

BFUA 2026 Key Dates

Date	Event	Venue	Time
February			
Monday 16th	Pre Season training Commences - Ballarat	City Oval	5:45 PM
Sunday, 22nd	AFL Victoria Community Umpire Development Day	City Oval	9:30 AM
Wednesday 25th	Pre-Season training Commences - Castlemaine	Wesley Hill	5:45 PM
March			
Monday 2nd	Pre-Season Training Commences - Bacchus Marsh	Mason's Lane	5:30 PM
Wednesday 4th	Field Umpire – Coaching Session	BFUA Social Rooms	7:00 PM
Wednesday 11th	Boundary Umpire – Coaching Session	City Oval Bowling Club	6:00 PM
Saturday 14th March	Wallaby Track Parkrun BFUA marshalling	Wallaby Track	7:30 AM
Wednesday 18th	Ballarat Come 'n Try Night - new umpires, family and friends welcome	City Oval	5:45 PM
Saturday 21st	Ballarat Parkrun BFUA marshalling	Prince of Wales Park	7:30 AM
Monday 23rd	Goal – Coaching Sessions (online)	Online - Zoom	6:00 PM
Wednesday 25th	All Umpire Coaching session - Welcome to season '26	City Oval Bowling Club	7:00 PM
Sunday 29th	BFLW - All Grades Commences		
Monday 30th	First Year Umpire Information night	City Oval Bowling Club	6:00 PM
Tuesday 31st	First Year Umpire Information night (online)	Online - Zoom	6:00 PM
April			
Wednesday 1st	Barry Plant BFUA Season Launch	Saxon House	6:30 PM
Friday, 3rd	BFNL & MCDFL Good Friday matches		
Wednesday, 8th	Field Umpire – Coaching Session	BFUA Social Rooms	7:00 PM
Saturday, 11th	BFNL, MCDFL & CHFL Round 1		
Wednesday, 15th	Ballarat Come 'n Try Night - new umpires, family and friends welcome	City Oval	5:45 PM
	Goal Umpire – Coaching Session	BFUA Social Rooms	7:00 PM
Sunday, 19th	BFNL Junior Season Commences		
Wednesday, 22nd	Boundary Umpire – Coaching Session	City Oval Bowling Club	6:00 PM
Saturday, 25th	ANZAC Day football	See Fixtures	See Fixtures
Wednesday, 29th	All Umpire Coaching session - Goal Setting	City Oval Bowling Club	7:00 PM
May			
Wednesday, 6th	Goal Umpires - Coaching session	City Oval Bowling Club	7:00 PM
Wednesday, 13th	AFL Umpires attending training	City Oval	5:45 PM
Sat 16th & Sun 17th	Community Umpiring Round		
Wednesday, 20th	Field Umpire – Coaching Session	BFUA Social Rooms	7:10 PM
Saturday, 23rd	BFNL Interleague - Male & Female		
	Indigenous Round (Week 1)		
Monday, 25th	Castlemaine Training & Pizza Night - Ballarat-based umpires invited	Wesley Hill	5:45 PM
Wednesday, 27th	BFUA Life Members Dinner	Ballarat Leagues Club	6:00 PM
Saturday, 30th	Indigenous Round (Week 2)		
June			
Monday, 1st	Bacchus Marsh Training & Pizza Night - Ballarat-based umpires invited	Mason's Lane	5:30 PM
Sat 6th & Sun 7th	King's Birthday bye round		
Wednesday, 10th	Field Umpire – Coaching Session	BFUA Social Rooms	7:00 PM
Monday, 15th	Goal Umpire Coaching Session - Online	Online - Zoom	6:00 PM
Monday, 29th	Boundary Umpire Coaching Session - Online	Online - Zoom	6:00 PM
July			
Saturday. 5th	Junior Umpires football trip to AFL	MCG	(TBC)
Wednesday, 15th	Field Umpire – Coaching Session	BFUA Social Rooms	7:00 PM
Wednesday, 22nd	Goal Umpires - Coaching session	City Oval Bowling Club	7:00 PM
August			
Saturday, 1st	TAC Road Safety Round		
	Whistleblower	City Oval Bowling Club	6:30 PM
Wednesday, 5th	Boundary Umpires - Coaching Session	City Oval Bowling Club	7:00 PM
Wednesday, 12th	All Umpire Coaching session - Finals Expectations	City Oval Bowling Club	7:00 PM
Wednesday, 19th	All Umpires - Finals Announcements	BFUA Social Rooms	7:00 PM
Monday 24th August	Goal Umpire Coaching Session - Online	Online - Zoom	6:00 PM
Wednesday, 26th	All Umpires - Finals Announcements	BFUA Social Rooms	7:00 PM
Sunday, 30th	BFLW Grand Finals	See Fixtures	See Fixtures
September			
Wednesday, 2nd	All Umpires - Finals Announcements	BFUA Social Rooms	7:00 PM
Wednesday, 9th	BFUA Presentation night	North Ballarat SC	6:00 PM
Saturday, 12th	CHFL & MCDFL Grand Finals	See Fixtures	See Fixtures
Sunday, 13th	BFLW Junior Grand Finals	See Fixtures	See Fixtures
Saturday, 19th	BFLW Senior Grand Finals	See Fixtures	See Fixtures