

2019 Approved Requests			
Club	Request	Summary	Outcome
Croydon 36's	- Nittaya Sawetwong and Emily Pocock to play in the Junior Division	Nittaya was born in February 2002 and Emily November 2002 and would love to continue playing Volleyball within their same friendship group. As there are limited U17 opportunities at this level Croydon see State League as an important step in Nittaya and Emily's Volleyball development. Without these two players as well there is a risk there will not be enough numbers. Croydon have the intent next year to move the whole team into Div 3 or Div 2 Women, including those players in 2020 that could still be U17. They would then start a new U17 girls team. This means that this same group would remain together from Juniors into Opens Volleyball	-We are keen to prioritise the Junior State League and are very keen to see Croydon 36s continue to foster junior teams and players. Our only concern is that Nittaya and Emily do not compromise the integrity of the competition. This dispensation request will be reviewed if it transpires that Nittaya or Emily's skill as a player lends itself to an uneven junior girls competition though we do not expect this to occur.
Dandenong Volleyball Club	-Dandenong to receive dispensation for Uniforms until Round 4	Dandenong have experienced delays in receiving all required uniforms and have requested for teams to wear old designs in their Division 2 Men's and Junior Boys sides	Uniform issues affect all clubs regardless of size and as such Dandenong will receive dispensation for the first four rounds. We ask that all teams are at least in the same top where possible
Dandenong Volleyball Club	- Kasumi Ogowa and Alisha So to play in the Junior Division	Kasumi was born in May 2002 and will only be playing in her 2nd year of Volleyball. She has only ever trained and played with her friends in the DVC junior girls team that was formed last year. As it is only her 2nd year playing, there is a belief she will struggle at a higher division. The Dandenong Volleyball Club's Division 3 team is also currently at full capacity (~13-14 players) who are well above 17 years of age and cannot play juniors. Alisha was born August 2002 and has not been playing Volleyball long. She will not turn 17 until after the season and will not add a competitive advantage. Unfortunately the Division 3 women's team is full due to Alisha requesting to join the club at a late stage Therefore the request is for Kasumi to continue to play Volleyball in the Dandenong Junior team, which would also ensure that they have a sufficient number of players	-We are keen to prioritise the Junior State League and are very keen to see Dandenong Volleyball Club continue to foster junior teams and players. Our only concern is that Kasumi and Alisha does not compromise the integrity of the competition. This dispensation request will be reviewed if it transpires that Kasumi's or Alisha's skill as players lends itself to an uneven junior girls competition though we do not expect this to occur.
International Volleyball Club	-International Volleyball Club to receive dispensation for different logos on each shirt	International Volleyball Club have a small logo on their shirt that reflects each player's country of origin. The concept encourages those from different nationalities to play under the one club but technically means they are wearing different tops. International have requested dispensation for their uniforms to remain as is	The different flags representing each player's nationality is a unique concept and highlights the basis International Volleyball Club were founded on. As the flag is only a small logo on the top and does not significantly impact the uniformity of the playing tops dispensation has been granted. Further difference between the playing tops have not been approved
La Trobe University	-La Trobe University to receive dispensation for Uniforms until Round 9	As a new club trying to organise uniforms through their University's sporting association La Trobe University have experienced delays in receiving all required uniforms	Uniform issues affect all clubs regardless of size and as such La Trobe University will receive dispensation for the first nine rounds. This is simply utilising tape for numbers. We ask that all teams are at least in the same top where possible
Melbourne University Renegades	-James Lycett (10 years of age) to compete in Division 3 Women's Division	The club does have a junior program but unfortunately does not have a junior team. Playing in the Women's team is considered the best option for James because he offers no competitive advantage, does not put himself at risk in the Men's competition and he remains at his current club. There is also numerous sports that allow children to participate in mixed gender teams	-James does not offer any competitive advantage and it is also common practise for children to play in mixed gender teams. Volleyball Victoria would also like to see juniors remain at the club that develops them and as such have instructed Melbourne University to also work towards entering teams in the Junior State League
Monash University	-Monash University to receive dispensation for Uniforms until Round 4	With extra teams being entered into the competition later than expected Monash University have experienced delays in receiving all required uniforms	Uniform issues affect all clubs regardless of size and as such Monash University will receive dispensation for the first four rounds. We ask that all teams are at least in the same top where possible
Mazenod Volleyball Club	Mazenod request exemption from By Law 19.9 and 19.10 to establish Women's program - Mazenod to play 4 transferred players in their Division 2 Women's	-Mazenod have recently recruited a high level women's coach to ensure their Women's program has the attention required to ensure it's long term success - The program requires an injection of current State League players as a starting point and this exemption has previously been granted to assist clubs. Players would still be required to complete a transfer and be approved from their current club	- Exemption to be granted to play 4 transferred players, Ellen Glendening, Esther Finn, Grace Billings and Mary Neeson, in Mazenod's Division 2 Women's team for the 2019 season. This is as per precedent when current clubs are struggling growing their Volleyball program
Western Region Volleyball	-Annie Le (16 years old) to play with Western Region Division 3 Men's team for entire 2019 season	The club does have a women's team at this stage but are working their way towards this. Annie trains with the Division 3 Men's team and is quite capable of playing with them. She is very keen to play in the State League but, despite being offered, does not want to play for another club in a women's division.	-Annie does not offer any competitive advantage and women's playing in men's divisions has previously occurred. Volleyball Victoria would also like to see juniors remain at the club that develops them and as such have instructed Western Region Volleyball to also work towards entering women's teams in State League
Yarra Ranges	-Abbey Heymanson, Emma Zervas & Tilly MacDonald to play 2nd match per round in Yarra Ranges Silver Reserves Womens team	-Due to five Yarra Ranges players travelling to Thailand with the National Junior team Yarra Ranges have requested players be able to double up and exemption from By-Law 18.2.5 while the players are away	As the players are travelling with the National Junior Team, therefore achieving higher honours, Yarra Ranges qualifies for dispensation under By-Law 21 (Significant Event By-Law). The dispensation allows players to play for more than one team in the same division, as per the list provided to the Events Coordinator, regardless if they have played more than 3 Regular season matches. Please note this dispensation only applies during the rounds the Thailand tour affects.
Yarra Ranges	-Isaiah Burns to be eligible for finals on 3 games due to AIS commitments	By Law clause is to not punish higher level rep players and it is designed to allow those who can't play State League SOLELY due to higher level honours to play finals. Must play 3 matches (or as many as available to him) as discussed to demonstrate a commitment to the competition	By Law 10.5.1 was written to allow those who are unable to play the required 50% of matches solely due to higher level honours the opportunity to play finals. As such Isaiah will be eligible for finals if he meets the above requirement to display dedication to attempting to meet the 50% requirement