

2022 SUMMARY OF CHANGES – GEELONG COMPETITIONS

GENERAL MATTERS APPLICABLE TO ALL COMPETITIONS		
Rule of Competition	Subject Matter	Addition/ Amendment (in red)
1.1.5 gg	Definitions	Regular Season means the time and Competition Fixtures between the first and last round of the relevant competition or as otherwise determined by FV acting in its absolute discretion , in addition to any Play Off Match(es) required for the purpose of promotion and relegation.
1.1.6	General Matters	Decisions made by FV under these Rules are final, binding and unless stated to the contrary, not capable of being appealed.
1.4.10	Registrations, Forfeits and Abandonments	Clubs are required to submit Registration for all Coaches and Team Officials whom they appoint to Teams including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Coaches (Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Goalkeeper Coach etc.) (ii) Technical Directors; (iii) Physiotherapists; and (iv) Team Managers
1.4.11	Registrations, Forfeits and Abandonments	The Registration can be completed by each Coach or Team Official Self- Registering via Play Football, and the Club accepting the Coach or Team Officials Registration.
1.9.7	Club Name or New Club Name Application	Where a Club requests to move to a geographic location different to that which its current name suggests, FV may require the Club to submit a new request for a change of Club name in line with these Rules.
1.16.2	COVID-19 Protocols and Regulations	All Clubs competing in FV competitions are subject to and must adhere to the Covid 19 Rules – Impacted 2022 Community Competitions as published on the FV website and updated from time to time.

FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS

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2.1.9	General Information	Subject to this regulation or unless otherwise determined by FV acting in its absolute discretion the Team finishing top of each League at the conclusion of the Regular Season may be crowned Premiers and the second placed Team may be Runner-Up. For the avoidance of doubt, simply finishing in first or second place on the ladder does not entitle the Team to be name Premiers or Runners Up.
3.1.1 d (ii)	Facilities / Pitch Arrangements	(ii) requirements under the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i> , the <i>Food Act 1984</i> , and the <i>Building Act 1993</i> and <i>Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008</i> (including but not limited to any directions issued by the Chief Health Officer)
3.3.10	Match Records	Match Records will only be amended if FV is satisfied that the information disputed is proven beyond reasonable doubt.
4.1	Duration of Competition Fixtures	Amended based on 2022 Age Groups.
4.3.1	Postponed / Rescheduled Competition Fixtures	Competition Fixtures may be cancelled, postponed or rescheduled by FV in its absolute discretion. Otherwise competition fixtures may only be postponed by appointed Match Officials or FV competitions staff.
4.3.2 c	Postponed / Rescheduled Competition Fixtures	Will not compensate any clubs due to the cancellation, postponement or rescheduling of Competition Fixtures.
4.3.12	Postponed / Rescheduled Competition Fixtures	With the exception of where the COVID 19 Rules – Impacted Community Competitions apply, any other player, coach, or team unavailability resulting in team non-participation in the rescheduled fixture will result in a 3-0 forfeit to the offending team.
4.6.5	Non-Participation in a Competition Fixture	If a Club's reserves Team fails to participate in four (4) Competition Fixtures, FV may, at its absolute discretion, remove the Club's senior Team from its League during the Regular Season.

4.7.6	Change of Venue / Fixture Requests by Club	FV reserves the right to determine dates and times of Competition Fixtures with specific regards to the number of matches played within the immediate proximity of the relevant Competition Fixture; including but not limited to Australia Cup and Dockerty Cup commitments.
5.2.4	Assistant Match Officials/Non-Attendance or Unavailability of Match Officials	No Player(s) listed on a Match Record or Team Sheet can act as a Match Official for that Competition Fixture.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

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10.1.4	Competition Structure - General Information	Any promotion and relegation provisions referred to in these Rules are subject to Community Competitions continuing in 2022 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.
10.2.6.7	Competition Structure - General Information	The GRFC will have discretion to make recommendations to FV on individual circumstance for clause 10.2.6.
10.3.1	Composition of Leagues	Number of teams and league composition is determined by FV in its absolute discretion.
11.1.1	Interchange	A maximum of seventeen (17) Players may be named on the Match Record. In all FV Geelong competitions, Clubs may make any number of interchanges during the course of the Competition Fixture, provided the Match Official has been consulted first.
12.4.5	Procedures to Determine the Winner of Finals	Subject to this rule and unless otherwise determined by FV acting in its absolute discretion winning the Finals at the conclusion of the Regular Season may entitle the team to be named Champions. For the avoidance of doubt simply winning the final does not entitle the Team to be named Champions.

GEELONG SENIOR MENS DIVISION

Rule of Competition	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
13.1.5	Senior Men's Divisions	Promotion and relegation positions are at the absolute discretion of FV and may be amended at any time prior to the commencement of the competition season, during the competition season or post competition season.

GEELONG SENIOR WOMENS DIVISION

Rule of Competition	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
14.1.14	General Information	Once a Player has played at a higher Division(s) including Women's State League Seniors (Seniors or Reserves) for ten (10) Competition Fixtures or more, they will be considered ineligible for any Geelong Senior matches in a lower category (e.g., Women's Division 1) for their Club for the remainder of the Regular Season (including Finals).
14.1.15	General Information	Subject to regulation 14.1.14. For each Geelong Senior Women's team, no more than three (3) players who have Played in any of their Club's higher Division teams on any given weekend (including Women's State League) may play in a Geelong Senior Women's Division Competition Fixture that weekend.

GEELONG JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
General Information	Age groups updated for 2022
	15.1.14 Players who are participating in both the Metropolitan Junior League Competition and the Geelong Junior Competition can only be registered to one (1)

General Information	Registration Type on Play Football: '2.2 Metro Juniors. Being registered and made active to this Registration Type will allow players to play in both Metropolitan and Geelong Competitions
Junior Boys' Competitions	Age Groups and Year of Birth updated
Junior Girls' Competitions	Age Groups and Year of Birth updated
WOMENS FOOTBALL SEVENS	
Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
General Information	Women's Football Sevens Competition Regulations added to the Geelong Rules of Competition