



**TO:** ALL GRFC CLUBS  
**FROM:** FV COMPETITIONS  
**DATE:** MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2019  
**SUBJECT:** FV GEELONG NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN HUB MINIROOS

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Dear Clubs,

Football Victoria writes with an update in relation to the Northern & Southern Hub MiniRoos for Season 2020.

After consultation from GRFC Clubs at the FV Geelong Competitions Workshop on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October, FV has decided to split Under 11 football from the 'hub' model. In 2020 both the Boys' and Girls' Under 11 leagues will continue on in a Home and Away fixtured format.

These Under 11 Competitions will be played on a half sized pitch but will continue as a MiniRoos Competition for administration purposes, including Sunday fixtures for both Boys' and Girls' Competitions. This will also mean there will be no Competition points or ladders. There will also be no consideration of a 'Northern' or 'Southern' club within the Under 11 Competition and so clubs will now play against all teams that are entered into that specific Division of play.

The reasons behind this decision include:

- Ability for Under 11 players to test their ability against clubs/ teams they wouldn't have played before.
- More 'like for like' gradings where teams will play more meaningful matches against players more alike their specific grading.
- The growing size of both hubs to the point where Clubs' are struggling to be able to facilitate all hub Competitions at the one venue.
- Allow the Under 11 fixtures to align with a Clubs' Under 12 fixtures.
- The space which an Under 11 fixture requires, proportionate to the hub size.
- The equipment needs involving transportation of equipment to and from alternating hubs.

The hub format will still continue with both Under 7's and Under 9's football in 2020. Football Victoria anticipates that this will lead to less split hubs, easing the pressure on parents and Club volunteers.

This change will mean there are a number of Under 11 goals now available from both the Southern and Northern hub kits. Clubs who require these sized goals in 2020 are asked to contact FV Club ambassador Foddy Kyprian on 0424 016 311 to organize purchase at a reduced cost.

If you require any further information about this change please don't hesitate to contact me on 9474 1810.

Yours Sincerely,

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