

TO: ALL CLUBS

FROM: FFV COMPETITIONS

DATE: 16 MARCH 2018

SUBJECT: 2018 Rules of Competition, Regulations and Laws of the Game

Dear Clubs,

At the end of the 2017 Season, 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 season, throughout 2017 we also registered feedback and suggestions regarding our rules and processes received through 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.

The 2018 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

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 2018 (Click here).

We also wish to advise the recent changes to the Laws of the Game (**LOTG**) which will take effect as of Round 1 for all FFV Competitions. In preparation for the 2018 season and to assist Clubs, Coaches, Players, Referees and other relevant stakeholders with the changes to the LOTG, we provide to you the relevant documentation regarding all changes.

Summary of Changes - LOTG 2017/18

The International Football Association Board (**IFAB**) made changes to the LOTG in an effort to ensure that the Laws are up to date, consistent and promote 'fair play'. FFV has produced the following video summarising the changes to the LOTG for Clubs to share with and educate members:

- [2018 FFV Laws of the Game changes](#)

In addition to the above, IFAB have produced the following summary documentation to assist in communicating the changes to the LOTG:

- [IFAB Summary for Players, Coaches & Media](#)
- [IFAB Law Summary & Practical Guide](#)

Further information regarding the changes to the LOTG 2017/18 can be found on theifab.com.

Referees

FFV has provided all referees with information and education on the changes to the LOTG through a variety of forms.

The annual referees seminar, held in early February provided referees with further practical guidance on the application of these changes, along with the regular Referee Branch Meetings. The Referee HQ Facebook page will be used to provide coaching videos to analyse the changes.

Clubs are asked to provide feedback on referee performances, especially in relation to the new LOTG using the Referee Club Feedback form found [here](#). We encourage clubs to provide this feedback on a weekly basis.

Moving Forward

Clubs, Coaches, Players, Referees and other relevant stakeholders will need time to adjust to the changes and there will be challenges in the application of these new Laws to start with, as everybody in football becomes accustomed to them. FFV will be monitoring and providing feedback to relevant parties where necessary throughout the 2018 season to ensure any challenges encountered are addressed.

we continue to encourage clubs to provide feedback during the 2018 season and invite you to direct all suggestions to clubfeedback@ffv.org.au.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the FFV Competitions or Referees departments on 9474 1800 and press '1' when prompted, or via email competitions@ffv.org.au or referees@ffv.org.au.

Kind Regards,

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