



MEMORANDUM

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To: Junior Clubs
From: Competition Coordinator
Date: 4 March 2023
Subject: Junior Competition: Division Recommendation, Competition Structure and Appeal Process
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Members

The Grading Committee met on 4 March 2023 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.*

Decisions

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

3. Specific Age Structure / Grading

Girls Competitions

This year clubs were able to nominate teams in their age group. It is noted that in the younger age groups (12-14), teams wanted to play in their own age group reflected by comments.

The attached workbook has data information which was considered.

First Spreadsheet is a summary of the nominations received. However, there is some discrepancies as club comments indicate different age groups

For specific ages

- Column A: Teams listed in alphabetical order.
- Column B: The total number of players currently in the squad (Yellow + White + Blue)
- Columns Yellow Heading. Number of players returning from 2022 and age group they played in
- Column White: Number of new or returning players from 2021 or earlier.
- Columns Blue: Number of Movement Players to the squad
 - Dispensation status
 - NA – Not Applicable – number allowed as per competition rules
 - TBD – To be determined.
 - APP – Approved
 - RES – Approved with restrictions
 - NAPP – Not Approved. Penalties will apply if clubs insist on registering players in team.
- Columns Orange heading: Number of players in age group

Girls Divisions

12 Girls Division 1	13 Girls Division 1	14 Girls Division 1	15 Girls Division 1	16 Girls Division 1	16 Girls Division 2
Albion Park	Albion Park	Helensburgh	Bulli	Coledale	Cringila
Balgownie	Balgownie Bk	Port Kembla	Gerringong	Fernhill	Unanderra
Bulli Pink	Balgownie W	Russell Vale	Thirroul	Helensburgh	
Bulli Purple	Bulli	Shellharbour S	University	Russell Vale	
Figtree	Figtree	Shellharbour T	Woonona	Shellharbour	
Gerringong	Russell Vale	Thirroul		Thirroul	
Helensburgh	University	University Bl		University Bl	
Russell Vale		University W		University W	
Shellharbour S					
Shellharbour T					
Thirroul					
University					

The 16 Girls grading division 2 has been created noting

Cringila – Most players are new to football

Unanderra – One player is turning 16.

12 Girls – 12 teams will be in one grade to begin with and play 11 rounds. Competition points will occur.

A review then will occur with one of two outcomes:

Keep one division and follow the 12 team competition method or

Form a second division. (Could be 4 teams, could be 6 teams, could be 8 teams)

13 Girls – 7 teams - One division

14 Girls - 8 Teams – one division.

15 Girls Div 1 and 16 Girls Div 2: 7 teams played as one competition

16 Girls Div 1: 8 teams – one division.

Boys / Mixed Competitions

The attached workbook has data information which was considered.

First Spreadsheet is a summary of the nominations received.

For specific ages

- Column A: Teams listed in ranking order from 2022 as per annual report.
- Column B: 2022 Grading draft as per annual report
- Column C: The total number of players currently in the squad
- Columns D – F: Number of players returning from 2022 with
Team – number returning to the team or from a second team in the same division
Hig – number from a higher division
Low – number from a lower division
- Column G: Number of new or returning players from 2021 or earlier.
- Column H: Number of Movement Players to the squad
- Column I: Dispensation status
NA – Not Applicable – number allowed as per competition rules
TBD – To be determined.
APP – Approved
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NAPP – Not Approved. Penalties will apply if clubs insist on registering players in team.
- Columns J:L Number of players in age group
- Column M: Division Requested

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

37 Nominations. – As per team nominations. Grading then arranged into four divisions.

13 Boys Competition

32 teams – Four divisions

2023 Grading Draft			
13 Division 1	13 Division 2	13 Division 3	13 Division 4
Balgownie	Balgownie	Albion Park	Albion Park
Bulli	Coniston	Bulli	Balgownie
Figtree	Cringila	Coniston	Figtree
Highlands	Fernhill	Figtree	Helensburgh
Kiama	Helensburgh	Kiama	Lakeside
Shellharbour	Lakeside	Lakeside	Oak Flats
South Coast United	South Coast United	Shellharbour	Russell Vale
Thirroul	Unanderra	University	Thirroul
8	8	8	8

14 Boys Competition

30 teams – Four Divisions

2023 Grading Draft			
14 Division 1	14 Division 2	14 Division 3	14 Division 4
Albion Park Balgownie Bulli Corrimal Cringila Figtree Shellharbour South Coast United Thirroul	Figtree Helensburgh Lakeside Russell Vale Shellharbour University Woonona	Balgownie Bulli Kiama Shellharbour Thirroul Unanderra	Albion Park Coledale Helensburgh Kiama Lakeside Oak Flats South Coast United Unanderra
9	7	6	8

15 Boys Competition

20 teams nominated. – 3 Divisions.

2023 Grading Draft		
15 Division 1	15 Division 2	15 Division 3
Balgownie Bulli Coniston Cringila Shellharbour Thirroul University	Coniston Fernhill Figtree Kiama Lakeside Port Kembla University	Balgownie Bulli Figtree Gerringong Oak Flats Unanderra
7	7	6

16 Boys Competition

23 teams –3 Divisions:

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16 Division 1	16 Division 2	16 Division 3
Berkeley Bulli Cringila Figtree Russell Vale Shellharbour South Coast United Red South Coast United White	Albion Park Balgownie Bulli Coledale Figtree Kiama South Coast United Shellharbour University	Albion Park Bulli Figtree Kiama Lakeside Russell Vale
8	9	6

17 Boys and 18 Boys

Competitions as follows

17 Nominations = 8 teams

18 Nominations = 12 teams * Port Kembla insufficient players currently.

2023 Grading Draft		
17 Div 1	18 Division 1	
Albion Park	Coniston FC	Albion Park
Balgownie	Cringila	Fernhill
Bulli	Figtree	Figtree
Helensburgh Black	Shoalhaven	Port Kembla FC
Helensburgh Gold	South Coast United	Woonona Blue
Kiama	Thirrourl	Woonona Red
Lakeside		
Thirrourl		
8	6	6

4. Teams Withdrawing

Any Club has until **Wednesday 8 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 7th March 2022, 1:00pm** and will be heard on **Wednesday 8th March 2022, commencing at 6:30pm at the FSC Office**.**

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.

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