



AFL Victoria

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MEMORANDUM

To: Metropolitan Leagues, Country Regions

From: Darryl Collings – Football Operations Manager Date: **19 March 2024**

Cc: AFL Victoria Management

Re: AFL Victoria Community Affiliate Regulations March 2024

Ahead of the 2024 season, AFL Victoria are releasing the amendments to Community Affiliate Regulations which are effective as of the above date and align to the recent changes to the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook (NCFPH).

Key amendments contained in the 2024 version of the AFL Victoria Community Affiliated Regulations, relate to the process for Leagues and Regions applying to AFL Victoria regarding:

- i) Establishment of a new team
- ii) Transfer of an existing team
- iii) Establishment of a new club
- iv) Transfer of a new club or
- v) Introduction or Amendment of any Underage Competition

Specifically

1. Leagues and Regions are to ensure that all approval processes and requirements relevant to all Clubs, Leagues, and Regions (as applicable) have been met, before applying to AFL Victoria.
2. An appeal by another affiliate in relation to the above matters will be administered via written submission only and hearings will no longer occur. The process will include:
 - Parties to the appeal provide AFL Victoria with a written submission which may contain:
 - Any facts, reasons and arguments concerning the applications and the appeal; and
 - Any other matters that they desire to be considered by the AFL Victoria Appeal Panel.
 - AFL Victoria shall distribute the written submissions to the other parties concerned in the hearing and provide all parties the opportunity to provide final submissions.
 - Following provision of final submissions, the Appeal Panel make seek further written detail from any party to the appeal as requested.

Leagues may request a version of these Community Affiliate Regulations that detail all amendments (tracked changes version) by emailing darryl.collings@afl.com.au .

The AFL Victoria Community Affiliate Regulations should be read in conjunction with the NCFPH dated March 2024. AFL Victoria will support the implementation with any advice to Leagues and Regions prior to and during the upcoming season.

Please feel free to circulate this notice and copies of the Community Affiliate Regulations to your respective stakeholders and should you have any questions, please contact myself at darryl.collings@afl.com.au.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darryl Collings', written in a cursive style.

Darryl Collings
Football Operations Manager