

2025 Regulatory Changes NPLM/VPLM

- Football Australia has confirmed the 2025 NPL Men's season will be the final iteration of the Player Points System (PPS) and will be replaced in 2026 with a Player Roster Principles (PRP) guideline document. For 2025 and then into 2026, Senior Rosters are now able to house 2 Visa (Non-Australian eligible) and 1 xOFC/AFC players. The OFC/AFC player is worth the usual 10 points. The PPS remains at 200.
- Key points for 2026 PRP;
 - NPL Men/VPL1 Men/VPL2 Men will not be able to field a Goalkeeper that is not an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident
 - Each Senior team must field at least 5 U23 players and 3 U20 (can be included as part of the 5 U23) players in their match day squad of 17
 - The Senior playing Roster (between 20-23 players) must include at least 3 'Homegrown' players. This is a player who has played at least 3 continuous years in an underage or U20/23 team in the same club.
- To assist clubs in the transition to the PRP in 2026, Football Victoria will be introducing U19s in the NPL Men, VPL1 Men and VPL 2 Men competitions as part of their Senior playing licences. This will see a further 840+ players remain in the NPL/VPL environment to prepare for Senior Men's Football.

2025 Competition Changes NPLM/VPLM

- Football Victoria has also determined the introduction of key Finals/Playoff fixtures in the Senior Men's competitions will enhance the competition offering for the 2025 season and beyond.
- From 2025, the bottom 3 teams in each of the following competitions; NPL Men, VPL1 Men and VPL2 Men will be relegated to the league below. The teams/clubs placed 3rd-6th in each of the VPL1 and VPL2 Men will compete in a traditional playoff format (3v6 and 4v5, Winner v Winner) to determine the successful promoted club. For State League Men's North West and South East, the 2 teams finishing in 2nd position will play-off for the 3rd promotion position.
- Additionally, to support Youth Development in competitive formats, Football Victoria is delighted to introduce a mandatory U20 'Summer Premier League' to be played from October-January of 2025-26 to support the graduation of U17/19 players into U23 and First Team environments in the Men's and U20 players to support with the graduation of U20 players into NPL Women's. This will consist of each of the NPL Men's/Women's clubs for the following season (i.e. 2026) as well as A-League and FV select sides.

PROMOTED FROM VPLM1:

Melbourne Victory FC
Preston Lions FC

RELEGATED TO VPLM1:

Manningham United Blues FC
Moreland City FC

2025 NPL VIC Men

DECLARATION OF PROVISIONAL LEAGUE STRUCTURES

	Altona Magic SC		Melbourne Knights FC
	Avondale FC		Melbourne Victory FC
	Dandenong City SC		Oakleigh Cannons FC
	Dandenong Thunder FC		Port Melbourne Sharks SC
	Green Gully SC		Preston Lions FC
	Heidelberg United FC		South Melbourne FC
	Hume City FC		St Albans Saints SC

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PROMOTED TO NPL:

Melbourne Victory FC
Preston Lions FC

RELEGATED FROM NPL:

Manningham United Blues FC
Moreland City FC

PROMOTED FROM VPLM2:

FC Melbourne Srbija
North Sunshine Eagles FC

RELEGATED TO VPLM2:

Werribee City FC
North Geelong Warriors FC



2025 VPL MEN 1

DECLARATION OF PROVISIONAL LEAGUE STRUCTURES

	Bentleigh Greens SC		Langwarrin SC
	Brunswick City SC		Manningham United Blues FC
	Caroline Springs George Cross FC		Melbourne City FC
	Eastern Lions SC		Moreland City FC
	FC Bulleen Lions		North Sunshine Eagles FC
	FC Melbourne Srbija		Northcote City FC
	Kingston City FC		Western United FC

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PROMOTED TO VPLM1:

FC Melbourne Srbija
North Sunshine Eagles FC

RELEGATED FROM VPLM1:

Werribee City FC
North Geelong Warriors FC

PROMOTED FROM MSL1:

Whittlesea United SC
Geelong SC
Eltham Redbacks FC
Springvale White Eagles FC

RELEGATED TO MSL1:

Doveton SC
Beaumaris SC



2025 VPL MEN 2

DECLARATION OF PROVISIONAL LEAGUE STRUCTURES

	Altona City FC		Goulburn Valley Suns FC
	Boroondara Eagles FC		North Geelong Warriors FC
	Box Hill United FC		Nunawading City FC
	Brunswick Juventus FC		Pascoe Vale FC
	Eltham Redbacks FC		Springvale White Eagles FC
	Essendon Royals SC		Werribee City FC
	Geelong SC		Whittlesea United SC

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