

2017 SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO FFV GEELONG 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 ineligible 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 & Junior</i> classification for relevant FFV Competitions.
Schedule 6	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
Schedule 1 - Geelong Regulations	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
Schedules 1-6	Restructure of Schedules	For greater consistency and cohesion, the Schedules in the 2017 document have been restructured as follows: Schedule 1: 2017 Geelong Competition Regulations Schedule 2: 2017 Geelong Men's Competition Regulations Schedule 3: 2017 Geelong Women's Competition Regulations Schedule 4: 2017 Geelong Junior Competition Regulations Schedule 5: Codes of Behaviour Schedule 6: Minimum Facility Requirements - Community

		Competitions Regulations that are relevant to all Geelong competitions have been relocated into Schedule 1 under different numbers. Where a Regulation is specific in its application, it will only appear in one of Schedules 2, 3 or 4 accordingly.
10.2.1	Age Groups	Amended based on 2017 competitions
10.2.4	Requests for metropolitan team entries	Clarify criteria that is considered when a request is made to FFV
11.2.2	Match balls	Amended based on 2017 competitions
11.4.8	B&F votes and goal scorer awards	Rule amended to exclude Play Off and Finals matches
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
Schedule 2 - Men's Regulations	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
13.1.4 - 13.1.8	Promotion and Relegation	Regulations pertaining to Promotion and Relegation in Men's Divisions 1 - 3 revised, in accordance with GRFC recommendations, to prevent clubs from self-nominating its preferred division in the Senior Men's Division structure. Clubs that do not accept a position in a particular Division will be suspended from fielding that Team or any additional Teams in Men's Divisions 1-3 for 12 months.
13.1.14	Dispensation to play up age groups	Remove requirement for player to have represented Victoria in previous season
13.1.16	Player restriction rule introduced	New regulation introduced in accordance with GRFC recommendations - no more than 3 players that Played in any of their Club's higher Divisions Teams on any given weekend may play in a Senior Men's Division Competition Fixture that weekend. Additional provision introduced applying the previous fixture in any instance where the higher Division Team has a bye that weekend.
Schedule 3 - Women's Regulations	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
14.1.3	Dispensation to play up age groups	Remove requirement for player to have represented Victoria in previous season
Schedule 4 - Junior Regulations	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
15.1.10	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 15.1.8.a
15.1.12 & 15.1.13	Players playing up to 4 years above their age group	Introduction of rule based on Regulations 10.1.9 and 10.1.10 from the Metropolitan Junior Regulations