

TO: ALL CLUBS

FROM: FFV COMPETITIONS

DATE: TUESDAY 2 MAY 2017

SUBJECT: REGRADING PERIOD

Dear Clubs,

With Round 3 approaching this weekend, we write to you in relation to the Regrading Period that will take place between Rounds 3 and 4 which has been mentioned in previous communication.

The purpose of regrading is to maximise player enjoyment by placing as many teams as possible in the league which best suits their ability for; both the league the team is requesting to be regraded to and the league the team is moving from. Furthermore, regrading provides the opportunity for clubs to enter late new team entries into Junior and MiniRoos competitions.

Notwithstanding the above, the decision to move a team between leagues following Round 3 must take into consideration any consequent disruption to league structures (e.g. increasing league size from 10 teams to 11 teams) and the impact on fixtures for the remainder of the season. Therefore, prior to any submission, we ask that Clubs give strong consideration to regrade requests.

Regrading Requests - Sportsmart Juniors

Regrading will only be considered in accordance with Regulation 10.6 of the [Junior Regulations](#) (an extract of Regulation 10.6. is attached as *Appendix 1*) 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 must 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, previously submitted Late Team Requests that are yet to be reviewed 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 Late Team Requests from your Club, please do not hesitate to contact the Competitions department which can provide a summary of your Club's pending requests.

Regrading Requests - ALDI MiniRoos

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

Please note, previously submitted Late Team Requests that are yet to be reviewed 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 Late Team Requests from your Club, please do not hesitate to contact the Competitions department which can provide a summary of your Club's pending requests.

Late Team Entries - Sportsmart Juniors & ALDI MiniRoos

We would like to stress that it is not too late to enter new teams!

Any outstanding or new Late Team Entries will be processed and added to a competition from Round 4 (inclusive) onwards. Any request for new teams must be submitted by 9:00am Tuesday 9 May 2017 via the '[Late Team Request](#)' form found online, please [click HERE](#).

Late Team Entries - BOF.com.au Men's Metropolitan/Masters Leagues & Women's Metro Sevens

Where a BYE exists within a league, FFV will be accepting Late Team Entries for Men's Metropolitan and Women's Metro Sevens Leagues. Any request for new teams must be submitted by 9:00am Tuesday 9 May 2017 via the '[Late Team Request](#)' form found online, please [click HERE](#).

Late Team Withdrawals

A certain number of team withdrawals are also inevitable. Whilst we remind clubs of the importance of submitting accurate team entry information, the reality is that finalisation of teams in leagues can be challenging in the weeks immediately prior to and following commencement of the season.

In the instance a team withdrawal creates an additional BYE (i.e. a BYE already exists in that league), we are forced to change the fixture pattern in order to avoid a situation where two teams have a BYE in the same week. That can lead to fixture and/or venue changes for the remainder of the year. Again, we always endeavour to keep fixture changes to an absolute minimum.

If your Club needs to withdraw a team, please complete the '[Late Team Request](#)' form found online as soon as possible.

Regrading Fixture Update and Further Fixture Changes Expected

Clubs are urged to inform all coaches, players and their families that nature of regrading will result in changes to fixtures for the remainder of the season. In that regard, we aim to have all regrading completed and resolve any outstanding fixture clashes by 5.00pm Tuesday 16 May.

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.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and patience during this busy period.

Kind Regards,



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APPENDIX 1

10.6. Regrading & Late Team Entries

- 10.6.1. Following the conclusion of Round 3 of the Regular Season, a request to re-grade to a new League will only be considered by FFV if:
- a. the League to which the team wants to move contains a bye (i.e. an uneven number of teams); and
 - b. the league from which the team wants to move does not contain a bye (i.e. an even number of teams); OR
 - c. there is a concurrent request from a Team to move between the two Leagues referred to in Rules 10.6.1(a) and 10.6.1(b) above which would effectively result in a direct swap between the two Teams in question and, therefore, no disruption to either of the respective leagues.
- 10.6.2. No Club shall have more than two (2) Teams re-graded in the same competition age group except in extraordinary circumstances as deemed necessary by FFV.
- 10.6.3. FFV may consider a request to re-grade which does not satisfy the criteria stipulated in Rule 10.6.1 above in exceptional circumstances. In doing so, it will give consideration to the following:
- a. The extent of League and fixture disruption for other Teams caused by the proposed move.
 - b. Match results recorded between Rounds 1-3 of the current Regular Season. No request to re-grade will be considered if a Team has not won or lost all three fixtures.
 - c. History of the Team's performance across previous seasons.
 - d. Any additional information sought or requested by FFV, including but not limited to referee and opposition feedback.
- 10.6.4. FFV will not consider requests to re-grade between geographic zones.
- 10.6.5. The following match determinations will apply to competitions affected by an approved request to re-grade:
- a. Any re-graded Team will commence in its new League in Round 4 and will incur three (3) Forfeits results as a result of commencing in the new League after the third round. FFV will determine the three rounds for which the regraded Team is to be allocated a Forfeit. Each Forfeit will be attributed a 3-0 result against the re-graded Team.
 - b. All results accumulated against a Team that has been re-graded out of a League will be removed from that League and ladder.

- 10.6.6. The Re-grading Period will commence following Round 3 of the Regular Season. All re-grading requests must be received by FFV no later than 24 hours after the conclusion of a Team's Round 3 Competition Fixture. Any request received after this time will not be considered unless, in the opinion of FFV, the request benefits all affected Leagues.
- 10.6.7. All regrading requests must be submitted through the online form which can be found on the FFV Website. One form will be required for each re-grading request that is submitted. Requests for re-grading or confirmation sought over the phone or via email will not be considered by FFV.