

TO: ALL GRFC CLUBS

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SUBJECT: 2017 FFV GEELONG LEAGUE STRUCTURE UPDATE & DRAFT FIXTURE RELEASE

Dear Clubs,

Please note **draft** fixtures for 2017 FFV Geelong & Southern Hub MiniRoos competitions are now online!

All fixtures are available online [HERE](#).

Updated league structures can also be found online [HERE](#).

FFV has created viable leagues for all "A" and "B" divisions and has approved requests submitted by clubs where possible to fill vacancies in particular competitions. Initial team entry numbers indicate a further increase of team numbers competing in FFV competitions in 2017. This continued growth adds layers of complexity to the fixturing process and creates a number of challenges, especially in relation to ground availability, maximising referee appointments and clash resolution. Therefore you may note that your Club's kick off time and venue preferences from team entry have varied in the Draft Fixture Release.

Whilst we have endeavoured to provide a clash free fixture, there may also be instances where clashes (i.e. two teams kicking off at the same time on the same pitch) still exist. We will address those instances specifically in the coming days with relevant clubs.

Clubs are urged to inform all coaches, players and their families that all fixtures are subject to change between now and the Fixture Update Release on Thursday 13 April. Please keep this in mind when reviewing the draft fixtures above.

Draft Fixture Feedback

Club officials now have the opportunity to review draft FFV Geelong fixtures and provide any feedback based on internal preferences, pitch allocation, hub requirements, maximising referee appointments or otherwise by writing to competitions@ffv.org.au no later than **9:00am Monday 3 April**. Any request received after this deadline may not be considered prior to the Fixture Update Release on Thursday 13 April. We remind Clubs that whilst we endeavour to action as many requests to change fixtures as possible, any changes are at the sole discretion of FFV.

Prior to any submission, we ask that Clubs give strong consideration to whether or not they require changes to the current draft fixture and only submit change requests where absolutely necessary.

Late Team Requests

Clubs that wish to request to change leagues for, add or withdraw any teams must do so via submitting the [2017 Geelong Competitions - Late Team Request form \(click HERE\)](#). This also includes late team requests in Southern Hub MiniRoos competitions.

Southern Hub

Following feedback from clubs the dates for Southern Hub hosting have been confirmed as follows:

- Sunday 30 April & Sunday 7 May: Drysdale SC
- Friday 12 May & Sunday 21 May: Surfside Waves SC (overflow at Barwon SC)
- Sunday 28 May & Sunday 4 June: Barwon Heads SC (overflow at Barwon SC)
- Sunday 18 June & Sunday 25 June: Bellarine Sharks AFC
- Sunday 16 July & Sunday 23 July: Breakwater Eagles SC (overflow at Barwon SC)
- Sunday 30 July & Sunday 6 August: Barwon SC (overflow at Barwon Heads SC)
- Sunday 13 August & Friday 18 August: Surf Coast FC (overflow at Barwon SC)

FFV wish to advise that the regrading period for Southern Hub MiniRoos will take place between MiniRoos Rounds 4 and 5 (after the completion of Sunday 21 May fixtures). Fixtures and league structures for these leagues have been updated in today's release.

Please note Wallabies leagues not feasible and in order to create viable leagues these teams moved to respective Kangaroos divisions. In the fixtures, clubs are to note that Mixed Under 11 Joeys consists of eleven (11) Mixed/Boys teams that play against one another, and five (5) Girls teams that play against one another separately. Each week the team of each category that would otherwise have had a bye have been scheduled to play each other.

The deadline for regrading Southern Hub MiniRoos teams via the [2017 Geelong Competitions - Late Team Request form](#) will be 9am Tuesday 23 May, with an additional mid-season regrading period to be made available later in the season.

If you require any further information regarding the above, please contact FFV Competitions on 9474 1800 and press 1 at the switchboard, or write to competitions@ffv.org.au.

Regards,



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