13 - Western Strikers v Adelaide University

ServiceFM Stadium 6/09/2026 9:00 AM	Referee:	Olivia Smith
	Assistant Referee 1:	Mia Staykov
	Assistant Referee 2:	Teagan Bayford
	Fourth Official:	Lenni Bayford

U14 - Adelaide Jaguars v Western Strikers

ServiceFM Stadium 6/09/2026 10:30 AM	Referee:	Jess Wilkinson
	Assistant Referee 1:	Kobe Fowler
	Assistant Referee 2:	Toby Arnold
	Fourth Official:	Olivia Smith

U15 - Western Strikers v South Adelaide

ServiceFM Stadium 6/09/2026 12:30 PM	Referee:	Cassandra Hughes
	Assistant Referee 1:	Jess Wilkinson
	Assistant Referee 2:	Matilda Flynn
	Fourth Official:	Tashi Bhattacharya

U16 - Adelaide Jaguars v Adelaide City

ServiceFM Stadium 6/09/2026 2:30 PM	Referee:	Murtaza Shafai
	Assistant Referee 1:	Luis Badcock Tejeda
	Assistant Referee 2:	Chloe Staykov
	Fourth Official:	Benjamin Michelsen



MATCH OFFICIALS

NOVA YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUES - GIRLS TIER 2 2026 GRAND FINAL

U13 - Adelaide Comets v Salisbury Inter

ServiceFM Stadium 6/09/2026 9:00 AM	Referee:	Olivia Cirillo
	Assistant Referee 1:	Benjamin Ryan
	Assistant Referee 2:	Daisy Drawwater
	Fourth Official:	Marco Bosco

U14 - Adelaide Comets v Flinders United

ServiceFM Stadium 6/09/2026 10:30 AM	Referee:	Alyssa Castello
	Assistant Referee 1:	Steven Michael
	Assistant Referee 2:	Sebastian Grieger
	Fourth Official:	Daisy Drawwater

U15 - Sturt Lions v Elizabeth Grove

ServiceFM Stadium 6/09/2026 12:30 PM	Referee:	Cooper Williams
	Assistant Referee 1:	Nimish Rajendran
	Assistant Referee 2:	Oliver Matthews
	Fourth Official:	Alyssa Castello

U16 - Flinders United v Salisbury Inter

ServiceFM Stadium 6/09/2026 2:30 PM	Referee:	Mia-Anne Davies
	Assistant Referee 1:	Belyse Shemezimana
	Assistant Referee 2:	Cooper Williams
	Fourth Official:	Nimish Rajendran

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CLUBS ON BUILDING POSITIVE YOUTH FOOTBALL



From the very first day of Adelaide Atletico, our commitment has been to create a safe and inclusive space for every player, and to guide our club with values that never waiver. Through the YCC elite pathway, we support young footballers to grow with purpose - technically, emotionally, and as people. Whether chasing a professional dream or finding joy in the game, every player is valued. And above all, we will never stop believing in those who thought it was too late, but come full of heart. - Lou Ricciuto, Chairperson



The opportunity for players move up the development pathway unrestricted by structural boundaries is crucial for their development. - Rep Giordano, Chairperson



At Adelaide City, we're not just building footballers – we're building people. Lumin and Veo represent our commitment to excellence, growth, and the future of our players. - Angelo Carrozza, President



We acknowledge that any Process Change that lifts Best Practices, ultimately has better results for the Club and Player. - Simon Panayi, President



At Adelaide Comets FC, we are proud to be part of the Youth Club Championship and remain committed to fostering a respectful, inclusive, and development-focused environment for all young players.

The introduction of the YCC hasn't been without its challenges, but it has provided a level of structure that has been beneficial in certain areas.

We continue to focus on supporting player growth while reinforcing the values we believe in fair play, resilience, and a positive matchday experience for everyone involved. - Jim Tsouvalas, President



The development of youth is critical to a strong future of our game and Adelaide Croatia Raiders is committed to continue being a strong Club to provide this talent pathway. - Ian Krivicic, President



*The introduction of the Nova Youth Club Championship is a significant step forward for youth football in South Australia. At Adelaide Hills Hawks, we fully support a model that values player development, consistency, and integrity. This initiative provides a clear and positive framework for our young athletes to grow—on and off the pitch—and we're proud to be part of it. - **Warren Ortmann, President***



*Adelaide Jaguars Women's Football Club fully supports the long-term objectives of the newly formed YCC and is excited about the development opportunities this structure will offer to players, coaches, and referees. As a female-only club, we're proud to invest 100% of our resources into the growth of female players and to provide an environment where they can unlock their full potential. The YCC framework strengthens this commitment by offering a clear, defined pathway for our youth players to progress. - **Bronny Brooks, President***



*Being a part of the YCC has ensured our YPL teams compete against the (comparably) best clubs in our state, ensuring the highest possible standard of football every weekend. A strong and very competitive environment in every junior age group will help ensure the best possible pathway to our future senior teams. - **Stavros Parissos, President***



*Adelaide University Soccer Club is fully committed to the purpose of the Youth Club Championship which will a greater professionalism in clubs, giving a greater pathway for the elite players as they continue their journey into senior programs and beyond. - **Gay Wallace, President***



*The YCC will showcase the best Juniors that SA has to offer and will provide a framework for ongoing football development in clubs. - **Don Leombruno, President***



The YCC has injected a fresh, exciting energy into junior football! This new challenge is already driving development and reigniting passion within the game. The palpable buzz within teams and the spark reignited in players are clear indicators of a brighter future for South Australian football!

*We at The Cove FC are incredibly excited for what the future holds for both the YCC and our state's football landscape. - **Dean Nethercot - Junior Chairman***



*The Croydon Football Club will continue to support and drive the YCC competition in 2026 and beyond. - **Simon Gargaro, Chairperson***



*we strive for the best development of our young players
we strive for strong community
we strive for success - **Steven Kidd, President***



*We see this as a fantastic opportunity for the continued growth of football in South Australia. Elizabeth Grove is proud to be part of a structure that supports positive youth development and gives our players, coaches, and families a clear pathway to succeed both on and off the pitch. - **Tony Fuda, Chairman***



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*It's a responsibility that belongs to all of us—coaches who inspire, referees who uphold fairness, parents who support from the sidelines, and players who bring passion and dedication to every match. The YCC competition structure creates an environment where young athletes don't just learn how to win—they learn how to lead, how to respect, and how to grow. - **Zoran Matic, Chairperson***



*Fulham United FC is proud to be part of the Nova Youth Club Championship. We are committed to developing players who demonstrate our core Club values - Humility, Effort, Ambition, Respect, and Teamwork - and strive to reach their full potential. The YCC structure enables our U13-U16 players and coaches to support one another and foster a stronger, united culture. - **Arthur Labrosciano, President***



*At Gawler Eagles, we're committed to building a strong, supportive football community. By joining the YCC program, we're empowering our coaches to lead with integrity, inclusiveness, and a passion for developing every player - on and off the pitch. - **Joe Ridant, President***



*The NOVA Youth Club Championship is a great stepping stone for young players to thrive in a semi-professional environment which enables them to succeed and prepare themselves for senior football. - **Dora Rinaldi, President***



*The Nova YCC assists clubs in setting a new standard for youth football by focusing on development and respect, ensuring the game grows in the right way, both on and off the pitch. - **Robbie Rende, President***



*At Modbury Jets Soccer Club, we proudly support the vision and values outlined in the Youth Club Championship (YCC) initiative. This document reflects everything we strive to instil in our players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters—respect, inclusion, and a shared commitment to positive football experiences. The YCC framework provides not only a clearer development pathway but also a culture where learning, growth, and enjoyment are placed above results. As a club, we welcome the expectations and responsibilities it outlines, and we stand ready to play our part in building a stronger, safer, and more inspiring future for youth football in South Australia. - **Jeff McCormack, President***



*At Vista we believe that our role is to prepare our juniors to continue within our club for the long term, ultimately preparing them for Senior football with us. This program will engage us to manage and review all facets of our junior development program in order to continually work on improving our Tier within the program. - **Darrell Wadsworth, Chairman***



*Football is much more than a game—it's a journey of discovery, growth, and connection. The YCC represents a significant step forward in nurturing that journey for the youth of South Australia. At Noarlunga United, we are proud to support this initiative and reaffirm our commitment to the values that make football truly special. As the YCC takes root and flourishes, we look forward to witnessing the next generation of footballers rise and thrive, both on and off the pitch. - **Monika Cadman, Chairperson***



*To learn you will progress, progress will lead to success. - **Dale Ramsey, President***



*The opportunity to enhance the game day experience for everyone involved at Playford Patriots - **Greg Voigt, Chairman***



*The Nova YCC provides an excellent pathway for young players to grow and develop along their football journey. The structure fosters respect, passion, empowerment and comradery across our junior teams, supporting the values of the Port Adelaide Pirates Soccer Club. - **James Coley, Chairperson***



Salisbury Inter Soccer Club - Women and Girls are committed to the Youth Club Championship, and the goals of having an enhanced player experience and clear developmental pathway, within a respectful and inclusive football community. - **Lauren Rauda, Chairperson**



Salisbury United are excited to participate in the YCC, with junior squads now playing back to back both home & away. This creates a competitive interest across team squads for club points and enables coaches to develop, identify and encourage player movement between squads for the best club outcome. Having players appreciate playing for a club, and not just a team is a great stepping stone into senior football. - **Charlie Morgan, President**



SRFC is an inclusive, family club in the south with a welcoming attitude and some of the best facilities in the region. We have a very strong emphasis on youth youth development. All ages welcome with miniroos, YCC, YSL, Senior Federation and Amateurs. - **David Galloway, Chairman**



SAPFC are proud to support the YCC initiative introduced by Football South Australia. Developing youth and growing pathways for junior players to excel forms part of South Adelaide's club values. The YCC formalises this commitment to excellence across the state, with infrastructure, strategy and training provided by the FSA. The future of football in SA is bright! - **Ainsley Roscrow, President**



The YCC has already improved offerings to young footballers This will get better as YCC evolves. - **John Vander Veeke, President**



YCC has been good for Vipers FC, the structure supports the high level youth development program we introduced 5 years ago. - **Adrian Moore, President**



West Adelaide SC is proud to be part of the YCC, a competition whose vision strongly aligns with our commitment to developing and supporting young players. - **Anthony Kalogerinis, Junior President**



*As President of our club, I see firsthand how our world game shapes more than just athletes, it builds character, resilience, and lifelong friendships. Our focus is on developing skills on the pitch and supporting every player's growth as a confident, respectful, and connected individual in the community. - **Gianni Lastella, President***



To build a sustainable development model as well as a vibrant football culture and to position the fairness in our game for the community.

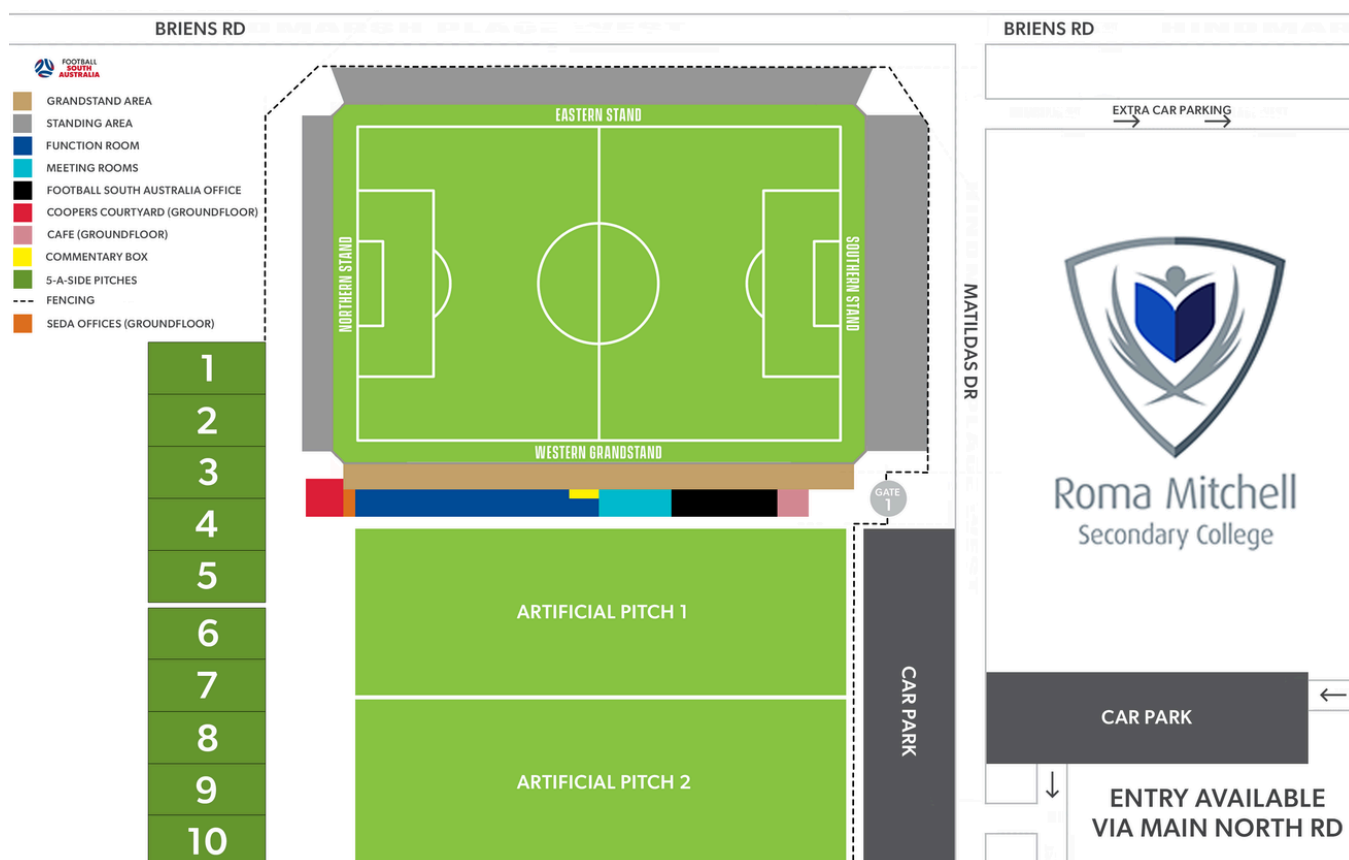
*We will provide opportunities for our coaches & player pathways that meets the needs and expectation for the competition as we offer participation opportunities for all, while being affordable and embracing the best practice for the game. - **Amin Ayoubi, Chairman***



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VENUE MAP

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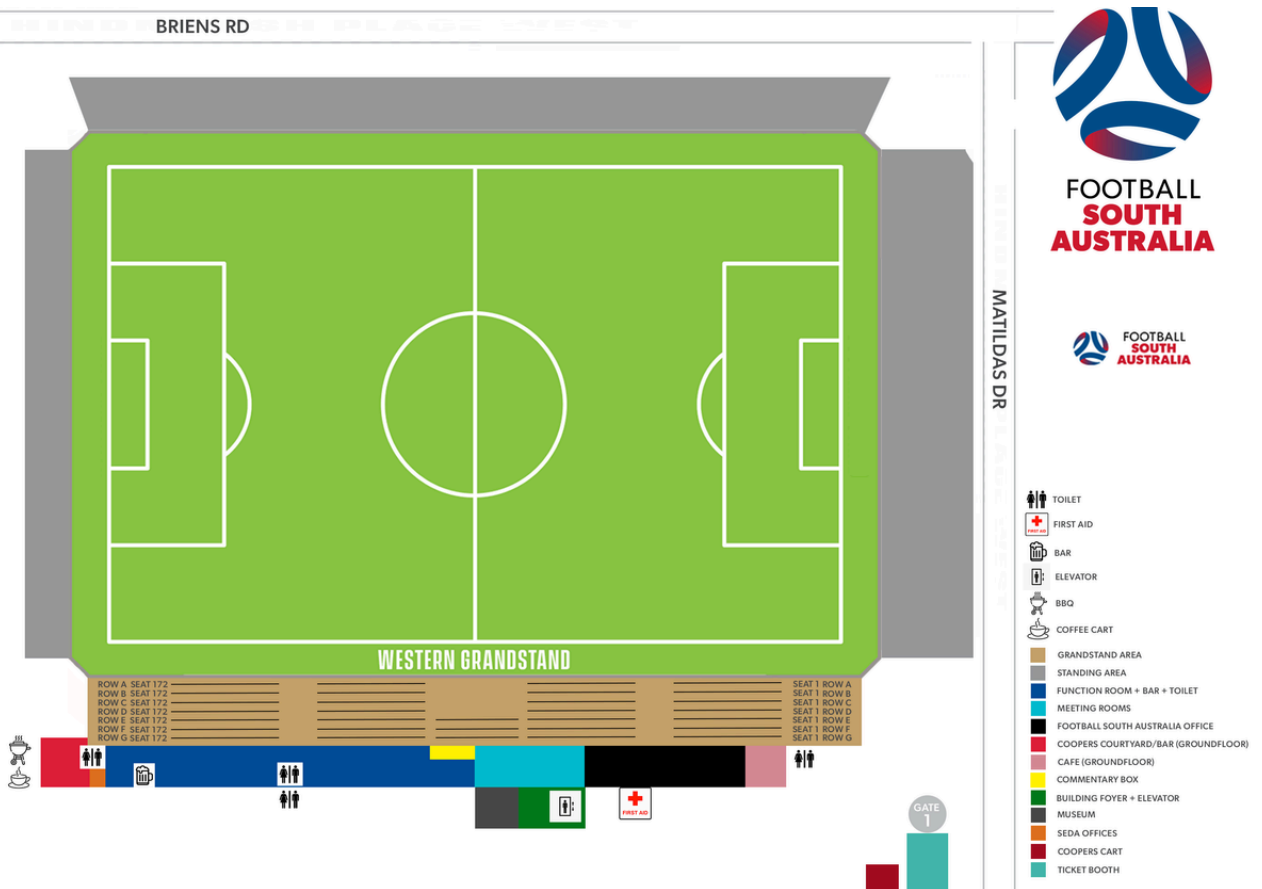




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SERVICEFM STADIUM FOR FOOTBALL MATCHDAY MAP





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