



MEMORANDUM

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To: Junior Clubs
From: Competition Coordinator
Date: 12 March 2022
Subject: Junior Competition: Division Recommendation, Competition Structure and Appeal Process
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Members

The Grading Committee met on 11/12 March to determine the structure of the competition, place teams into divisions in accordance with the competition rule B5 (b)

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.

In Boys U13 – 16, all clubs had to supply additional information for the division they had requested.
In Girls competition U14 – 16, additional information about the team had to be submitted.

Note – Except for two U16 girls' teams, clubs indicated that they wanted to play in the lowest division.

Each spreadsheet has the following data:

- Column A : The 2021 team list in order of where teams were when competition abandoned
- Column B: The draft grading from 2021 (as per Annual Report)
- Column C: The Total number of players
- Columns Green heading: Number of returning players where they played.
- Columns Orange heading: Age of Players
- Columns Pink heading: Number of players who are male / female
- Columns Blue heading: Movement players and Approval ... Yes, No = Not applied, JC = with Junior Council, NA – not applicable
- Column Div Req = Club Requested Divisions
- Row in red = team not returning.

Under team data is the recommended grading division which is repeated below.

The last table is a summary of the club requested division from Column Div Req

Recommendations

1. Ranking

In accordance with rule F2 of the Competition Regulations, all junior competitions shall use the method of **Head to Head** to determine ranking.

2. Competition Structures – for divisions playing 18/19 rounds.

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

3. Specific Age Structure / Grading

Unless otherwise indicated in an age group, the competition structures above will be applied as per the number of teams in a division.

Under 12 Boys/Mixed

33 Nominations. - There will be grading games organised in the first half of the season and teams will be placed into four divisions (10 x2, 1 x 7, 1 x 6) to begin competition for the second half of the season at different stages.

Albion Park A	Coniston A	Helensburgh A	Lakeside B	Shellharbour A	South Coast U B
Albion Park B	Coniston B	Helensburgh B	Lakeside C	Shellharbour B	Thirroul A
Balgownie A	Fernhill A	Highlands A	Oak Flats A	Shellharbour C	Unanderra A
Balgownie B	Figtree A	Kiama A	Port Kembla A	Shellharbour D	University A
Bulli A	Figtree B	Kiama B	Russell Vale A	South Coast U A	University B
Bulli B	Figtree C	Lakeside A			

10 teams = 9 rounds, 7 team = 10 rounds, 6 team = 10 rounds.

Under 12 Girls

11 nominations. One Division, following 11 team structure.

12 Girls Division 1
Albion Park
Balgownie Black A
Balgownie White B
Bulli
Coniston
Figtree
Gerringong
Helensburgh
Russell Vale Green
Russell Vale Red
Shellharbour

13 Boys Competition

32 teams – Four divisions of 8 teams.

2022 Grading Draft			
13 Division 1	13 Division 2	13 Division 3	13 Division 4
Albion Park	Balgownie	Albion Park	Bulli
Balgownie	Corrimal	Coledale	Coledale
Bulli	Helensburgh	Figtree	Helensburgh
Figtree	Russell Vale	Kiama	Kiama
Lake Heights	Shellharbour	Lakeside	Lakeside
Shellharbour	South Coast United	Oak Flats	South Coast United
South Coast United	University	Thirroul	Shellharbour
Thirroul	Woonona	Unanderra	Unanderra
8	8	8	8

14 Boys Competition

23 teams – Three divisions: Div 1, Div 2 = 8 teams, Div 3 = 7 teams.

FSC Knights will participate and the team with the Bye will be their opponent on specific rounds.

2022 Grading Draft		
14 Division 1	14 Division 2	14 Division 3
Bulli	Albion Park	Albion Park
Coniston	Balgownie	Bulli
Figtree	Coniston	Coledale
Helensburgh	Figtree	Fernhill
Lake Heights	Kiama	Gerringong
Shellharbour	Port Kembla	Lakeside
University Blue	Shellharbour	Unanderra
University Red	Thirroul	FSC Knights / Bye
8	8	8

14 Girls Competition

19 teams nominated. – 2 Divisions. Div 1 = 9 teams, Div 2 = 10 teams.

2022 Grading Draft	
14G Div 1	14G Div 2
Coledale	Albion Park
Figtree	Bulli
Russell Vale	Figtree
Shellharbour Sapphire	Helensburgh
Shellharbour Topaz	Port Kembla
Thirroul	Russell Vale
Unanderra	Shellharbour
University Blue	Thirroul
University Red	University
	Woonona
9	10

15 Boys Competition

28 teams – Three Divisions: Div 1 = 8 team, Div2, 3 = 10 teams.

2022 Grading Draft		
15 Division 1	15 Division 2	15 Division 3
Berkeley	Albion Park	Albion Park
Bulli	Balgownie	Balgownie
Figtree	Bulli	Coledale
Lake Heights	Fernhill	Figtree
Shellharbour	Figtree	Kiama Blue
South Coast U	Russell Vale	Kiama White
University	Shellharbour	Lakeside
Woonona	South Coast U Blue	Oak Flats
	South Coast U White	Russell Vale
	Thirroul	University

16 Girls Competition

13 teams nominated.

Four rounds of grading to determine 2 divisions with 6/7 teams.

The division with 7 teams will play all teams twice. The division with 6 teams will play all teams three times with one less wet weather round.

Bulli	Figtree	Lakeside	Thirroul	Woonona
Coledale	Gerringong	Port Kembla	University A	
Fernhill	Helensburgh	Shellharbour	University B	

16, 17, 18 Boys

Under 16 – 16 teams

Under 17 – 7 teams

Under 18 – 14 teams

As Figtree 18's did not have sufficient players they have not been included at this stage.

Competitions as follows

16 Division 1 = 8 teams

16 Div 2/17 Div 3 = 9 teams Treated as 1 competition

17 Div 2/18 Div 2 = 10 teams ... treated as 1 competition

18 Division 1 = 10 teams

2022 Grading Draft	
16 Div 1	16 Div 2 / 17 Div 3
Albion Park	Balgownie
Balgownie	Bulli
Bulli	Helensburgh
Figtree	Gerringong
Helensburgh	Kiama
Lake Heights	Lakeside
Unanderra	Port Kembla
University	University
	Woonona 17
8	9

2022 Grading Draft	
18 Division 1	17/18 Division 2
Coniston FC	Albion Park 17
Corrimal FC	Fernhill 17
Cringila	Fernhill 18
Helensburgh	Figtree 17/18 (one team)
Kiama Quarriers	Kiama J 18
Shoalhaven	Lakeside 18
South Coast United	Shellharbour 17
Thirroul	Thirroul 17
UOW	Woonona 17
Wollongong United	Woonona 18
10	10

4. Teams Withdrawing

Any Club has until **Wednesday 16 March 2022, 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.

5. Appeals

Clubs who wish to appeal **the structure** of a competition(s) or **a grading** must do so in accordance with Competition Regulation B5 (d)

*Clubs who have any concerns regarding the Competition structure or grading(s) issued 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.*

When submitting an appeal, the club needs to provide any further evidence to the information already presented on the nomination form (as this was considered) and should also provide its alternatives – for example on structure what would the competitions look like, divisions, etc. For team grading, who do you suggest should take your place to avoid byes.

Appeals must be lodged by **Tuesday 15th March 2022, 1:00pm** and will be heard on **Wednesday 16th March 2022, commencing at 6:30pm 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. There will be no provisions for zoom.

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.

There will be no further appeals to any competition, including the 12 Boys.