



# MEMORANDUM

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To: All Community League Clubs  
From: FSC Competitions Coordinator  
Date: 3 March 2023  
Subject: Community League Competition Structure, Grading, Appeal

## Members

The Community League Grading Committee have met and determined

- the structure of competitions,
- the allocation of teams into divisions and
- ranking method.

The accompanying workbook is a summary of the player data and club requested divisions.

## All Age

The structure shall be two divisions with 10 teams in Division 1 and 13 teams in Division 2.

Division 1 and 2 – 10 team comps, play each other twice.

Division 3 – 1 grade shall have 15 rounds where teams will play each other three times.

The final 3 games will be drawn based on the ranking of the teams after **playing each other twice** – round order to be determined. (see top of next page)

2023 Competition Grading		
AAM 1	AAM 2	AAM 3
Albion Park City FC	Albion Park Cows	Albion Park
Coledale Waves	Figtree Phoenix	Balgownie
Dandaloo FC	Gibson Park Rangers	Coledale
Figtree Heat	Helensburgh	Gerringong
Hill Top	IFS Wolves	Jamberoo
Oak Flats Kraken	Kiama Quarriers	SCU
Port Kembla Pumas	Uni Bomb Brewers	
Shoalhaven FC	Uni Spurs	
Unanderra Hearts	United Wolves Maroon	
University Spurs	United Wolves White	
10	10	6

Final series for all grades will be top 4 (3 week series)

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

**Masters**

**SEASON/FINALS STRUCTURE**

The Community League Council acknowledges that two divisions of 18 teams each is a significant change from the model used in previous seasons.

With only 4 teams nominating for Division 1, a broad mix of other nominations and a significant imbalance between the number of teams that nominated for each division, the Community League Council considered that the traditional 4 division structure would not be appropriate moving forward.

For context, this would have resulted in up to 20 teams being ‘regraded’ from their original nominated divisions and as such, we are proposing to modify the competition structure for the 2023 season.

This new condensed two division format will provide a balanced draw and see each team play each other once during the season.

While it is acknowledged that there may be some matches that result in a significant margin between sides, the benefit of this model is that teams only play each other once, thus avoiding multiple ‘blowouts.’

At the conclusion of the regular season, the top 8 teams in their respective division will contest a 4-week finals series for the ‘**Championship**’ title.

The teams ranked 9th through to 16th in their respective division, will contest a 4-week finals series for the ‘**Plate**’ title, providing more games for teams.

The Masters Division 1 & 2 Championship/Plate winners will be determined on Grand Final day.

In addition to the standard ‘Division Grading Protest’ process, the Community League Council welcome other proposals of how to structure the divisions to ensure an enjoyable and fair season.

However, given the window of opportunity before the season starts and draws requiring finalisation, we seek your prompt attention if there are alternate proposals.

Masters 1	Masters 2
Albion Park City FC	Albion Park City FC
Bellambi FC	Albion Park SC Green
Burgh Hogs	Albion Park SC White
Bulli FC	Bulli FC
Coedale Waves White	Coedale Waves Pink
Coedale Waves Maroon	Coniston Veterans
Dandaloo FC	Dandaloo FC
FC Shellharbour	Fernhill FC
Figtree Blaze	Figtree Rhinos
Figtree Titans	Gibson Park Rangers
Jamberoo Bulls	Gerringong Breakers Blue
Kiama Quarriers	Gerringong Breakers Red
Northern FC	Jamberoo Redbacks
Oak Flats Kraken	Northern FC
Port Pumas	Warilla Wanderers
Russell Vale United	Uni Spurs
Russell Vale FC	Wild Hogs
Uni Wolves	Woonona Red

### Over 45's

One Division

O45
Coedale Waves
Fairy Meadow United
Figtree Fire
Gibson Park Rangers
Ground Hogs
Port Pumas
Sweat Hogs
Woonona Blue

The structure shall be one division with 8 teams.

There will be 14 rounds initially where teams play each other twice.

The final 4 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 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.

### **Team Withdrawals**

Any Club has until **Tuesday 7 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.

### **Ranking**

In accordance with rule F2 (a) of the Competition Regulations, all competition shall use the method of **Head-to-Head** in relation to ranking.

### **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)

*d) 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.*

Please note – Club appealing Master’s structure need to provide an alternative structure and the teams in any division.

Appeals must be lodged by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 1:00pm**.

An appeal meeting will be organised should it be required in the next week.

Clubs appealing must be in attendance or the appeal may be dismissed immediately.

This meeting is open to all clubs who may **have two** persons attend and if affected may speak at this meeting.

The Community League 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.