

TO: ALL CLUBS

FROM: FFV COMPETITIONS

DATE: FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2017

SUBJECT: UNDER 12 FORMAT COMMUNITY COMPETITIONS – 2018 SEASON AND BEYOND

Dear Clubs,

Following the Under 12 Structure Changes Community Competitions Forum held in June, and upon further deliberation, we write to clarify FFV's position ahead of the 2018 Season for Under 12's Community Competitions (Boys' and Girls').

The previous directive outlined change for Under 12's to a 9v9 format by the commencement of the 2018 Season. However, we advise that the changes will not occur in 2018 and that the implementation of 9v9 has been delayed to the 2019 Season.

Under 12's Format (11v11) – 2018 Season

FFV will maintain 11v11 on a full-size pitch for the Under 12's (Boys' and Girls') Community Competitions in the 2018 Season. To confirm, **no changes** to the format in 2018 and the Under 12's Community Competitions will operate under the same format as the 2017 Season.

Pilot Programs – 2018 Season

FFV will continue to monitor the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues (PS4 NPL) Under 12 programs, undertaking a comprehensive review of the 9v9 format following the conclusion of the 2017 Season and throughout the 2018 Season.

In addition to the PS4 NPL Programs, FFV Geelong Region will be piloting the 9v9 model in 2018 for Under 12's. FFV will be monitoring the Geelong Region pilot throughout the 2018 Season as a measure to ensure that the most appropriate 9v9 model is implemented for Community Competitions in 2019.

FFV, along with Football Federation Australia (FFA) whom are supportive of the 9v9 format, will be monitoring and liaising with other Member Federations throughout the 2018 season with regards to 9v9 pilots across the country. Key learnings from the above pilots and feedback from the relevant footballing bodies will be utilised to develop a final model and relevant materials to assist all clubs in Community Competitions in their preparation, transition and implementation of 9v9 for the 2019 Season.

Further to the above, it is FFV's intention to engage all FFV Affiliated Associations, School Sport Victoria and other football deliverers to ensure there is consistency across the State for the 2019 Season.

2019 Season and Beyond (9v9)

As previously outlined, we want to reassure all clubs that FFV is committed to moving the 9v9 model for Under 12's. FFV will undertake a comprehensive approach to ensure the 9v9 model adopted for the 2019 Season is deemed best practice by FFA for the relevant level of competition.

We acknowledge that there are many areas that must be addressed appropriately before such shift and we look forward to working collaboratively with our stakeholders in this regard.

FFV will communicate further information throughout the 2018 Season with regards to the implementation of the 9v9 format for Under 12's for the 2019 Season.

Should you require any clarification on the above, please contact the Competitions Department via email at competitions@ffv.org.au or on 9474 1800 and press '1' at the switchboard.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Angelopoulos', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

George Angelopoulos
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