

2017 SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO RULES OF COMPETITION AND REGULATIONS

Rule of Competition	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
1.8.4.e	New Club Name	Include discretion to admit new club name which is similar to existing club name where no negative impact expected
1.10.2	Match Day Risk and Security Policy	All Clubs, Players, Match Officials and Club Associates must comply with policy
2.1.7	Scheduling	Rule amended to give FFV discretion to alter fixture dates, venues and/or times where necessary
2.2.1.e	Player Eligibility	Amended re Match Record requirements to refer to Rule 3.3
2.2.2	Player Eligibility	Any Team which fields an illegible player may be subject to penalty under the GDT
2.2.3	Player Eligibility	Production of dispensation letter may be requested by Match Official
3.1.1.a	Minimum Class of Facility	Removal of "A,B,C,D" classification and creation of <i>Senior</i> & <i>Junior</i> classification for relevant FFV Competitions.
Schedule 3	Minimum Facility Requirements - Community Competitions	Removal of "A & B" class requirements which are only applicable to NPL competition. Updated venue "C & D" class to Senior and/or Junior where applicable.
3.3.5	Match Records and Match Record disputes	Match Record disputes to be lodged with FFV within 7 days
3.5.1.j	Player's Apparel	Goalkeepers may wear black provided their strip does not clash with their team strip, opposition team or the Match Official
4.2	Abandoned Fixtures	Clarify circumstances in which a match may be declared abandoned, by whom and what happens when a match is abandoned

4.3	Postponed Fixtures	Clarify that only FFV may postpone and/or reschedule fixtures
Men's Regulations	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
10.1.7	Dispensation to play up age groups	Remove requirement for player to have represented Victoria in previous season
10.3	Promotion and Relegation	New Rules 10.3.1 and 10.3.2 relating to promotion and relegation between MSL1 and NPL2
13.1.7	B&F votes and goal scorer awards	13.1.7 amended to exclude Play Off and Finals matches
Metro & Masters Regulations	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
10.1.3	General info	New Regulation confirming that all Regular Seasons will consist of 18 home and away fixtures
10.2.10 and 10.3.9	Late Team entries	New Regulations which provide for the allocation of 'Forfeit' results at FFV's discretion when 'late' teams are added to Leagues following commencement of Regular Season.
10.4.3 – 10.4.6	Player Restrictions	New Regulations which provide for restricting player movement where a Club has two teams in the same league and/or teams in multiple divisions of Metropolitan League
13.1.3	Metro League 1 Finals	Old Regulation 13.1.3 deleted as unnecessary given Metro League 1 is a single League
13.5.2	Player Eligibility for Finals	Timing for lodgement of dispensation request increased from 3 to 5 days to allow for FFV review and determination
Women's Regulations	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
10.1.6	Dispensation to play up age groups	Remove requirement for player to have represented Victoria in previous season
10.1.8	Competition Structure for subsequent years	New Regulation (same as found in Men's Regulations) to state that Promotion and Regulation subject to any competition structure changes made in subsequent years
10.3.4	Penalty for not fielding junior teams	Amended to make the imposition of a penalty discretionary (as opposed to mandatory)

10.5.11	Promotion to specific League or Division	New Regulation included to mirror same Regulation in Men's Regulations.
13.1.7	B&F votes and goal scorer awards	13.1.7 amended to exclude Play Off and Finals matches
14.4.3	Player Eligibility for Finals	New Regulation 14.4.3 and 14.4.4 which sets out process for applying for exception under Regulation 14.4.1
Junior Regulations	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
10.1.4	Team numbers and zones	Clarified to explain zone structure of leagues
10.1.10	Dispensation to play up age groups	Remove requirement for player to have represented Victoria in previous season
10.1.16	Dispensations for players playing first year of football in FFV Competition	New Rule seeking to avoid situation where a Club seeks a dispensation for a player with experience in competitions outside FFV, to play down a year under Rule 10.1.14.a
10.1.19	Kick-off times	Discretion included to allow earlier kick-off times if appropriate
10.7.6	Late Team entries	New Regulation which provides for the allocation of 'Forfeit' results at FFV's discretion when 'late' teams are added to Leagues following commencement of Regular Season
12.1	Junior Finals Series – Competition Format	Regulation 12.1 summarises different finals formats for junior finals – further details of which are released by FFV prior to the conclusion of regular season
12.2	Procedures to determine winner of finals	Regulation updated to summarise the process for separating tied Teams following finals competitions - further details of which are released by FFV prior to the conclusion of regular season
12.4.2	Player Eligibility for Finals	Timing for lodgement of dispensation request increased from 3 to 5 days to allow for FFV review and determination