

2019 SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO JUNIOR REGULATIONS

Rule of Competition	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment	Case Study
20.1.5	League Structures	Based on the final standings from the 2019 season, the top five (5) teams from each "A" League (West, North, East & South) will be allocated to create North-West & South-East Leagues for the 2020 season.	For the 2019 season, the Junior League Structures will remain unchanged. Changes to the League structures will be introduced for the 2020 season.
20.1.6	General Information Two (2) teams in the 'A' Division	Amendments clarify that the relegation is for under 13-20 Boys' & Girls' Competition.	
20.3	Under 12 (9v9)	New regulations that reflect the u12 (9v9) Regulations	Further information regarding the amended format can be found via the following link (Click here).
20.5	Junior Girls' Competition – Default Kick-off times	The preferred kick off times for Junior Girls' Competitions have been aligned to the Junior Boy's Competition.	
20.6	Composition of Leagues	Clarifies that Under 12 Boys & Girls are self-graded	Scenario: I want to enter my Under 12 Boys team in the Kangaroos league however they were only in the Joeys last year. Resolution: No problems, all Under 12 boys and Girls are self-graded upon entry.
20.6.4	Composition of Teams	'A' Leagues will only consist of ten (10) Teams, unless there are less than six (6) teams in 'B' and no Teams at any subsequent level below 'B', then these two (2) Leagues (A & B) will be amalgamated into one (1) League or unless otherwise determined by FFV	Scenario: across an age group, FV will review the League request submitted during the online team period any may increase the number of Teams within the 'A' League subject to the integrity and viability of all competitions within the age group.

20.7.1 e	Regrading & Late Team Entries	New regulation that determines the order of which regrade requests will be actioned during the Regrading Period. Regrade priority will be based on results and standings.	<p>Scenario: Two teams in the B league request to be regraded to the A league however, only one vacancy exists in A.</p> <p>Resolution: The higher placed team will take the vacancy based on results and standings.</p>
20.7.1 d	Regrading & Late Team Entries	FV reserves the right to action a mandatory regrade based on the facilitation of a concurrent swap between two Leagues	<p>Scenario: My 'A' team has lost our first 3 games by 12+ goals and we have submitted a request to be regarded to the B league however, there is no team from B that wants to move to A so we are unable to be regraded.</p> <p>Resolution: Football Victoria investigates the request and sees that a team in the B league have won their first 3 games by a significant amount and actions a mandatory regrade between the two teams. The mandatory regrade benefits both teams and both leagues.</p>
20.1.17	Playing in a Higher Division – Case Study	<p>Scenario: In the 7th round of the season, a player has already participated in 6 games with the 14 B's, is this player permitted to drop down to the fill in the 14 C's?</p> <p>Answer: No, as the player has played in five (5) games in a higher Division, they are not permitted to move down to a lower division.</p>	
20.8.3	Team entry (Junior Girls)	New regulation. Any Club entering a new Team in Junior Girl's Competitions (under 13 to Under 18's) will be graded subject to rule 10.5.2	<p>Scenario: 4 Southern clubs have entered teams in the Girls' 15-16D league however league sizes dictate that leagues cannot consist of less than 4 teams.</p> <p>Resolution: The Girls' South 15-16D league will be amalgamated across zones or with the Girls' South 15-16C league.</p>
21.1	Substitution/Interchange	A Match Official may decline the interchange of players in the last five (5) minutes of the second half of a Competition Fixture if in his or her opinion the change is being made to deliberately delay play.	<p>Scenario: There is 2 minutes left of the second half and our team wants to interchange a player however the referee denies it as they believe we are making the interchange to delay play.</p> <p>Resolution: The referee has the right to do this without argument and play must continue uninterrupted.</p>