

TO: ALL CLUBS

FROM: FFV COMPETITIONS

DATE: 29 MARCH 2017

SUBJECT: 2017 COMMUNITY COMPETITIONS DRAFT FIXTURE RELEASE

Dear Clubs,

We advise that Draft Fixtures for the following leagues are now online (please [click HERE](#)).

- Zagame's Women's State Leagues
- BOF.com.au Men's Metropolitan Leagues
- BOF.com.au Men's Metropolitan Masters Leagues
- Sportsmart Junior Girls
- Sportsmart Junior Boys
- ALDI MiniRoos Girls
- ALDI MiniRoos Boys

Initial team entry numbers indicate a further increase of team numbers competing in FFV competitions in 2017. This continued growth adds layers of complexity to the fixturing process and creates a number of challenges, especially in relation to ground availability and clash resolution. Therefore you may note that your Club's kick off time and venue preferences from team entry have varied in the Draft Fixture Release.

Whilst we have endeavoured to provide a clash free fixture, there may also be instances where clashes (i.e. two teams kicking off at the same time on the same pitch) still exist. We will address those instances specifically in the coming days with relevant clubs.

Please note that fixtures for Women's Metro Sevens will be released on Thursday 13 April.

Further Fixture Changes Expected - Late Team Entries, League Changes and Withdrawals

Clubs are urged to inform all coaches, players and their families that we will be addressing, where possible, a number of late team requests between now and the Final Fixture Release on Thursday 13 April. Processing these changes will involve further alterations to fixtures that are currently online so please keep this in mind when reviewing the draft fixtures above.

FFV Competitions is continuing to work through a small number of clash resolution issues which remain, with a view to releasing a final clash free fixture on Thursday 13 April. Current venue and kick off times are therefore subject to change.

We would like to stress that it is not too late to enter new teams. Any late new team entry that is not included for Round 1 of the season, will be included during the Regrading Period after Round 3. Any request for new teams, team withdrawals or league changes must be submitted via the '[Late Team Request](#)' form found online, please [click HERE](#).

Fixture Change Requests (Prior to Final Fixture Release)

Between today and 9:00am Wednesday 5 April, Clubs have the opportunity to request changes to home fixtures prior to Final Fixture Release. Requests for changes can be made by either:

- emailing requests to competitions@ffv.org.au; or
- arranging to meet with a Competitions Coordinator inside or outside business hours at FFV Head Office to resolve fixture clashes directly (recommended for Clubs with a high volume of requests).

All fixture change requests to the draft fixture must be submitted by 9:00am Wednesday 5 April. Any request received after this deadline may not be considered prior to the Final Fixture Release on Thursday 13 April. We remind Clubs that whilst we endeavour to action as many requests to change fixtures as possible, any changes are at the sole discretion of FFV.

Prior to any submission, we ask that Clubs give strong consideration to whether or not they require changes to the current draft fixture and only submit change requests where absolutely necessary.

Final Fixture Release

The Final Fixture Release is scheduled for Thursday 13 April. Any fixture change requests made following Thursday 13 April will only be considered by FFV if made in accordance with Rule 4.7 (page 29) of the [2017 Rules of Competition](#).

Outside of reasons beyond the control of Clubs (e.g. ground access/conditions or fixture clashes), FFV Competitions will not process any fixture change request that does not comply with Rule 4.7.

Regrading Period

The regrading period will take place between Rounds 3 and 4 with a catch-up round scheduled for the weekend between those rounds. [Click here](#) for the FFV Season Calendar.

Regrading will only be considered in accordance with Regulation 10.6 of the [Junior Regulations](#) and for the following leagues:

- Sportsmart Junior Boys
- Sportsmart Junior Girls
- ALDI MiniRoos Leagues (Boys & Girls)

We urge all Clubs to familiarise themselves with the Regulations that govern regrading and to ensure that all coaches and teams are aware of the regrading process and its application.

A request to regrade will only be considered if it is submitted by 9:00am Tuesday 9 May 2017 and can be submitted via the '[Late Team Request](#)' form found online, please [click HERE](#). Requests to regrade teams via phone and email will not be accepted.

Please note, late team requests to change leagues made during and prior to the team entry period will remain active and will be processed accordingly (unless we have received written instruction to withdraw any such request).

If you are unsure of any pending requests to change leagues or teams from your Club, please do not hesitate to contact the Competitions department which can provide a summary of your Club's pending requests.

If you require any further information regarding the above, please contact FFV Competitions on 9474 1800 and press 1 at the switchboard, or write to competitions@ffv.org.au.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BB', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brad Borsato
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