



TRAVEL AND NEUTRAL GAME RULE

INTRODUCTION

The VJBL as per the JRC Charter is a statewide home and away competition open for all BV affiliated associations, but must and should consider the health and safety of all its members.

Whilst it is not possible to eliminate travel it is a duty of care of the VJBL to wherever possible minimize risks by reducing long distance travel.

The VJBL Administration will consider the following factors when completing the neutral game grid. These factors will include information from the associations, timing of games, cross city travel, travel time, nature of access roads (winding / narrow roads) and major events including football and concerts.

The maximum distance used for the grid will be set at >210 km each way and will be reassessed prior to the commencement of each season.

PROCESS FOR ALLOCATION OF NEUTRAL GAMES

- Prior to the commencement of each phase, associations will be notified of possible neutral games due to excessive travel or time constraints
- Associations will be required to nominate a contact who will be able to respond on behalf of the association any arrangements required for the highlighted games (At times responses may be required within 4 hours to assist VJBL Administration with fixturing)
- The home association will be given a deadline to advise the VJBL of one of the following:
 - Agreement to play the game as a home game with the return game to be played at the opposition's venue as per fixture (VJBL to be notified that both teams agree, and an assurance that the teams have considered travel with due diligence)
 - Agreement as above, but on an alternative time and day (VJBL to be notified that both teams agree, and an assurance that the teams have considered travel with due diligence)
- Agree to play at an agreed neutral venue for both home and away games (subsidies will be paid to home association per below)
- OR If the teams cannot agree on one of the above options by a time set by the VJBL Administration, then the VJBL Administration will:
 - Move the game to a neutral venue and.
 - Pay a subsidy to the home team for the loss of their home game (Rate to be set for neutral games prior to commencement of season)
 - Fixture the return game also at a neutral game with the home team receiving the subsidy
 - A subsidy will be paid to the allocated home team association.
 - The subsidy will be reassessed at the end of each season at the same time as the rate for the hosting neutral games subsidy is reassessed and will be set for the following season.

HOSTING NEUTRAL GAMES

- A Hosting of Neutral Games agreement form will be sent out to all associations with their entry form for the new season.
- Any associations that wish to be considered for the hosting of neutral games will need to return the signed hosting form prior to the commencement of the season.
- Associations will be required to pay a minimal fee per neutral game played at their venue. The VJBL will invoice the association at the end of each phase and at the end of the Championship season.
- The rate will be reassessed at the end of each season at the same time as the rate for the travel subsidy is reassessed.
- The VJBL administration will have the authority to fixture and schedule games where it sees fit and any decision by the VJBL administration will be final.