

MEMORANDUM

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| To: | All Women's Clubs |
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| From: | FSC Competitions Coordinator |
| Date: | 27 February 2024 |
| Subject: | Community League Competition Structure, Grading, Appeal |

Members

The Women's 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 four divisions with 6 teams in Division 1 and 8 teams in Division 2 and 8 teams in Division 3 and 6 teams in Division 4.

| 2024 Competition Draft | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| AAW 1 | AAW 2 | AAW 3 | AAW 4 |
| Balgownie | Berkeley | Albion Park | Coniston |
| Fairy Meadow | Bulli | Berkeley | Dapto |
| Kiama Q | Dapto | Coledale | Fairy Meadow |
| Moss Vale | Fernhill | Coniston | Figtree |
| Shoalhaven | Helensburgh | Fernhill | Jamberoo |
| University | Oak Flats Kraken | Gerringong | Kiama Q |
| | Shellharbour | University | |
| | University | Woonona | |
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| 6 | 8 | 8 | 6 |

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

Over 30's

With 14 teams, it has been determined to have two divisions, but the second division would be based on the teams with predominately O40's players.

| 2024 Competition Draft | | |
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| 030-1 | O30-2 (Over 40s) | |
| Figtree | Albion Park WE | |
| Gerringong Blue | Coledale | |
| Gerringong | Figtree | |
| Helensburgh | Jamberoo | |
| Kiama Q | Russell Vale Black | |
| Thirroul | Russell Vale Pink | |
| Thirroul | Woonona | |
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| 7 | 7 | |

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 approximate ranking of the teams from 2023 – 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 on the approximate ranking of the teams from 2023 – 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 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 on the approximate ranking of the teams from 2023 or based on the ranking after playing each other twice – round order to be determined.

| 1 v 4 | 1 v 5 | 1 v 2 |
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| 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.

Team Withdrawals

Any Club has until **Tuesday 5 March 2024, 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.

Mercy Rule

In accordance with rule E7, the O30's competitions will play the mercy rule.

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.

Appeals must be lodged by Friday 1st March 2024, 1:00pm.

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