



**FOOTBALL
FEDERATION
VICTORIA**

**Football Federation Victoria
Match Day Risk & Security Policy**

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Purpose

- (a) This Policy has been developed by FFV in order to assist Clubs, Club Associates and other competition administrators and football stakeholders understand their duties and responsibilities with respect to match day risk assessment and security at Fixtures.
- (b) Providing a safe and enjoyable football experience for players, referees, officials and spectators is a paramount consideration for FFV.
- (c) This Policy is to be read in conjunction with the following documents:
 - (i) FFV Grievance and Disciplinary Tribunal By-Law ('**GDT**');
 - (ii) FFV Rules of Competition ('**ROCs**'); and
 - (iii) FFV National Premier League Participation Licence.
- (d) Defined terms in the ROC and GDT have the same meaning in this document. If a defined term has contradictory meaning in the ROC and the GDT, the definition in the GDT will prevail.

1.2 Jurisdiction

- (a) This Policy is binding upon all Players, Clubs and Club Associates.
- (b) This Policy applies to all Fixtures including but not limited to:
 - (i) National Premier Leagues;
 - (ii) State Leagues;
 - (iii) Dockerty Cup;
 - (iv) Metropolitan Leagues;
 - (v) Junior Leagues; and
 - (vi) Any other match sanctioned, or recognised, by FFV as a Fixture.

2. MATCH DAY RISK PROFILE

2.1 Classification process

- (a) All Fixtures shall be allocated a Match Day Risk Profile ('**MDRP**') as follows:
 - (i) **Low Risk** – all Fixtures shall be automatically deemed 'Low Risk' unless the Club is otherwise advised by FFV;

- (ii) **Medium Risk** – a Fixture will be deemed 'Medium Risk' where FFV considers that Misconduct or disorderly behaviour by Players or Club Associates at the Fixture may occur; or
- (iii) **High Risk** – a Fixture will be deemed 'High Risk' where club rivalry, club history, tribunal record, social media, or any other information, including information in clause 2.2(a), causes FFV to form the view that, in its reasonable opinion, Misconduct or disorderly behaviour by Players or Club Associates at the Fixture is more likely than not to occur.

Note – it is important to bear in mind that it is the *Fixture* or *Match* that is being assessed for a Medium or High MDRP, and not the Clubs themselves or individuals within the Clubs.

- (b) Classification of the MDRP is at the sole discretion of FFV and is not appealable. FFV may in its discretion solicit information or opinion from the Club(s) as to the MDRP assessment, but is not obliged to do so.
- (c) FFV will, where possible, inform Clubs involved of Medium Risk or High Risk MDRP Fixtures, 10 days prior to that fixture.
- (d) For any Fixture assessed to have an MDRP of High Risk, FFV will schedule a security meeting between FFV and the Club(s) either via telephone or at the Fixture venue, at least one (1) week prior to the match. The security meeting will cover:
 - a. Time / Date / Venue issues;
 - b. Security numbers;
 - c. Known threats;
 - d. Pre-match day measures (i.e. communication with supporter groups);
 - e. Any special conditions to be implemented (i.e. active support areas).
- (e) Clubs are required to meet the applicable standards for the relevant MDRP assessment, as set out in Table 1, as well as any requirements in the relevant Rules of Competition, Laws of the Game, GDT or additional matters as directed by FFV.
- (f) Unless directed otherwise by FFV, the Home Club for a particular Fixture is responsible for implementing the relevant MDRP security requirements at a Fixture at their own cost.

- (g) If the cost obligations referred to in Clause 2.1 (f) cause particular hardship for a Club, or if a Club believes that compliance with such obligations is unreasonable and/or caused by attendance at their venue of another Club or Club Associate, the Home Club may raise this with the relevant FFV contact as set out in Clause 3.1 (d).
 - a. All specific concerns must be directed in writing to FFV, no less than one week prior to the Fixture, outlining the particular concerns which may require consideration.
 - b. FFV will take any concerns lodged in accordance with Clause 2.1 (g) (a) into consideration and make a determination (at its discretion) with respect to any financial assistance or dispensation appropriate.

- (h) If a Club fails to implement the relevant MDRP security requirements referred to in Table 1 pursuant to clause 2.1 (e):
 - a. the Club may be charged with a Misconduct Offence (MP10) pursuant to the GDT; and
 - b. FFV may in its discretion implement the security requirements relevant to the applicable MDRP for that Fixture and may recover the costs of implementing those requirements from the Club in question.

2.2 **Relevant factors in assessment**

- (a) Factors that FFV may consider when determining a MDRP for a Fixture include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (i) Previous Club history of medium or high risk MDRPs;
 - (ii) Previous behaviour of Club Associates;
 - (iii) Club rivalry;
 - (iv) High profile Fixtures (ie, Matches involving Hyundai A-League Clubs);
 - (v) Expected attendance;
 - (vi) Match day venue;
 - (vii) Club or Club Associate tribunal or disciplinary history;
 - (viii) Social media or online activity;
 - (ix) Consequences of match (i.e. relegation / promotion or Cup); or
 - (x) Any other information that FFV deems relevant to the Fixture and MDRP assessment.

- (b) Clubs are responsible for informing FFV of any information of which they are aware that may be relevant to, or affect, the MDRP of any Fixture, including but not limited to:

- (i) Relevant social media activity;
- (ii) Active support group interest in the Fixture;
- (iii) Previous issues between Club Associates and/or supporter groups; or
- (iv) Planned Club, Club Associate and/or supporter group activities before, during or after the Fixture.

3. CLUB COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Club requirements for Match Day Risk Profiles

- (a) Table 1 sets out all expected requirements for a relevant MDRP.
 - (i) Clubs are expected to comply with all relevant risk and security protocols for a given MDRP rating for a Fixture at all times;
 - (ii) From time to time, FFV may direct that a Club is required to comply with additional risk and security protocols in addition to those listed in Table 1, where FFV believes, in its reasonable opinion, that such additional protocols may assist in reducing the risk(s) associated with a Fixture.
- (b) The implementation by a Club of the relevant protocols to FFV's satisfaction for a Fixture is a condition precedent for consideration under clause 3.2(b) of the GDT.
- (c) FFV may require Club(s) to provide evidence of their compliance or attempted compliance with the requirements of a MDRP for a particular Fixture, and where so requested, a Club is required to provide such material to FFV.
- (d) Where a Club is unsure as to its MDRP responsibilities in relation to a Fixture, the Club is expected to contact FFV at least one (1) week prior to the Fixture in order to enable time to make any necessary arrangements ahead of that fixture. The relevant contact details are as follows:

For Matches involving NPL Clubs:

Liam Bentley
Head of NPL & WNPL
T: (03) 9474 1816
nplvictoria@ffv.org.au

All other Matches:

Paul Marazita
Community Competitions Manager
T: (03) 9474 1818
competitions@ffv.org.au

3.2 **Security Providers**

- (a) All security providers contracted by a Club must be licenced by the Victoria Police "Private Security" Licence & Regulation Division.
- (b) Security providers may be required to provide evidence of registration or licencing as part of any protocols or appointments put in place for a Medium Risk or High Risk Fixture.

3.3 **Ability to deny Club Associates / enforce banning orders**

- (a) Clubs are required to recognise and uphold any banning order or Suspension validly imposed by FFV or FFA upon a Club or Club Associate, where such information is provided to the Club.
- (b) Where a banned or Suspended Club Associate is permitted or otherwise gains entry to a Fixture, FFV may proceed against the responsible Club as per GDT Misconduct Offence MP10, in its sole discretion.

Table 1 – Club requirements for MDRP

	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk
Contracted Security	As per relevant Rules of Competition	Minimum 4 contracted security staff	Minimum 8 contracted security staff plus 1 for every 250pax expected over 1500.
Ground Marshalls	As per relevant Rules of Competition	Minimum 2 Club marshals from each club	Minimum 6 club marshals from each club
Policing Requirements	No VicPol interaction required	VicPol to be informed of the fixture and security arrangements	VicPol to be informed of the fixture and security arrangements and advised to attend where possible
Pre-match Security Briefing	Not Required	Teleconference between FFV , competing clubs, venue managers to be held at least one week prior to fixture, where possible	Security meeting between FFV, competing clubs, venue managers and security providers at the venue at least one week prior to the fixture, where possible
Spectator Segregation	Not Required	Allocated areas for supporters advised	Dedicated areas for “Away” active supporter group
Filming	As per relevant Rules of Competition	Home Club to arrange (hand held) filming capability for match with assistance from FFV where appropriate	Minimum two cameras to be located at different points around the ground.
Ticketing	As per relevant Rules of Competition	As per relevant Rules of Competition	Clubs may be required to conduct a ticket pre-sell or provide ID for entry into the ground.
Venue	Home Venue	Home Venue	FFV may nominate a neutral and more suitable venue for the Fixture
Entry & Access Points	One main entry point, second exit point available	One main entry point, second exit point available	Possible use of two entry and exit points

	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk
Contact Persons	Not Required	Single contact person for each club on match day to be provided to FFV and Security Provider	Home Club to provide a match day manager and away club to provide a single contact person to FFV and Security Provider
Post Match Reporting	Required for any incident of violence or disorderly conduct	Required for any incident of violence or disorderly conduct	Full Report of operations and incidents required
Flare Management	1 x Sand filled metal bucket 1 x Fire proof gloves 1 x Protective goggles	1 x Sand filled metal bucket 1 x Fire proof gloves 1 x Protective goggles	2 x Sand filled metal bucket 2 x Fire proof gloves 2 x Protective goggles
Communication of Codes of Conduct	Not Required	Code of Conduct extract to be read over venue public address system once before the match & once at half time.	Code of Conduct extract to be read over venue public address system twice before the match, once at half time and once at full time
Drinks Service	As per Liquor Licencing and Food Handling requirements	As per Liquor Licencing and Food Handling requirements, with the exception all drinks must be served in plastic cups	As per Liquor Licencing and Food Handling requirements, with the exception all drinks must be served in plastic cups
Social Media	No specific requirements	Club to utilise social media to advise fans of required behaviour & monitor for any relevant discussion	Club to utilise social media to advise fans of required behaviour & monitor for any relevant discussion