

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO ROC AND REGULATIONS

Rule of Competition	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
1.3 and 1.4	Amalgamation & Affiliation of Clubs	Removed from Rules. Policy Document to be placed on FFV Website
1.10	Change of Club Name or New Club Name	Removed reference to 'local' when describing geographic area to which the name needs to relate in order to align with the National Club Identity Policy
2.1.4	Team withdrawn mid-season	Rule amended to clarify what happens to points, goals scored for & against and best & fairest votes
3.1	Facility Standards	Increased minimum facility standards for Women's State League 1 from D standard to C standard
4.1.1.c	Duration of Normal Time	Amended to allow Match Official to cut short the duration of a match by reducing the length of each half before commencement of the fixture
4.2.3.f	Abandoned fixture to be replayed	Rules added to govern match requirements when an abandoned fixture is replayed from the 'time' of abandonment
5.6	Match Records and Misconduct Records	Streamlined requirements regarding the filing of Match and Misconduct Records
Men's Regulations	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
10.2.2 and 10.2.3	Fielding of Mandatory Teams for MSL1-3 Clubs	New Regulations which set out the requirement to field a minimum of 3 x additional teams in FFV competitions for all Men's State League 1-3 Clubs, and the penalties for non-compliance
10.3.15	Match Official Fees	Match Official match fees for Men's State League PlayOff Matches and Finals are to be shared by the two competing Clubs/Teams, unless one of the competing Clubs is the Host Club in which case the Host Club will pay the Match Official fees.
13.1.12	B&F votes and goal scorer awards	New Regulation which sets out the process for B&F and goal scorer awards when a player plays for multiple clubs or in multiple leagues in the same season
Metro and Masters Regulations	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
13.5.2	Player Eligibility for Finals	Exceptions to the 5 game 'qualification' rule in certain circumstance, based on availability and sufficient evidence being provided to FFV in support

Women's Regulations	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
10.2.1	Multiple Teams in WSL Structure	No more than one Team from a particular Club may participate in the Women's State League 1 Division in any given Regular Season
10.3	WSL1	Amended to apply to Women's State League 1 (formerly applied to Women's Premier League)
10.5	Promotion & Relegation	Amended to reflect change in WSL Structure, in particular addition of second WSL1 League
10.6	New Leagues/New Competition	New Regulations 10.6.2 and 10.6.3 reserving the right for FFV to add a Women's State League 5 and/or a Metropolitan League for Women ahead of the 2017 season; together with rules governing the placement of Clubs/Teams in those leagues
10.7	Vacancies in Women's State Leagues	Amended to reflect change in WSL Structure, in particular addition of second WSL1 League
10.9	Former Rule re scheduling of Match Days	Deleted as covered by Rule 10.8
11.1	Substitute / Interchange Rule	Amended to remove reference to WPL. All WSL matches to operate under interchange rules
13.1.12	B&F votes and goal scorer awards	New Regulation which sets out the process for B&F and goal scorer awards when a player plays for multiple clubs or in multiple leagues in the same season
14.1 (old Reg 15.1)	WSL1 Finals Series	Change in Finals series format to reflect addition of second WSL1 League
General	WPL	Deletion of Regulations specific to Women's Premier League only
Junior Regulations	Subject Matter	Change/Amendment
10.1.10	Players playing up in age groups	May play a maximum of 4 years above. To play Under 20s, must turn 15yo in 2016 (unless exemption is granted in accordance with Regulation 10.1.11)
10.1.15	Dispensations (to play down an age group)	Reg 10.1.15(c) added to allow FFV discretion to grant a dispensation (outside medial or physical grounds) where it is in the best interests of one or more of the following: the Player, the Team, the Club, the League and/or Football in Victoria in general
10.1.18	Team-tied Players	New Rule confirming that team-tied regulations set out in Reg 10.1.17 apply to Under 13s and above only

10.6.5.a	Match determinations for regraded teams	FFV to determine the three rounds for which the regraded Team is to be allocated a forfeit
12.1.4	Representative Teams and Finals	FFV representative Teams participating in any FFV Junior Competitions shall not be eligible to participate in any junior Finals series. If a FFV representative Team finishes the Regular Season in a position which qualifies it for a Finals series, it will be replaced in that Finals series by the next highest Team in its League
12.4.2 and 12.4.3	Player Eligibility for Finals	Exceptions to the 5 game 'qualification' rule in certain circumstance, based on availability and sufficient evidence being provided to FFV in support