

## 2020 SUMMARY OF CHANGES RULES OF COMPETITION - GEELONG

GENERAL MATTERS APPLICABLE TO ALL COMPETITIONS		
Rule of Competition	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment/Addition
1.3.3 f	Monies owing to FV	<b>2019 Rule:</b> for the following season where the debt remains unpaid or accrues after 31 October of the relevant year
		<b>Amendment:</b> for the current season where the debt remains unpaid.
1.4.2 – 1.4.6	Registration – Scope & Penalties	Removed from GDT & added to Rules of Competition.
1.4.7	Registration – System or Technical Error	Removed from GDT & added to Rules of Competition.
1.4.8 – 1.4.9	Request for Information	Removed from GDT & added to Rules of Competition.
1.5.1	Protection of Important Fixtures	<b>2019 Rule:</b> Where an A-League, W-League, International or an Inter-State match is scheduled in the State of Victoria, FV may determine that no other Competition Fixture or Sanctioned Match take place on that day.
		<b>Amendment:</b> Where an A-League, W-League, International or an Inter-State match is scheduled in the State of Victoria, FV may determine that no other Competition Fixture or Sanctioned Match take place at the same time
1.8.4 b (iii)	Club Name or New Club Name Application	The Club name needs to be approved in writing by local government authority and be representative of the geographic area within which the Club is located.  NRR02B Form Link has been added.
1.11.3	Representative Teams	<b>2019 Rule:</b> Where a Club has three (3) or more outfield players or one (1) goalkeeper from the same Team participating in an FV/FFA approved representative match, camp or tour which conflicts with a Competition Fixture in which that Club or Team is required to participate, the Club may seek postponement of that Competition Fixture.
		<b>Amendment:</b> Where a Club has three (4) or more outfield players or one (2) goalkeeper from the same Team participating in an FV/FFA approved representative match, camp or tour which conflicts with a Competition Fixture in which that Club or Team is required to participate, the Club may seek postponement of that Competition Fixture.
1.14.6	Correspondence/Communication	FV reserves the right to only communicate with nominated club contacts as listed on PlayFootball.

2.1.4	General Information	Should FV decide upon 2.1.4 (i) Competition Fixtures may be scheduled either mid-week or during a catch up round, at FV discretion.
2.1.4	General Information	Withdrawn teams' amendments.
<b>FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS</b>		
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3.2.7	The Technical Area	A player or Club Associate who is under suspension must not be present in the Technical Area. Should a player or Club Associate be in breach of this rule they will be subject to further penalties under the GDT.
3.5.1 b & c	Player's Strip/Apparel	a) Any change to club strips during the season must be updated on Sports TG and communicated to FV 5 working days prior to the Club's next Competition Fixture b) Playing strips are subject to FV approval
3.5.1 g	Player's Strip/Apparel	In the instance of a strip not being available to a club, it will be deemed the responsibility of the club to ascertain written consent from the opposing club to avoid any strip clash. This written agreement must be sent to FV prior to the fixture.
3.8.1	National Flags, Slogans & Emblems	FFA National Club Identity Policy removed. FFA Diversity & Inclusion Policy added.
<b>FIXTURE DETAILS</b>		
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4.1	Duration of Competition Fixtures	U12 & U13 match duration has been amended to 30 minutes halves.
4.1.3	Half Time Interval	The half-time interval must be a minimum of 5 minutes and no longer than 10 minutes in duration for the Under 12 & Under 13 competitions
4.2.3 b	Abandoned Competition Fixtures	If a competition fixture has been abandoned between 60% & 80% of a competition fixture and score to either team exceeds a deficit of 4 or more goals, FV may determine that the result be maintained at the time of abandonment.

4.3.9	Postponed/Rescheduled Competition Fixtures	FV will not compensate any clubs due to the rescheduling of competition fixtures
4.3.4	Postponed/Rescheduled Competition Fixtures	Player, coach or team unavailability resulting in team nonparticipation in the rescheduled fixture will result in a 3-0 forfeit to the offending team.
4.4	Heat & Extreme Weather Policy	Heat & Extreme Weather Policy added.
4.7.6	Change of Venue/Fixture Requests by Club	FV hold ultimate power and sole discretion over the fixturing of Competition Fixtures.
<b>MATCH OFFICIAL</b>		
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5.3.6	Nonattendance or Unavailability of Match Official	If the match is not played due to the away team disputing the match official appointment, the away team may be deemed to have caused the abandonment of the competition fixture.
<b>COMPETITION STRUCTURE</b>		
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10.2.2	Team Entry	FV have sole discretion when accepting team entries and allocation the composition of leagues.
10.2.4 e	Team Entry	That the clubs the license agreement with FV allows them to enter teams within the metropolitan structures.
10.3.6	Composition of Leagues	FV have sole discretion when determining the composition of each league.
10.4.3 f	Vacancies in Geelong Region Competitions	FV may decide not to fill a vacancy (vacancies) within a competition if it is deemed that doing so would negatively impact either: the league; the team; and/or the association

10.4.4	Vacancies in Geelong Region Competitions	Average Goal Difference per game for the current Regular Season (i.e. the season before the Regular Season in which the vacancy needs to be filled.
12.1	Competition Format	FV will determine whether a finals series will run at their discretion.
<b>GEELONG MENS</b>		
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13.1.15	Senior Men's Divisions	The exception to this is where a player has not yet attained the age of 18 as of the 1 <sup>st</sup> of January of the current competition season, this player will be considered exempt from regulation 13.1.15.
13.1.16	Senior Men's Divisions	Once a Player has played at a higher Division(s) excluding Men's State League Seniors (Seniors or Reserves) for ten (10) Competition Fixtures or more, they will be considered ineligible for any Geelong Senior matches in a lower category (e.g. Men's Division 2) for his Club for the remainder of the Regular Season (including Finals).
13.1.17 a.	Senior Men's Divisions	Subject to regulation 13.1.16. For each Geelong Senior Men's team, no more than three (3) players who have Played in any of their Club's higher Division teams on any given weekend may play in a Geelong Senior Men's Division Competition Fixture that weekend.
13.1.17 d.	Senior Men's Divisions	For Clubs that have teams listed in Men's State League Competitions, no more than two (2) players who have played in their Club's Men's State League Team (seniors or reserves) on any given weekend may play in a Geelong Senior Men's Division Competition Fixture that weekend.
13.1.17 e.	Senior Men's Divisions	If a Club has two (2) Teams in the same League (of a particular Senior Division) then players are 'team-tied' following completion of the sixth (6 <sup>th</sup> ) round of the Regular Season to one of those teams. Clubs will be required to submit a Team list for each Team for Round 7 onwards, listing each player, which will be tied to that particular team for the remainder of the regular season, with the following exemption for team-tied players:
13.1.17 f.	Senior Men's Divisions	Up to a maximum of three (3) players listed to a particular Team may play for the Club's other Team(s) in that League on a given weekend.
13.1.17 g.	Senior Men's Divisions	Irrespective of the kick-off time for games on a particular day. If a men's division 2 match is scheduled before a clubs' men's division 1 match the club must still only list a maximum of three (3) players who are able to play both matches.)

13.2	Senior Men's Masters	<p>All Players that play in 2020 Men's Masters Competition Fixtures must be 35 years or older as at 1 January 20120, with the following exemption:</p> <p>a. A club may list up to two (2) outfield players on the match record who are not yet 35 but whom have attained the age of 30 as of 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the Current competition season without prior written dispensation</p>
<b>GEELONG WOMENS</b>		
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14.2.6	Senior Womens Divisions	No more than three (3) players who have Played in any of their Club's higher Division Teams on any given weekend may play in a Geelong Senior Women's Division Competition Fixture that weekend.
14.2.7	Senior Womens Divisions	Irrespective of the kick-off time for games on a particular day. If a women's division 2 match is scheduled before a clubs' women's division 1 match the club must still only list a maximum of three (3) players who are able to play both matches.
<b>GEELONG JUNIORS</b>		
<b>Rule of Competition</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Change/Amendment/Addition</b>
15.5.1	Regarding Procedure	FV at their sole discretion will determine whether regrading will occur within a competition season.