



**TO: VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE WOMENS CLUBS**  
**FROM: FV COMPETITIONS**  
**DATE: WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2021**  
**SUBJECT: 2021 – VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE WOMENS PRELIMINARY FIXTURE RELEASE**

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Dear Clubs,

Football Victoria (FV) are pleased to announce that the 2021 Victorian Premier league Women's (VPLW) preliminary fixtures have been released and are available for Clubs to review.

We ask that these documents are treated as commercial in confidence for Club administration purposes and not be distributed outside of the Club until the final fixture release is confirmed.

## **CLICK BELOW FOR THE PRELIMINARY FIXTURE RELEASE**

### **VPLW SENIOR & RESERVES PRELIMINARY FIXTURE**

## **REVIEWING PRELIMINARY FIXTURES**

As previously communicated to Clubs, the preliminary fixtures have been based on the 2020 VPLW fixture pattern. FV competitions have also reviewed the Club's fixture information and where possible have made the following amendments based on the fixture information submitted.

- Home fixtures kick off times for seniors and reserves
- Preferred day of play (e.g. Friday, Saturday, Monday etc.)
- Ground availability (due to Council allocation/works/ground sharing)
- Saturday fixtures have been allocated based on both Club's indicating they wish to play fixtures on the Saturday via the Fixture Information Form.

## **REQUESTING FIXTURE AMENDMENTS**

Clubs have one final opportunity to review the fixtures, please be aware that the draw in its current format is unlikely to change. FV, will however, consider Club requests in regard to their own home fixture kick off times, day of play and/or change of venue (excluding the final round).

Please make sure you take into consideration all factors when reviewing your own home fixture dates, days and kick off times. These fixtures are currently in draft form. Please refrain from making arrangements (i.e. functions/ events) around the fixtures until the final versions are public.

Based on the preliminary fixtures, Clubs may request the following items from their own home fixtures which are to be submitted in writing to the FV competitions team by **5pm Tuesday 16th February 2021.**

## DAYS OF PLAY & KICK OFF TIMES

Clubs may request amendments to kick off days and/or times as per the below table. Please note fixtures commencing after 3:00pm must have an FV approved lighting audit.

Default Day	Kick off times
*Friday	6:15pm – 8:30pm
**Saturday	11:00am -8:30pm
Sunday	11:00am -8:30pm
*Monday	6:15pm – 8:30pm

\* Subject to an FV approved lighting audit & opposition Clubs are within 50km of each other.

\*\* Saturday fixture may be considered subject to written opposition approval.

## LIGHTING CERTIFICATION – NIGHT FIXTURES

Clubs may be permitted to host night fixtures provided pitch lighting meets the requirements outlined in the *Football Lighting Policy & Requirements* ([click HERE](#)). Clubs are reminded of the following Lighting Certification deadlines in order to gain approval to host night fixtures in 2021 in the instance your Lighting Certification has expired, or is set to expire prior to the start or during the 2021 season:

Please note if your Club has requested a night fixture, Clubs must provide an approved lighting audit as per the following dates and send to [Competitions@footballvictoria.com.au](mailto:Competitions@footballvictoria.com.au).

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - if the completed Lighting Audit is received by FV Competitions on this date and approved, all requested fixtures may be moved to nominated evening kick off time without opposition consent.
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - if the completed Lighting Audit is received by FV Competitions during this period and approved, all requested fixtures except those falling in Rounds 1 and 2 may be moved to nominated evening kick off time without opposition consent.
- Post Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - if the completed Lighting Audit is received by FV Competitions and approved after this date, Clubs will be required to seek opposition consent as per the Rules of Competition to change any Regular Season FV Competition Fixtures, unless otherwise approved by FV at its sole and absolute discretion.

## TO BE CONFIRMED FIXTURES

In the situation a fixture has been listed as to be confirmed (TBC), FV are continuing to work with the respective Club and council to confirm fixture details. Once fixture details are confirmed FV will inform the relevant Clubs within the league.

## CHANGES TO VENUE AVAILABILITY

If your home venue availability has since changed, Clubs are required to contact the FV Competitions Department immediately to ensure fixture can be amended. Please note, if in the situation, a change is required, FV may consider the following options.

- Fixture may be moved to a midweek date



- Club may be required to source an alternate venue
- Fixture may be reversed at FV's sole discretion

In the first instance, fixtures will not be moved to the catch-up round(s).

## FINAL FIXTURE RELEASE

Presuming there are no major adjustments required and feedback is received in a timely manner, FV intends to formally release the final VPLW competition fixtures shortly after the feedback deadline being Friday 19th February 2021.

Clubs are reminded that feedback is to be submitted in writing to [competitions@footballvictoria.com.au](mailto:competitions@footballvictoria.com.au) by **5pm Tuesday 16th February 2021** for FV consideration.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the competitions department on 9474 1800 and press '2' for community competitions when prompted or contact us via email [competitions@footballvictoria.com.au](mailto:competitions@footballvictoria.com.au).

Kind Regards,

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David Zucchet  
**Fixturing Manager**