

**TO: ALL CLUBS**

**FROM: FFV COMPETITIONS**

**DATE: 2 DECEMBER 2016**

**SUBJECT: WESTFIELD FFA CUP 2017**

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Dear Clubs,

We write to provide you with information in relation to the Westfield FFA Cup 2017 (**WFFA Cup**).

In 2017, FFV has four (4) allocated slots in the WFFA Cup Round of 32; i.e. the Victorian winners of Round 7 will progress to the national Round of 32 together with other state representatives, Hyundai A-League Clubs and the PS4 NPL 2016 National Champions – Sydney United 58 FC (NSW).

### **Team Entry and Eligibility**

It is mandatory for all Clubs competing in the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Victoria (NPL and NPL2) and Zagame's Men's State Leagues (MSL1 – MSL5) competitions to participate in the WFFA Cup. Entry is limited to one team per Club.

All NPL and MSL Clubs must complete the WFFA Cup Club Registration Form as published by FFV ([click HERE](#)) by 9:00AM Monday 6 February 2017.

Any Regional Affiliate or Metropolitan League Clubs wishing to enter the WFFA Cup must complete a WFFA Cup Club Registration Form ([click HERE](#)) and submit the form to FFV by no later than 9:00AM Monday 6 February 2017. Please note, Regional Affiliate and Metropolitan qualifying slots are subject to availability. There are currently 17 qualifying slots available which will be allocated in the following order of preference:

1. New MSL team entries for the 2017 season; then
2. Earliest submission time/date of the WFFA Cup Club registration form to FFV.

### **Team Entry Fees**

Entry fees for the WFFA Cup (as set by FFA) are as follows:

- NPL Clubs \$825 (inc. GST)
- All other Clubs \$330 (inc. GST)

In 2017 FFV will subsidise the above team entry fees as follows:

- \$495 for NPL Clubs, reducing the team entry fee payable by the Club to **\$330** (inc. GST)
- \$220 for MSL Clubs, Regional Affiliates or Metropolitan League Clubs, reducing the team entry fee payable by the Club to **\$110** (inc. GST)

FFV will invoice Clubs for the above amounts through the FFV Finance system. Failure to pay the team entry fee on time will result in the Club in question forfeiting their next WFFA Cup fixture.

Clubs that qualify for the WFFA Cup Round of 32 will be charged an additional registration fee by FFA as follows:

- NPL Clubs \$2,200 (inc. GST)
- MSL/Regional Affiliates/Metropolitan Clubs \$1,100 (inc. GST)

Round of 32 registration fees will not be subsidised by FFV.

## Player Registrations

Player registrations open in January 2017. Clubs must ensure that all players are registered and accepted by the club online through MyFootballClub prior to participating in their first WFFA Cup Fixture.

The due date for all Men's State League player registration fees is 5:00PM Wednesday 22 March 2017, for all players who will participate in the WFFA Cup. Players whose registration fees have not been paid by this date will be considered ineligible for further Cup competition.

Please note that should a player who registers for a Club move to another Club, the applicable FFA and FFV fee will remain the responsibility of the first registered Club of the Player. Therefore, please ensure that registered players are committed to the Club or alternatively have paid a deposit to the Club to cover any fees incurred by the Club.

## Match Official Fees

Please refer to the Westfield FFA Cup 2016 Preliminary Rounds Victoria Match Official Fees ([click HERE](#)) which will be included in the Preliminary Round Supplementary Regulations that will be sent to clubs in January 2017.

## WFFA Cup Preliminary Rounds Draw Dates

<i>Qualifying &amp; Round 1 Draw:</i>	Tuesday 7 February
<i>Round 2 Draw:</i>	Monday 27 February
<i>Round 3 Draw:</i>	Monday 6 March
<i>Round 4 Draw:</i>	Monday 13 March
<i>Round 5 Draw:</i>	Tuesday 21 March
<i>Round 6 Draw:</i>	TBC
<i>Round 7 Draw:</i>	TBC

All draws will have live updates via FFV's social media channels ([Facebook.com/footballvic](#) & [Twitter @footballvic](#)).

Please note that all draw dates are subject to change.

Round dates can be found on the 2017 FFV Season Calendar and the Preliminary Round Progression pathway.

## WFFA Cup Preliminary Rounds Progression & Seeding

MSL teams will be seeded based on their 2017 league allocation. In addition, MSL 3 Clubs will be further seeded into an upper 12 and a lower 12 for the purpose of the draw, based on their 2016 final standings.

All NPL/NPL2 Clubs will enter at Round 4. [Click HERE](#) to view the seeding for all Clubs.

Draws for each of the Preliminary Rounds will be conducted randomly. Zones and League status will not dictate a Club's prospective opposition. [Click HERE](#) to view the Preliminary Round Progression pathway.

## **Venues**

For the Qualifying Round and Round 1, each Club drawn as the home side (listed first in the fixture) must provide a venue and kick off preference within three (3) business days of publication of the draw.

If the home Club is unable to provide a suitable venue the second named Club will be given two (2) business days to provide a venue and kick off preference.

In the event that neither participating Club can provide a venue, FFV at its discretion will provide a venue and allocate a kick off time which may include non-traditional days and times if necessary; i.e. midweek fixtures.

## **Rules & Regulations**

FFV will publish and distribute the WFFA Cup 2017 Competition Regulations and Preliminary Rounds Supplementary Regulations to all Clubs in January 2017.

## **Dockerty Cup**

The four Victorian Clubs which qualify for the WFFA Cup Round of 32 will also qualify for the 2017 Dockerty Cup Semi Finals.

If you have any questions, please contact Competitions on 9474 1800 and press '1' at the switchboard or via [competitions@ffv.org.au](mailto:competitions@ffv.org.au).

Regards,

**FFV Competitions**