



VICTORIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

VAF A REGRADING POLICY

The VAF A will consider a regrade of any Under 19 Men's, Thirds Men's or Women's section across a two (2) week period commencing after the conclusion of Round 4 of the home and away season.

The purpose of regrading is to ensure that teams are graded into competitions where they are competitive and sustainable with any team winning matches by a considerable margin potentially regraded to a higher section and any team losing matches by a considerable margin potentially regraded to a lower section.

Regrading shall be in the absolute discretion of VAF A Football Operations in conjunction with the VAF A Football Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee will analyse all ladders, results and scenarios to determine whether teams should be regraded to a higher or lower section.

Any club believing they warrant a regrade shall formally lodge their request with the VAF A through the VAF A Portal after the conclusion of Round 4 of the home and away season. The VAF A cannot guarantee all requests will be granted, however they will be factored in when making decisions.

Factors considered by VAF A Football Operations when regrading teams include:

- Match results from the opening four (4) rounds of the home and away season
- The strength of the opposition played in the opening four (4) rounds of the home and away season
- Level of competitiveness from the opening four (4) rounds of the home and away season
- The number of total registered players eligible to play
- Maintaining competition and fixturing integrity

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- The best interest for all participants of the competition, not just that individual team
- Ensuring the regularity of matches is maximised

Once regrades have been finalised, there will be no course of appeal or further regrade unless the VAFA Football Sub-Committee in their absolute discretion determines it necessary.

The following ladder adjustments will apply if a team is regraded:

A team who is being regraded to a higher section (due to winning matches by a considerable margin) will retain their points for and points against totals from the matches played prior to the regrading. See example below for a team regraded after Round Four (4):

	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Pts For</i>	<i>Pts Agst</i>	<i>Pts</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>U19 Div 2 Men's (lower)</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>535</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>318.45%</i>
<i>U19 Div 1 Men's (higher)</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>535</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>318.45%</i>

A team who is being regraded to a lower section (due to losing matches by a considerable margin) will have all their points for and points against totals from the matches played prior to the regrading removed. See example below for a team regraded after Round Four (4):

	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Pts For</i>	<i>Pts Agst</i>	<i>Pts</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Div 1 Women's (higher)</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>497</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>29.57%</i>
<i>Div 2 Women's (lower)</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

Teams in the section from which a regraded team has been removed will still retain their points for and points against totals for all matches played prior to the regrading.

For the purpose of VAFA Best and Fairest awards, any votes awarded to a player before the regrading occurs will carry over to the new section. However this will not apply for VAFA Leading Goal Kicker awards.