



FAQs

INTRODUCTION

1. Why is FFV introducing the Summer League?

FFV recently announced its plans to introduce a new Zone based Summer Competition throughout Victoria. This initiative falls in line with the new Strategic Plan for football in Victoria and will be introduced in November 2008.

We believe that as the fastest growing sport in the nation we must continue to provide pathways of development for all those involved in the movement and are keen to build on the many years of work from our member clubs. We want to introduce an initiative that assists in the development of the football community within the state of Victoria as a whole and offer opportunities for our members to grow. We believe that together with the existing winter competition format we can deliver a rewarding experience for players, coaches, referees, club administrators and volunteers throughout the state and offer an opportunity to participate in year round competition.

The new Summer League has the support of Football Federation Australia, Melbourne Victory and the Professional Footballers Association.

AGE GROUPS

2. What are the years of birth for each junior age group?

<i>Summer League Season</i>	<i>2008/09</i>	<i>2009/10</i>	<i>2010/11</i>	<i>2011/12</i>
AGE GROUP	YEAR OF BIRTH			
<i>Under 13</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>
<i>Under 14</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>
<i>Under 15</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>
<i>Under 16</i>	<i>1993</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>
<i>Under 17</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1993</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>
<i>Under 18</i>	<i>1991</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1993</i>	<i>1994</i>

TRAINING AND GAME DAYS

3. Will the FFV impose set days/times for training and if so what are they?
No. This will be determined by zone clubs.

4. How do kids trial with their individual zones?
Zone coaches in conjunction with FFV will determine the trial process. Clubs will be informed of the process once Summer League Zone Clubs have been formed.
5. When will nominations trials begin?
Trials will begin once coaches are selected. FFV is currently receiving expressions of interest from coaches and aims to appoint coaches by the end of August.
6. How will players be selected for the teams?
Zone coaches will select players. FFV will provide coaches with selection criteria.
7. Does FFV have any grounds available when a local ground is out of action in the summer because of drought or other reasons? Do we contact the council or FFV about where we can play?
The Zone club will determine which grounds are used for training and playing. FFV can provide 3 synthetic pitches for training at Darebin if necessary and will work with zone clubs and local councils in each zone to ensure training venues are available.
8. What day/time is game day?
Typically the games will be played on weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). A fixture will be released in due course. Games will not clash with Melbourne Victory home games.

VENUES

9. What are the venues for training and games for the different zones?
Zone clubs will determine what training grounds will be used. FFV will provide assistance in ensuring that clubs have suitable training grounds.

COACHES

10. What will coaches be paid?
FFV will pay Head Coaches in each age group \$2000 each. Additional payments will also be made to those coaches who also take on the role of zone co-ordinators.
11. Will the goalkeeper coaches be FFV appointed or will they be appointed at the discretion of the Head Coach?
The Head Coach of each team will appoint goalkeeper coaches.
12. Will there be one Goalkeeper coach per team or zone or will a few Goalkeeper coaches cover different zones?
This will be determined by each individual team and Head Coach.
13. Who selects the Team Manager?
The Zone Club will select the Team Manager.

ZONE RULES

14. What is the arrangement for kids who belong to a zone without a Zone Club?
FFV is confident that all 12 zones will be fielding 8 teams and be fully operational this year. However, if this does not occur, those players "without a team" will be eligible for selection in their nearest zone, subject to FFV rules of selection. Those rules are to be confirmed.
15. Given that the 2008 registration finishes at the end of the season (31 Aug) what are the registration requirements for kids intending on moving to a club for the 2009 winter season in a different zone to the club they played with in the 2008 winter season? That is, which zone can the kids play for, especially in this transition/introduction year?
The Winter club the player plays for in 2008 will determine which zone the player is eligible to represent in the 2008/09 season. Players must play for the zone in which their local Winter club is situated. If after the 2008/09 Summer season the player moves to a different local club, that player will then be eligible to play for the zone team in which that club is situated in the Summer of 2009/10. There will be no movement of players from one zone to another during the Summer season.
16. The current registration system is that players are registered with their clubs until December 2008. Does that mean in January all the players have to register again before they continue playing in the Summer League?
No. The players would register again for 2009 in the usual manner and with the local Winter clubs that they intend to play for in 2009.
17. Will players be able to move outside their zones?
No. Players cannot move zones during the Summer season. The team they play for in the preceding Winter competition will determine which zone team they will be eligible to play for in Summer.

OTHER

18. Is the Summer League replacing the V Elite?
No. However, the Summer League is a priority for FFV.
19. Is there a monetary remuneration attached to any of the positions for the upcoming Summer League?
No, other than coaches.
20. Is the Summer League a representative league?
Yes. It represents the best players from all the clubs in that zone.
21. How will this affect the winter league?
Playing representative football in the Summer will build on the skills obtained throughout the Winter months and FFV will work in conjunction with our member clubs towards ensuring that the two competitions work along side one another successfully rather than in competition with one another.
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