

**TO: ALL CLUBS**

**FROM: FFV COMPETITIONS**

**DATE: 11 NOVEMBER 2016**

**SUBJECT: 2017 ZAGAME'S MEN'S STATE LEAGUE**

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Dear Clubs,

The Zagame's Men's State League (MSL) Draft Structure for 2017 is now available online. To view the Draft Structure, please click [HERE](#).

### **2017 MSL Fixture Preferences**

All MSL fixture preferences for the 2017 season are to be submitted to [competitions@ffv.org.au](mailto:competitions@ffv.org.au) by no later than 9:00AM Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 with the following subject line '2017 MSL Fixture Preferences'.

Fixture preferences may refer to, but are not limited to the following:

- Home fixture kick off times for seniors and reserves
- Preferred Day of Play (e.g. Friday, Saturday etc.)
- Hosting on a specific Round(s) for club events (e.g. Charity Fundraiser, Significant Club Event etc.)
- Ground availability (due to Council allocation/works/ground sharing)

Please note that FFV cannot guarantee fixture preferences will be met, however we will endeavour to accommodate as many requests as possible.

### **Night Fixtures/Lighting Certification**

Clubs may be permitted to host night fixtures provided pitch lighting meets the requirements outlined in the *2016 Football Lighting Policy & Requirements* (click [HERE](#)) or as otherwise published by FFV from time to time. MSL Clubs are reminded of the following Lighting Certification deadlines in order to gain approval to host night fixtures in 2017 in the instance your Lighting Certification has expired, or is set to expire, prior to the start of the 2017 season:

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February - if the completed Lighting Audit is received by FFV Competitions on this date and approved, all requested fixtures may be moved to nominated evening kick off time without opposition consent.
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February through Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - if the completed Lighting Audit is received by FFV Competitions during this period and approved, all requested fixtures except those falling in Rounds 1 and 2 may be moved to nominated evening kick off time without opposition consent.
- Post Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - if the completed Lighting Audit is received by FFV Competitions and approved after this date, all clubs will be required to seek opposition consent as per the Rules of Competition to change any Regular Season FFV Competition Fixture, unless otherwise approved by FFV in its sole and absolute discretion.

All Lighting Certification/Audit documents must be sent to [competitions@ffv.org.au](mailto:competitions@ffv.org.au)

## **New Club/Team Applications**

Applications are currently open for new entries to the MSL structure. New Clubs or existing Clubs that do not currently field a team in MSL can apply to enter a senior and reserves team in MSL for season 2017. Information regarding the application process is outlined below. Please note the approval of MSL applications are at the sole and absolute discretion of FFV, and that all successful MSL applications will enter Zagame's Men's State League 5 (or MSL 6 if necessary) in 2017.

All applications must be submitted on club letterhead to [competitions@ffv.org.au](mailto:competitions@ffv.org.au) no later than 9:00AM Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and must include the following:

- Confirmation of ground/venue access that meets the minimum requirements for MSL as published in FFV's Rules of Competition.
- Acknowledgement that the Club will field both a seniors and reserves team for the duration of the Regular Season. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal of the Club from the MSL structure in accordance with the Rules of Competition.
- Acknowledgement that the Club/Team will participate in the Westfield FFA Cup commencing in mid February and that all players will be registered in MyFootballClub prior to the Qualifying Round of the FFA Cup in 2017.
- Acknowledgement that all senior and reserve players, in addition to being registered through MyFootballClub (as above) will also be financial (paid for in full), prior to commencement of Round 1 of the Regular Season.
- Confirm fixture preferences for the 2017 season as outlined above.

Clubs which fail to provide FFV with written consent for ground usage by a facility provider will not be considered for inclusion in MSL in 2017.

Applications received after 9:00AM Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 will only be considered for acceptance at the sole discretion of FFV.

## **2017 Draft Fixture Release**

Following closure of the application period to enter MSL, FFV will confirm the final 2017 Zagame's MSL structure.

Draft fixtures for 2017 MSL will then be released to Clubs by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the Competitions department on 9474 1800 and press '1' when prompted, or via email [competitions@ffv.org.au](mailto:competitions@ffv.org.au).

Regards,

**FFV Competitions**