

**TO: ALL CLUBS**

**FROM: FFV COMPETITIONS**

**DATE: 14 NOVEMBER 2016**

**SUBJECT: 2017 DRAFT LEAGUE STRUCTURE RELEASE #1**

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Dear Clubs,

With the release of the 2017 Season Calendar ([click HERE](#)) we write to confirm draft league structures for all Community Competitions in 2017 are now available online. Links to relevant league structures are set out below and are also found on the Information & Notices page on the FFV website:

Zagame's Men's State League	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Zagame's Women's State League	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Women's Metro Seven's	<a href="#">Click here</a>
BOF.com.au Men's Metropolitan League	<a href="#">Click here</a>
BOF.com.au Men's Metropolitan Masters League	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Sportsmart Junior Boys'	(By Club – <a href="#">Click here</a> ) (By League – <a href="#">Click here</a> )
Sportsmart Junior Girls'	<a href="#">Click here</a>
MiniRoos Boys'	(By Club – <a href="#">Click here</a> ) (By League – <a href="#">Click here</a> )
MiniRoos Girls'	<a href="#">Click here</a>

### **Sportsmart Junior Boys' (U12 to U20)**

All 2016 teams have progressed to the next available age group for the 2017 season (e.g. a team in Under 13's in 2016 will now appear in Under 14's in 2017).

The 2017 league structures for Junior Boys' were created with the following considerations:

- 2016 final league standings and grade of competition.
- In most cases, teams finishing in the first two positions of a league were moved into the higher grade and teams finishing in the last two positions in a league were moved down. Occasionally, more than two teams were moved to ensure as many 10 team competitions as possible which allow for an 18 round balanced fixture (i.e. nine (9) home and nine (9) away fixtures).
- For teams progressing from U12's to U13's, a Club may have no more than one team in an U13 'A' league in their respective zone. Two teams per Club are permitted from U14 to U20 'A' leagues within any given zone.
- The minimum number of teams for a viable league is six (6) and the maximum number of teams in a league is fifteen (15).
- U18 and U20 leagues will merge across zones if there are not sufficient team entries to create a viable league in a particular zone.

## Sportsmart Boys' Under 20 Leagues

If your Club is interested in fielding a team in a Sportsmart Boys' U20 league in 2017 and is not already listed within the draft structures, please complete the online Boys' Under 20 Team Request Form ([click HERE](#)).

## **MiniRoos Boys' (U7 to U11)**

MiniRoos teams from 2016 have progressed to the next age group in 2017 yet remain in the same category (i.e. Kangaroos, Wallabies or Joeys).

The 2017 league structures for MiniRoos Boys' were created with the following considerations:

- Where practical, minimise the over representation of teams from the same Club in any one league.
- Distance between Clubs within a league and keeping leagues as local as possible.
- League sizes consisting of a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of fifteen (15) teams.
- Submit Expressions of Interest for U7 MiniRoos Teams [Here](#)

## **Sportsmart Junior Girls' (U12 to U18) & MiniRoos Girls' (U7 to U11)**

All girls' football is self-graded, therefore Clubs wishing to enter teams are asked to complete the following team request forms for Sportsmart Girls' and MiniRoos Girls' Leagues:

- [2017 MiniRoos Girls' Team Request Form \(U7 - U11\)](#)
- [2017 Sportsmart Junior Girls' Team Request Form \(U12 - U18\)](#)

Each form allows for a maximum of five (5) teams to be submitted at once. Therefore if you require more than 5 teams simply complete an additional form. We will publish updated draft league structures for both Junior Girls' and MiniRoos Girls' by no later than Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016, based on information received in each Team Request Form.

Periodic updates to the league structures will occur to incorporate team requests that are not submitted by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. All teams submitted must be confirmed during the Online Team Entry Period.

## **Women's Metro Seven's**

FFV are now taking expressions of interest from Clubs for the Women's Metro Seven's ahead of the 2017 Season. Please complete the online Women's Metro Seven's Team Request Form ([click HERE](#)). Previous correspondence regarding the proposed Women's Metro Seven's competition can be found [HERE](#).

All teams submitted must be confirmed during the Online Team Entry Period.

## **Requests to Change Leagues - Pre Online Team Entry Period**

Requests to change leagues will only be considered for Sportsmart Juniors and MiniRoos leagues by completing the relevant 'League Change Request' form found on the FFV website ([click HERE](#)). Requested league changes via email, phone or any other means of communication will not be accepted.

The deadline for requesting league changes prior to the Online Team Entry Period is 9:00AM Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. In that regard, please refer to the below considerations FFV Competitions will undertake when reviewing and processing requests to change leagues for competitions:

### Sportsmart Junior Boys'

A request to move up or down a league will only be approved if:

- no bye exists in the teams current league; and
- a vacancy exists in the league to which the team wishes to move, due to either a bye or a team wishing to move from that league.

As vacancies arise such requests will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. No requests to change competition zones will be considered.

### Sportsmart Junior Girls', MiniRoos Boys' & Girls'

Requests to change leagues may be granted provided there is a viable competition within the designated zone of the Club and as determined by FFV in its sole and absolute discretion.

### Men's Metropolitan League

All existing and new teams are asked to list their preferred league during the Online Team Entry Period. Priority for moving up and down leagues will be allocated to existing teams and will depend on vacancies as they arise.

Requests to move any Metropolitan team after the closure of the Online Team Entry Period will only be considered if:

- no bye exists in the teams current league; and
- a vacancy exists in the league to which the team wishes to move, due to either a bye or a team wishing to move from that league.

### **Draft League Structure Updates**

Periodic updates to the draft structures will occur for all competitions (excluding Men's State League) on the following dates:

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Release #2
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Release #3
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Pre Online Team Entry Release
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Post Online Team Entry Release

Any requests to change leagues that have not been actioned prior to the Online Team Entry Period will remain active, unless a club submits an email to [competitions@ffv.org.au](mailto:competitions@ffv.org.au) cancelling a specific league change request. Any cancellation of an initial request that has been processed by FFV Competitions will not be reversed and the original request will prevail.

Please call FFV Competitions on 9474 1800 or write to [competitions@ffv.org.au](mailto:competitions@ffv.org.au) if you have any questions in relation to 2017 League Structures.

Regards,  
**FFV Competitions**