



**FOOTBALL
FEDERATION
VICTORIA**

FFV REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

2017

*FFV has adopted the following Registration Regulations.
These Regulations will apply throughout Victoria for the 2017 Season.*

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iv. Registration Guidelines / Handbook

The former “Part B” section of these FFV Registration Regulations contained the “how to” information section of the Regulations.

That section has now been removed from the Regulations (so as to avoid confusion between the regulations and the instructional information), and is now published as a separate guideline for clubs, administrators and players. It is available on the FFV website.

In the event of any inconsistency between these FFV Registration Regulations and the separate registration guidelines, these Regulations prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Football Federation Victoria is referred to in these Regulations as '**FFV**'.
- 1.2. Football Federation Australia is referred to in these Regulations as '**FFA**'.
- 1.3. These Regulations apply to any Club with, or entering, a Team in any competition under the auspices of FFV (referred to in these Regulations as '**Club**') and Players who are registered with such Clubs (referred to in these Regulations as '**Player**').
- 1.4. Each Club must be registered with FFA in accordance with the National Registration Regulations (referred to in these Regulations as the '**NRR**'):
 - (a) This may only be completed through the use of Prescribed Form NRR02 – Application for Registration of Football Club (New Club Application Form with FFV Approval).
 - (b) Any newly formed Club must complete and lodge this form to FFV prior to the commencement of their inaugural Season. This will also ensure a Club account is created by FFA on the online system MyFootballClub (referred to in these Regulations as '**MyFootballClub**'). The submission will be made once the club has had the New Club Application form approved by FFV.
- 1.5. Each Club, inclusive of any private academies which are registered as a Club with FFA, must register with FFV any Players who take part in any Match.
- 1.6. A Club must not Field any person in any Match unless that person is registered with FFV as a Player with that Club and is deemed Eligible in accordance with these Regulations and the NRR.
- 1.7. In addition to any sanctions set out in these Regulations, a failure to comply with, or a breach of these Regulations, may amount to Misconduct and may result in a sanction(s) for Misconduct pursuant to the FFV Grievance Disciplinary and Tribunal By-Law, referred to in these Regulations as the '**GDT**'.
- 1.8. FFV may request a certified proof of age or identity document or any other registration document for any Player at any time through the Club (or to the Player directly) for verification purposes. For the avoidance of doubt, it is the responsibility of the Club to verify Players' identity and age prior to processing or accepting a registration via MyFootballClub.
- 1.9. Terms defined in the FFV Constitution, Rules of Competition, NRR and the GDT shall have the same meaning in these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires.
- 1.10. Amnesty on penalties and sanctions may be provided at the sole discretion of FFV only.
- 1.11. FFV may only disclose a Player's FFA ID Number, Player status and year of birth. FFV will not provide a Club or any other interested party other personal details or contact details without the consent of the Player or parent/guardian.
- 1.12. In accordance with the FFA Terms and Conditions, FFV may use a registered Player's name, or image, in any form or medium for general marketing and promotional activities.
- 1.13. If the Club fails to accurately set-up the Season via MyFootballClub, and it has not requested FFV to check their fee packages, Players may be deemed Ineligible and sanctions may apply. For the avoidance of doubt, if the fee package that has been set up incorrectly by the Club but has been checked by FFV at the Club's request prior to any Players registering, the sanctions referred to in GDT By will not apply.

2. PLAYER STATUS & ELIGIBILITY

2.1. *Player Status*

A Player shall be classified as either Amateur or Professional as defined below:

- (a) An Amateur is any Player that is not a Professional.
- (b) A Professional is a Player who has a written Contract with a Club as per Prescribed Form NRR05.

The status of each Player will be recorded via the online database: MyFootballClub.

2.2. *Player Eligibility*

Subject to these Regulations:

- (a) Amateur or Professional Players may Play in the Men's National Premier League (NPL) or Men's National Premier League 2 (NPL2), referred to in these Regulations as '**Professional Competitions**';
 - (b) Only Amateur Players may Play in any other competition conducted under the auspices of FFV or a Regional Association
- 2.3. A Player may only be registered with one Club at any one time in accordance with the NRR and FIFA dual registration rules.
- 2.4. A Player registered as a Junior with a Club may only be Fielded in a Senior Match Fixture at that same Club.
- 2.5. For a Senior Team competing in Professional Competition, all Players must be listed on the Player Roster in the relevant Registration Period in order to be Fielded in a Senior Match Fixture, in accordance with Clause 6.5.
- 2.6. A Club will need to register a Player to a Supplementary Registration package if a Player registers for a second, or supplementary, time in the same Season to the same Football Type.
- 2.7. A Player may be deemed Ineligible to Play by FFV if verification has not been provided to FFV in the required time-frame (refer to Clause 1.8).
- 2.8. A Player may be deemed an Ineligible Player, or a registration may be put 'on hold' by FFV, where the Player owes monies to FFV or is sanctioned by the independent Tribunal or FFV.
- 2.9. A Player may only be deemed Eligible to Play in any Match conducted under the auspices of FFV or a Regional Association once the Player has been registered in accordance with these Regulations (including without limitation seeking and being granted an International Transfer Certificate where required) and their registration is recorded as "*Active*" in MyFootballClub.
- 2.10. A Player's eligibility to Play in any Match conducted under the auspices of FFV or a Regional Association may also be subject to the relevant Rules of Competition.

3. AMATEUR PLAYERS

- 3.1. An Amateur Player may not be paid, or reimbursed for any expenses, to Play football other than those set out in Clause 3.2, without affecting their Amateur status.
- 3.2. Clubs may pay the following expenses to an Amateur Player:
- (a) Legitimate travelling expenses to participate in Matches and attend training;
 - (b) Hotel expenses (namely necessary meals and overnight accommodation during necessary absence from home for the purpose of playing in a Match);
 - (c) A Player's equipment (excluding footwear and goalkeeping gloves);
 - (d) A Player's insurance.
- 3.3. Clubs must keep complete records of all such payments made to Amateur Players and provide these records to FFV upon request.

4. PROFESSIONAL PLAYER CONTRACTS

- 4.1. Every Professional Player shall have a written Contract with a Club as per Prescribed Form NRR05 - Professional Player Contract (referred to in these Regulations as a **Contract**).
- 4.2. The original of each Contract must be received by FFV within 7 days of being signed by the Player.
- 4.3. (a) A Professional Player and a Club may only enter into a Contract if:
- (i) the Player does not have a current Contract with another Club; or
 - (ii) the Player has a current Contract with a Club and the provisions of Clause 4.2 have been complied with.
- (b) Any Player or Club in breach of this rule may be guilty of Misconduct and any Contract purportedly entered into in breach shall not be valid.
- 4.4. All parties to a Contract must initial each page of the Contract and any alterations or additions to the Contract and sign the Contract where indicated.
- 4.5. FFV will mail a copy of the original Contract to each party at the conclusion of the Registration Period to the nominated address on the Contract lodged to FFV or to an address which has otherwise been registered or nominated with FFV.

Obtaining a copy of the Contract

- 4.6. Should either party wish to obtain a copy of the Contract electronically outside of the provisions listed above, the copy of the Contract may only be emailed to the email address nominated on the Contract or an email address which has otherwise been registered with FFV.
- 4.7. Should a Player or Club request a hard copy of their Contract at any other time, the copy of the Contract may only be mailed to;
- (a) In the case of a Player, the nominated address on Page 1 of the Contract;
 - (b) In the case of a Club, the registered Club mailing address with FFV.
- 4.8. Alternatively, either party may collect a copy of the Contract in person at the FFV office. A current and valid proof of identification must be provided to an FFV staff member at the time of collection.

4.9. **Terms of Contract**

- (a) The Player's period of service shall be defined in the Contract and must be no less than the period from the date of registration until the end of the Season and, subject to paragraphs (c) and (d), be no longer than 5 years.
 - (b) In all cases a Contract shall end 7 days after the Club's final competition Fixture of the year specified in the Player's Contract.
 - (c) All Professional Players registered with a Professional Competition Club that is demoted or relegated for any reason to a non-Professional competition shall, upon such relegation or demotion, be deemed to have had their Contracts terminated as at the date of the Club's demotion. Any monies owed to either party under the Contract shall remain payable.
- 4.10. A Contract may be renewed at any point during the Year , provided the Contract is lodged prior to the end date of the Player's current Contract. Renewing a Contract for a further Season(s) does NOT constitute registration of that Player for the following Season(s).
- 4.11. FFV shall not be a party to, nor shall it be liable or responsible for, any debts or other financial obligations incurred by any party pursuant to a Contract.
- 4.12. At the conclusion of the Contract, the Professional Player will be a Free Agent.

Transfer Fee

- 4.13. If the parties to a Contract agree to terminate the Contract before it expires in the form of a Professional Player Transfer, the maximum Transfer Fee (compensation) will be:
- (a) Maximum amount of 50% of the total Base Wage (salary) which would otherwise be paid to that Professional Player during the remainder of the Contract, payable within 30 days of the agreed date of termination of the Contract
 - (i) For the avoidance of doubt, the Base Wage (salary) is not inclusive of any Match Bonuses.
 - (b) If a Professional Player enters into a Contract with another Club, that Club must forward the agreed Transfer Fee to the FFV within 30 days of entering into such Contract.
 - (c) All 3 parties involved in the Transfer must complete the Prescribed Form NRR06 – Application for Transfer or Loan of Professional.
- 4.14. If the parties to a Contract agree to terminate the Contract before it expires and agree that no Transfer Fee will apply; then the parties must complete Prescribed Form NRR09 – Mutual Termination of Professional Player Contract, and the Player will then be considered a Free Agent upon completion.

5. PLAYER REGISTRATION - GENERAL

5.1. *Registration Periods & Key Dates*

- (a) FFV Registration Periods and other key dates for the 2017 Season (referred to in these Regulations as '**Registration Period**') will be as follows:

League	Opening Date	Closing Date & Time
Men's NPL & NPL2 (Pre-Season)	16 January 2017	1 Feb 2017 (5:00pm)
Men's NPL & NPL2 (Midseason)	22 May 2017	7 June 2017 (5:00pm)
All other leagues	9 January 2017	28 July 2017 (5.00pm)

- (b) Other Registration Dates:

Amateur Player Registrations Open	9 January 2017
Final Day to register a New Player	28 July 2017 (5.00pm)
Final Day for a Player to Change Clubs (including Players from Interstate Clubs)	4 August 2017 (5.00pm)
First Date to lodge an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) Request	9 January 2017
Final Day to lodge an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) Request	28 July 2017
Women's National Premier League (Seniors)	8 December (5:00pm) – TBC

- (c) Professional Player International Transfer Certificate (**ITC**) Request windows via FIFA Transfer Matching System (**TMS**):

- (i) First Window: Open: 4 January 2017 Closes: 2 February 2017
- (ii) Second Window: Open: TBA Closes: TBA

5.2 *Registration Club limitation*

- (a) During the period 1 January to 31 December each year, a Player (whether an Amateur or Professional) can register for no more than 3 clubs in Australia and may only be Fielded in a Match for 2 of those clubs.
- (i) A Player may only be registered with one Club in each form of the game at a time.
- (ii) A Player may also be registered as a Futsal Player without affecting a Player's registration under this clause.
- (iii) A Player may be registered under multiple Football Types without affecting a Player's registration for another Football Type.

- (b) Subject to this rule, a Player may register with an FFV Club, or any club of another Member Federation, provided such registration is done in accordance with the NRR and the regulations in the relevant state or territory.

5.3. ***Player Exemptions***

Each application for a Player Exemption based on registration is to be requested via the Player Exemption Request Form.

- (a) Player Exemptions can be requested in the case of the following;
 - (i) A Club wanting to register a Player outside of a designated Registration Period; or
 - (ii) Any other reasonable request that does not conflict with the National Registration Regulations or affect the integrity of any Match or Competition.
- (b) A non-refundable \$55.00 administration fee will be charged to the Club for each Player Exemption request, whether successful or unsuccessful.
- (c) Further documentation may be required from the Player's current or previous Club for a Player Exemption request to proceed.
- (d) Players participating in the National Youth League (NYL) or A-League regular Season and/or finals series for Season 2016/17 may be provided a Player Exemption by FFV to register outside of the NPL & NPL2 Registration Period due to the overlap of these seasons with the beginning of the NPL & NPL2 Season.
- (e) FFV shall determine applications made under this clause in its sole discretion and such determinations are not subject to appeal whether under these regulations or otherwise.

5.4. ***Amalgamation or merger of Clubs***

Where an amalgamation/merger takes place between two Clubs, the following shall apply to registered Players of such Clubs;

- (a) No additional Player registration is required in MyFootballClub;
- (b) All current Fines, Suspensions or disciplinary action against any Players of such Clubs shall remain in force whether such Player continues with the amalgamated or merged Club or registers for another Club.

5.5. ***Cancellation or revocation of Club registration***

If FFV cancels or revokes a Club's registration with FFV, the following shall apply to all registered Players of that Club (referred to in these Regulations as the '**Defunct Club**'). This Clause also applies to the Cancellation/revocation of a Team (referred to in these Regulations as the '**Defunct Team**') from an FFV Competition;

- (a) As from the date of Cancellation/revocation, all Players (Professional or Amateur) registered with the Defunct Club or Defunct Team shall be deemed to be registered with FFV;
- (b) FFV shall have the same rights in respect of the Transfer of such Professional Players, as the Defunct Club or Defunct Team had until the date of Cancellation/revocation and in those circumstances the Transfer Fee which would otherwise apply pursuant to Clause 4.14 will be set in accordance with the NRR;
- (c) The Transfer Fee shall belong to FFV and shall be distributed in the following order:
 - (i) To set off against any monies owed to FFV by the Defunct Club or Defunct Team;
 - (ii) To pay any monies owed to the Players of the Defunct Club or Defunct Team;

- (iii) To pay any monies owed to any other Club by the Defunct Club or Defunct Team.
- (d) FFV shall have the same rights in respect of Amateur Players changing Clubs in the circumstance as described in this regulation.
- (e) Amateur Players may only change Clubs outside the applicable Registration Period in conjunction with Clause 5.3.

6. PROFESSIONAL PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

6.1. A Professional Player may only be registered for a Club in one of the following leagues:

- (a) Men's National Premier League (NPL); or
- (b) Men's National Premier League 2 (NPL2).

Such registration will only be valid after all requirements set out in these Regulations have been satisfied, the Player's registration has been fully processed via MyFootballClub, and the Player has been added to the Player Roster.

6.2. All Professional Players must have an original valid Prescribed Form NRR05 – Professional Player Contract ('**Contract**') lodged to FFV, and in addition;

- (a) Professional Players with a current 8-digit FFA ID Number wishing to register with a NPL Club must complete Prescribed Form NRR04 – Application for Registration of Professional Player and lodge this with the FFV.
- (b) Any Professional Player who has not been assigned an 8-digit FFA ID Number wishing to register with a NPL Club must complete the Prescribed Form NRR04 – Application for Registration of Professional Player and lodge with FFV.

6.3. A Loan Player may be registered as a Professional Player provided the registration is processed in accordance with Clause 14 of these Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, there are no Guest Players permitted in FFV Competitions.

6.4. Eligibility for a Professional Competition Team

- (a) For a Player to be Eligible to Play for a Club in a Professional Competition;
 - (i) The Player (Amateur or Professional) must be registered to the NPL Club and appear on the Player Roster for that NPL Club.
 - (ii) A Professional Competition Senior Team may only Field an Under 20's Player if that Player is registered and added to the applicable Player Roster during the relevant Registration Period.
 - (iii) For the avoidance of doubt, any Player not listed on the applicable Player Roster is not Eligible to be Fielded for the Senior Team in a Professional Competition Fixture
- (b) For a Player to be Eligible to Play for an Under 20's Team in a Professional Competition;
 - (i) The Player may be listed on the Player Roster for that NPL Club;
 - (ii) The Player may be registered for an incorporated and registered NPL Junior Team for that NPL Club.
- (c) For the avoidance of doubt, a Player over the age of 18 may not be registered for a Professional Competition Club outside the relevant Registration Period; unless a Player Exemption is granted in accordance with Clause 5.3.

6.5. Player Roster

- (a) The Player Roster is for Professional Competition Senior Teams only, who Participate in

the Men's National Premier League and National Premier League 2 (NPL& NPL 2).

- (b) The Player Rosters for each Club will be maintained by the Club in a manner advised by FFV and submitted to FFV for approval.
- (c) The Player Roster for each Club must comply with the Player Points System.
- (d) The Senior Player Roster must list a minimum of 20 Players and a maximum of 23 Players by the close of the First Registration Period for the relevant league.
- (e) A Player may be added to the Player Roster by a Club once they have registered to the Club via MyFootballClub and the registration is accepted and made Active by the Club.
- (f) A Player (Amateur or Professional) cannot be registered and added to the Player Roster for a Professional Competition Senior Team outside the Registration Period, unless a Player Exemption is granted in accordance with Clause 5.3.
- (g) A Player may only be removed from the Player Roster outside of the nominated Registration Periods if;
 - (i) For an Amateur Player; the registration is cancelled online in MyFootballClub, via either the Player's or the Club's account;
 - (ii) For a Professional Player, the registration is cancelled via Prescribed Form NRR09 – Mutual Termination of Professional Player Contract;
 - (iii) The Professional Player Transfers to another Club; or,
 - (iv) The Professional Player's Contract has expired or any other eligibility related issue.

6.6. **Professional Player Transfers**

- (a) A Professional Player may only Transfer to another Club:
 - (i) Within the relevant Registration Period; and,
 - (ii) If the Player's Contract has expired or been terminated by mutual agreement; and NRR09 Mutual Termination of a Professional Contract form has been submitted to FFV.
 - (iii) All 3 parties concerned (the former Club, the Player and the new Club) agree and sign Prescribed Form NRR06 – Application for Transfer or Loan of Professional Player;
- (b) A Club wishing to engage the services of a Professional Player must inform that Player's present Club in writing prior to entering any negotiations with that Player.
- (c) Any person who directly or indirectly induces or attempts to induce a Professional Player to Transfer to, or sign a Contract with, another Club prior to that Club complying with this Clause 6 shall be guilty of Misconduct and may be subject to the GDT By-Law.

6.7. **Professional Player Transfer Fees**

- (a) In accordance with Article 10.5 and 10.6 of the NRR, at the point of lodgement of registration documents, the agreed Transfer Fee (as indicated on Prescribed Form NRR06 – Application for Transfer or Loan of Professional Player) is to be paid through FFV, and is due within 30 days of the date a Player is registered (i.e. Lodging of Player registration documents with FFV).
- (b) If the agreed Transfer Fee has not been paid in full by 5.00pm on the 30th day after registration of the Player, then that Player will be deemed ineligible and cannot be Fielded in any further Match until payment has been made in full.
- (c) Once full payment has been made, the Player will be an Eligible Player.

7. TRAINING COMPENSATION

- 7.1. Clubs are entitled to compensation for the training and development of a Player (**Training Compensation**) under certain circumstances where that Player is registered as a Professional before the end of the Season of his or her 23rd Birthday:
- (a) International transfers: the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Player specifies the regulations on Training Compensation that apply to the international movement of Players.
 - (b) Domestic transfers: Articles 10.2 and 10.3 of the NRR specify the eligibility and amount of Training Compensation that apply to the domestic movement of Players.
- 7.2. To avoid doubt, Training Compensation is not due in the following circumstances;
- (a) If the former Club terminates the Player's Contract without Just Cause;
 - (b) If, upon being transferred, a Professional Player re-acquires Amateur status.
- 7.3. Training Compensation must be used by a Club to further train and educate Players.
- 7.4. When Training Compensation is payable; the Player's new Club must pay the full amount to FFV within 30 days of registration of the Player.
- (a) If the full amount has not been paid in full by 5.00pm on the 30th day after the Player's registration, that Player will be deemed ineligible and cannot be Fielded in any further Match until full payment has been made.
 - (b) Once full payment has been made, the Player will be Eligible to play.
- 7.5. FFV will disperse the fees to the Eligible Club's accordingly.
- 7.6. FFV will not administer Solidarity Contribution. For the avoidance of doubt, Solidarity Contribution is a FIFA requirement and may be payable on the Transfer of a Professional Player. Please refer to Article 10.6 of the National Registration Regulations for more information.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTRATIONS (PLAYERS CHANGING CLUBS DURING THE SEASON)

- 8.1. Unless otherwise stated in these Regulations, an Amateur Player is free to move to another Club during the Registration Period as specified and in accordance with Clause 5.1. The movement of such a Player is deemed a '**Supplementary Registration**'.
- 8.2. The Cancellation of registration of such a Player (referred to in these Regulations as **Moving Amateur Player**) via MyFootballClub will be processed by FFV once the following has been completed;
- (a) The Moving Amateur Player and the Moving Amateur Player's present Club agree to cancel the Player's registration online via MyFootballClub; or
 - (b) The Moving Amateur Player or the Moving Amateur Player's present Club have requested a Cancellation online without the consent of the other party and 7 days has elapsed since the request was made.
- 8.3. For the avoidance of doubt, FFV will not accept Prescribed Form NRR08 – Cancellation of Amateur Registration or Prescribed Form NRR11 – Supplementary Registration forms from Amateur Clubs for the 2016 Season. All Supplementary Registrations and Cancellations must be facilitated online using MyFootballClub.

- 8.4 Once FFV has approved the Cancellation of registration of a Moving Amateur Player, this Player must Self-Register to the applicable Supplementary Registration package via MyFootballClub and the new Club must accept the Player's registration by making the Player "Active".
- (a) Subject to Clause 8.4(a) below, the Player's present Club may seek payment by the Player of any outstanding Fines or other monies owed to FFV in respect of the Player's registration with that present Club other than Fines for red card Offences.
 - (b) Once the requested Cancellation has been accepted by the Player's previous Club, that Club waives any right to seek monies from the Player pursuant to Clause 8.48.4 above.
- 8.5 The Moving Amateur Player's present Club shall have no claim for compensation against the new Club.

Upon registration with the new Club, the applicable Supplementary Registration package will apply to the New Player, with the Club incurring no fee.

9. INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER CERTIFICATE (ITC) – PLAYER OVERSEAS CLEARANCE

- 9.1. An International Transfer Certificate (**ITC**) is required for all Players over the age of 10 who wish to register with a Club and who;
- (a) were previously registered with a club outside Australia; or,
 - (b) where FFV is satisfied that an ITC should be requested for the Player based on the standard of Club the Player intends to register with or the level of competition.
- 9.2. For the avoidance of doubt Clause 9.1 above applies to;
- (a) Australian and non-Australian citizens; and
 - (b) Amateur Players and Professional Players.
- 9.3. If an ITC has not been received within 30 days after a Club's request to FFA, FFV may, in its complete discretion, seek a provisional ITC from FFA and clearance may only be issued by FFA to FFV. For the avoidance of doubt, the 30 days commences from the date FFA request a clearance to the applicable National Association.
- 9.4. No request for an ITC will be accepted by FFV after the final date to lodge an ITC request as outlined in Clause 5.1(b) **Error! Reference source not found.**
- 9.5. In the case of Professional Competitions;
- (a) No request for an ITC will be accepted after the close of a Registration Period.
 - (b) All ITC requests must be made during a relevant Registration Period.
- 9.6. If an ITC is issued after the close of the Registration Period the Player may be registered outside that Registration Period.
- 9.7. A Player requiring an ITC must not be Fielded in any Match, until an ITC has been received by FFV and the Player has been registered in accordance with these Regulations.

Note - Players Playing without an ITC may be deemed Ineligible and sanctions may apply in accordance with the GDT By-Law.

10. VISA PLAYERS

This section relates to Overseas Players and Visa Players as set out below.

- 10.1 Please note that Player limitations will apply (see below), depending on the status of the Club with whom the Visa Player wishes to register and/or the visa type which has allowed the individual to enter the country.
- 10.2 All federal laws including, but not limited to, those in respect of maintaining a valid visa and relevant employment laws must be strictly adhered to by all parties.
- (a) A Player will immediately be De-Registered from the Club if it can be proven that the relevant federal laws (as outlined above) have been breached.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that all of the relevant laws are adhered to and that they seek advice from the relevant governing and regulatory bodies with regard to such.
- 10.3 FFV will not provide endorsements for Players or Club Associates seeking to obtain a Visa for the purposes of playing Football.
- 10.4 No Visa Player may be Fielded in a Fixture unless he or she has been registered in accordance with these Regulations.

Note: the following information is subject to change without notice:

- 10.5 Visa types and quotas for all levels of FFV Competition are as follows;
- (a) **Senior Men's NPL and NPL 2 Teams**
- (i) Up to 2 Players per Club who hold a valid visa to be in Australia may be listed on the Senior Player Roster.
- (ii) The Visa Players may be either Professional or Amateur.
- (b) **All Other Leagues and Clubs under the auspices of FFV**
- (i) No Professional Visa Players are permissible.
- (ii) Amateur Visa Players permissible – Unlimited number of Visa Players per Club who hold a valid visa to be in Australia.

11. REACQUISITION OF AMATEUR STATUS (CHANGE OF STATUS)

- 11.1 A Player who has been registered as a Professional Player with FFV, the A-League or any other Member Federation will only be classified as an Amateur Player after 30 days from the day on which the Player was last Fielded in a Match (including but not limited to taking the Field of Play in an Under 20 Team Match) with the Club at which he was classified as a Professional Player as defined in the Definitions section of these regulations.
- 11.2 A Player may not be registered as an Amateur Player until such time as the 30 day period referred to in Clause 0 has elapsed.
- 11.3 A Player cannot be Fielded in any Match, be it an FFV Competition Fixture or 'friendly' match until the Player has been registered with the new Club in accordance with these Regulations.
- 11.4 All Professional Players registered with any Club in a Professional Competition that is relegated or demoted to a non-Professional competition for any other reason shall be deemed to have had their existing Professional Player Contract terminated.
- 11.5 No Transfer Fee is payable on the Reacquisition of Amateur Status.
- (a) If there is any reason to doubt a Player's status as an Amateur Player once regaining this status and playing for an Amateur Club, the Club with which the Player was last registered

as a Professional Player may ask FFV to investigate the matter.

- (b) The FFV may, in its absolute discretion, determine what (if any) action is to be taken in response to such a request.

12 TERMINATION OF PLAYING ACTIVITY

- 12.1 A Professional Player who stops playing competitive football shall remain registered for a period of 30 months from the end of the Season in which the Player stopped playing competitive football.
- 12.2 Upon expiry of a Professional Player's Contract, his Club may not claim any compensation for such a Player and the Player is deemed to be a Free Agent.
- 12.3 Nothing in these Regulations shall prevent any Player from moving to another Club in a purely non-playing capacity.
- 12.4 If a non-playing Professional:
 - (a) Wishes to resume playing football as a Professional Player; and,
 - (b) Registers for a new Club; and,
 - (c) Satisfies Clause 7.1(b);that Player's former Club may be entitled to Training Compensation.
- 12.5 Other than as set out in Clause 7, a non-playing Professional's former Club is not entitled to Training Compensation.

13 CONTRACT DISPUTES

A currently contracted Professional Player may, through the new Club, request a Player Exemption in accordance with Clause 5.3, if the Player (or Club) has lodged a Contract dispute between the Player and his current Club which has been referred to FFV according to the GDT By-Law, prior to the closing of any relevant Registration Period.

14 LOAN PLAYERS

- 14.1 Loaning of a Player to another Club ('Loan') is permitted only for Professional Players between Clubs in a Professional Competition.
- 14.2 A Loan is subject to the same rules that apply to the Transfer of a Professional Player with the following additional rules;
 - (a) The minimum period of a Loan ('**Loan Period**') is the time between two Registration Periods, as specified in Clause 5.1.
 - (b) A Loan continues in force until the expiry of the Loan Period or if it is terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of the Loan or these Regulations;
 - (c) A Club may not Transfer or Loan a Player, who is on Loan, to a third Club, without the written authorisation of the Player and the Club that released him.
 - (d) On expiry or termination of the Loan, the Player's registration reverts back to the Club which loaned the Player out.
- 14.3 A Club may only Contract 2 Professional Players on Loan. There is no restriction on the amount of Players of a Club that can be loaned out.

- 14.4 To complete a Loan, the following completed documents must be lodged with FFV:
- (a) Prescribed Form NRR06 – Application for Transfer or Loan of Professional Player.
 - (b) A Loan agreement in the form of a Loan Contract; Prescribed Form NRR05 – Loan Player Contract.
- 14.5 A Loan of a Player must occur within the Registration Period and must be done in accordance with this Clause 14. This applies to;
- (a) Loan of a Player from an A-League Club.
 - (b) Loan of a Player from an International Club and will require an ITC in accordance with Clause **Error! Reference source not found.** of these Regulations.
 - (c) Loan of a Player from an interstate Club.
- 14.6 Clubs must notify FFV in writing of an early termination of a Loan;
- (a) Between the Club and Loan Player; in the form of Prescribed Form NRR09 – Mutual Termination of Professional Player Contract.
 - (b) Between a Loan Player and the Loan Club; in the form of a letter.

15 DUAL REGISTRATION

- 15.1 Subject to Clause 5.3 (and in accordance with FIFA Rules), a Player can be registered with only one Club at a time.
- 15.2 A Player registered with FFV can only Play for the Club nominated by that Player unless the Player is playing:
- (i) For a Representative Team;
 - (ii) For an A-League Club as a replacement Player or as an A-League Player on Loan to a Club or Institute in accordance with A-League competition rules;
 - (iii) For a Futsal Club at which that Player is also registered;
 - (iv) For a school Team that is not a Club;
 - (v) In a benefit, testimonial or charity match if that Player has written permission from FFV or FFA as the case requires;
 - (vi) In a trial match provided the Player has his Club's written permission and Plays no more than 2 trial matches or such other number of matches as may be specified in competition rules; or
 - (vii) Any other exceptional circumstances approved by FFV and/or FFA in their absolute discretion and in accordance with any guidelines promulgated by FFV and/or FFA from time to time.
- 15.3 Players Fielded in representative squads from affiliated leagues/Regional Associations playing in FFV Competition must be registered with a Club in that particular affiliated league/Regional Association.

16 TOURS (DOMESTIC & OVERSEAS)

- 16.1 A Tour may consist of, but is not limited to, a one-off exhibition match, a series of friendly matches or a tournament.
- 16.2 Any Tour undertaken by a Club must be sanctioned by FFV. This applies to both domestic and overseas (international) Tours.

- 16.3 Clubs in Victoria Play under the jurisdiction of FFV in the defined geographical area of the state body of Victoria. Where a Club wishes to Play outside this area of jurisdiction, a Club must seek approval from FFV, either directly or through a Club's Regional Association.
- 16.4 Tours to another country must also be sanctioned by FFA as a Club is leaving the jurisdiction of FFA.
- 16.5 For a domestic Tour to be sanctioned, the Domestic Tours Form needs to be completed and submitted to FFV at least 3 weeks prior to the domestic Tour, with the following:
- (a) Name, Club and FFA ID Number for all Players travelling;
 - (b) Invitation /correspondence from the interstate Club hosting the match /tournament;
 - (c) If the Tour involves more than one match, a schedule of matches or tournament draw;
 - (d) Contact details for all adults travelling, such as Coach, Team Manager or supervisors;
 - (e) Approval letters from the Players' Clubs if the Players are Touring for a Club other than the Club that they are registered with in accordance with these Regulations;
 - (f) For Tours involving Minors, a Working With Children Check (WWCC) proof for all adults travelling.
- 16.6 For an overseas Tour to be sanctioned, the Overseas Tours Form needs to be completed and submitted to FFV at least 4 weeks prior to the overseas Tour, with the following:
- (a) Name, Club and FFA ID Number for all Players travelling;
 - (b) Invitation /correspondence from the International Club /association hosting the match/ tournament;
 - (c) If the Tour involves more than one match, a schedule of matches or tournament draw;
 - (d) Contact details for all adults travelling, such as the Coach, Team Manager or supervisors;
 - (e) For Tours involving Minors, a Working With Children Check (WWCC) proof for all adults travelling;
 - (f) An Insurance Certificate of Currency (Proof of Insurance) for all participants;
 - (g) Approval letters from the Players' Clubs if the Players are Touring for a Club other than the Club that they are registered with in accordance with these Regulations;
 - (h) List of accommodation & mode of travel for Tours through multiple cities, including dates.
- 16.7 Domestic Tour applications received within 3 weeks of departure will be charged a \$55.00 administration fee.
- 16.8 Overseas Tour applications received within 4 weeks of departure will be charged a \$110.00 administration fee.
- 16.9 For Clubs that fail to complete the process for a Tour to be sanctioned, the following will apply;
- (a) A Fine of 0.5 Penalty Units for each Team for a domestic Tour;
 - (b) A Fine of 1 Penalty Units for each Team for an overseas Tour.
- 16.8 The FFV Fixture takes precedence over Tours. For the avoidance of doubt, a Tour will not be sanctioned should it clash with an FFV Fixture of the Club participating in the Tour.

17 NON-PLAYING ROLES REGISTRATION

- 17.1 All Coaches and Technical Directors must be registered via MyFootballClub in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Rules of Competition and the Registration Guidelines.
- 17.2 All Team Managers must be registered for their associated Club via MyFootballClub, in accordance with the Rules of Competition and the Registration Guidelines.

18 SCOPE OF FFV REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

Where these rules are silent on any particular aspect of the game, then all Clubs shall first have regard to the NRR, then to the FFA Statutes, By-Laws and Regulations, then to the FFV Rules of Competition, Regulations and By-Laws and where applicable the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), and then to the latest rules of the game as published by FIFA.

DEFINITIONS

Active: A status in MyFootballClub. The Player has been registered and accepted by the Club. The Player must be paid for to be made Eligible.

A-League: Australia's national professional football league for men.

Amateur: Any Player that is not a Professional.

Amateur Club: Any Club that does not have a Professional Team.

Base Wage: An agreed weekly payment, exclusive of superannuation, payable for a minimum period of the length of the Season in accordance with a Professional Player's Contract.

Cancellation: The process of cancelling an Amateur Player's existing registration during a Season.

Club: Any club registered with FFV and FFA in accordance with the NRR from time to time.

Club Finance System (CFS): FFV's online finance system which FFV and its Clubs will use to view and pay FFV invoices, make payments to FFV, view Club Account balances and Statements and view and print Eligible and Pending Player registrations and Team entries.

Club Official: Any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, consultants, officers and directors and representatives.

Club Stamp: A unique stamp (usually inclusive of a Club logo), accessible only to Club Officials, that signifies authorisation on behalf of a Club.

Club Letterhead: A unique letterhead, accessible only to Club Officials, that signifies written correspondence on behalf of a Club.

Coach: An individual that is appointed by a Club to direct and manage the development of Players in a positive environment that leads to the improvement of a Player's or Team's football ability, both in a general capacity and for specific performances.

Competition Administrator: The entity responsible for the conduct and staging of a Competition.

Contract: A law-binding, written agreement between a Professional Player and a Club which outlines the responsibilities of both parties, in the form of Prescribed Form NRR05 – Professional Player Contract.

De-Register: The act of undertaking De-Registration.

De-Registration: The process taken by a Club to make a Player's registration void, rendering the Player ineligible to Play in any FFV Competitions because the Player has registered at that Club, never Participated in FFV Competition fixtures and no longer intends to Participate in FFV Competition fixtures for any Club for that Season.

Declined: A status in MyFootballClub. The Player's registration has been rejected by the Club.

Defunct Club: A Club that has had its registration with FFV cancelled/revoked.

Defunct Team: A Team that has had its registration with FFV cancelled/revoked.

Dual Registration: The process of registering and participating for two Clubs at the same time. This may only occur if a Player Exemption is granted by FFV and FFA.

Eligible: A status in Club Finance System. Player has been made Active in MyFootballClub and paid for in Club Finance System.

Field: means to take the field or play or record a Player's name on the Match record and "Fields", "Fielded", "Play" or "Participate" shall have corresponding meanings

Fixture: means a game of Football sanctioned by FFV as part of a Competition.

FFA: Football Federation Australia, the Australian member of FIFA and responsible for the administration and promotion of football throughout Australia.

FFA ID Number: A Player's national registration number which is to be used on all forms and paperwork provided by FFV and FFA.

FFA Statutes: FFA's statutes as promulgated by FFA from time to time, including its constitution and by-laws and rules and regulations and policies and procedures.

FFA Terms and Conditions: The terms and conditions of FFA that a Player agrees to upon registration, as defined on the applicable registration form or as defined during the online Self-Registration process.

FFV: Football Federation Victoria, an affiliate of FFA, responsible for the administration and promotion of football throughout Victoria.

FFV Competition: Any competition staged, Participated in, sanctioned by or Played under the auspices of FFV or a Competition Administrator.

FFV Constitution: The constitution that governs the existence of FFV as an association, which is amended from time to time.

FFV MyFootballClub Team: The FFV department responsible for the administration of the MyFootballClub system and these Regulations.

FFV Registration Regulations (Regulations): The set of rules contained in this document that govern the registration process throughout the whole of Victoria.

FIFA: Fédération Internationale de Football Association, the association responsible for the organization, administration and promotion of football throughout the world.

FIFA Statutes: The statutes and accompanying standing orders and regulations promulgated by FIFA from time to time, including the Regulations for Status and Transfer of Players.

Football Type: A particular type of football that is determined by the structure of competition and competition rules.

Free Agent: A Professional Player is a Free Agent once their Contract has expired or been terminated by mutual agreement. A Free Agent means the Player is free to register for a Club of their choice. An Amateur Player is classed as a Free Agent.

Futsal: Futsal is the only form of 'indoor football' or 'five-a-side' that is officially approved by FIFA and Football Federation Australia.

Futsal Player: A Player that Participates in the only form of 'indoor football' or 'five-a-side' that is officially approved by FIFA and Football Federation Australia.

GDT By-Law: FFV's Grievance Disciplinary and Tribunal By-Law as amended from time to time, a copy of which is available from the FFV website.

Grievance: Any dispute or grievance that arises in relation to these Regulations, including a dispute about the breach, termination, enforcement or subject matter of these Regulations, including the Professional Player Contract, Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations.

Guest Player: Means as defined in the National Registration Regulations.

Ineligible Player: has the same definition as per the GDT.

Institute: Any National, State or Territory or academy of sport that has a national program.

International Club: A football club domiciled outside the Commonwealth of Australia.

International Transfer Certificate (ITC): A certificate provided from one National Association to another to facilitate the transfer of a Player between countries.

Junior: A Player that is between the age of 12 and 18 (inclusive) at the conclusion of the current calendar year.

Just Cause: Being legally entitled to terminate a Contract, including in accordance with the termination provisions of that Contract.

Loan: When a Player is given permission by their Club to be Contracted to another Club during the term of their current Contract. Loaning a Player is only permitted for Professional Players.

Loan Period: The minimum period of a Loan is the time between two Registration Periods.

Loan Player: A Professional Player who is given permission to Play for another Club for a specified period of time (Loan Period), while remaining primarily registered for their original Club.

Match: Any match staged, Participated in, sanctioned by or Played under the auspices of FFA, a Member Federation or a Competition Administrator.

Match Bonuses: Additional payments to the weekly Base Wage, exclusive of superannuation, to be made in accordance with the Professional Player's Contract when the Professional Player's name appears on a Match record.

Member Federation: A State, Territory or regional federation or association that is a member of FFA from time to time.

Minor: A person who is under 18 years of age.

Moving Amateur Player (also referred to as Supplementary Registration): When a currently Registered Amateur Player moves from one Club to another during the Season.

Mutual Termination: When both parties to a Contract agree to terminate a Contract through the use of Prescribed Form NRR09 – Mutual Termination of Professional Player Contract form. The Player will become a Free Agent upon termination of a Contract.

MyFootballClub (MFC): FFA's national online sports administration system which FFV, its clubs and players will use for player registrations including player Self-Registration. The MyFootballClub system was introduced in Victoria in 2010.

MyFootballClub Club Administration: The section of the MyFootballClub system that allows a Club registrar to update their Club details, manage Player registrations and generate registration reports for their Club.

MyFootballClub Trainer: Any person who has undergone FFA and FFV MyFootballClub training for the purposes of assisting and supporting Clubs with the MyFootballClub system.

National Association: A national football association that is a recognized member of FIFA.

National Registration Regulations (NRR): The set of rules that govern the registration process throughout the whole of Australia.

National Youth League (NYL): Australia's national Football League for male youth players.

New Player: Any Player that does not have a record (FFA ID Number) on MyFootballClub.

NPL Club: A club which Participates in the National Premier League.

Offence: means when FFV has found (upon investigation, audit, processing or notification) there has been a breach of a Clause in the Regulations or Rules.

Overseas Player: means a Player requiring an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) in order to register in Australia to Play football.

Participate: Refer to definition for Field.

Penalty Unit: One (1) Penalty Unit equals \$100.00

Pending: A status in Club Finance System. Player has been made Active in MyFootballClub but has not been paid for in Club Finance System

Pending (Awaiting Approval): A status in MyFootballClub. The Player has paid the Club, but has not been accepted by the Club.

Pending (Awaiting Payment): A status in MyFootballClub. The Player has not yet paid the Club.

Pending ITC: A status in MyFootballClub. FFV will automatically request an ITC for any player aged 18 or older with this registration status.

Play: Refer to definition for Field.

Player: Any person who is, from time to time, registered to a Club or is selected as a member of a National Team, whether that person is male or female, Junior or Senior or Amateur or Professional.

Player Exemption: A ruling made by FFV which gives a Player permission to perform an action which is otherwise prohibited by these Regulations.

Player Passport: The form of document that records each Player's Clubs for which the Player has been registered since the Season of his or her 12th birthday in chronological order as specified in Prescribed Form 07.

Player Points System (PPS): The system mandated by FFA which regulates the composition of the Player Rosters for Professional Teams, which includes allocating listed Players point values based on certain criteria as well as a total point value which the Professional Team is not permitted to exceed.

Player Roster: The Player Roster is the record of eligible Players for Senior Professional Competition Teams who Participate in the Men's National Premier League and Men's National Premier League 1.

Prescribed Form: A mandatory form as prescribed and distributed by FFA from time to time.

Professional: A Player who has a written Contract with a Club, under which he or she is paid to Play football for that Club.

Professional Competitions: In Victoria there are two (2) Professional Competitions. The Men's National Premier League (NPL) and Men's National Premier League 1 (NPL 1).

Professional Team: A Senior Team playing in a Professional Competition.

Provisional ITC: If an ITC has not been received after 30 days from when the request was forwarded by FFA to the relevant National Association, FFV reserves the right to seek a Provisional ITC from FFA. A Provisional ITC may only be issued by FFA. A Provisional ITC will become permanent after 12 months unless information to the contrary becomes known.

Reacquisition of Amateur Status (*Change of Status*): When a Professional Player re-registers as an Amateur Player.

Regional Association: A regional association or zone that is a member of a Member Federation from time to time.

Registration Period: The specified Period of time in which a Player must be registered for a Club in a particular competition.

Regulations: Refer to FFV Registration Regulations.

Representative Team: A team representing a State or Territory, a region, or an Institute that Participates in a Competition.

Rules of Competition: The FFV endorsed Rules of Competition that work in conjunction with the FFV GDT By-Law and FFV Registrations Regulations.

Season: The period of time starting with the first Match of a Competition and ending with the last Match of that Competition.

Self-Register: The act of undertaking Self-Registration.

Self-Registration: A process undertaken using the MyFootballClub System, whereby a Player or parent/guardian registers via MyFootballClub by obtaining and entering login details, updating personal details and selecting the Club and applicable registration fee to register against.

Self-Registration Exemption Request: The application made by a Club to FFV to request exemption to register the Club's Players using the "Re-Register Returning Players" or "New Registration" functions of MyFootballClub Club Administration.

Senior: Any Player that is between the age of 19 and 35 (inclusive) at the conclusion of the current calendar year.

Super User: A Club registrar that has been assigned to update Club details, create registration packages and enter the Club's terms and conditions into MyFootballClub on behalf of the Club before the commencement of the Season.

Supplementary Registration: When a Player changes Clubs during the Season, their subsequent registration with the new Club is termed a Supplementary Registration. This is completed through Self-Registration through MyFootballClub. A Supplementary Registration package will apply to Player registrations that fall under this category.

Team: A group of Players Fielded by a Club to Participate in an FFV Fixture as defined in the various FFV Rules of Competition.

Team Manager: The person responsible for managing a Team that Participates in an FFV Competition.

Tour: means a series of matches or a tournament, Played in by a Club either outside of Victoria, or overseas.

Training Compensation: Compensation payable in consideration of the registration of a Professional who is under the age of 23 to reflect the training and development of that Player by the Player's previous Clubs.

Transfer: only for Professional Players. A Transfer only occurs when a Professional Player, the current Club and the new Club agree on a Transfer Fee for the Player to move to the new Club in a Professional Competition while still under a Contract to the current Club.

Transfer Fee: A sum of money, agreed to by two Professional Clubs, to compensate the Transfer of a Player between the two Clubs.

Visa Player: A Player that is not a citizen or resident of Australia and who requires a valid visa or work permit to enter or be in Australia, whether to Play football as an Amateur or Professional.

Volunteer: Any person that is a Club Official or Team Manager.

W-League: Australia's national Football League for Women.

A1. Prescribed NRR Forms

- (a) Prescribed Form NRR02 – Application for Registration of Football Club
- (b) Prescribed Form NRR04 – Application for Registration of Professional Player
- (c) Prescribed Form NRR05 – Professional Player Contract
 - (i) Standard Version
 - (ii) Loan Player Version
- (d) Prescribed Form NRR06 – Transfer or Loan or Professional
- (e) Prescribed Form NRR07 – Player Passport
- (f) Prescribed Form NRR09 – Mutual Termination of Professional Player Contract

A2. Other Registration Forms

- (a) FFV Change of Status Proforma
- (b) Player De-Registration Request form
- (c) Player Exemption Request form

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A3. Other Registration Fees and Charges

- (a) Domestic and Overseas Tours
 - (i) Domestic Tour applications received within 3 weeks of departure will be charged a \$55.00 administration fee.
 - (ii) Overseas Tour applications received within 4 weeks of departure will be charged an \$110.00 administration fee.
 - (iii) For Clubs that fail to complete the process for a Tour to be sanctioned, the following will apply;
 - **A Fine of 0.5 Penalty Units for each Team for a domestic Tour**
 - **A Fine of 1 Penalty Units for each Team for an overseas Tour**
- (b) Penalty Units
 - (i) 1 Penalty Unit equals \$100.00
- (c) Player Exemption Request form administration fee
 - (i) \$55.00