

# **Victorian Community Football Charter**

## ***Priority Projects***

### *Performance Dashboard*

*3. April 20206*

Priority	Priority Project	Traffic Light	Key Commentary
1	Policy Reference Group		<p><b>NEXT MEETING MAY 5<sup>th</sup> - NO UPDATE SINCE Meeting held Thursday March 12</b></p> <p><b>Laws of Australian Football</b> as distributed with 3 changes announced Refer communications previously shared with Community Football.</p> <p><b>National Community Football Policy Handbook (NCFPH)</b> Updated version released 16 February 2026</p> <p><b>AFL Victoria Country Rules</b> Final version of Country Rules was released in Nov 2025 and included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of VFL Final Qualification clause Varied process for non-Registered players to be administered by Country League and not Region</li> </ul> <p>Proposed new regulations</p> <p><b>Players moving to and from Unaffiliated Leagues</b> to address player movement between affiliated and unaffiliated leagues currently in drafting stage. Further work required to draft for consideration by the Policy Reference Group</p> <p><b>Relevance of PRG to AFL Vic Projects</b> Project teams will link back to the Policy Reference Group for oversight, in particular Women’s and Girls Project Group with any recommendation to be presented to the Policy Reference group for consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer CCSP AG W&amp;G APP and PPS development</li> </ul> <p><b>Meeting schedule and purposes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Initial start up – March</li> <li>2. Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> – Propositions Tabled</li> <li>3. Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup> – Propositions Review</li> <li>4. Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup> – Finalisation of Propositions</li> <li>5. Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> – Status of years propositions</li> <li>6. Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> – Review and Matters carried Forward</li> </ol> <p><b>Membership of the Group 2026</b> Jason Reddick , Andrew Johnston and Brett Connell (metro) Shaun Connell, Ange Ballinger and Zac Hedin (region)</p>

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2	CCSP Advisory Group		<p><b>NEXT MEETING MAY 5<sup>th</sup> - NO UPDATE SINCE Meeting held Thursday March 12</b></p> <p><b>W&amp;G Player Payment and Points system</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W&amp;G system</li> <li>• AFL Vic to drive the development via the Advancing W&amp;G Project Team and present back to CCSP AG</li> <li>• Desire is to have a W&amp;G system finalised for implementation in 2027 and June 30 identified as deadline</li> </ul> <p><b>AFL Victoria is continuing to explore a digital declarations and budget platform to manage APP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Platform remain in test phase</li> <li>• Developers will be requested to attend the next CCSP AG meeting to showcase developments this far</li> </ul> <p><b>New Initiatives for CCSP AG to explore consideration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marquee player concept</li> <li>• Multi Year Cap</li> </ul> <p><b>Compliance Review – Update</b> Over 400 reviews in Mid-season and an additional 118 Grand Final reviews 6 referred to Integrity Reviews and 1 penalty imposed for non-cooperation. Of 400 reviews only 25 were Metro based clubs and no Metro Integrity Reviews. In 2026 and beyond, focus will be to do spot checks of clubs that may be of concern and possible focus into specific players within a club.</p> <p>CCSP AG have established meeting dates and purposes of each meeting to ensure the phases of the development and progress is aligned with the management at League/Region and club level</p> <p><b>Meeting Scheduled and purpose</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. March annually - Initial Start</li> <li>2. Presentation of initiatives and proposed policy amendments</li> <li>3. Preliminary APP and PPS Caps and Finalise proposed amendments</li> <li>4. Calibration of App and PPS Caps</li> <li>5. Finalise Caps and amendments</li> <li>6. Review and GF Audits</li> </ol>

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3	W&G Reference Group		<p><b>Last Meeting April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026</b></p> <p>Matters on the FFRG Agenda have been referred to AFL Vic to explore and manage through a Project which will report and liaise back. Focus areas to include:</p> <p>Refer “Advancing W&amp;G Football In Victoria Project Plan” previously circulated which shall be screened via W&amp;G Reference Group</p> <p><b>Project team will liaise with W&amp;G Reference Group. W&amp;G Project team will meet at least Monthly</b></p> <p>Work streams of W&amp;G Project which has commenced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Player Pathway and participation – <b>DRAFT PAPER BEING PREPARED WITH W&amp;G Inclusions</b></li> <li>- Player Payments and Points Systems – <b>DRAFT SYSTEMS DEVELOPED WITH WORKING PARTY</b></li> <li>- Rules and Regs relevant to W&amp;G progress – <b>RECOMMENDATIONS BEING DEVELOPED FOR RULES AND REGS&lt; ON AND OFF FIELD</b></li> <li>- Inclusion of W&amp;G in traditional club environments – <b>CONSULTATIONS COMMENCED</b></li> <li>- Commitment to W&amp;G Charter <b>CONSULTATIONS COMMENCED</b></li> </ul> <p><b>W&amp;G Reference Group - Meeting Schedule</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wednesday June 17</li> <li>2. October 21</li> </ol>

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4	Player Pathways Advisory		<p><b>Meeting conducted Tuesday APRIL 28th</b></p> <p>Player Pathway Project team Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Player Pathway Philosophy remains in draft</li> <li>• Discussion Paper on Over Age Players (ex NCFPH clauses)</li> <li>• Protocols or potential policy in draft following consultation and co design</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry Level Age in Victoria – finalised and no change given lack of supporting evidence to amend</li> </ul> <p>- Discussion paper on Over Age Players presented to PRG</p> <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFL Vic to use Over Age Discussion paper and develop into a policy, by law, regulations or other depending on its application and whether it aligns with the NCFPH for Victoria</li> <li>- As a protocol only, it relies on goodwill of affiliate leagues and group wish to progress and have considered as enforceable policy</li> <li>- Acknowledgement that Leagues need to adopt and be convinced based on evidence and will remain a work in progress</li> </ul> <p><b>Next meeting TBD, a Player Pathway Position Statement will be presented to the Team for further discussion and amendment as an ongoing progress</b></p>

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5	Commercial Collaboration		<p><b>No formal discussion or discussion group established yet.</b>  Seeking ongoing discussion with interested Leagues/Regions with the scope to be established and agenda be fluid'</p> <p>Actions proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Awaiting the AFL Commercial team to consolidate their sponsorship arrangements for 2027</li> <li>▪ potentially having a new offering for Community Leagues to potential sponsors not engaged by AFL</li> <li>▪ Explore the potential collective product offerings that it can be tabled for consideration.</li> <li>▪ Metro Leagues to circulate a template for each League to complete their latest product status details and then submit to AFL Vic for consideration of Commercial team</li> <li>▪ AFL Vic is exploring a procurement proposals on behalf of community football that may lead to savings through economies of scale.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Facility Development</b></p>	<p>To be referred to Metro and Region leaders' meetings and further clarity provided as to the rolling agenda and focus of facility development progress</p>
<p><b>Relationship with Netball Vic</b></p>	<p>Ongoing – collective strategy and specific agenda matters to be developed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Seek to have NV be closely aligned with how AFL consider the developments in Transgender policies</b></li> <li>• <b>NV seeking alignment with AFL Vic on Club Transfer clauses and write them into NV affiliation Agreements</b></li> </ul>

<p><b>Commentary</b></p>	<p>The Following Reference Groups have been finalised in February and will be referred to AFL Victoria to consider any further strategies and engagements that maybe required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Umpiring</li> <li>- Conduct, Behaviour's and Standards</li> <li>- Critical Incident</li> </ul>
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**Paused**

**On Track**

**Completed**

**No Progress**