

TO: ALL CLUBS

FROM: FFV COMPETITIONS

DATE: 13 DECEMBER 2016

SUBJECT: LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS TO HOST NIGHT FIXTURES

Clubs may be permitted to host night fixtures for the below listed competitions provided pitch lighting meets the requirements outlined in the *2017 Football Lighting Policy & Requirements* ([click HERE](#)) or as otherwise published by FFV from time to time.

Hosting night matches is permitted within the below listed competitions:

- Men's and Women's State League
- Metropolitan Men's and Masters
- Boys' U18's & U20's

Lighting Certification

The Club or ground manager is responsible for the cost of the audit. Certification lasts two (2) years and must be renewed once expired in order to host night fixtures.

The Certification must be based on an audit of the lighting system by a lighting consultant confirmed as suitable by FFV. Accreditation is based on the qualification and experience of the consultant in floodlighting for sports purposes, especially football. Suitable lighting consultants will include, however are not limited to Members of the Illuminating Engineering Society of Australia and New Zealand (IES - the Lighting Society).

Upon request, FFV may provide a list of accredited auditors for the Club to utilise. Where the Club has used an auditor previously, we recommend using the same person to undertake future audits where possible.

Where new lighting has been installed, the tests may have been completed as part of the construction handover process and Council may have the relevant documentation that can then be provided to FFV. Dependant on the installation date, a separate audit may still be required.

Key Dates

Clubs are advised 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:

Men's State League

Please refer to the 2017 Zagame's Men's State League memo ([click HERE](#)).

Women's State League, Metropolitan League, Metropolitan Masters, Juniors (U18 & U20)

- **Tuesday 7th March** – if completed Lighting Audit is received by this date and approved, all requested fixtures can be moved to the nominated evening kick-off time without opposition consent.
- **Wednesday 8th March through Wednesday 5th April** – If the completed Lighting Audit is received during this period and approved, FFV will review all requested fixtures and make changes where possible. However, FFV cannot guarantee all requests will be met.
- **Post Thursday 6th April** - if the completed Lighting Audit is received 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.

If your venue does not meet the minimum standard for competition lighting, however you require more information regarding existing lighting or new lighting installation, please contact Daniel Lancefield via dlancefield@ffv.org.au or 9474 1822.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact FFV Competitions on 9474 1800 (Press 1 for Competitions) or via email competitions@ffv.org.au.

Regards,

FFV Competitions