

MATCH DAY RISK & SECURITY POLICY



**FOOTBALL
VICTORIA**

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1. PURPOSE

- (a) This Policy has been developed by FV in order to assist Clubs, Club Associates and other competition administrators and football stakeholders understand their duties and responsibilities with respect to match day risk assessment and security at FV Fixtures.
- (b) This Policy is to be read in conjunction with the following documents:
 - (i) FV Grievance and Disciplinary Tribunal By-Law ('**GDT**');
 - (ii) FV Rules of Competition ('**ROCs**'); and
 - (iii) FV National Premier League Participation Licence
- (c) Defined terms in the ROC and GDT have the same meaning in this document. If a defined term has contradictory meaning in the ROC and the GDT, the definition in the GDT will prevail.

1.2. JURISDICTION

- (a) This Policy is binding upon all Players, Clubs, Club Associates and Club Officials as defined in the GDT.
- (b) This Policy will apply to all Competition Fixtures including, but not limited to:
 - (i) National Premier Leagues;
 - (ii) Victorian Premier Leagues;
 - (iii) Victorian Premier League Womens;
 - (iv) State Leagues;
 - (v) Australia Cup;
 - (vi) Dockerty Cup;
 - (vii) Nike F.C. Cup;
 - (viii) Metropolitan Leagues;
 - (ix) Junior Leagues; and
 - (x) Any other match sanctioned by, or recognised by, FV as a Competition Fixture.
- (c) Definitions used in this document have the same meaning as defined in the GDT, unless otherwise provided.

ADVANCED & CUP COMPETITIONS

2. ADVANCED & CUP COMPETITIONS

2.1. MATCH DAY RISK PROFILE

2.1.1. Classification process

- (a) All Competition Fixtures shall be allocated a Match Day Risk Profile ('MDRP') as follows:
 - (i) **Low Risk** – all Competition Fixtures shall be considered 'Low Risk' unless the Club is otherwise advised by FV;
 - (ii) **Medium Risk** – a Competition Fixture will be deemed 'Medium Risk' where FV considers that Misconduct or disorderly behaviour by Players or Club Associates at the Competition Fixture may occur; or
 - (iii) **High Risk** – a Competition Fixture will be deemed 'High Risk' where club rivalry, club history, tribunal record or any other information, including information in clause 2.1.2(a), causes FV to form the view that, in its reasonable opinion, Misconduct or disorderly behaviour by Players or Club Associates at the Competition Fixture is likely to occur.
- (b) Classification of the MDRP is at the sole discretion of FV and is not appealable. FV may in its discretion solicit information or opinion from the Club(s) as to the MDRP assessment but is not obliged to do so.
- (c) FV will, where possible, identify to clubs involved, Medium Risk or High Risk MDRP Competition Fixtures to a Club at least 28 days prior to the Competition Fixture.
- (d) For any Competition Fixture deemed to have an MDRP of Medium Risk or High Risk, FV will schedule a security meeting between FV and the Club(s) either via telephone or at the Competition Fixture venue, at least one (1) week prior to the Match. The security meeting will cover:
 - (i) Time / Date / Venue issues
 - (ii) Security numbers
 - (iii) Known threats
 - (iv) Pre-match day measures (i.e., communication with supporter groups)
 - (v) Any special conditions to be implemented (i.e., active support areas)
- (e) Clubs are required to meet the applicable standards for the relevant MDRP assessment, as set out below in [Table 1](#), as well as any requirements in the relevant Rules of Competition, Laws of the Game, GDT, or additional matters as directed by FV.
- (f) Unless directed otherwise by FV, the Home Club for a particular Competition Fixture is responsible for implementing the relevant MDRP security requirements at a Competition Fixture at their own cost.

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- (g) If the cost obligations referred to in Clause 2.1.1(e) cause particular hardship for a Club, or if a Club believes that compliance with such obligations is unreasonable and/or caused by attendance at their venue of a particular other Club or Club Associate, the Home Club may raise this with the relevant FV contact as set out in Clause 2.2.1(d).
 - (i) All specific concerns must be directed in writing to FV, no less than 14 days prior to the fixture, outlining the concerns which may require consideration.
- (h) If a Club fails to implement the relevant MDRP security requirements referred to in Clause 2.1.1(e):
 - (i) the Club will be guilty of a Misconduct Offence (MP10) under the GDT; and
 - (ii) FV may implement the security requirements relevant to the applicable MDRP for that Competition Fixture and may recover the costs of implementing those requirements from the Club in question.

2.1.2. Relevant factors in assessment

- (a) Factors that FV may consider when determining a MDRP for a Competition Fixture include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (i) Previous Club history of medium or high risk MDRPs;
 - (ii) Previous behaviour of Club Associates;
 - (iii) Club rivalry;
 - (iv) Matches involving Hyundai A-League Clubs;
 - (v) Expected attendance;
 - (vi) Match day venue;
 - (vii) Club or Club Associate tribunal or disciplinary history;
 - (viii) Social media or online activity;
 - (ix) Consequences of match (i.e. relegation / promotion or Cup); or
 - (x) Any other information that FV deems relevant to the Competition Fixture and its MDRP.
- (b) Clubs are responsible for informing FV of any information of which they are aware that may be relevant to, or affect, the MDRP of any Competition Fixture, including but not limited to:
 - (i) Relevant social media activity;
 - (ii) Active support group interest in the Competition Fixture;
 - (iii) Previous issues between Club Associates and/or supporter groups; or
 - (iv) Planned Club, Club Associate and/or supporter group activities before, during or after the Competition Fixture.

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2.2. CLUB COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

2.2.1. Club requirements for Match Day Risk Profiles

- (a) Table 1 sets out all expected requirements for a relevant MDRP:
- (i) Clubs are expected to comply with all relevant risk and security protocols for a given MDRP rating for a Competition Fixture at all times;
 - (ii) From time to time, FV may direct that a Club is required to comply with additional risk and security protocols in addition to those listed in Table 1, where FV believes, in its reasonable opinion, that such additional protocols may assist in reducing the risk associated with a Competition Fixture.
- (b) The implementation by a Club of the relevant protocols to FV's satisfaction for a Competition Fixture is a condition precedent for consideration under clause 3.2 of the GDT.
- (c) FV may require Club(s) to provide evidence of their compliance or attempted compliance with the requirements of a MDRP for a particular Competition Fixture, and where so requested, a Club is required to provide such material to FV.
- (d) Where a Club is unsure as to its MDRP responsibilities in relation to a Competition Fixture, the Club is expected to contact FV at least one (1) week prior to the Fixture (in order to enable time to make any necessary arrangements) to discuss. The relevant contact details are as follows:

Advanced & Cup Competition Fixtures:

T: (03) 9474 1800
Press "2" for Competitions & Press "1" for NPL
nplvictoria@footballvictoria.com.au

2.2.2. Security Providers

- (a) All security providers contracted by a Club must be licenced by the Victoria Police "Private Security" Licence & Regulation Division.
- (b) Security providers may be required to provide evidence of registration or licencing as part of any Medium Risk or High Risk Competition Fixture.

2.2.3. Ability to deny Club Associates / enforce banning orders

- (a) Clubs are required to recognise and uphold any banning order or Suspension validly imposed by FV or FA upon a Club or Club Associate, where such information is provided to the Club.
- (b) Where a banned or Suspended Club Associate is permitted or otherwise gains entry to a Competition Fixture, FV may proceed against the responsible Club as per GDT Misconduct Offence MP10 in its sole discretion.

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Table 1 – Club requirements for MDRP in Advanced and Cup Competition Fixtures

	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk
Contracted Security	As per relevant Rules of Competition	Minimum 8 contracted security staff	Minimum 10 contracted security staff plus 1 for every 250pax expected over 1500.
Ground Marshals	As per relevant Rules of Competition	Minimum 5 Club marshals from each club	Minimum 10 club marshals from each club
Policing Requirements	No VicPol interaction required	VicPol to be informed of the fixture and security arrangements	VicPol to be informed of the fixture and security arrangements and advised to attend where possible
Pre-match Security Briefing	Not Required	Teleconference between FV, competing clubs venue managers and security providers to be held at least 10 days prior to fixture, where possible	Security meeting between FV, competing clubs, venue managers and security providers at the venue at least 10 days prior to the fixture, where possible
Spectator Segregation	Not Required	Allocated areas for supporters advised	Dedicated areas for "Away" active supporter group
Filming	As per relevant Rules of Competition	As per relevant Rules of Competition	Minimum two cameras to be located at different points around the ground.
Ticketing	As per relevant Rules of Competition	As per relevant Rules of Competition	Clubs may be required to conduct a ticket pre-sell or provide ID for entry into the ground.
Venue	Home Venue	Home Venue	FV May nominate a neutral and more suitable venue for the Competition Fixture

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	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk
Entry & Access Points	One main entry point, second exit point available	One main entry point, second exit point available	Possible use of two entry and exit points
Contact Persons	Not Required	Single contact person for each club on match day to be provided to FV and Security Provider	Home Club to provide a match day manager and away club to provide a Single contact person to FV and Security Provider
Post Match Reporting	Required for any incident of violence or disorderly conduct	Required for any incident of violence or disorderly conduct	Full Report of operations and incidents required
Flare Management	1 x Sand filled metal bucket 1 x Fire proof gloves 1 x Protective goggles	1 x Sand filled metal bucket 1 x Fire proof gloves 1 x Protective goggles	2 x Sand filled metal bucket 2 x Fire proof gloves 2 x Protective goggles
Communication of Codes of Conduct	Not Required	Code of Conduct extract to be read over venue public address system once before the match & once at half time.	Code of Conduct extract to be read over venue public address system twice before the match, once at half time and once at full time
Drinks Service	As per Liquor Licencing and Food Handling requirements	As per Liquor Licencing and Food Handling requirements, with the exception all drinks must be served in plastic cups	As per Liquor Licencing and Food Handling requirements, with the exception all drinks must be served in plastic cups
Social Media	No specific requirements	Club to utilise social media to advise fans of required behaviour & monitor for any relevant discussion	Club to utilise social media to advise fans of required behaviour & monitor for any relevant discussion
Use of Advertisement Banners and Flags	Must Comply with FA Inclusivity Principles for Club Identity .	Must Comply with FA Inclusivity Principles for Club Identity .	No Banners Flags will be permitted unless approved by FV prior to the fixture.

COMMUNITY COMPETITIONS

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3.1. MATCH DAY RISK PROFILE

3.1.1. Classification process

- (a) All Competition Fixtures shall be allocated a Match Day Risk Profile ('MDRP') as follows:
- (i) **Standard** – all Competition Fixtures shall be considered 'Standard' unless the Club is otherwise advised by FV;
 - (ii) **Medium Risk** – a Competition Fixture will be deemed 'Medium Risk' where FV considers that Misconduct or disorderly behaviour by Players or Club Associates at the Competition Fixture may occur; or
 - (iii) **High Risk** – a Competition Fixture will be deemed 'High Risk' where club rivalry, club history, tribunal record or any other information, including information in clause 3.1.2(a), causes FV to form the view that, in its reasonable opinion, Misconduct or disorderly behaviour by Players or Club Associates at the Competition Fixture is likely to occur.
- (b) Classification of the MDRP is at the sole discretion of FV and is not appealable. FV may in its discretion solicit information or opinion from the Club(s) as to the MDRP assessment but is not obliged to do so.
- (c) For any Competition Fixture deemed to have an MDRP of Medium Risk or High Risk, FV will call and email the Club(s), four (4) business days prior to the Match. The call and email will cover:
- (i) Time / Date
 - (ii) Known threats (i.e., previous incidents)
 - (iii) Pre-match day measures (i.e., communication with supporter groups)
 - (iv) Ground Marshal(s) requirements. Ground Marshal(s) must be listed on the team sheet and clearly identifiable (hi-vis vest), otherwise the referee may delay the start of the game until they are listed.
 - (v) Any special conditions to be implemented.
 - (vi) Remind Clubs of the Codes of Conducts for all personnel attending the fixture (players, coaches, essential individuals, parents)
 - (vii) Any incidents that occur will be directly referred to FV's Discipline Department

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- (d) Clubs are may be required to meet the applicable standards for the relevant MDRP assessment, as set out below , as well as any requirements in the relevant Rules of Competition, Laws of the Game, GDT, or additional matters as directed by FV.
 - (i) Ground Marshal(s)
 - (ii) Contracted Security
 - (iii) Filming - minimum of one (1) camera recording the competition fixture
 - (iv) Spectator Segregation – allocated areas for supporters or no spectators
 - (v) Venue – FV may nominate a neutral or more suitable venue for the Competition Fixture.
 - (vi) Pitch fence – where a pitch fence is not in place at least a rope or bunting around the pitch at a height of around 1 metre and a minimum of 3 metres in distance from the sidelines and goal lines.
 - (vii) Contact Persons - single contact person for each club on match day to be provided to FV and Security Provider.
 - (viii) Post Match Reporting – required for any violence and disorderly conduct.
 - (ix) Drinks Service – as per Liquor Licencing and Food Handling requirements, with the exception all drinks must be served in plastic cups
 - (x) Use of Advertisement Banners and Flags - must Comply with FA Inclusivity Principles for Club Identity or no Banners Flags will be permitted unless approved by FV prior to the fixture.
 - (xi) Appointment of an FV Match Commissioner.
 - (xii) Communication of Codes of Conduct - Code of Conducts to be sent or communicated by Clubs to all players, coaches, staff and potential spectators.
 - (xiii) Social Media - Club to utilise social media to advise fans of required behaviour & monitor for any relevant discussion
- (e) Unless directed otherwise by FV, the Home Club for a particular Competition Fixture is responsible for implementing the relevant MDRP security requirements at a Competition Fixture at their own cost.
- (f) If the cost obligations referred to in Clause 3.1.1(d) cause particular hardship for a Club, or if a Club believes that compliance with such obligations is unreasonable and/or caused by attendance at their venue of a particular other Club or Club Associate, the Home Club may raise this with the relevant FV contact as set out in Clause 3.2.1(d).
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3.2.1. Club requirements for Match Day Risk Profiles

- (a) Clause 3.1.1(d) sets out all potential requirements for a relevant MDRP:
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