

**TO:** All Clubs

**FROM:** Matthew Anells | GM Football Operations

**DATE:** 16 December 2016

**SUBJECT:** 2017 Rules of Competition and Regulations

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Dear Clubs,

In September we wrote to all Clubs providing information in relation to the review process regarding our Rules of Competition and Regulations and invited Clubs to provide us with feedback. As per previous seasons, throughout 2016 we also logged feedback and suggestions regarding our rules and processes received throughout the year.

We have relied on the information obtained through the processes referred to above to review the documents below and make a number of changes. We have also made some further drafting changes to the Facilities Standards to streamline the venue classification of facilities for Community Football and remove references that are applicable only to NPL Competition. Standing Committee feedback was also sought with respect to proposed changes.

The 2017 Rules of Competition and Regulations have now been published online. Please click [here](#) to be directed to the 'Rules and Regulations' page on the FFV Website where you will find the following documents:

- Rules of Competition
- Men's Regulations
- Women's Regulations
- Junior Regulations
- Metropolitan and Masters Regulations

Please note, the FFV regulations for Geelong, FFA Cup, Dockerty Cup and the Team App Cup will be published on the 'Rules and Regulations' page over the coming weeks.

Clubs should take the opportunity to familiarise themselves with all Rules and Regulations. To assist with that process we have prepared a summary of the main changes made to the Rules and Regulations for 2017 (click [here](#)).

There will be an opportunity at the Club Administrator's Conference (scheduled for Saturday 4 March) to discuss the above changes in further detail and for you to ask any questions you may have. Of course you should also feel free to contact FFV Competitions (email [competitions@ffv.org.au](mailto:competitions@ffv.org.au) or phone 9474 1800 and press 1 for 'Competitions') should you have any questions or require further information in relation to the 2017 Rules and Regulations.

On behalf of the Competitions Department and everyone at FFV I would like to thank all clubs for their efforts in 2016 and wish you a Merry Christmas and the best of luck for Season 2017.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Annells', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthew Annells  
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