



TO: FV METROPOLITAN & GEELONG CLUBS
FROM: FV COMPETITIONS
DATE: THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2021
SUBJECT: 2021 JUNIOR BOYS', JUNIOR GIRLS' & GEELONG COMPETITIONS LEAGUE STRUCTURES RELEASE

Dear Clubs,

We write to confirm the Junior Community Competition league structures for season 2021 are available via the following links as of 9AM, Thursday, 18 March 2021.

Please note, Metropolitan Men's, Masters & Womens State League Structures are aiming to be released by Friday, 19 March however please note that this may be amended to early the following week.

Junior Boys' - Sort by Club – Sort by League
Junior Girls' - Sort by Club – Sort by League
Geelong Seniors & Juniors- Sort by Club – Sort by League
Under 12 Kangaroos & A-Competitions (Junior Boys and Junior Girls) – League Structures & Preliminary Fixture Formats

SUBMITTING LATE REQUESTS

All late requests are to be submitted through your club's AutoStat account.

COMMUNITY COMPETITIONS – LATE TEAM WITHDRAWAL – [CLICK HERE](#)

Relevant late team entry fees will still apply for teams that have been withdrawn from respective Competitions.

COMMUNITY COMPETITIONS – LATE TEAM ENTRY – [CLICK HERE](#)

Relevant late team entry fees will apply for all Late Team Entries.

COMMUNITY COMPETITIONS – LATE LEAGUE CHANGE REQUESTS – [CLICK HERE](#)

Please note any league change requests received are at FV's sole discretion and may only be considered subject to league vacancies and minimising disruptions to leagues structures. Any league change request submitted is not a guarantee the request will be actioned by FV.

Late league requests submitted via email or phone will not be considered.

Our Community Competitions team have begun the fixturing process for approximately 35,000 fixtures across Victoria for season 2021.

FV's principles for fixturing are:

- Flow of competition fixtures which will assist with venue allocations and referee appointments.
- Ground availability (due to council allocation/works/ground sharing).

When actioning late team withdrawals from a competition, the FV Competitions team may be unable to rebalance fixtures prior to round 1. This can lead to unusual fixture patterns in the first three rounds i.e., two teams have byes in round 1.



The community competitions team will endeavour to rebalance leagues as soon as possible when a team is removed from a league structure.

JUNIOR BOYS' & GIRLS' LEAGUE STRUCTURES

During the team entry period, Clubs were given the opportunity to submit league change requests for all competitions. FV have taken into consideration the following principles to establish the league structures. These may have included but are not limited to;

- i. A Clubs history with FV.
- ii. Reconfirmation of team entries.
- iii. Order of merit regulations.
- iv. The previous level of registered players which have competed in Football Victoria Competitions.
- v. The on-field performance of the team.
- vi. If the Club already has an 'A' League team in the league structure.
- vii. Viability of leagues.
- viii. Any other factors as determined by FV.

In some instances, to ensure as many balanced leagues as possible and to accommodate league change requests teams have been allocated into an alternate zone. For example, a club in the South requesting to move to a higher league, has been moved into the East competitions to create a balanced league.

JUNIOR A/KANGAROOS LEAGUES ONLY (JUNIOR BOYS & JUNIOR GIRLS)

Junior Community Competitions Improvements to Under 12 Kangaroos and Boys and Girls 'A' Competitions were communicated in November 2020– [click here](#) for further information.

Important notes include:

- At its discretion FV, may increase the league structure to more than 10 teams.
- Regular season fixtures will be played in Catch Up Rounds or across a double weekend (one fixture on a Saturday and one fixture on a Sunday) therefore increasing the number of games played. For example, 12 team structures will be played across 22 Rounds.
- No regrading in and out of these leagues – requesting an 'A' competition is a commitment to the 'A' competition for the whole of the 2021 season.
- FV will try to avoid this however 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.
- FV at their sole discretion may 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. Only teams in the top half of the split are eligible to win the league.
- Leagues which will include additional Round/Fixtures have been indicated in the above league structures.
- League structures and fixture formats are at FV discretion, should the league structures change prior to season commencement FV will amend the fixture format at their sole discretion.

BOYS & GIRLS ALL OTHER LEAGUES (EXCLUDING 'A'/KANGAROOS LEAGUES)

Junior Community Competitions Improvements to Regrading for Boys and Girls U12 Wallabies/Joeys & U13 – U21 B,C,D,E,F Competitions – [click here](#) for further information.

Important notes include.

- Removal of regrading results.
- Round 1-4 counting as 'grading games' and results and ladders reset if the league is



- impacted by regrading.
- If the league is not impacted by regrading the fixture continues, ladders and results remain.

Each competition season is still required to fit into an 18 round 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.

CONTACT US

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

Competitions@footballvictoria.com.au.

We appreciate Club's patience during this period as we are inundated with Club requests. We will endeavour to provide responses to all queries as soon as possible. To ensure we know you have contacted us, if you are unable to leave a message on our phone line please ensure you write into the competitions email address with your query so we can provide you with a response.

Kind Regards,

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Tessa Sernio
Community Competitions Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "David Zucchet".

David Zucchet
Fixturing Manager