

**TO: ALL CLUBS**

**FROM: FFV COMPETITIONS**

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**SUBJECT: 2019 UNDER 12 (9v9) STRUCTURE CHANGES (BOYS AND GIRLS)**

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Dear Clubs,

After the successful implementation of the U12's 9v9 within the NPL, Football Federation Victoria is excited to announce a change of playing format for U12's throughout all Victorian competitions in season 2019 and beyond.

The new concept has been signed off for implementation by the FFV Football Committee.

The new changes will provide a great experience for children playing the game on a reduced pitch size. The format increases in game 'football actions' (tackles, passes, dribbles) as well as providing more attacking and defending opportunities for developing players.

The outcome of this is that players will have more opportunities to creatively solve in game 'football problems' when playing in tighter areas.

The format will continue to work on game knowledge whilst providing an introduction to the Laws of the Game. The format will include the offside rule for players to learn and adapt to game scenarios as well as throw ins, corners and goal kicks.

Players will also be exposed to yellow and red cards for the first time in their football experience with green shirt referees appointed by FFV to adjudicate play.

The 9v9 format of football enhances the progression of player learning and provides a smoother transition to eleven a side football at the U13 level.

All details for this change are included in the attached information guide or [click here](#).

We look forward to working closely with our clubs to ensure a successful roll out of this new and exciting format of football for our U12s.

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