



TO: FV AFFILIATED FOOTBALL CLUBS
FROM: FV FOOTBALL DEPARTMENT
DATE: 23 FEBRUARY 2021
SUBJECT: GAMBLING & MATCH FIXING NOTICE

Dear Clubs, Administrators, Coaches & Players,

Re: Gambling & Match Fixing

I write this notice to remind the Victorian football family of our obligations to adhere to the [National Code of Conduct](#) with high importance to upholding the integrity of our competitions.

In an environment where betting on our National Premier League (NPL) Competitions are promoted to the wider community through mass marketing and social media channels, it is imperative that those involved in football at any capacity ensure they do not engage in any betting or potential match fixing.

We encourage club officials to take an active role in the education of its club members of their responsibilities.

Please [click here](#) for FA's Sports Betting & Match Fixing Guidelines.

Please be reminded that you are forbidden from participating in, either directly or indirectly, betting, gambling, lotteries or similar events or transactions related to football matches or competitions and/or any related football activities. **This includes coaches and administrators as well as players.**

Violations will be sanctioned with an appropriate ban on taking part in any football-related activity for a maximum of three years and in some cases a life ban will apply.

Any amount unduly received shall be included in the calculation of the fine.

Football Victoria in conjunction with Football Australia and Sports Radar will continue to monitor all activities surrounding these issues.

Football Victoria is also proud to stand alongside the Victorian Responsibility and Gambling program of Love the Game, we've made a commitment to say NO to sports betting sponsorship, reduce young people's exposure to sports betting advertising and raise awareness of gambling harm. We encourage you to [sign up](#) too.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ezel Hikmet".

Ezel Hikmet
General Manager - NPL