



TO: ALL CLUBS
FROM: FV COMPETITIONS
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SUBJECT: NIKE FC CUP AND WOMENS STATE LEAGUE STRUCTURES 2020

Dear Clubs,

We write to provide you with information in relation to the Nike FC Cup and the Women's State League structures for 2020.

We're excited to announce that Nike Football will continue as naming rights partner of the Nike FC Cup in 2020. Their commitment to women's football elevated the experience for all participants in 2019 and we look forward to working together on the tournament again in 2020.

Women's State League Structures

Football Victoria is also pleased to announce the Women's State League structures for 2020. They can be viewed by ([clicking here](#)) or via the [Information and notices](#) page on the Football Victoria website. Please note that these structures are subject to change in the event team withdrawals in 2020.

These structures have been formed considering the Rules of Competition and any offers of vacancy for specific teams. Please note if there is any Clubs' that wish to enter a new Women's State League team, they must request this team during the Sports TG Online Team Entry Period which will open on **Wednesday 19th February and close Thursday 5th March 2020.**

NIKE FC Eligibility

It is mandatory for all Clubs competing in the Women's National Premier Leagues Victoria (NPLW), Women's Victorian Premier League (WVPL) and Women's State League 1 (WSL 1) to participate in the Nike FC Cup. These teams must submit a [Team Entry Form](#).

Senior women's Team who are participating in FV Community Women's State League, or Regional Affiliate are eligible to enter the Nike FC Cup and must also submit a [Team Entry Form](#).

Team Registration and Entry Fees

Should Clubs wish to enter a team, Clubs must complete the 2020 Nike FC Cup [Team Entry Form](#) by 9:00AM Monday 24th February. The entry form can also be found at footballvictoria.com.au under the Resources tab and Nike FC Cup. A maximum of one team per Club may enter.

The registration fee for the 2020 Nike FC Cup is **\$110** (Incl. GST). FV will invoice Clubs for the above amount through the FV Club Finance system. Failure to pay the registration fee on time will result in the Club in question forfeiting their next Cup fixture.

Seeding & Round Progression ([click HERE](#) for graphic representation)

The 2020 Nike FC Cup will again be a seeded Competition. The 7 eligible Club's within the NPLW structure (NTC will not participate) will enter the Competition at Round 3. Clubs within both the WVPL and WSL 1 will enter the Competition in Round 2. All clubs within these Competitions (NPLW, WVPL & WSL 1) are mandatorily entered into the Competition. All other entrants will enter the competition in Round 1 or Qualifying Round 1 dependant on the amount of team entries received.

Under the current 2020 Cup format, there are 117 available slots (including the 37 mandatorily entered teams) for Women's State League Clubs and other Regional Affiliates.

Draws will be announced closer to the date for each Round of the Nike FC Cup and will be conducted randomly. Zones and League status will not dictate a Club's prospective opposition.

Round Dates

As per the 2020 Season Calendar ([Click here](#)), please find the Nike FC Cup dates below:

Round	Date**
Qualifying Round 1*	March 22
Round 1*	March 29
Round 2	April 5
Round 3	April 12 - 19
Round 4	May 31 – June 7
Quarter Finals	June 28 – July 5
Semi Finals	July 12 - 26
Final	August 9

Please be advised that Qualifying Round 1 has been added to cater for potentially increased amount of team entries in season 2020.

*Should FV receive more than 40 additional team entries (not counting NPLW, WVPL or WSL 1) than this round will be utilised. If not, QR1 & R1 may be merged.

** Date Subject to Change.

2020 Nike FC Cup Regulations

FV will publish and distribute the 2020 Nike FC Cup Competition Regulations to all Clubs in January 2020.

Player Registration

Player registrations open on January 9, 2020. Clubs must ensure that all players are registered and accepted by the club online through PlayFootball prior to participating in their first Cup Fixture. In addition, Clubs must ensure that all players are paid for and financial prior to participation in accordance with FV Registration Regulations as promulgated from time to time.

The initial LIVE draw will be conducted via FV's social media channels ([Facebook.com/footballvic](https://www.facebook.com/footballvic) & [@footballvic](https://twitter.com/footballvic)). FV will advise of the draw date closer to the competition start date.

Please note that dates listed are the default match day dates and are subject to change.

If you have any questions, please contact Competitions on 9474 1800 (Press '2' for Competitions) or email competitions@footballvictoria.com.au.

Regards,

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