



VICTORIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

VAFA UNDER 19 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION POLICY

The Under 19 promotion and relegation policy seeks to guarantee that Under 19 Sections are determined and fixtured objectively by VAFA Football Operations on an annual basis rather than subjectively.

Additionally, the purpose is to ensure an equal and competitive competition for all participants.

Process

The two clubs occupying the lowest two positions on the premiership lists of Under 19 Premier and Under 19 Division 1 at the end of the season shall be transferred to the next lower Section in the following season.

The two clubs represented in the Grand Final of Under 19 Division 1 and Under 19 Division 2 shall be transferred to the higher Section in the following season.

The VAFA Board may in its discretion vary this procedure at any time.

Re-Assessment

The VAFA acknowledges that due to the age eligibility criteria for Under 19 football, the playing list for a particular Under 19 team can vary significantly from one season to the next.

VAFA Football Operations will permit clubs transferring to a different Under 19 Section at the end of the season to apply directly to the VAFA to seek re-assessment.

Updated: February 2021
Review Date: Annually

Factors considered by VAFA Football Operations during the re-assessment process include:

- Match results from the previous season
- Number of Under 19 registered players for the upcoming season
- Age demographic of the Under 19 registered players for the upcoming season
- The best interest for all participants of the competition, not just that individual team

Once the transfers and re-assessment hearings have been finalised and completed, there will be no course of appeal unless the VAFA Football, Growth and Integrity Sub-Committee in their absolute discretion determines it necessary.

Regrading Policy

The VAFA will consider a regrade of any Under 19 competition after the conclusion of the first three (3) rounds of the home and away season as per the VAFA's Regrading Policy.