

TO: ALL CLUBS

FROM: FV COMPETITIONS

DATE: 19 DECEMBER 2019

SUBJECT: 2020 SPORTSMART JUNIOR LEAGUE STRUCTURES

Dear Clubs,

We write to confirm the preliminary league structures for Sportsmart Junior Community Competitions for 2020 which are now available via the Information & Notices page on the FV website. Links to relevant league structures are also set out below:

Junior Girls	
Sportsmart Junior Girls' U12 (9v9)	Due to self-grading, leagues will be created following team entries in March.
Sportsmart Junior Girls' U13 (9v9)	
Sportsmart Junior Girls' U14 (11v11)	
Sportsmart Junior Girls' U15-16 (11v11)	
Sportsmart Junior Girls' U18	
Junior Boys	
Sportsmart Junior Boys' U12 (9v9)	Due to self-grading, leagues will be created following team entries in March.
Sportsmart Junior Boys'	(By Club – Click here) (By League – Click here)

Sportsmart Junior Girls

As per previous seasons, clubs will be permitted to self-grade teams into the 2020 Competitions during the team entry period which will open from **Wednesday 19th February and close Thursday 5th March 2020.**

Once the team entry period has closed, on Thursday 5th March, FV will assess all request and take into consideration the following to establish its league structures.

As communicated to clubs on 23 October 2019, Sportmart Girls 13 & 14 Competitions will now be single age groups (U13's & U14's). To view the memo, please [click here](#).

Sportsmart Junior Boys' (U13 to U20)

All 2019 teams have progressed to the next available age group for the 2020 season (e.g. a team in Under 13's in 2019 will now appear in Under 14's in 2020). In addition, the following process has determined the teams which have been promoted or relegated into respective league for 2020 regardless of the league's size in 2019.

- The Top two (2) teams from each have been promoted to the next highest leagues.
- The Bottom two (2) teams from each have been relegated to the lower leagues.

Submitting League Request for the 2020 Season

During the 2019 season, the competitions department received over 260 League Request changes across all junior Boys age groups. This required the Competitions department to amend league structures and caused a high volume of fixture changes across the season. As a result, existing clubs will no longer have the opportunity to request league changes prior to the Team entry period which will open from **Wednesday 19th February 2020.**

Clubs who wish to request to be allocated to a higher or lower league; or wish to enter a New team for the 2020 season will have the opportunity to submit requests to FV during the team entry period.

What process will Football Victoria follow if the league structure exceeds 10 teams?

Sportsmart Junior "A" League only (Junior Boys & Junior Girls)

At its discretion Football Victoria, may increase the league structure to more than 10 teams and introduce one of the following structures to ensure balanced competition with each team scheduled to play each other even number of times.

- Regular season fixtures will be played in Catch Up Rounds therefore increasing the number of games played. For example, 12 team structure will be played across 22 Rounds.
- Introduce a league split during the season, which will see teams split once each team plays each other once. In the second half of the season, clubs will then be split into top half and bottom half and play each team in their half, based on their standings.
- Leagues may remain unbalanced to ensure each team is playing the same amount of games. This may lead to clubs not having the opportunity to play against all opposition clubs an even number of times.

Sportsmart Boys & Girls all other leagues (Excluding 'A' Leagues)

The competition season is still required to fit into an 18 round competition season and as such some teams may not play each other in an even home and away fixture. The fixture is an entirely random draw, so no team is prioritised over another when determining who plays each other twice or once.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the Competitions department on 9474 1800 and press '2' for Community Competition when prompted, or via email

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Regards,

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