

FOOTBALL VICTORIA ASSOCIATE AND VOTING MEMBER CLUB CRITERIA



In November 2023, Football Victoria (FV) adopted a new Constitution whereby Clubs can annually apply to be Members of FV. Clubs that complete the **Annual Club Membership Process** and meet the minimum *Associate Member Club Criteria* will be sanctioned to compete in FV Competitions. Clubs that meet the *Voting Member Club Criteria* will also be afforded the right to vote under FV's new One-Club-One-Vote Governance model and contribute to shaping the future of our sport in Victoria.

FV has long acknowledged the importance of well-governed Clubs – providing stable and welcoming environments to foster positive football experiences. The **Annual Club Membership Process** will ensure Clubs meet minimum regulatory standards and strive for equity outcomes in our game.

This document outlines the criteria that Clubs must meet to become an Associate Member Club and Voting Member Club. The Voting Member Club Criteria may be increased over the years, aiming to ensure clubs have a strong foundation of governance, growth and equity. This document also outlines the additional criteria Clubs need to meet to be able to hold an Advanced Competition Licence (e.g NPL, VPL etc).

ASSOCIATE MEMBER CLUB CRITERIA

CRITERIA	CRITERIA DETAIL
Incorporation	1. The Club must be an incorporated association under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 or be a company limited by guarantee under the Corporations Act 2001
Organises Football Teams	2. The Club organises teams to participate in competitions sanctioned by Football Victoria or Football Australia
Membership	3. The Club ensures all participants of its teams are entitled to membership of the Club and therefore may vote (or their parent or guardian may vote) in an election for any of the Club's officeholders. The Club's constitution must ensure its team participants are recognised as voting members of the Club.
Regulation Compliance	4. The Club must remain compliant with Football Australia and Football Victoria Rules, Regulations and Policies and all relevant government regulatory standards (e.g. Victoria's Child Safe Standards, ATO Requirements etc)
Financial	5. The Club is solvent and is able to pay its debts
Applies for Membership	6. The Club completes the Club Membership Process annually by the 31 December

VOTING MEMBER CLUB CRITERIA

CRITERIA	2025 FV AGM (Held in 2026)	2026 FV AGM (Held in 2027)
Member Club	1. Must meet the Associate Member Criteria	1. Must meet the Associate Member Criteria
Governance	2. The club must have held an AGM in the 18 months prior to 1 December 2025 and have submitted the required reports to their appropriate regulatory authority (e.g. Consumer Affairs, ASIC)	2. The club must have held an AGM in the 18 months prior to 1 December 2026 and have submitted the required reports to their appropriate regulatory authority (e.g. Consumer Affairs, ASIC)
Financial	3. Is financial and has no outstanding overdue debts to FV as at 1 December 2025	3. Is financial and has no outstanding overdue debts to FV as at 1 December 2026
40:40:20 Principle	4. Must have achieved or demonstrate progress towards achieving compliance with the 40:40:20 Principle on their Board or Committee of Management	4. Must have achieved compliance with the 40:40:20 Principle on their Board or Committee of Management
Team Composition*	5. Equal to or Greater than two (2) Women and/or Girls team entries in FV delivered competitions in 2025	5. Equal to or Greater than three (3) Women and/or Girls team entries in FV delivered competitions in 2026
	6. Equal to or Greater than two (2) Men, Mixed and/or Boys team entries in FV delivered competitions in 2025*	6. Equal to or Greater than three (3) Men, Mixed and/or Boys team entries in FV delivered competitions in 2026*
	7. At least one (1) Junior team entry in FV delivered competitions in 2025**	7. At least two (2) Junior team entries in FV delivered competitions in 2026**
Diversity & Inclusion	8. Demonstrate progress towards promoting the diversity of the game and encourage inclusion of all people to participate in the sport	8. Meet the minimum requirements of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Framework point system and have an active and approved DEI Action Plan

* Exception to Criteria 6 will be provided to dedicated Women & Girls Only Clubs

** Exemption will be granted to current University Clubs from Criterion 7. The junior team entry/ies can be a team already counted in Criteria 5 or 6.

ADVANCED COMPETITION CRITERIA

CRITERIA	CRITERIA DETAIL
Governance	The club must have held an AGM in the 16 months prior to 30 September of the current year and have submitted the required reports to their appropriate regulatory authority (e.g. Consumer Affairs, ASIC) to be able to hold an Advanced Competition Licence for the following season
Financial	Is financial and has no outstanding overdue debts to the organisation as at 30 September of the current year to be able to hold an Advanced Competition Licence for the following season

To ensure our Advanced Competition Licence holder Clubs lead the way in governance, capability and financial sustainability, the above table sets out the additional criteria the Clubs need to be meet to be able to hold an Advanced Competition Licence.

Advance Competitions Licences include:

- National Premier League Womens'
- National Premier League Men's
- Victorian Premier League Womens'
- Victorian Premier League Men's (1 and 2)
- Girls Victorian Youth Premier League
- Boys Victorian Youth Premier League (1 and 2)
- Boys Youth State League 1 (North-West and South-East)

Further information and resources can be found at **footballvictoria.com.au/members** or you can contact the **Member Services Team** for assistance via **members@footballvictoria.com.au**

