



North Ballarat Football Netball Club Inc.

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NBFNC acknowledges the decision of the AFL Victoria Appeals Board not to reverse a decision by the BFNL Board to remove our Reserves team from the finals this weekend.

We have not been provided with details of how we are said to have breached the by-law. We therefore remain unclear how it should be interpreted, now or in the future.

We are disappointed that, not for the first time, a BFNL football/netball club has suffered despite a good-faith interpretation of an ambiguous and confusing by-law. The appeals board has noted that the BFNL Finals FAQ document has potentially created confusion with the interpretation of these bylaws.

We want to assure our members that we pursued all avenues to seek a just outcome for our Reserves team.

Our club has endeavoured to work with the league over a number of years to untangle those by-laws which remain open to misinterpretation. We will continue to do that in the interests of our great game and look to the BFNL to work with all clubs in a collaborative manner as a priority to achieve that.

Our priority right now is the welfare of the fine young men who make up our Reserves playing group. They are suffering most off the back of this decision.

We are proud of their endeavours this year and have no doubt they had what it takes. We know they will take the disappointment of this decision and use it to spur them on next year.

We are going to rally behind our Under 18.5 Football team and three remaining netball teams - 19 & Under, E grade & A grade in their quest for premiership glory.

GO NORTH!

