

2024 SUMMARY OF CHANGES – COMMUNITY COMPETITIONS

GENERAL MATTERS APPLICABLE TO ALL COMPETITIONS		
Rule of Competition	Subject Matter	Addition/ Amendment (in red)
1.1.5	Definitions	New definition of Advanced Competition, Club Official(s), Field/Fielded, Key Personnel, Played and Private Academy.
1.4.4b – 1.4.4c	Registration – Scope and Penalties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Where a Club or Team is found to have Fielded an Unregistered or Ineligible Player(s) in multiple Competition Fixtures, FV may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) deduct between 0-12 competition points from the Team without altering any of the corresponding individual Competition Fixture results; or c. Matters that FV may take into account in making a decision under Rule 1.4.4(a) or (b) above include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) whether it can be demonstrated by the Club that it was misled by the Player in relation to eligibility/registration;
1.4.7	System or Technical Error	To avoid doubt, if there is a system or technical error in processing a registration (which does not include Players with multiple registrations as a result of, for example, name variants), the above sanctions will be imposed until such system or technical error is proven by the Club or Team or Player, save that:
1.4.14 – 1.4.16	Appeals	<p>1.4.14 FV reserves the right during the Season to implement (and publish details of) an appeals mechanism against FV's decisions under Rule 1.4.4. Under such mechanism, Clubs who have had points so deducted may appeal that decision to the FV Tribunal, to be dealt with further to the GDT.</p> <p>1.4.15 An appeal under Rule 1.4.14 shall constitute a Tribunal Referral for the purposes of the GDT.</p> <p>1.4.16 The cost of an appeal under Rule 1.4.14 shall be as determined by FV from time to time and may be higher than standard Tribunal Request Fee referred to in the GDT.</p>

1.14.1 & 1.14.2	Club Compliance and National Club Accreditation	<p>1.14.1 In order to be eligible to compete in FV competitions in 2024 a Club must comply with the requirements set out by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. FV's Club Compliance Program; b. The FA 'Club Changer'- National Club Development Program criteria (if required); c. FV's By-Law 12 Club Compliance Policy; d. Consumer Affairs Victoria; and e. Australian Securities and Investment Commission (as applicable). <p>1.14.2. In order to be eligible to compete in FV competitions, Clubs and their Club Officials must not have any contractual, financial or other relationship of any nature with a Private Academy.</p>
FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS		
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2.1.5	General Information	<p>2.1.5 If a Team is withdrawn after the point of the Regular Season at which all Teams have played the withdrawing Team once, a 'BYE' will be inserted to replace the withdrawn Team in the fixture for the remainder of the season, and;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Played Competition Fixtures involving the withdrawn Team will remain including all championship points along with goals scored (for & against). b. All Best & Fairest or Gold Medal votes gained in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Played Competition Fixtures involving the withdrawn Team up to the point of the season at which all Teams have played the withdrawing Team once will remain; <p>For the avoidance of doubt, FV may consider forfeited matches as Played for the purposes of Rule 2.1.5.</p>
3.2.1	Technical Area	<p>3.2.1. A maximum of ten (10) persons are permitted to be within the Technical Area at any given time during a Competition Fixture. Those persons may only include the coach and assistant coach, the Team manager, the substitutes and a registered health practitioner, sports trainer or accredited first aider.</p>

3.5.1.k	Player's Strip/Apparel	k. Where a playing shirt clash is present for a Junior Competition Fixture, one Team may wear bibs which distinguish them from the opposing Team and Match Officials, subject to Rules 3.5.1.i and 3.5.1.j.
3.7	Vaping/Smoking and Drinking at Venues	<p>3.7.1. It is prohibited for anyone to smoke, vape or consume alcohol within the confines of the Field of Play.</p> <p>3.7.2. Clubs are responsible for ensuring that vaping, smoking and drinking alcohol are confined to licensed and permitted areas. Clubs should be familiar with and refer to State legislation regarding current smoking laws.</p>
MATCH OFFICIALS		
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5.8	Body Camera Trial	<p>5.8.1. FA & FV intends to participate in a limited trial involving certain Match Officials wearing body cameras (bodycams) during certain Matches, which is part of an overall endeavour to identify possible measures to improve player/coach behaviour during football matches (Body Cam Trial).</p> <p>5.8.2. If the Body Cam Trial extends to Community Competitions, FA or FV will issue supplementary regulations and protocols governing the scope and application of the Body Cam Trial.</p> <p>5.8.3. All Community Participants must comply with, and consent to the use of bodycams in accordance with, any regulations or protocols so issued.</p>
MEN' STATE LEAGUE		
Rule of Competition	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
10.1.3	General Information	10.1.3. FV reserves the right in its absolute discretion to amend the structure of Community Competitions, including varying the number of Clubs in each Division and/or the number of Divisions , before, during or after the Regular Season. Amendments may be as a result of FA actions, including the establishment of any new or varied FA auspiced Leagues or Divisions (including a National Second Tier), or compulsory Player pathways.

10.3	Promotion and Relegation	Regulations for the 2024 season added.													
12.1.2	Admittance Prices	<div>MSL1, 2 and 3</div> <table><tr><th>Category</th><th>Admittance Price</th></tr><tr><td>Adults</td><td>\$10.00 (inclusive of GST)</td></tr><tr><td>Students/ Pensioners/ Concession Holders</td><td>\$5.00 (inclusive of GST)</td></tr><tr><td>Holders of current FV Media Passes and current FA Media Passes</td><td>FREE</td></tr><tr><td>Current FV Special Pass Holders</td><td>FREE</td></tr><tr><td>Under 14</td><td>FREE</td></tr></table>		Category	Admittance Price	Adults	\$10.00 (inclusive of GST)	Students/ Pensioners/ Concession Holders	\$5.00 (inclusive of GST)	Holders of current FV Media Passes and current FA Media Passes	FREE	Current FV Special Pass Holders	FREE	Under 14	FREE
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VPLW & WOMEN’S STATE LEAGUE															
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15.1.4	General Information	15.1.4 Any promotion and relegation provisions referred to in Regulation 15 are subject to NPLW and Community Competitions continuing in 2024 in the same, or substantively the same, structure. For the avoidance of doubt any promotion and relegation of teams is at the absolute discretion of FV. There is no right to promotion. Promotion and relegation positions may be amended at any time prior to the commencement of the competition season, during the competition season or post competition season.													
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15.8.4	Scheduling of Matches – Days of Play	15.8.4 Sunday FV Competition Fixtures may not: VPLW/Women’s State League 1 a. Kick off earlier than 11.00am (reserves) or 1.00pm (seniors) unless either Competition Fixture has been rescheduled according to Rule 4.3.													

		<p>b. Kick off later than 6.30pm (reserves) or 8.30pm (seniors), unless either Competition Fixture has been rescheduled according to Rule 4.3.</p> <p><i>Women's State League 2 -5</i></p> <p>a. Kick off earlier than 11.00am unless either Competition Fixture has been rescheduled according to Rule 4.3.</p>
16.1.1	VPLW Substitutions	<p>16.1.1. <i>Victorian Premier League Womens</i></p> <p>a. A maximum of seventeen (17) players may be listed on the Match Record.</p> <p>b. Each senior Team may use a maximum of five (5) substitutes with a maximum of three (3) substitution opportunities and may additionally make substitutions at half time during any senior VPLW Competition Fixture. No more than six (6) substitutes are permitted to be named on the Match Record.</p> <p>c. Each reserve Team is permitted to name six (6) substitutes and use a maximum of five (5) substitutes throughout that Competition Fixture.</p> <p>d. All substitutes must be seated within the Technical Area.</p>
METROPOLITAN JUNIOR COMPETITIONS		
Rule of Competition	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
20.1.13	General Information	<p>20.1.13 For all Junior competitions, a player who has Played at a higher division in a particular age group (e.g. 14Bs) for five (5) Competition Fixtures or more, cannot drop to a lower category (e.g. 14Cs) within the same age group for their Club for the remainder of the Regular Season (including Finals).</p> <p>a. This Regulation does not, prevent a player who is playing 'up' an age group returning to their rightful age group in accordance with Regulation 20.1.12.</p> <p>b. Where a Junior competition has been subject to regrading, the restriction under this clause 20.1.13 shall reset (for example, a player who has Played in 14B's for three (3) Competition Fixtures shall have their number of Played Competition Fixtures reset to zero post regrading).</p>

20.6.5	Composition of Leagues	20.6.5 All Clubs who wish to request a Team to be graded into a particular league must do so during the team entry process. All Teams will be graded having regard to the following criteria;
21.1.1	Interchange	21.1.1. Interchange Rule – Boys’ Under 12 to Under 21 competitions and Girls’ Under 12 to Under 19 competitions: a. For Under 12 – Under 13 a maximum of fifteen (15) players can be named on the Match Record. Clubs may make any number of interchanges during the course of the Competition Fixture, provided the Match Official has been consulted first and permits the substitution.
22.1.2.a	Elimination Finals Format	<p>(i) If there are two (2) Leagues in a particular age and grade level across all zones, the Premiers of the two (2) respective Leagues will play each other in a one off Grand Final; or</p> <p>(ii) If there are four (4) Leagues in a particular age and grade level across all zones, the Premier of each League will be fixtured in a Semi Final/Grand Final Format; or</p> <p>(iii) If there is a Standalone League (i.e., there is only one League in a particular age and grade level across all zones), the top two (2) Teams from that League at the end of the Regular Season will be fixtured in a Grand Final Format.</p> <p>(iv) If there are six (6), seven (7), eight (8) or nine (9) Leagues in a particular age and grade level across all zones, the top four (4) Premiers will be fixtured in a Semi Final/Grand Final Format.</p> <p>In deciding on order of merit for the purposes of Regulation 22.1.2.a.iv., those Teams will be ranked according to the following (and in this order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ average points per game for the current Regular Season; ▪ average Goal Difference per game for the current Regular Season; ▪ average goals FOR per game for the current Regular Season; and ▪ the Team and the Club’s disciplinary record for the current Regular Season.

GEE LONG COMPETITIONS

Rule of Competition	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
29.1.22 – 29.1.26	Composition of Leagues	Updated Regulations for Composition of Leagues for Geelong Men's
30.1.19 – 30.1.25	Composition of Leagues	Updated Regulations for Composition of Leagues for Geelong Women's

LATROBE VALLEY REGION SENIOR COMPETITIONS

Rule of Competition	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
Schedule 6	Latrobe Vallery Region Senior Regulations	Updated Regulations Latrobe Vallery Region Senior Competitions