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Rule of Competition Section	Comment	Change/Amendment/Updating Wording
Throughout	DRIBL	<p>With the implementation of DRIBL the following will occur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition management is now on DRIBL • Players, Coaches and Team Staff must be submitted via DRIBL's Match Sheet process • Allocation of a non-accredited Match Official if there is no FV Match Official allocated or available for the fixture. • Result entry the responsibility of the Home Club if there is a non-FV accredited Match Official. • Post Match disputes about mistaken identity (goal scorers, yellow card recipient, red card recipient) are now submitted through DRIBL.
4.2.3.	Abandoned Fixtures - Seniors	<p>4.2.3 If a Senior Competition Fixture (SLM/SLW, Metropolitan Men's/Women's, Metropolitan Masters) is abandoned due to a matter set out in Rule 4.2.2., FV may determine one of the following outcomes of the Competition Fixture at its absolute discretion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If the fixture is abandoned after the commencement of the second half, the result at the time of the abandonment may stand. b. If the fixture is abandoned prior to the commencement of the second half, the outcome may be determined as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Competition Fixture to be replayed in full.



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4.2.4.	Abandoned Fixtures - Juniors	<p>4.2.4 If a Junior Competition Fixture (Under 12 – Under 18) is abandoned due to a matter set out in Rule 4.2.2., FV may determine one of the following outcomes of the Competition Fixture at its absolute discretion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If 70% or more of Normal Time of a Competition Fixture has been played, then the score at the time of the abandonment may stand. ‘Played’ in the context of this Rule will be determined by FV in consultation with the Match Official. b. If the fixture is abandoned prior to 70% of the Competition Fixture being played, the result may be determined as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Competition Fixture to be replayed in full. (ii) Competition Fixture to be awarded as a ‘No Result’. (iii) Competition Fixture result is 0-0. (iv) Competition Fixture result If 3-0 to the non-offending Team, unless the goal different at the time of the abandonment was greater and in favour of the non-offending Team, in which case the greater result will stand. In



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<p>10.3.</p>	<p>Promotion/Relegation – State League Men’s</p>	<p>10.3.1 Teams may be relegated from VPLM2 to SLM1 in the following season as promulgated by FV from time to time.</p> <p>10.3.2 The Premier of each League of SLM1 (NW and SE) may be eligible for promotion from SLM1 to VPLM2 in the following season, provided those Clubs meet the requirements outlined in the VPLM2 license agreement as promulgated by FV from time to time.</p> <p>10.3.3 The Club finishing Runner-up of SLM1 North-West may playoff against the Club finishing Runner-up of SLM1 South-East following the conclusion of the regular season at a mutual venue determined by FV where the winner may be eligible for promotion to VPLM2.</p> <p>10.3.4 The losing Team of the Play Off referred to in Regulation 10.3.3 may retain their position in SLM1 the following season.</p> <p>10.3.5 To be eligible for promotion into VPLM2, Clubs will be required to adhere to the licensing requirements for that level of competition. FV reserves the right to review clubs who cannot meet the criteria. Clubs who breach or cannot meet the criteria may be fined, removed, or not offered a position into that tier of competition.</p> <p>10.3.6 Any promotion and relegation provisions referred to in this Regulation 10.3 are subject to potential change, to be determined by FV in its absolute discretion, as a result of the establishment of a National Second Tier.</p> <p>10.3.7 Those Clubs finishing in second last and last position of each League (NW and SE) of SLM 1 may be relegated to SLM 2 for the following season.</p> <p>10.3.8 The Premier and Runner-up of each League (NW and SE) of SLM 2 may be eligible for promotion to SLM 1 for the following season.</p> <p>10.3.9 The Club finishing in third position of SLM 2 North-West may playoff against the Club finishing in third position of SLM2 South-East following the conclusion of the</p>
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		<p>10.3.19 The Premier, Runner-up and Clubs finishing in third position of each League (NW and SE) of SLM6 may be eligible for promotion to SLM5 in the following season.</p> <p>10.3.20 Those Clubs finishing in second last and last position of each league (NW and SE) of SLM5 may be relegated to SLM6 for the following season.</p> <p>10.3.21 The Premier, Runner-up and team finishing third position of each League (NW and SE) of SLM6 may be eligible for promotion to SLM in the following season.</p> <p>10.3.22 Those Clubs finishing in second last and last position of each League (NW and SE) of SLM 6 may be relegated to SLM 7 for the following season.</p> <p>10.3.23 The Premier Runner-up and Club finishing in third position of each League (NW and SE) of SLM7 may be eligible for promotion to SLM6 in the following season.</p>
<p>13.1. 18.1.</p>	<p>State League Men’s Coaches Award State League Women’s Coaches Award</p>	<p>13.1. & 18.1. Introduction of 2026 SLM & SLW Coaches Award.</p>
<p>14.2.</p>	<p>State League Men’s Procedure to Determine the Winner of Finals/Playoff Matches</p>	<p>14.2.1 All Finals in the 2026 SLM Finals/Playoff Series will be played over one (1) leg.</p> <p>14.2.2 If, at the conclusion of Normal Time in any Finals Fixture, the scores between the Teams are tied, the game will proceed straight to penalty kicks, with penalties being taken in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game to determine the winner of the Final, then extra time of two (2) equal periods of 15 minutes will be played in accordance with the IFAB Laws of The Game.</p> <p>14.2.3 If, at the conclusion of Normal Time in any Playoff Fixture, the scores between the Teams are tied, then extra time of two (2) equal periods of 15 minutes will be played in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game.</p>



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15.6.2.	Further Changes to State League Women's	<p>15.6.2 FV reserves its right at the conclusion of the 2026 Regular Season to establish one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Additional State League Women's Divisions; b. Removal of selected State League Women's Divisions.
15.7.3.	State League Women's Vacancies	<p>15.7.3 Vacancies created in accordance with Regulations s 15.7.1 and 15.7.2 will be filled in the following order of priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. if applicable, the highest finishing loser of the Playoff Finals matches referred to in Regulation 15.5 (if relevant); b. the highest finishing Team which misses out on promotion in accordance with these Rules, from the Division below the Division in which the vacancy arises; and c. the highest finishing Team which is to be, or has been, relegated in accordance with these Regulations from the Division in which the vacancy arises; d. remaining Teams which are to be, or have been, relegated in accordance with these Regulations s from the Division in which the vacancy arises; e. remaining Teams which miss out on promotion in accordance with these Rules, from the Division below the Division in which the vacancy arises in order of merit.



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20.1.18.	Junior Mixed/Boys Club Championship for Eligibility into Boys Youth State League Competition in 2027	20.1.8 Where a Club submits Teams into Junior Mixed U13 – U16 & Junior Boys U18 A Competitions, their total Club accumulative results will be held in the overall Club Championship ladder with two (2) Clubs having the opportunity to be eligible for promotion to the Advanced Junior Boys - Youth State League Competition in 2027
20.5	Community Premier League (CPL) Girls	Updated CPL Regulations.
21.3.3.	Match Balls	21.3.3 All Clubs must use a licensed match ball from FV's official and exclusive match ball partner Mitre for all competition fixtures. a. Junior Competition Fixtures are recommended to use a Mitre Impel EVO or higher match ball.
21.4.2.	Non-Accredited Referee Requirements	21.4.2 Junior Competitions – Should there be no Match Official appointed to the fixture, the Home Team must submit and list a Non-Accredited Referee pre-game and confirm the following details of the match via Dribl immediately after the conclusion of the Competition Fixture: a. Minimum Requirements (i) Half Time Score (ii) Full Time Score (iii) Home & Away Team Goal Scorers (iv) Home & Away Team Cautions



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23.	Coles MiniRoos Competition Regulations	Coles MiniRoos Regulations added.
24.4.4.	Metropolitan Senior Competitions	<p>24.4.4 Vacancies created in accordance with Regulations s 24.4.1 and 24.4.2 may be filled in the following order of priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the highest finishing Team from the Division below across both Leagues (NW & SE) in the previous season. b. remaining Teams from the previous season which submit a League Change Request during the Team Entry Period. Teams from the previous season that are competing in the closest Division, either from one Division above or below, that have requested a League Change Request will be prioritised. c. the Clubs that submit a New Team Entry request, with that request being for the Division where the vacancy arises, or the closest available Division.
14.2.2. 19.2.2. 27.3.2.	Procedure to Determine the Winner of Finals / Playoff Matches SLM / SLW / Metropolitan & Masters	<p>14.2.2 If, at the conclusion of Normal Time in any Finals Fixture, the scores between the Teams are tied, the game will proceed straight to penalty kicks, with penalties being taken in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game to determine the winner of the Final, then extra time of two (2) equal periods of 15 minutes will be played in accordance with the IFAB Laws of The Game.</p> <p>14.2.3 If, at the conclusion of Normal Time in any Playoff Fixture, the scores between the Teams are tied, then extra time of two (2) equal periods of 15 minutes will be played in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game.</p>



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<p>11.3.2(a) 16.3.2(a) 21.3.3(a) 25.3.2(a)</p>	<p>Match Balls SLM SLW Junior Mixed/Boys/Girls Metropolitan and Masters</p>	<p>11.3.2 (a) State League Men’s Competition Fixtures are recommended to use a Mitre Delta One or higher match ball.</p> <p>16.3.2 (a) State League Women’s Competition Fixtures are recommended to use a Mitre Delta One or higher match ball</p> <p>21.3.3 (a) Junior Mixed/Boys/Girls Competition Fixtures are recommended to use a Mitre Impel EVO or higher match ball.</p> <p>25.3.2 (a) Metropolitan League Competition fixtures are recommended to use a Mitre Impel EVO or higher match ball.</p>