

2019 SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO GEELONG REGULATIONS

Rule of Competition	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment	Case Study
10.2	Junior Boys Competition Age Groups	Boys Under 16 have been amended to Boys 15. Boys Under 18 have been amended to Under 17.	
11.1	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.	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. Resolution: The referee has the right to do this without argument and play must continue uninterrupted.
11.2	Match Ball Sizes	Under Fifteen (15) Boys – Size 5 Under Seventeen (17) Boys – Size 5 Under Fourteen (14) Girls – Size 4 Under Fourteen (16) Girls – Size 5	
11.3	Results of Competition Fixtures	Home & Away teams must be submitted by respective Teams via the SportsTG System	It's the participating Clubs requirement to ensure players from the respective teams have been listed in SportsTG to ensure Individual statistics can be collated (B&F/Top Goal Scorer). This process doesn't substitute the requirement to complete a Match Record prior to kick off.
11.4	Best and Fairest & Golden Boot Award	Includes reference to the Online Post match Report Form.	A Geelong Post Match Submission (Click here) must be completed by appointed match official or Club referee within two (2) Days of the completion of the Fixture.
11.4.8	Best and Fairest	Clarifies that a player suspended from a particular league is only ineligible to win the Best & Fairest Award in that particular League. This includes Suspensions served in FFA Cup/Team App Cup Fixtures	Scenario: Player is suspended from an FFA Cup Fixture will be eligible to receive the Best & Fairest Award.

13.1.15	Senior Men's Division	New regulation that restricts any player that has participated in five (5) or more Men's State League Senior fixture. These players will not be permitted to participate in the Geelong Senior Men's regular season including finals.	Scenario: A player who has been called up to the Senior Men's State League team will be permitted to return to their Geelong Senior Men's Team as long as they have not played more the five (5) MSL Senior Fixtures. FFA Cup and Reserve fixtures will not be included for the purpose of this regulation.
13.1.16	Senior Men's Division	Regulation clarifies that a player in a higher division (excluding MSL Seniors) will be ineligible to participate in a lower league once they have participated in ten (10) Competition Fixtures in any higher league.	Scenario: A player who has been called up to play in Geelong Senior Men's or MSL Reserves, will not be permitted to move back down to the lower league once they have played in ten (10) higher listed leagues.
13.1.17	Senior Men's Division	Regulation clarifies that a team may only list three (3) players who have participated in a higher league on that specific weekend	Subject to Regulation 13.1.16. Division 3 team is short of players for a particular weekend. The club may play three players who have already participated in a higher Division that particular weekend.
13.1.19	Senior Men's Division	Regulation relating to the situation where 2 of a club's senior men's teams are entered into the same division of senior football.	Each team playing list needs to be finalised following the fifth round of competition.
14.1	Senior Women's	For all Senior Women's competitions, a Player who has played at a higher Division in a particular category (e.g. FV Geelong Women's Division 1 or Women's State League 2) for six (6) Competition Fixtures or more, cannot drop to a lower category (e.g. Women's Division 2) for her Club for the remainder of the Regular Season (including Finals).	This regulation has now been removed and no such restriction will apply for Geelong Senior Women's fixtures.
14.1	Senior Women's	Regulation clarifies that a team may only list three (3) players who have participated in a higher league on that specific weekend	Women's Division 2 team is short of players for a particular weekend. The club may play three players who have already participated in a higher Division that particular weekend.
15.4.2	Geelong Under 12 Competitions	Regulation confirms that all under 12 teams (Boys and Girls are self-graded).	
15.5.1 d	Regrading Procedure	FV reserves the right to action a mandatory regrade based on the facilitation of a concurrent swap between two Leagues	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.

			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.
15.5.1 e	Regrading Procedure	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>