

SUBJECT: REGIONAL TEAM ENTRIES INTO METROPOLITAN COMPETITIONS

To support strong and sustainable Regional competitions, no Regional Club competing in Regional competitions or included as a member of a Regional Advisory Panel will be permitted to enter Team(s) into Metropolitan competitions (excluding CPL, Junior Advanced Competitions, State League Men's/Women's, VPL and NPL competitions) unless it satisfies criteria including all of the following:

- a. *The request is for elevated competitions such as;*
 - i. *National Premier League Men's/Women's*
 - ii. *Victorian Premier League Men's/Women's*
 - iii. *State League Men's/Women's*
 - iv. *Advanced Junior Boys (Boys Victorian Youth Premier League & Boys Youth State League)*
 - a. *Inclusive of Community A Competitions for aspiring Clubs permitted submission of Teams within all relevant U13, 14, 15, 16 & 18 age groups.*
 - v. *Advanced Junior Girls (Girls Victorian Youth Premier League)*
 - vi. *Community Premier League Girls*
- b. *In FV's absolute discretion, the request does not directly or indirectly impact the viability of any FV regional competition in the Club's region or neighbouring regions;*
- c. *In FV's absolute discretion, the request does not directly or indirectly impact the sustainability of any FV metropolitan competition that the Team is seeking to enter;*
- d. *FV deems that the request is reasonable due to the unavailability of the desired age group(s), division, or gender of the Team within the Club's region or neighbouring region;*
- e. *The Club fields equivalent Team(s) in the same or similar age group in its local or neighbouring regional competition if required by FV;*
 - i. *If the Club fails to comply with obligation e. FV may, at its absolute discretion; withdraw the Team(s) from Metropolitan competitions, rule that the Team(s) is ineligible to earn competition points, or other consequences as determined by FV;*
- f. *The Club competed in a Regional Competition administered by FV in 2025 (FV Geelong, FV Latrobe Valley (seniors), FV South-West.*
 - i. *Clubs from the below Regions will not be permitted entry in FV Metropolitan Competitions in 2026, unless that Club was competing within FV Metropolitan Competitions in 2025 and or unless otherwise determined by FV.*
 - i. *Albury Wodonga Football Association*
 - ii. *FV Greater Ballarat (Ballarat & District Soccer Association)*
 - iii. *FV Greater Bendigo (Bendigo Amateur Soccer League)*
 - iv. *FV Gippsland (Gippsland Soccer League)*
 - v. *FV Latrobe Valley (Latrobe Valley Soccer League)*
 - vi. *FV Shepparton (Shepparton Junior Soccer Association)*
 - vii. *Football Federation Sunraysia*
- g. *The Club's license agreement with FV (if applicable) allows entry into metropolitan competitions;*
- h. *Any other criteria as promulgated by FV from time to time, including but not limited to existing participation opportunities of the region within Metropolitan competitions, current and historic participation data, growth and trends, etc.*



Clubs competing within the Advanced Junior Boys and or Advanced Junior Girls structure, will be permitted 1x Pre-Advanced Under 12A team for the respective competition.

The relevant Regional Advisory Panel will have discretion to make recommendations to FV based on individual circumstances under this policy, with the final decision being at FV's discretion.

Exemptions from the above are available upon application in FV's absolute discretion, on a case-by-case basis, for Clubs located within the following interface local government areas: Mount Alexander Shire Council, Moorabool Shire Council, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Mitchell Shire Council, Cardinia Shire Council, and Yarra Ranges Shire Council.

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Frank Karatzas
Head of Competitions

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