



# MEMORANDUM

Reference: 2021-21

To: All Junior Clubs  
From: FSC Competitions Coordinator  
Date: 27 February 2021  
Subject: Junior Competition Grading Draft, Grading Appeal Procedure

## Members

The Grading Committee met on 27 February 2021 to determine the structure of the competition, place teams into divisions in accordance with the competition rule 1.8.9.2

*The Grading Committee shall in its deliberations consider:*

- *Movement of players;*
- *Strength of team based on players, previous club and division;*
- *Requests submitted in writing from Clubs;*
- *Position of teams in previous Competition;*
- *Draft grading recommendation from previous year.*

The attached workbook has data information which was considered. Club requests and additional information was provided in the Team nomination form.

## Boys/Mixed Competition

Each spreadsheet for Boys has the following data:

- Column A : The 2020 team list in **order of finishing** (as per Annual Report)
- Column B: The draft grading from 2020 (as per Annual Report)
- Column C: The Total number of players
- Columns D-G: Number of returning players where they played.
- Column H: Returning player who is now playing up an age group
- Columns I-L: Number of players from other clubs and where they played in 2020.
- Column M: Number of New or Returning players (prior to 2020)
- Column N: Club nominated divisions.
- Teams marked in black background in Column A have not returned for 2020.
- Column P - T is the proposed divisions.

## **Team Withdrawals**

Any Club has until **Wednesday 3 March 2021, 5:00pm** to notify FSC of any team you wish to **withdraw** from the Competition without penalty.

Withdrawing a team after this date will incur penalties as specified in the Competition Regulations.

## Notes:

### 1. Ranking

In accordance with rule 2.23 of the Competition Regulations, all junior competitions shall use the method of **Head to Head** 2.23.1.1 to determine ranking as communicated at the Club meeting in January.

### 2. Boys/Mixed Competitions – Division Structure

#### 12 Boys Competitions

40 teams - There will be grading games organised in the first half of the season and teams will be placed into four divisions (10 x 4) to begin competition for the second half of the season.

#### 13 Boys and 14 Boys Competitions

The committee has strongly recommended that a 13/14 combined competition be formed as the first three teams in each age group have been strengthened by the return of representative players and/or movement of players. The committee were concerned that the teams would be too strong for the remaining teams if left in Division 1.

13 Boys Competition – 33 teams – Four divisions (3 in dev, 1x6, 3x8).

14 Boys Competition – 33 teams – Four divisions: (3 in dev, 1x6, 3x8).

15 Boys Competition - 21 teams – Three divisions. (1 x 6, 1 x 7, 1 x 8)

16 Boys Competition - 21 teams – Three Divisions (1 x 7, 1 x 8, 1 x 6)

17 Boys Competition – 8 teams 18 Boys Competition - 15 teams

18 Division 1 – 12 teams

U17 Div 1/ 18 Div 2 (8 + 3 teams). If there is a late nomination in the 18's then we would run separate tables with a separate finals series.

### 3. Girls Competition

Each spreadsheet for Girls has the following data:

- Column A: Team nominations alphabetical for Girls Competition
- Column C: Total Number of players in the team
- Columns showing Number of players registered and where they played in 2020
- Column (orange) Number of players based on age
- Last column M: Club Nominated Division

Points table from 2020 and 2019 has been included for reference.

12 Girls – 12 Nominations, 8 Grading matches and form 2 divisions with 6 teams then 10 competition rounds.

14 Girls – 15 Nominations – (1 x 7, 1 x 8) ... Extra consideration in forming teams for Division 1 is the age within teams.

16 Girls – 18 Nominations – (1 x 8, 1 x 10) .... Extra consideration in forming teams for Division 1 is the age within teams.

### 4. Women's Youth League

Ten teams have nominated. It is envisaged to play nine rounds and then reassess the competition structure.

#### 4. Competition Structure

##### Nine and Ten team competitions

18 rounds with all teams playing each other twice.

Top 4 teams in ranking after 18 rounds will qualify for Final series.

##### Eight team competitions

14 rounds initially with all teams playing each other twice.

The final 4 games will then be drawn based on the ranking of the teams after playing each other once – round order to be determined with each team having 2 home games where possible.

1 v 3 5 v 7	1 v 5 3 v 7	1 v 7 3 v 5	1 v 2 3 v 4
2 v 4 6 v 8	2 v 6 4 v 8	2 v 8 4 v 6	5 v 6 7 v 8

Top 4 teams in ranking after 18 rounds will qualify for Final series.

##### Seven team competitions

14 rounds initially with all teams playing each other twice.

The final 5 games will be drawn based on the ranking of the teams after playing each other once – round order to be determined with each team having 2 home games where possible

1 v 2 3 v Bye	1 v 6 2 v 7	1 v 4 2 v 3	1 v 5 2 v 6	1 v Bye 2 v Bye
5 v 6 4 v 7	3 v 4 5 v Bye	5 v 7 6 v Bye	3 v 7 4 v Bye	7 v Bye 3 v 6 4 v 5

Top 4 teams in ranking after 19 rounds will qualify for Final series.

##### Six team competitions

15 rounds initially with all teams playing each other thrice.

The final 3 games will be drawn based on the ranking of the teams after playing each other twice – round order to be determined.

1 v 4	1 v 5	1 v 2
2 v 6	2 v 3	3 v 4
3 v 5	4 v 6	5 v 6

Top 4 teams in ranking after 18 rounds will qualify for Final series.

##### Five team competitions

15 rounds initially with all teams playing each other thrice.

The final 4 games will be drawn based on the ranking of the teams after playing each other twice – round order to be determined.

1 v Bye	1 v 5	1 v 3
2 v Bye	2 v 3	2 v 4
3 v Bye	4 v Bye	5 v Bye
4 v 5		

Top 3 teams in ranking after 18 rounds will qualify for Final series.

### 11 team competition

11 rounds initially.

The final 7 games will then be drawn based on the ranking of the teams at that point – round order to be determined.

1 v 2	1 v 3	1 v Bye	2 v Bye	1 v 9	9 v 10	4 v 7
3 v 4	2 v 4	2 v 6	3 v Bye	2 v 10	11 v Bye	8 v Bye
5 v 6	5 v 8	3 v 5	4 v Bye	3 v 11	1 v 5	1 v 11
7 v 8	6 v 7	4 v 10	1 v 7	4 v 8	2 v 7	2 v 9
9 v Bye	10 v Bye	7 v 9	5 v 11	5 v Bye	3 v 8	3 v 6
10 v 11	9 v 11	8 v 11	6 v 10	6 v Bye	4 v 6	5 v 10
			8 v 9	7 v Bye		

Top 6 teams to qualify for final series.

### 12 team competition

11 rounds initially.

The final 7 games will then be drawn based on the ranking of the teams at that point – round order to be determined.

1 v 2	1 v 4	1 v 6	1 v 7	1 v 9	1 v 12	1 v 3
3 v 4	2 v 3	2 v 8	2 v 5	2 v 10	2 v 11	2 v 4
5 v 11	5 v 9	3 v 7	3 v 6	3 v 12	3 v 9	5 v 6
6 v 12	6 v 10	4 v 5	4 v 8	4 v 11	4 v 10	7 v 8
7 v 9	7 v 12	9 v 10	9 v 12	5 v 8	5 v 7	9 v 11
8 v 10	8 v 11	11 v 12	10 v 11	6 v 7	6 v 8	10 v 12

Top 6 teams to qualify for final series.

### Appeals

Clubs who wish to appeal **the structure** of a competition(s) or **a grading** must do so in accordance with Competition Regulation 1.8.9.4.

*1.8.9.4 Clubs who have any concerns regarding the Competition structure or grading(s) issued to the Clubs may attend the Grading Meeting and make representation to the Committee by way of appeal. Clubs wishing to utilise this means of **appeal must provide written justification of each appeal**, on Club letterhead, to the Competition Coordinator by the date set by FSC. A notice containing appellants will be provided to member Clubs.*

Appeals must be lodged by **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, 1:00pm** and will be heard on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021, commencing at 7:00pm at the Balgownie Junior Club House, Para Street Balgownie.**

Clubs appealing must be in attendance or the appeal may be dismissed immediately. This meeting is open to all clubs who may **have two executive committee** persons attend who do not coach the teams being appealed.

The Junior Council after hearing all appeals and considering any late team withdrawals, late player movement or late team nominations shall make a final determination on structure and divisions.