



# Blackburn Vikings Uniform Change Courtside Policy

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1	BVBA Committee	27-May-2024	2 years
Best Practice			

## PURPOSE

1. To respect privacy and ensure the safety of BVBA players is always maintained when asked by BVBA coaching staff to change uniform (ie reversible singlet), at training, games and camps irrespective of venue.
2. To protect players, coaching and team manager staff

## SCOPE

1. Policy to affect all BVBA boys and girls registered in all BVBA junior programs, and those junior players registered in Youth League.

## OVERVIEW

1. Proposal to implement a policy regarding BVBA junior players when required to change clothing, such as reversible tops courtside.
2. Proposal that BVBA implement a uniform change policy that states 'if players are required to change uniform such as a reversible top, then it must occur in the change rooms or toilets'.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Administration – to forward a copy of / or link to this policy via email to coaches, team managers, families, staff, and volunteers at the start of each season (ie April & October)
2. Coaching staff – to enforce policy for each team/age group from effective date of this policy
3. Team Manager – to advise team players in advance of game day the need for players to come to the game with the selected side of playing reversible singlet, dependent on the opposition's colour or which team is noted first in the fixtures.

## REASON FOR PROPOSAL

1. Apparent trend for junior players to remove tops on sidelines when required to change reversibles
2. Identified that players have been known to exit the stadium in the public parkland behind stadiums and change there.
3. Safety of players and protection of coaches is paramount.

## POTENTIAL ISSUES IDENTIFIED

1. Basketball Victoria has no clear policy on changing clothing. This policy will not contradict anything from BV but is also not codified in their regulations.
2. Coaches may feel that time is lost at training for players to go to toilets. It is a small inconvenience for an increased measure of safety.
3. Possible that the boy's program will have low compliance.