



FOOTBALL
VICTORIA

REGISTRATION REGULATIONS 2021

*FV has adopted the following Registration Regulations.
These Regulations will apply throughout Victoria for the 2021 Season.*

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1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Football Victoria is referred to in these Regulations as 'FV'.
- 1.2. Football Australia is referred to in these Regulations as 'FA'.
- 1.3. National Premier League is referred to in these Regulations as 'NPL'.
- 1.4. Junior Boys National Premier League is referred to in these Regulations as 'JBNPL'.
- 1.5. National Premier League Women's is referred to in these Regulations as 'NPLW'.
- 1.6. Victorian Premier League Women's is referred to in these in Regulations as 'VPLW'.
- 1.7. Junior Girls National Premier League is referred to in these Regulations as 'JGNPL'.
- 1.8. These Regulations apply to any Club with, or entering, a Team in any competition under the auspices of FV (referred to in these Regulations as 'Club') and Players who are registered with such Clubs (referred to in these Regulations as 'Player').
- 1.9. Each Club must be registered with FA in accordance with the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations (referred to in these Regulations as the 'NRR'):
 - (a) This may only be completed using Prescribed Form 02 – Application for Registration of Football Club (New Club Application Form with FV Approval).
 - (b) Any newly formed Club must complete and lodge this form with FV prior to the commencement of their inaugural Season. This will also ensure a Club account is created by FA on the online system **Play Football**. The submission will be made once the club has had the New Club Application form approved by FV and FA.
- 1.10. Each Club, inclusive of any private academies which are registered as a Club with FA, must register with FV any Players who take part in any Match.
- 1.11. A Club must not Field any person in any Match unless that person is Registered with FV as a Player with that Club and is deemed Eligible in accordance with these Regulations and the NRR.
- 1.12. In addition to any sanctions set out in these Regulations, a failure to comply with, or a breach of these Regulations, may amount to Misconduct and may result in a sanction(s) for Misconduct pursuant to the FV Rules of Competitions, referred to in these Regulations as the '**Rules of Competition**'.
- 1.13. FV may request a certified proof of age or identity document or any other registration document for any Player at any time through the Club (or to the Player directly) for verification purposes. For the avoidance of doubt, it is the responsibility of the Club to verify Players' identity and age prior to processing or accepting a registration via Play Football.
- 1.14. Terms defined in the FV Constitution, Rules of Competition, NRR and the GDT shall have the same meaning in these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires.
- 1.15. Amnesty on penalties and sanctions may be provided at the sole discretion of FV only.
- 1.16. FV may only disclose a Player's FA ID Number, Player status and year of birth. FV will not provide a Club or any other interested party other personal details or contact details without the consent of the Player or parent/guardian.
- 1.17. In accordance with the FA Terms and Conditions, FV may use a Registered Player's name, or image, in any form or medium for general marketing and promotional activities.
- 1.18. If the Club fails to accurately set-up the Season via Play Football, and it has not requested FV to check their fee product, Players may be deemed Ineligible and sanctions may apply. For the avoidance of doubt, if the fee product that has been set up incorrectly by the Club but has been checked by FV at the Club's request prior to any Players registering, the sanctions referred to in the Rules of Competition will not apply.
- 1.19. Amalgamation or merger of Clubs

Where an amalgamation/merger takes place between two Clubs, the following shall apply to registered Players of such Clubs;

 - (a) No additional Player registration is required in Play Football;

- (b) All current Fines, Suspensions or disciplinary action applied against any Players of such Clubs shall remain in force whether such Player continues with the amalgamated or merged Club or registers for another Club.

1.20. Cancellation or revocation of Club registration

If FV cancels or revokes a Club's registration with FV, the following shall apply to all Players registered to play at that Club (referred to in these Regulations as the '**Defunct Club**') at the point in time that FV cancels or revokes the Defunct Club's registration. This Clause also applies to the Cancellation/revocation of a Team (referred to in these Regulations as the '**Defunct Team**') from an FV Competition;


- (a) As from the date of Cancellation/revocation, all Players (Professional or Amateur) registered with the Defunct Club or Defunct Team shall be deemed to be registered with FV;
- (b) FV shall have the same rights in respect of the Transfer of such Professional Players, as the Defunct Club or Defunct Team had until the date of Cancellation/revocation and in those circumstances the Transfer Fee which would otherwise apply pursuant to Clause 13.10(a) will be set in accordance with the NRR;
- (c) The Transfer Fee shall belong to FV and shall be distributed in the following order:
 - (i) To set off against any monies owed to FV by the Defunct Club or Defunct Team;
 - (ii) To pay any monies owed to the Players of the Defunct Club or Defunct Team;
 - (iii) To pay any monies owed to any other Club by the Defunct Club or Defunct Team.
- (d) FV shall have the same rights in respect of Amateur Players changing Clubs in the circumstance as described in this regulation.
- (e) Amateur Players may only change Clubs outside the applicable Registration Period in conjunction with Clause 3.4.

1.21. FV and FA components of registration fee products are payable in accordance with rule 1.3 of the applicable FV Rules of Competition 2021.

2. PLAYER REGISTRATION KEY DATES

2.1. Registration Periods & Key Dates

FV Registration Periods and other key dates for the 2021 Season (referred to in these Regulations as 'Registration Period') will be as follows:

2021 REGISTRATION & KEY DATES			
NPL (top tier)		Open	Close
First Registration Window:		Tuesday, 16 February 2021	Thursday, 25 February 2021
NPL (top tier)		Open	Close
Second Registration Window:		Tuesday, 27 April 2021	Monday, 10 May 2021
NPL2 & NPL3		Open	Close
First Registration Window:		Tuesday, 16 February 2021	Monday, 15 March 2021
NPL2 & NPL3		Open	Close
Second Registration Window:		Tuesday, 27 April 2021	Monday, 10 May 2021
JBNPL		Open	Close
First Registration Period (Pre-Qualification Phase):		Monday, 21 December 2020	Tuesday, 2 February 2021
JBNPL		Open	Close
Second Registration Period:		Monday, 17 May 2021	Thursday, 20 May 2021
NPLW		Open	Close
Registration Window		Monday 21 December 2020	Wednesday, 30 June 2021
PRC Roster Submission (Pre-Season)		N/A	Wednesday, 7 April 2021
PRC Roster Submission (Deadline Day)		N/A	Wednesday, 30 June 2021
All Other Leagues (Metro & Regional)		Open	Close
Amateur Player Registrations		Monday 11 January 2021	Friday, 30 July 2021
Final day to register as a player in 2021 (first registration for 2021)		N/A	Friday, 30 July 2021
Final day to request a transfer as an existing 2021 registered player (including interstate players)		N/A	Friday, 30 July 2021
First day to request an ITC		Monday 11 January 2021	N/A
Final day to request an ITC		N/A	Friday, 30 July 2021

3. PLAYER STATUS & ELIGIBILITY

3.1. Player Status

- (a) A Player shall be classified as either Amateur or Professional as defined in clause 29 of these Regulations.
- (b) The status of each Player will be recorded via the online database, Play Football.

3.2. Player Eligibility

Subject to these Regulations:

- (a) Amateur or Professional Players may Play in the Men's National Premier League (NPL), Men's National Premier League 2 (NPL2) or National Premier League 3 (NPL3), referred to in these Regulations as 'Professional Competitions'; and
- (b) only Amateur Players may Play in any other competition conducted under the auspices of FV or a Regional Association.

3.3. Dual registration

A Player may only be registered with one Club at any one time in accordance with the NRR and FIFA dual registration rules.

- (a) During the period 1 January to 31 December each year, a Player (whether an Amateur or Professional):
 - (i) can register for no more than 3 clubs in Australia and may only be Fielded in a Match for 2 of those clubs.
 - (ii) A Player may only be registered with one Club in each form of the game at a time.
 - (iii) A Player may also be registered as a Futsal Player without affecting a Player's registration under this clause.
 - (iv) A Player may be registered under multiple Football Types without affecting a player's registration for another Football Type.
- (b) Subject to this rule, a Player may register with an FV Club, or any Club of another Member Federation, provided such registration is done in accordance with the NRR and the regulations that apply in the relevant state or territory.

3.4. Player Exemptions

Each application for a Player Exemption based on registration must be requested via the Player Exemption Request Form available on the FV website.

- (a) Player Exemptions can be requested if:
 - (i) a Club is seeking to register a Player outside of a designated Registration Period; or
 - (ii) the Player Exemption request relates to any other reasonable request that does not conflict with the NRR's or affect the integrity of any Match or Competition.
- (b) A non-refundable \$55.00 administration fee will be charged to the Club for each Player Exemption request, whether successful or unsuccessful.
- (c) Further documentation may be required from the Player's current or previous Club for a Player Exemption request to proceed.
- (d) Players participating in the Foxtel Youth League (FYL) or A-League regular Season and/or finals series for Season 2020/2021 may apply for a Player Exemption by FV to register outside of the NPL, NPL2 & NPL3 Registration Period due to the overlap of these seasons with the beginning of the NPL, NPL2 & NPL3 Seasons.
- (e) FV shall determine applications made under this clause in its sole discretion and such determinations are not subject to appeal whether under these regulations or otherwise.

3.5. A Player registered as a Junior with a Club may only be Fielded in a Senior Match Fixture at that same Club and if the player is of eligible age pursuant to the Rules of Competition and other relevant FV Regulations

3.6. A Player may be deemed Ineligible to Play by FV if verification has not been provided to FV in the required timeframe (refer to Clause 1.13).

- 3.7. A Player may be deemed an Ineligible Player, or a registration may be put 'on hold' by FV, where the Player owes monies to FV or is sanctioned by the independent Tribunal or FV.
- 3.8. A Player may only be deemed Eligible to Play in any Match conducted under the auspices of FV or a Regional Association once the Player has been registered in accordance with these Regulations (including without limitation seeking and being granted an International Transfer Certificate where required) and their registration is recorded as "Active" in PlayFootball.
- 3.9. A Player's eligibility to Play in any Match conducted under the auspices of FV or a Regional Association may also be subject to the relevant Rules of Competition.

4. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. The following table details the birth dates applicable to the age grades of the Competitions. Players must be born in the Eligible Year of Birth in order to be eligible for Registration for each of the associated Age Grades.

Age Grade	Eligible Year of Birth (Age in 2021)
U21	2000 (21 years old)
U20	2001 (20 years old)
U19	2002 (19 years old)
U18	2003 (18 years old)
U17	2004 (17 years old)
U16	2005 born (16 years old)
U15	2006 born (15 years old)
U14	2007 born (14 years old)
U13	2008 born (13 years old)
U12	2009 born (12 years old)
U11	2010 born (11 years old)
U10	2011 born (10 years old)
U9	2012 born (9 years old)
U8	2013 born (8 years old)
U7	2014 born (7 years old)

- 4.2 For avoidance of doubt:
 - (a) the Eligible Year of Birth is defined by reference to the calendar year (i.e. 1 January -31 December) and not the start or finishing dates of any season or competition;
 - (b) a Club is solely responsible for ensuring Players are registered to the correct Age Grade and that this information is true and accurate; and
 - (c) a Club who registers a Player in the incorrect Age Grade may be dealt with pursuant to the Rules of Competition.

5. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 5.1. Players that are Ineligible Players include, but are not limited to Players that:
 - (a) are not Registered;
 - (b) are not Registered in accordance with FIFA Regulations, FA and FV Registration Regulations;
 - (c) have not accurately and/or correctly De-Registered from a previous Club in accordance with the NRR;
 - (d) hold a Registration that is incorrect;
 - (e) are not Financial;
 - (f) have not registered within the Registration Period;
 - (g) do not have a Player ID card generated for them where required under clause 11;
 - (h) are under a Suspension pursuant to the GDT By-Law;
 - (i) are in breach of Visa Player Restrictions as outlined in clause 22 below;
 - (j) are ineligible due to any article of these Regulations or pursuant to the GDT By-Law.

- (k) are playing in the incorrect competition(s) as per the 2021 Rules of Competition.
- 5.2. It is the Club's absolute responsibility to ensure that it fields Eligible Players (and does not field Ineligible Players) in any Match.
- 5.3. Clubs are solely responsible for Player Registration and Player Rosters (where applicable). It is the Club's responsibility to verify Player Eligibility including but not limited to ensuring the following details of all Players are entered correctly in Play Football:
- (a) Name;
 - (b) FA Number;
 - (c) DOB;
 - (d) FIFA & FA Eligibility;
 - (e) ID Photo (where applicable); and
 - (f) School Name and School Campus (where applicable).
- 5.4. Clubs are solely responsible for ensuring each Player only holds one (1) active registration.
- 5.5. It is the Club's responsibility to create correct registration products on their Play Football Administrator account.
- 5.6. In approving a Player Registration, a Club accepts and warrants the Player's Registration is true and accurate.
- 5.7. Where a Club Fields an Ineligible Player under the Rules of Competition, NRR's, FIFA Regulations or FV Registration Regulations, the Club will be sanctioned under the 2021 Rules of Competition.

6. AMATEUR PLAYERS

- 6.1. An Amateur Player may not be paid, or reimbursed for any expenses, to Play football other than those set out in clause 6.2, without affecting their Amateur status.
- 6.2. Clubs may pay the following expenses to an Amateur Player:
- (a) legitimate travelling expenses to participate in Matches and attend training;
 - (b) hotel expenses (i.e. necessary meals and overnight accommodation during a necessary absence from home for the purpose of playing in a Match);
 - (c) a Player's equipment (excluding footwear and goalkeeping gloves);
 - (d) a Player's insurance; and
 - (e) any other expenses or amounts allowable under the NRR's, as amended from time to time.
- 6.3. Clubs must keep complete records of all payments made to Amateur Players and provide these records to FV upon request.

7. PROCESS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF AN AMATEUR PLAYER

- 7.1. All Amateur Players must be registered via Play Football.
- 7.2. The Registration must be effected by the Player Self-Registering via Play Football and the Club accepting the Player's Registration.
- 7.3. If a Player is Registering to any Club for the first time, that Player must provide the Club with evidence of their name and age, by producing an original birth certificate, passport, drivers licence or similar form of identification. It is the Club's responsibility to ensure this process is adhered to, including ensuring that the Player is eligible to Play in the age grade to which they have been Registered.
- 7.4. The Registration of an Amateur Player with a Club is effective from the date the individual is made Active by the Club.

8. REACQUISITION OF AMATEUR STATUS (CHANGE OF STATUS)

- 8.1. A Player who has been registered as a Professional Player with FV, any other member federation, A-League, Foxtel Y-League or internationally will only be classified as an Amateur Player after 30 days from the day on

which the Player was last Fielded in a Match (including but not limited to taking the Field of Play in an Under 20 Team Match) with the Club at which he/she was classified as a Professional Player.

- 8.2. A Player may not be registered as an Amateur Player until such time as the 30-day period referred to in Clause 8.1 has elapsed.
- 8.3. A player registered as a Professional in the W-League (WWL) Competition may re-register as an Amateur immediately after their last Match as a Professional on the condition that the playing contract with their association WWL Club has ended, subject to the Club/Player submitting a written request to FV and FV approving that request in its absolute discretion.
- 8.4. A Player cannot be Fielded in any Match, be it an FV Competition Fixture or 'friendly' match until the Player has been Registered with the new Club in accordance with these Regulations.
- 8.5. All Professional Players registered with any Club in a Professional Competition that is relegated or demoted to a non-Professional competition for any other reason shall be deemed to have had their existing Professional Player Contract terminated.
- 8.6. No Transfer Fee is payable on the Reacquisition of Amateur Status.
- 8.7. If there is any reason to doubt a Player's status as an Amateur Player once regaining this status and playing for an Amateur Club, the Club with which the Player was last registered as a Professional Player may ask FV to investigate the matter.
- 8.8. FV may, in its absolute discretion, determine what (if any) action is to be taken in response to such a request.

9. PROCESS FOR REGISTRATION OF COACHES & TEAM OFFICIALS

- 9.1. Clubs are required to submit Registration for all Coaches and Team Officials whom they appoint to Teams including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Coaches;
 - (b) Technical Directors;
 - (c) Physiotherapists; and
 - (d) Team Managers.
- 9.2. The Registration can be completed by each Coach or Team Official Self-Registering via Play Football, and the Club accepting the Coach or Team Official's Registration.

10. PROCESS FOR REGISTRATION OF CLUB VOLUNTEERS

- 10.1. Club volunteers and/or personnel who hold a Club role (including but not limited to Board Members and the Club Registrar) other than those referred to in clause 9.1 must be Registered for their associated Club via Play Football, in accordance with the NRR's.
- 10.2. The Registration can be completed by each volunteer Self-Registering via Play Football, and the Club accepting the volunteer's Registration.

11. PLAYER ID CARDS

- 11.1. Clubs will only be required to generate Player ID cards if the Club has a Team(s) entered in the FV Competitions outlined below:
 - (a) U12 – U21's (Community Boys & Girls);
 - (b) U13 – U19's (NPL).
- 11.2. All Players who are participating in the FV Competitions in clause 11.1 above are required to upload a photo to their Play Football account in order to ensure that the ID cards are generated.
- 11.3. To generate Player ID cards, the following process must be followed:
 - (a) Players will be required to have an 'active' registration status in order to be allocated into a team to generate Player ID cards.
 - (b) Under the 'Teams' tab on Play Football, you will be required to set up your 'Team Groups' (e.g.

Junior/Senior or Other).

- (c) Under the 'Team Management' tab – Create the team you require the ID cards to be generated for (e.g. U14 JBNPL, U14 Community).
- (d) Allocate Players to Teams by clicking the icon under 'Members' once the Teams have been created.
- (e) Generate the Player ID cards by clicking the icon under 'PDF' once the Players have been allocated.

11.4. It is the Club's responsibility to generate Player ID cards and present them to referees prior to a Match beginning.

12. JBNPL REGISTRATIONS

- 12.1 A JBNPL Player may be Registered only during one (1) of the two (2) Registration Periods set out or approved by FV.
- 12.2 A Player Registering for a JBNPL team must be listed on a JBNPL Player Roster in order to be eligible to play.
- 12.3 A Player Registered for a Club's JBNPL team cannot play in that Club's Community team.
- 12.4 A Player Registered for a Club's Community team cannot play in that Club's JBNPL team.
- 12.5 Each Player participating in a Club's JBNPL team must be Financial in order to be Eligible to play.
- 12.6 All JBNPL Players must have an ID photo uploaded on Play Football.
- 12.7 Each JBNPL Club is responsible for ensuring:
- (a) all JBNPL Players are Registered during Registration Periods;
 - (b) JBNPL Player Rosters are true and accurate;
 - (c) JBNPL Player Rosters are submitted by deadline date(s);
 - (d) JBNPL Player Eligibility; and
 - (e) JBNPL Players have an ID photo in accordance with clause 11.1 above.
- 12.8 A Player cannot be Registered and added to the JBNPL Roster outside the Registration Period.
- 12.9 The JBNPL Player Roster must be submitted prior to Registration Period deadlines as per the Rules of Competition.
- 12.10 Only Players listed on a JBNPL Player Roster will be eligible to play in a JBNPL Team.
- 12.11 Where a Club does not hold a JBNPL Participation Licence that Club may field Players up in age groups from their Community teams (Under 14 – Under 17) only into their respective senior NPL Men's squads (Under 19, Under 21 and Senior competitions).
- (a) Players must be 15 years of age at 1 January 2021 to be eligible to participate in NPL, NPL 2, NPL 3 Senior & Under 21's Competitions.
- 12.12 Playing up or across squads
- 12.12.1 Where a Club which does not hold a Senior NPL Participation Licence, that Club may field Players up in age groups from its JBNPL teams (Under 14–Under 17) into its Community Competitions teams as follows:
- (a) A maximum of four (4) players from a JBNPL Roster can play up per fixture at one time in the Club's Under 18, Under 20 or Under 21 Community Competitions teams.
 - (b) Unlimited players from a JBNPL roster can play up per fixture at one time for the Club's reserves or senior men's Community Competitions teams. Players must be 15 years of age at 1 January 2021 to be eligible to participate in reserves or senior men's Community Competition teams.
- 12.12.2 The JBNPL and Senior Men's NPL are two separate competitions. Therefore, players who are listed and registered in the senior competitions (Under 19, Under 21 and Senior Men's) as defined in the licence are only eligible to participate as described below:
- (a) Where an age eligible Player is listed on the Club's Under 19 roster (Senior Competition), Under 21 roster (Senior Competition) or Senior Men's NPL Rosters (Senior Competition) that Player may only play up/across squads (between Under 19, Under 21 or Senior NPL teams) if the Player is eligible to participate in the competition pursuant to clause 2.2 of the Rules of Competition (including age eligibility) and otherwise adheres to 2021 Rules of Competition.
 - (b) For avoidance of doubt, a Player who is nominated and registered to a Club's Under 19, Under 21 or Senior Men's NPL Player Roster, who is either 16 or 17 years of age (and eligible to participate in an Under 16 or Under 17 competition in 2021 pursuant to clause 2.2), will not be permitted to drop down from the Senior Men's NPL Competition to the JBNPL Competition. This rule is not applicable to age eligible goal keepers.
 - (c) HAL Clubs may list two (2) additional roster positions on their Under 17's JBNPL roster in the 2021 season that are permitted to play up in an NPL Competition if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

Note: This would mean that the maximum list size for HAL Under 17's JBNPL roster size would increase from 18 to 20, after the addition of two players that meet the below conditions.

- (i) the two players who are taking up the additional roster positions must be listed on both the Under 17's & Under 19's rosters;
 - (ii) the two players who are taking up the additional roster positions on the Under 17's roster must be age eligible to participate in the Under 17's (2004 born or younger);
 - (iii) the two players who are taking up the additional roster positions on the Under 17's roster must be registered by the JBNPL deadline date set out in clause 2.1 to ensure they are eligible to play up or down (same as all other JBNPL Clubs); and
 - (iv) the two players who are taking up the additional roster positions on the Under 17's roster must have been previously registered with the HAL Club for the 2020 season.
- (d) For avoidance of doubt, a HAL Club may list two additional roster positions for the purposes of paragraph 12.12.2(c) even where the Club's Under 17's roster has not reached the maximum number of players, which is 18, provided all of the conditions in paragraph 12.12.2(c) are satisfied.

12.13 JBNPL Roster Size

Age Group	Minimum Players	Maximum Players
U14	16	20
U15	16	20
U16	16	20
U17	16	20

13. PROFESSIONAL PLAYER CONTRACTS

- 13.1 Every Professional Player must have a written Contract with a Club as per Prescribed Form 05 - Professional Player Contract (referred to in these Regulations as a **Contract**).
- 13.1. The original of each Contract must be received by FV within 7 days of being signed by the Player.
- 13.2. Ability to enter into Contract
- (a) A Professional Player and a Club may only enter into a Contract if:
 - (i) the Player does not have a current Contract with another Club; or
 - (ii) in the event the Player has a current Contract with another Club, the requirements in clause 13.10 of these Regulations have been complied with.
 - (b) Any Player or Club in breach of this rule may be guilty of Misconduct and any Contract purportedly entered in breach of this rule shall not be valid for the purposes of these Regulations.
- 13.3. All parties to a Contract should initial each page of the Contract and any alterations or additions to the Contract and sign the Contract where indicated.
- 13.4. FV will mail a copy of the original Contract to each party at the conclusion of the Registration Period to the nominated address on the Contract lodged to FV or to an address which has otherwise been registered or nominated with FV.
- 13.5. Obtaining a copy of the contract
- (a) Should either party wish to obtain a copy of the Contract electronically outside of the provisions listed above, the copy of the Contract may only be emailed to the email address nominated on the Contract or an email address which has otherwise been registered/nominated with FV.
 - (b) Should a Player or Club request a hard copy of their Contract at any other time, the copy of the Contract may only be mailed to:
 - (i) In the case of a Player, the nominated address on Page 1 of the Contract;
 - (ii) In the case of a Club, the registered Club mailing address with FV.
 - (c) Alternatively, either party may collect a copy of the Contract in person at the FV office. A current and valid proof of identification must be provided to an FV staff member at the time of collection.
- 13.6. Terms of Contract
- (a) The Player's period of service shall be defined in the Contract and must be no less than the period from the date of registration until the end of the Season and be no longer than 5 years, and in all cases subject to paragraph 13.6(d) and any other applicable requirement under the NRR's.
 - (b) In accordance with the NRR's, the Club must nominate on a Player's contract an end date no later than 30 days after the Club's final competition Fixture in the final year of the Player's Contract.
 - (c) If the Club doesn't specify an end date, the contract shall be deemed to end 7 days after the Club's final competition Fixture of the final year of the Player's Contract.
 - (d) All Professional Players registered with a Professional Competition Club that is demoted or relegated for any reason to a non-Professional competition shall, upon such relegation or demotion, be deemed to have had their Contracts terminated as at the date of the Club's demotion for the purposes of these Regulations.
- 13.7. A Contract may be renewed at any point during the Year, provided the Contract is lodged prior to the end date of the Player's current Contract. Renewing a Contract for a further Season(s) does NOT constitute registration of that Player for the following Season(s).
- 13.8. FV shall not be a party to, nor shall it be liable or responsible for, any debts or other financial obligations incurred by any party pursuant to a Contract.
- 13.9. At the conclusion of the Contract, the Professional Player will be considered a Free Agent.

13.10. Transfer Fee

- (a) If the parties to a Contract agree to terminate the Contract before it expires in the form of a Professional Player Transfer, the maximum Transfer Fee (compensation) will be:
 - (i) maximum amount of 50% of the total Base Wage (salary) which would otherwise be paid to that Professional Player during the remainder of the Contract, payable within 30 days of the agreed date of termination of the Contract.

Note: the Base Wage (salary) is not inclusive of any Match Bonuses.
- (b) If a Professional Player enters into a Contract with another Club, that Club must forward the agreed Transfer Fee to FV within 30 days of entering into such Contract.
- (c) All 3 parties involved in the Transfer must complete the Prescribed Form 06 – Application for Transfer or Loan of Professional.
- (d) If the parties to a Contract agree to terminate the Contract before it expires and agree that no Transfer Fee will apply; then the parties must complete Prescribed Form 09 Mutual Termination of Professional Player Contract, and the Player will then be considered a Free Agent.

14. PROFESSIONAL PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

14.1. A Professional Player may only be registered for a Club in one of the following leagues:

- (a) Men's National Premier League (NPL),
- (b) Men's National Premier League 2 (NPL2); or
- (c) Men's National Premier League 3 (NPL3).

Such registration will only be valid after all requirements set out in these Regulations have been satisfied, the Player's registration has been fully processed via Play Football, and the Player has been added to the Senior Player Roster in accordance with the Player Point System (PPS) or Senior Roster in accordance with the NPL2 or NPL 3 Player Rosters.

14.2. All Professional Players wishing to register with an NPL Club must:

- (a) have a Contract lodged with FV in accordance with clause 13 of these Regulations; and
- (b) complete Prescribed Form 04 – Application for Registration of Professional Player and lodge the completed form with FV regardless of whether the Professional Player has already been assigned an 8-digit FA ID number at the time of registering.

14.3. A Loan Player must be registered as a Professional Player provided the registration is processed in accordance with this Clause 14 of these Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, there are no Guest Players permitted in FV Competitions.

14.4. Eligibility for a Professional Competition Team

- (a) For a Player to be Eligible to Play for a Club in a Professional Competition:
 - (i) the Player (Amateur or Professional) must be registered to the NPL Club and appear on the Senior Player Roster for that NPL Club;
 - (ii) a Professional Competition Senior Team may only Field an Under 21's Player if that Player is registered and added to the applicable Player Roster during the relevant Registration Period;
 - (iii) for the avoidance of doubt, any Player not listed on the applicable Player Roster is not Eligible to be Fielded for the Senior Team in a Professional Competition Fixture.
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, a Player over the age of 18 may not register for a Professional Competition Club outside the relevant Registration Period unless a Player Exemption is granted in accordance with Clause 3.4.

15. NPL (TOP TIER) – REGISTRATIONS & ROSTERS

- 15.1 Each club will be required to submit Player Rosters by each deadline day (Pre-Season & Mid-Season Transfer Window) as outlined below:

League	Minimum	Maximum
NPL (Top Tier) – As per PPS	20	23

League	Pre-Season Window	Mid-Season Window
NPL (Top Tier) U21's +3 U23's Players	Minimum 16 – Maximum 20	Minimum 18 – Maximum 20

League	Minimum	Maximum
NPL (Top Tier) U19's	16	20

- 15.1.1 An NPL (Top Tier) Club may register and list three (3) Under 23 Players on the Club's nominated Under 21's roster, provided all of the following conditions are met in relation to the Players:
- meet age eligibility requirement (1998 born or younger)
 - maximum three (3) Players; and
 - registered as amateurs.
- 15.1.2 For avoidance of doubt, only registered Under 21's players (including the maximum of three (3) Under 23's players) who wish to play for the Senior team must be registered by the second Senior's registration window deadline set out in Clause 2.1.

15.2 PPS Regulations

- The Player Points System (PPS) is for Professional Competition Senior Teams only that Participate in the Men's National Premier League (NPL Top Tier).
- The Player Rosters for each Club must be maintained by the Club in the manner advised by FV and submitted to FV for approval.
- The Player Rosters for each Club must comply with the PPS.
- The Senior Player Roster must list a minimum of 20 Players and a maximum of 23 Players.
- All Professional Players must be listed on the Club's Senior Player Roster in compliance with the PPS (Pre-Season Window and Mid-Season Transfer Window).
- During the Mid-Season transfer window, a Professional Player must appear on the Senior Player Roster in compliance with the PPS at all times. The Professional Player may only be removed from the Senior Player Roster in accordance with clause 15.2(i). A Player may be added to the Player Roster by a Club once they have Registered to the Club via Play Football and the Registration is accepted and made Active by the Club.
- A Player (Amateur or Professional) cannot be Registered and added to the Player Roster for a Professional Competition Senior Team outside the Registration Period, unless a Player Exemption is granted in accordance with clause 3.4.
- For a Senior Team competing in Professional Competition, all Players must be listed on the Player Roster in the relevant Registration Period in order to be Fielded in a Senior Match Fixture.
- A Player may only be removed from the Player Roster outside of the nominated Registration Periods if:
 - for an Amateur Player:** the registration is cancelled online in Play Football, via either the Player's or the Club's account; or

(ii) for a Professional Player:

- A. the registration is cancelled via Prescribed Form 09 – Mutual Termination of Professional Player Contract;
- B. the Professional Player Transfers to another Club; or
- C. the Professional Player’s Contract has expired, or any other eligibility related issue.

15.3 Professional Player Transfers

- (a) A Professional Player may only Transfer to another Club if:
 - (i) the Transfer occurs within the relevant Registration Period; and/or
 - (ii) if the Player’s Contract has expired or been terminated by mutual agreement; and Prescribed Form 09 - Mutual Termination of a Professional Contract form has been submitted to FV; and
 - (iii) all 3 parties concerned (the present Club, the Player and the new Club) agree and sign Prescribed Form 06 – Application for Transfer or Loan of Professional Player.
- (b) A Club wishing to engage the services of a Professional Player must inform that Player’s present Club in writing prior to entering any negotiations with that Player.
- (c) Any person who directly or indirectly induces or attempts to induce a Professional Player to Transfer to, or sign a Contract with, another Club prior to that Club complying with this clause 15.3 shall be guilty of Misconduct and may be subject to the GDT By-Law.

15.4 Professional Player Transfer Fees

- (a) In accordance with Articles 10.5 and 10.6 of the NRR, at the point of lodgement of registration documents, the agreed Transfer Fee (as indicated on Prescribed Form 06 – Application for Transfer or Loan of Professional Player) is to be paid through FV and is due within 30 days of the date on which a Player is Registered (i.e. the date on which the Player registration documents were lodged with FV).
- (b) If the agreed Transfer Fee has not been paid in full by 5.00pm on the 30th day after registration of the Player, then that Player will be deemed ineligible and cannot be Fielded in any further Match until payment has been made in full.
- (c) Once full payment has been made, the Player will be an Eligible Player.

16. NPL 2 & NPL 3 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS & ROSTERS

16.1. Each club will be required to submit Player Rosters by each deadline day (Pre-Season & Mid-Season Transfer Window) as outlined below:

League	Minimum	Maximum
NPL 2 & NPL 3	20	23

League	Pre-Season Window	Mid-Season Window
NPL 2 & NPL 3 U21’s +3 U23 Players	Minimum 16 – Maximum 20	Minimum 18 – Maximum 20

League	Minimum	Maximum
NPL U19’s	16	20

16.2. Each club will be required to list and complete the following information for each Senior, Under 21’s & Under 19’s roster submission:

- (a) Full Name;
- (b) DOB;

- (c) FA ID;
- (d) Visa Status;
- (e) Nominated Goal Keepers

16.3. Under 21's + 3 Over-age (Under 23 players)

- 16.3.1 An NPL 2 or NPL 3 Club may register and list three (3) Under 23 players on the Clubs nominated Under 21's roster, provided all of the following conditions are met in relation to the Players:
- (a) meet age eligibility requirement (1998 born or younger);
 - (b) maximum three (3) players ; and
 - (c) registered as amateurs.
- 16.3.2 For avoidance of doubt, only registered Under 21's players (including the maximum of three (3) Under 23's players) who wish to play for the Senior team must be registered by the second Senior's registration window deadline set out in clause 2.1.
- 16.4. With each Player Roster submission, the Club represents that all the information submitted to FV is true and accurate.
- 16.5. All Professional Contracted Players must be listed on a Club's Senior Player Roster at all times. A Professional Player may only be removed from the Senior Player Roster in accordance with clause 15.2(i). A Player may be added to the Player Roster by a Club once they have registered to the Club via Play Football and the registration is accepted and made Active by the Club.
- 16.6. A Player (Amateur or Professional) cannot be Registered and added to the Player Roster for a Professional Competition Senior Team outside the Registration Period, unless a Player Exemption is granted in accordance with clause 3.4.
- 16.7. For a Senior Team competing in Professional Competition, all Players must be listed on the Player Roster in the relevant Registration Period in order to be Fielded in a Senior Match Fixture.
- 16.8. A Player may only be removed from the Player Roster outside of the nominated Registration Periods if:
- (a) **for an Amateur Player:** the registration is cancelled online in Play Football, via either the Player's or the Club's account; or
 - (b) **for a Professional Player:**
 - (i) the registration is cancelled via Prescribed Form 09 – Mutual Termination of Professional Player Contract;
 - (ii) the Professional Player Transfers to another Club; or
 - (iii) the Professional Player's Contract has expired, or any other eligibility related issue.
- 16.9. A Professional Player may only Transfer to another Club:
- (a) within the relevant Registration Period; and/or
 - (b) if the Player's Contract has expired or been terminated by mutual agreement; and Prescribed Form 09 - Mutual Termination of a Professional Contract has been submitted to FV; and
 - (c) all 3 parties concerned (the former Club, the Player and the new Club) agree and sign Prescribed Form 06 – Application for Transfer or Loan of Professional Player.

17. NPLW REGISTRATIONS & ROSTERS

- 17.1. The Player Roster Composition (PRC) system is set out in NPLW Clubs' Participation Licence and in Schedule 4 to the NPLW Rules of Competition.
- 17.2. Clubs must comply with the PRC at all times.
- 17.3. A mandatory player roster of between 18 and 20 Players is required for each Club's NPL Women's Senior Team.
- 17.4. A player roster of no more than 20 players is required for:
 - (a) NPL U19 Girls
 - (b) NPL U17 Girls (11v11)
 - (c) NPL U15 Girls (11v11)
 - (d) NPL U13 Girls (9v9)
- 17.5. Clubs must submit an initial:
 - (a) Senior Player Roster Composition (PRC) roster; and
 - (b) Under 19's rosterto FV by Wednesday 7 April 2021.
- 17.6. All Clubs must submit rosters for the NPL Junior Girl age groups (U13, U15 and U17) prior to the start of the season as requested by FV.
- 17.7. Each club must nominate two (2) goalkeepers on both their Senior Women's and Under 19s rosters by the dates outlined in clause 6.2.6 of the 2021 Rules of Competition - NPL Women's & Girls.
- 17.8. Any change to a player roster must be communicated to FV prior to the player taking part in a NPL Women's Competition Fixture.
- 17.9. No Player may be added to NPL Women or NPL 19 player rosters after 30 June 2020 with the exception of clause 6.2.8.a of the 2021 Rules of Competition - NPL Women's & Girls.
- 17.10. If a Club participates in a Competition Fixture whilst in breach of the PRC, it will forfeit that match and the match will be awarded as a 3-0 win to its opposition.
- 17.11. In the event both Clubs are found to be in breach of the PRC in a Competition Fixture, that match will be recorded as a No Result.
- 17.12. For avoidance of doubt State Knock Out Cup, NPL Finals and Playoffs matches do not count towards the 6 senior matches played threshold referred to in the PRC.
- 17.13. Player lists from the PRC for all NPLW Senior Women's Teams may be published on the FV Website at the discretion of FV.
- 17.14. Where a Club which does not hold a Senior NPLW Participation Licence, that Club may field Players up in age groups from its JGNPL teams (Under 13 – Under 17) into its Victorian Premier League Womens (VPLW) competition teams as follows:
 - (a) A maximum of four (4) players from a JGNPL Roster can play up per fixture at one time in the Club's reserves or senior women's VPLW competitions teams. Players must be 15 years of age as 1 January 2021 to be eligible to participate in the reserves or senior women's competitions.

18. AMATEUR PLAYER DE-REGISTRATION

- 18.1. An Amateur Player may De-Register by requesting to De-Register via Play Football, which will notify the Club and FV of the Player's intention to De-Register.
- 18.2. If a Club no longer wants an Amateur Player to play for them, the Club must apply to De-Register that Player via Play Football, which will notify the Player and FV of the Club's intention to De-Register the Player.
- 18.3. In the case of Amateur Players, the De-Registration is effective from the earlier of:
 - (a) when the other party (i.e. Club or Player as the case may be) has confirmed the notification or cancellation; or
 - (b) seven (7) days from the date the Player requested the De-Registration via Play Football, unless a grievance has been initiated with FV in accordance with the GDT By-Law and the Amateur Player will not be De-Registered until the processes promulgated by the GDT By-Law have been exhausted.
- 18.4. Any disputes relating to Player De-Registration will be settled in accordance with the FA Grievance Resolution Guidelines and the GDT By-Law.
- 18.5. For avoidance of doubt; the De-Registration request will only commence when the following has occurred:
 - (a) the Player has requested to De-Register via their Play Football account and the Club will have 7 days to approve the De-Registration request as per the NRR.; or
 - (b) the Club has requested to De-Register the Player via Play Football Club Administration and the Player will have 7 days to approve the De-Registration request as per the NRR.
- 18.6. Where neither party has requested to De-Register via Play Football, the De-Registration will not have commenced.
- 18.7. For the avoidance of doubt, this clause 18 only applies to Amateur Player De-Registration. All Professional Player De-Registration must occur in accordance with clauses 13 and 14, and Prescribed Form 09 – Mutual Termination of Professional Player Contract.

19. TRAINING COMPENSATION

- 19.1. Clubs are entitled to compensation for the training and development of a Player (Training Compensation) under certain circumstances where that Player is Registered as a Professional before the end of the Season of his or her 23rd Birthday:
 - (a) **International transfers:** the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Player specifies the regulations on Training Compensation that apply to the international movement of Players.
 - (b) **Domestic transfers:** Articles 10.2 and 10.3 of the NRR specify the eligibility and amount of Training Compensation that apply to the domestic movement of Players.
- 19.2. To avoid doubt, Training Compensation is not due in the following circumstances:
 - (a) if the former Club terminates the Player's Contract without Just Cause;
 - (b) if, upon being transferred, a Professional Player re-acquires Amateur status.
- 19.3. Training Compensation must be used by a Club to further train and educate Players.
- 19.4. When Training Compensation is payable:
 - (a) the Player's new Club must pay the full amount to FV within 30 days of registration of the Player;
 - (b) if the full amount has not been paid by 5.00pm on the 30th day after the Player's registration, that Player will be deemed ineligible and cannot be Fielded in any further Match until full payment has been made;
 - (c) once full payment has been made, the Player will be Eligible to Play.
- 19.5. FV will disperse the fees to the Eligible Clubs accordingly.

- 19.6. FV will not administer Solidarity Contribution. For the avoidance of doubt, Solidarity Contribution is a FIFA requirement and may be payable on the Transfer of a Professional Player. Please refer to Article 12.7 of the NRR's for more information.

20. AMATEUR PLAYER TRANSFERS (PLAYERS CHANGING CLUBS DURING THE SEASON)

- 20.1. Unless otherwise stated in these Regulations, an Amateur Player is free to move to another Club during the Registration Period as specified, and in accordance with clause 3.4.
- 20.2. The Cancellation of the registration of such a Player (referred to in these Regulations as **Moving Amateur Player**) via Play Football will be processed by FV once either of the following has been completed:
- (a) the Moving Amateur Player and the Moving Amateur Player's present Club agree to cancel the Player's registration online via Play Football; or
 - (b) the Moving Amateur Player or the Moving Amateur Player's present Club have requested a Cancellation online via Play Football without the consent of the other party and 7 days has elapsed since the request was made.
- 20.3. All Amateur Player registrations and Cancellations must be facilitated online using Play Football.
- 20.4. Once FV has approved the Cancellation of registration of a Moving Amateur Player, this Player must Self-Register to play for the new Club via Play Football and the new Club must accept the Player's registration by making the Player "Active".
- (a) Subject to clause 20.4(b) below, the Player's present Club may seek payment by the Player of any outstanding Fines or other monies owed to FV in respect of the Player's registration with that present Club other than Fines for red card Offences.
 - (b) Once the requested Cancellation has been accepted by the Player's present Club, that Club waives any right to seek monies from the Player pursuant to clause 20.4(a) above.
- 20.5. The Moving Amateur Player's present Club shall have no claim for compensation against the new Club.

21. INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER CERTIFICATE (ITC) – PLAYER OVERSEAS CLEARANCE

- 21.1. An International Transfer Certificate (ITC) is required for all Players over the age of 10 who wish to register with a Club and who:
- (a) were previously registered with a club outside Australia; or,
 - (b) FV is satisfied should be requesting an ITC based on the standard of Club the Player intends to register with or the level of competition.
- 21.2. For the avoidance of doubt this requirement applies to:
- (a) Australian and non-Australian citizens; and
 - (b) Amateur Players and Professional Players
- 21.3. FV cannot register a player until:
- (a) the ITC is received; or
 - (b) no response has been received from the Player's former national association within seven (7) days from the date FA sends the ITC request. For the avoidance of doubt, the seven (7) days commences from the date FA request a clearance to the applicable National Association.
- 21.4. No request for an ITC will be accepted by FV after the final date to lodge an ITC request as outlined in clause 2.1.
- 21.5. In the case of Professional Competitions:

- (a) No request for an ITC will be accepted after the close of the applicable Registration Period.
 - (b) All ITC requests must be made during a relevant Registration Period as outlined in clause 2.1.
- 21.6. If an ITC is issued after the close of the Registration Period, the Player may be registered outside that Registration Period.
- 21.7. A Player requiring an ITC must not be Fielded in any Match, until an ITC has been received by FV and the Player has been registered in accordance with these Regulations.
- 21.8. Players playing without an ITC may be deemed Ineligible and sanctions may apply in accordance with the Rules of Competition.
- 21.9. It is the Club's responsibility to ensure that the relevant documentation required to obtain an ITC for a minor has been correctly submitted. Until such times as an ITC has been received the Player must not Participate in a Match.
- 21.10. All players requiring an ITC are required to provide a scanned copy of their passport in order to process their transfer. All players/clubs should provide this documentation to FV who will in turn provide the documentation to FA.

22. VISA PLAYERS

- 22.1. This section relates to Overseas Players and Visa Players as set out below.
- 22.2. Please note that Player limitations will apply (see below), depending on the status of the Club with whom the Visa Player wishes to Register and/or the visa type which has allowed the individual to enter the country.
- 22.3. All federal laws including, but not limited to, those in respect of maintaining a valid visa and relevant employment laws must be strictly adhered to by all parties.
- (a) A Player will immediately be De-Registered from the Club if it can be proven that the relevant federal laws (as outlined above) have been breached.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that all the relevant laws are adhered to and that they seek advice from the relevant governing and regulatory bodies with regard to such.
- 22.4. FV will not provide endorsements for Players or Club Associates seeking to obtain a Visa for the purposes of playing Football.
- 22.5. No Visa Player may be Fielded in a Fixture unless he or she has been Registered in accordance with these Regulations.
- 22.6. Visa types and quotas for all levels of FV Competition are as follows:

Note: the following information is subject to change without notice

Visa Player List Eligibility	NPL	NPL 2 & NPL 3	NPLW	Men's State League 1 (NW/SE)	Victorian Premier League Women (VPLW)	All other FC Leagues
Senior Player Roster	2	3 + 1 AFC	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Senior team match day team sheet	2	3 + 1 AFC	2	3 + 1 AFC	4	Unlimited
Registration Status Eligibility	Professional and/or Amateur	Professional and/or Amateur	Amateur	Amateur	Amateur	Amateur

23. TERMINATION OF PLAYING ACTIVITY

- 23.1. A Professional Player who stops playing competitive football shall remain registered for a period of 30 months from the end of the Season in which the Player stopped playing competitive football.
- 23.2. Upon expiry of a Professional Player's Contract, their Club may not claim any compensation for such a Player and the Player is deemed to be a Free Agent.
- 23.3. Nothing in these Regulations shall prevent any Player from moving to another Club in a purely non-playing capacity.
- 23.4. If a non-playing Professional:
 - (a) wishes to resume playing football as a Professional Player; and
 - (b) registers for a new Club; and
 - (c) satisfies clause 19.1(b)that Player's former Club may be entitled to Training Compensation.
- 23.5. Other than as set out in clause 19, a non-playing Professional Player's former Club is not entitled to Training Compensation.

24. CONTRACT DISPUTES

A currently contracted Professional Player may, through the new Club, request a Player Exemption in accordance with clause 3.4, if the Player (or Club) has lodged a Contract dispute between the Player and their present Club which has been referred to FV according to the GDT By-Law, prior to the closing of any relevant Registration Period.

25. LOAN PLAYERS

- 25.1. Loaning of a Player to another Club ('Loan') is permitted only for Professional Players between Clubs in a Professional Competition.
- 25.2. A Loan is subject to the same rules that apply to the Transfer of a Professional Player with the following additional rules:
 - (a) The minimum period of a Loan ('Loan Period') is the time between two Registration Periods, as specified in clause 2.1.
 - (b) A Loan continues in force until the expiry of the Loan Period or if it is terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of the Loan or these Regulations;
 - (c) A Club may not Transfer or Loan a Player, who is on Loan, to a third Club, without the written authorisation of the Player and the Club that released the Player.
 - (d) On expiry or termination of the Loan, the Player's registration reverts to the Club which loaned the Player out.
- 25.3. A Club may only contract two (2) Professional Players on Loan. There is no restriction on the number of Players of a Club that can be loaned out.
- 25.4. To complete a Loan, the following completed documents must be lodged with FV:
 - (a) Prescribed Form 06 – Application for Transfer or Loan of Professional Player.
 - (b) A Loan agreement in the form of a Loan Contract: Prescribed Form 05 – Loan Player Contract.
- 25.5. A Loan of a Player must occur within the Registration Period and must be done in accordance with this clause 25. This applies to the:
 - (a) loan of a Player from an A-League Club;
 - (b) loan of a Player from an International Club and will require an ITC in accordance with clause 21 of these Regulations; and
 - (c) loan of a Player from an interstate Club.

- 25.6. Clubs must notify FV in writing of an early termination of a Loan:
- (a) Between the Club and Loan Player: in the form of Prescribed Form 09 – Mutual Termination of Professional Player Contract.
 - (b) Between a Loan Player and the Loan Club: in the form of a letter.

26. DUAL REGISTRATION

- 26.1. Subject to Clause 3.3 (and in accordance with FIFA Rules), a Player can only be registered with only one Club at a time.
- 26.2. A Player registered with FV can only Play for the Club nominated by that Player unless the Player is playing:
- (a) for a Representative Team;
 - (b) for an A-League Club as a replacement Player or as an A-League Player on Loan to a Club or Institute in accordance with A-League competition rules;
 - (c) for a Futsal Club at which that Player is also registered;
 - (d) for a school Team that is not a Club;
 - (e) in a benefit, testimonial or charity match if that Player has written permission from FV or FA as the case requires;
 - (f) in a trial match provided the Player has their Club's written permission and Plays no more than 2 trial matches or such other number of matches as may be specified in competition rules; or
 - (g) any other exceptional circumstances approved by FV and/or FA in their absolute discretion and in accordance with any guidelines promulgated by FV and/or FA from time to time.
- 26.3. Players Fielded in representative squads from affiliated leagues/Regional Associations playing in FV Competition must be Registered with a Club in that particular affiliated league/Regional Association.

27. TOURS (DOMESTIC & OVERSEAS)

- 27.1. A Tour may consist of, but is not limited to, a one-off exhibition match, a series of friendly matches or a tournament.
- 27.2. Any Tour undertaken by a Club must be sanctioned by FV. This applies to both domestic and overseas (international) Tours.
- 27.3. Clubs in Victoria Play under the jurisdiction of FV in the defined geographical area of the state body of Victoria. Where a Club wishes to Play outside this area of jurisdiction, a Club must seek approval from FV, either directly or through a Club's Regional Association.
- 27.4. Tours to another country must also be sanctioned by FA as a Club is leaving the jurisdiction of FA.
- 27.5. For a domestic Tour to be sanctioned, the Domestic Tours Form, available on the FV website, must be completed and submitted to FV at least 3 weeks prior to the domestic Tour.
- 27.6. Late domestic Tour applications received less than 3 weeks prior to departure will be charged a \$55.00 administration fee.
- 27.7. For an overseas Tour to be sanctioned, the Overseas Tours Form needs to be completed and submitted to FV at least 4 weeks prior to the overseas Tour.
- 27.8. Late Overseas Tour applications received less than 4 weeks prior to departure will be charged a \$110.00 administration fee.
- 27.9. For Clubs that fail to complete the process for a Tour to be sanctioned, the following will apply;
- (a) A Fine of \$50.00 for each Team for a domestic Tour;
 - (b) A Fine of \$100.00 for each Team for an overseas Tour.
- 27.10. The FV Fixture takes precedence over Tours. For avoidance of doubt, a Tour will not be sanctioned should it clash with an FV Fixture of the Club participating in the Tour.

28. SCOPE OF FV REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

Where these rules are silent on any particular aspect of the game, then all Clubs shall first have regard to the NRR, then to the FA Statutes, By-Laws and Regulations, then to the FV Rules of Competition, Regulations and By-Laws and where applicable the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), and then to the latest rules of the game as published by FIFA.

29. DEFINITIONS

Active	A status in Play Football. The Player has been registered and accepted by the Club. The Player must be paid for to be made Eligible.
A-League	Australia's national professional football league for men.
Amateur	Any Player that is not a Professional.
Amateur Club	Any Club that does not have a Professional Team.
Base Wage	An agreed weekly payment, exclusive of superannuation, payable for a minimum period of the length of the Season in accordance with a Professional Player's Contract.
Cancellation	The process of cancelling an Amateur Player's existing registration during a Season.
Club	Any club registered with FV and FA in accordance with the NRR from time to time.
Club Finance System (CFS)	FV's online finance system which FV and its Clubs will use to view and pay FV invoices, make payments to FV, view Club Account balances and Statements and view and print Eligible and Pending Player registrations and Team entries.
Club Letterhead	A unique letterhead, accessible only to Club Officials, that signifies written correspondence on behalf of a Club.
Club Official	Any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, consultants, officers and directors and representatives.
Club Stamp	A unique stamp (usually inclusive of a Club logo), accessible only to Club Officials, that signifies authorisation on behalf of a Club.
Coach	An individual that is appointed by a Club to direct and manage the development of Players in a positive environment that leads to the improvement of a Player's or Team's football ability, both in a general capacity and for specific performances.
Community	A team that does not play in a National Premier League.
Competition Administrator	The entity responsible for the conduct and staging of a Competition.
Contract	A law-binding, written agreement between a Professional Player and a Club which outlines the responsibilities of both parties, in the form of Prescribed Form NRR05 – Professional Player Contract.
Declined	A status in Play Football. The Player's registration has been rejected by the Club.
Defunct Club	A Club that has had its registration with FV cancelled/revoked.
Defunct Team	A Team that has had its registration with FV cancelled/revoked.
De-Register	The act of undertaking De-Registration.
De-Registration	The process taken by a Club to make a Player's registration void, rendering the Player ineligible to Play in any FV Competitions because the Player has registered at that Club, never Participated in FV Competition fixtures and no longer intends to Participate in FV Competition fixtures for any Club for that Season.
Dual Registration	The process of registering and participating for two Clubs at the same time. This may only occur if a Player Exemption is granted by FV and FA.
Eligible	A status in Club Finance System. Player has been made Active in Play Football and paid for in Club Finance System.

FA	FA, the Australian member of FIFA and responsible for the administration and promotion of football throughout Australia.
FA ID Number	A Player's national registration number which is to be used on all forms and paperwork provided by FV and FA.
FA Statutes	FA's statutes as promulgated by FA from time to time, including its constitution and by-laws and rules and regulations and policies and procedures.
FA Terms and Conditions	The terms and conditions of FA that a Player agrees to upon registration, as defined on the applicable registration form or as defined during the online Self-Registration process.
Field	To take the field or play or record a Player's name on the Match record and "Fields", "Fielded", "Play" or "Participate" shall have corresponding meanings
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association, the association responsible for the organization, administration and promotion of football throughout the world.
FIFA Statutes	The statutes and accompanying standing orders and regulations promulgated by FIFA from time to time, including the Regulations for Status and Transfer of Players.
Financial	A player that has paid the Federation (FA & FV) fees element of the Registration cost.
Fixture	A game of Football sanctioned by FV as part of a Competition.
Football Type	A particular type of football that is determined by the structure of competition and competition rules.
Free Agent	A Professional Player is a Free Agent once their Contract has expired or been terminated by mutual agreement. A Free Agent means the Player is free to register for a Club of their choice. An Amateur Player is classed as a Free Agent.
Futsal	Futsal is the only form of 'indoor football' or 'five-a-side' that is officially approved by FIFA and FA.
Futsal Player	A Player that Participates in the only form of 'indoor football' or 'five-a-side' that is officially approved by FIFA and FA.
FV	Football Victoria, an affiliate of FA, responsible for the administration and promotion of football throughout Victoria.
FV Competition	Any competition staged, participated in, sanctioned by or Played under the auspices of FV or a Competition Administrator.
FV Constitution	The constitution that governs the existence of FV as an association, which is amended from time to time.
FV Play Football Team	The FV department responsible for the administration of the Play Football system and these Regulations.
FV Registration Regulations (Regulations)	The set of rules contained in this document that govern the registration process throughout the whole of Victoria.
GDT By-Law	FV's Grievance Disciplinary and Tribunal By-Law as amended from time to time, a copy of which is available from the FV website.
Grievance	Any dispute or grievance that arises in relation to these Regulations, including a dispute about the breach, termination, enforcement or subject matter of these Regulations, including the Professional Player Contract, Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations.
Guest Player	As defined in the National Registration Regulations.

Ineligible Player	A Player that is Ineligible, as defined in the Rules of Competition.
Institute	Any National, State or Territory or academy of sport that has a national program.
International Club	A football club domiciled outside the Commonwealth of Australia.
International Transfer Certificate (ITC)	A certificate provided from one National Association to another to facilitate the transfer of a Player between countries.
JBNPL	Junior Boys National Premier League
JBNPL Player Roster	The record of eligible Players for Teams who Participate in the JBNPL.
Junior	A Player that is between the age of 12 and 18 (inclusive) at the conclusion of the current calendar year.
Just Cause	Being legally entitled to terminate a Contract, including in accordance with the termination provisions of that Contract.
Loan	When a Player is given permission by their Club to be Contracted to another Club during the term of their current Contract. Loaning a Player is only permitted for Professional Players.
Loan Period	The minimum period of a Loan is the time between two Registration Periods.
Loan Player	A Professional Player who is given permission to Play for another Club for a specified period of time (Loan Period), while remaining primarily registered for their original Club.
Match	Any match staged, participated in, sanctioned by or Played under the auspices of FA, a Member Federation or a Competition Administrator.
Match Bonuses	Additional payments to the weekly Base Wage, exclusive of superannuation, to be made in accordance with the Professional Player's Contract when the Professional Player's name appears on a Match record.
Member Federation	A State, Territory or regional federation or association that is a member of FA from time to time.
Minor	A person who is under 18 years of age.
Moving Amateur Player (also referred to as Supplementary Registration)	When a currently Registered Amateur Player moves from one Club to another during the Season.
Mutual Termination	When both parties to a Contract agree to terminate a Contract through the use of Prescribed Form NRR09 – Mutual Termination of Professional Player Contract form. The Player will become a Free Agent upon termination of a Contract.
National Association	A national football association that is a recognized member of FIFA.
National Registration Regulations (NRR)	The set of rules that govern the registration process throughout the whole of Australia.
National Youth League (NYL)	Australia's national Football League for male youth players.
New Player	Any Player that does not have a record (FA ID Number) on Play Football.
NPL Club	A club which Participates in the National Premier League.

Offence	When FV has found (upon investigation, audit, processing or notification) there has been a breach of a Clause in the Regulations or Rules.
Overseas Player	A Player requiring an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) in order to register in Australia to Play football.
Participate	Refer to definition for Field.
Penalty Unit	One (1) Penalty Unit equals \$100.00.
Pending	A status in Club Finance System. Player has been made Active in Play Football but has not been paid for in Club Finance System
Pending (Awaiting Approval)	A status in Play Football. The Player has paid the Club, but has not been accepted by the Club.
Pending (Awaiting Payment)	A status in Play Football. The Player has not yet paid the Club.
Pending ITC	A status in Play Football. FV will automatically request an ITC for any player aged 18 or older with this registration status.
Play	Refer to definition for Field.
Player	Any person who is, from time to time, registered to a Club or is selected as a member of a National Team, whether that person is male or female, Junior or Senior or Amateur or Professional.
Player Exemption	A ruling made by FV which gives a Player permission to perform an action which is otherwise prohibited by these Regulations.
Player Passport	The form of document that records each Player's Clubs for which the Player has been registered since the Season of his or her 12 th birthday in chronological order as specified in Prescribed Form 07.
Player Points System (PPS)	The system mandated by FA which regulates the composition of the Player Rosters for Professional Teams, which includes allocating listed Players point values based on certain criteria as well as a total point value which the Professional Team is not permitted to exceed.
Player Roster	The Player Roster is the record of eligible Players for Senior Professional Competition Teams who Participate in the Men's National Premier League
Play Football	FA's national online sports administration system which FV, its clubs and players will use for player registrations including player Self-Registration. The Play Football system was introduced in Victoria in 2010.
Play Football Club Administration	The section of the Play Football system that allows a Club registrar to update their Club details, manage Player registrations and generate registration reports for their Club.
Play Football Trainer	Any person who has undergone FA and FV Play Football training for the purposes of assisting and supporting Clubs with the Play Football system.
Prescribed Form	A mandatory form as prescribed and distributed by FA from time to time.
Professional	A Player who has a written Contract with a Club as per Prescribed Form 05, under which he or she is paid to Play football for that Club.
Professional Competitions	In Victoria there are two (2) Professional Competitions. The Men's National Premier League (NPL) and Men's National Premier League (NPL 2) & Men's National premier League (NPL 3).
Professional Team	A Senior Team playing in a Professional Competition.

Provisional ITC	If an ITC has not been received after 30 days from when the request was forwarded by FA to the relevant National Association, FV reserves the right to seek a Provisional ITC from FA. A Provisional ITC may only be issued by FA. A Provisional ITC will become permanent after 12 months unless information to the contrary becomes known.
Reacquisition of Amateur Status (Change of Status)	When a Professional Player re-registers as an Amateur Player.
Regional Association	A regional association or zone that is a member of a Member Federation from time to time.
Registered	As defined in the Rules of Competition.
Registration Period	The specified Period of time in which a Player must be registered for a Club in a particular competition.
Regulations	Refer to FV Registration Regulations.
Representative Team	A team representing a State or Territory, a region, or an Institute that Participates in a Competition.
Rules of Competition	The FV endorsed Rules of Competition that work in conjunction with the FV GDT By-Law and FV Registrations Regulations.
Season	The period of time starting with the first Match of a Competition and ending with the last Match of that Competition.
Self-Register	The act of undertaking Self-Registration.
Self-Registration	A process undertaken using the Play Football System, whereby a Player or parent/guardian registers via Play Football by obtaining and entering login details, updating personal details and selecting the Club and applicable registration fee to register against.
Self-Registration Exemption Request	The application made by a Club to FV to request exemption to register the Club's Players using the "Re-Register Returning Players" or "New Registration" functions of Play Football Club Administration.
Senior	Any Player that is between the age of 19 and 35 (inclusive) at the conclusion of the current calendar year.
Super User	A Club registrar that has been assigned to update Club details, create registration products and enter the Club's terms and conditions into Play Football on behalf of the Club before the commencement of the Season.
Supplementary Registration	When a Player changes Clubs during the Season, their subsequent registration with the new Club is termed a Supplementary Registration. This is completed through Self-Registration through Play Football. A Supplementary Registration product will apply to Player registrations that fall under this category.
Team	A group of Players Fielded by a Club to Participate in an FV Fixture as defined in the various FV Rules of Competition.
Team Manager	The person responsible for managing a Team that Participates in an FV Competition.
Tour	A series of matches or a tournament, Played in by a Club either outside of Victoria, or overseas.
Training Compensation	Compensation payable in consideration of the registration of a Professional who is under the age of 23 to reflect the training and development of that Player by the Player's previous Clubs.
Transfer	Only for Professional Players. A Transfer only occurs when a Professional Player, the current Club and the new Club agree on a Transfer Fee for the Player to move to the new Club in a Professional Competition while still under a Contract to the current Club.

Transfer Fee	A sum of money, agreed to by two Professional Clubs, to compensate the Transfer of a Player between the two Clubs.
Visa Player	A Player that is not a citizen or resident of Australia and who requires a valid visa or work permit to enter or be in Australia, whether to Play football as an Amateur or Professional.
Volunteer	Any person that is a Club Official or Team Manager.
W-League	Australia's national Football League for Women.

