



**TO: ALL CLUBS**  
**FROM: FV COMPETITIONS**  
**DATE: FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2020**  
**SUBJECT: 2021 FOOTBALL VICTORIA COMPETITION CALENDAR RELEASE**

Dear Clubs,

After a disrupted season due to the impact of COVID19, we continue to thank all stakeholders for your tireless work in bringing football back to Victorian fields in such challenging circumstances.

In preparation for the 2021 season, Football Victoria (FV) is proud to announce that the 2021 FV Competitions Calendar has now been finalised.

Fortunately for all stakeholders the circumstances around community sport in Victoria has made positive inroads however it is important to note that the FV calendar has to be flexible in this uncertain environment and should COVID19 impact competitions again in season 2021 there may be changes to this current published calendar. FV will continue to liaise directly with all stakeholders should any circumstances change.

Please [click here](#) for a link to the 2021 FV Competitions Calendar.

When reviewing the 2021 FV Competitions Calendar, please note that dates listed are not specific to the day of play for competitions, rather indicative of the weekend a Round is scheduled.

#### **FV COMMUNITY COMPETITIONS REGULAR SEASON CALENDAR:**

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Season Start Date</b>	<b>Season End Date</b>	<b>Alterations</b>
Men's State Leagues	Weekend of 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	Weekend of 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No notable changes from 2020 calendar.</li></ul>
VPLW		Weekend of 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Removal of CUR after Round 3 meaning there is 2x CUR instead of 3x CUR.</li><li>Regular season and finals conclude one week earlier to avoid clashing with the NPL/W Grand final weekend.</li></ul>
Women's State Leagues			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Removal of CUR after Round 3 meaning there is 2x CUR instead of 3x CUR.</li><li>Regular season and finals conclude one week earlier to avoid clashing with the NPL/W Grand final weekend.</li></ul>
Men's Metropolitan Leagues	Weekend of 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Weekend of 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No notable changes from 2020 calendar.</li></ul>
Men's Masters Leagues			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No notable changes from 2020 calendar.</li></ul>
Junior Leagues (U12 – U21)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Delineation between Under 12 Kangaroos and A competitions - <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information.</li><li>Introduction of grading games - <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information.</li></ul>
MiniRoos (U7 – U11) – TBC*			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Start and end dates will not change however amendments to the regrading period and late team entry process are being considered. FV will communicate any changes to clubs in due course.</li></ul>

**GEELONG COMPETITIONS:**

Competition	Season Start Date	Season End Date	Alterations
Geelong Seniors	Weekend of 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Weekend of 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catch Up Round 1 has been moved to post Round 8 to coincide with Queens Birthday Weekend &amp; the Country Championships.</li> <li>Catch Up Round 3 has been moved to post Round 15.</li> </ul>
Geelong Juniors			
Geelong Miniroos			

**FINALS & PLAYOFFS (MEN'S, WOMENS, METROPOLITAN, MASTERS & JUNIORS):**

Competition	Finals Week One	Finals Week Two
Men's State Leagues	Weekend of 12 <sup>th</sup> of September 2021	Weekend of 19 <sup>th</sup> of September 2021
VPLW	Weekend of 5 <sup>th</sup> of September 2021	Weekend of 12 <sup>th</sup> of September 2021
Womens State Leagues		
Men's Metropolitan Leagues	Weekend of 12 <sup>th</sup> of September 2021	Weekend of 19 <sup>th</sup> of September
Geelong Seniors		
Men's Masters Leagues		
Junior Leagues (U12 – U21)		
Geelong Juniors		
Miniroos (U7 – U11)	No Finals Series	
Geelong Miniroos (U7 – U11)		

- Finals & Playoff Fixture formats will be confirmed during the 2021 Season.
- Finals & Playoff Fixtures will only be scheduled at grounds where Clubs have Council approval to host fixtures.
- The scheduled day of matches for all final fixtures may be as determined at the sole discretion of FV.
- FV will aim to avoid finals clashing with finals of other competitions ie) NPL Grand finals meaning traditional days of play may be amended.

Information regarding the application process to host Finals & Playoffs will be communicated to Clubs in due course, typically this information is released in August 2021.



## **CUP COMPETITIONS:**

### **NIKE F.C CUP**

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Nike F.C Cup Final</b>
Nike F.C Cup	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Weekend 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2021

Further information regarding the Nike F.C Cup progression, entry fee and registration will be communicated to Clubs over the coming weeks.

Please note Nike F.C Cup entry is compulsory for NPL Women, Victorian Premier League Women's & Women's State League 1 Clubs.

### **FFA/DOCKERTY CUP**

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Dockerty Cup Final</b>
FFA/Dockerty Cup	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Weekend 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2021

The Qualifying Round will commence with MSL 5 Clubs and non-MSL entrants the weekend from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Further information regarding the 2021 FFA Cup progression, entry fee and registration will be released over the coming weeks.

Please note FFA Cup entry is compulsory for all Men's State League (1 to 5) & NPL Clubs.

Further to the above, the calendar also includes our themed rounds as well as a wider range of relevant social competitions, cups, tournaments, and events.

### **FACILITY / GROUND AVAILABILITY:**

We appreciate some Council's may not be able to allocate venues especially at the start of the regular season, however our team will continue to work with respective Councils and local Clubs to ensure minimal disruptions take place to our leagues during the 2021 season.

Please continue to liaise with your local Council or venue owner regarding facility/ground availability in line with the 2021 season calendar. Clubs are encouraged to communicate any likely ground availability issues (ground maintenance, ground sharing with another Club, etc) as soon as possible directly to FV in writing.

If venue availability issues exist pre and post winter season allocation periods, FV will work with Clubs and Councils to accommodate alternate arrangements.

### **COVID19 FOOTBALL PORTAL:**

FV has provided Clubs with a COVID19 Football Portal to assist with navigating through this pandemic. We would like to reiterate that all Clubs must follow the current and any further update relating to FV return to training and play conditions. [Click here](#) to ensure the relevant protocols are being put in place to align with government regulations in the current climate

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting the FV Competitions Department on 9474 1800 (press 2 for Competitions) or via email [competitions@footballvictoria.com.au](mailto:competitions@footballvictoria.com.au)

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