



MEMORANDUM

To: AFL Barwon, AFL Central Victoria, AFL Gippsland, AFL Goldfields, AFL Goulburn Murray, AFL North East Border, AFL South East, AFL Sunraysia, AFL Western District, AFL Wimmera

Cc: AFL Victoria Management

From: John O'Donohue - Community Football Manager Date: 9 December 2025

Re: AFL Vic Country Rules for 2026 season

The purpose of this memorandum is to support the release of the AFL Victoria Country Rules for 2026 along with a summary of the substantive amendments, specifically:

AFL Victoria Country Rules

- Removal of the Finals qualification provisions relating to games played in the VFL and VFL W
- Removal of the Regions consultation process in Leagues determining an Ineligible Player
- Amendments to reflect the remove of the Coates League in naming AFL Talent League (under 18 competitions)

Full detail of AFL Victoria Country Rules can now also be found on the Play AFL / Victoria section of this website at <https://play.afl/learning-resources/victoria>

Region's assistance in circulating this detail to relevant affiliates and stakeholders would be appreciated and please feel free to call or email if there are any queries.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John'.

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