

MEMORANDUM

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To: All Junior Community Clubs From: Competition Manager

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Subject: Review of 2024 Competitions

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Members

With the persistent rain event in 2024, FSC Competition Committee, Council and Board have reviewed all winter competitions in Community and Premiership Competitions as of 8 July 2024. Many competitions (men's, women's and juniors) have a series of games still outstanding and accordingly changes have been made to the Competition Calendar to all age groups in an attempt to play as many games as possible for the remainder of this season.

Below is a summary of some issues

Graded Juniors

Background

- Each age/division is at a different point. Saturday competitions have played more than Sunday competitions.
- 13G Division 1 have had 6 complete round washouts and there are 2 games which require catching up from other rounds
- 18 Division 1 have had 1 complete round washout but have many games from incomplete rounds (Cringila have played 5 and SCU have played 12)
- Many competitions have had 3 4 complete washouts.
- Action taken
 - Games up to 30 June which needed rescheduling have been done in 99% of cases but now at the point where there is very limited rescheduling.
- Semi Final series already reduced to 2 weeks, giving additional wet weather round which is already used.

Decision

- Play as many games as possible and all teams to play each other at least once (10 12 team comps) or at least twice (6 8 team comps). 13G-1 may require 2 games on same day with shorten halves to be investigated.
- Average Point System used at end of league.
- Aug 31 Sep 1 (Semi Finals currently). Teams not in finals to be scheduled for a non-competition game.
- Grand Final Remain 6/9 8/9
- If another w/e is required for league and this will move the final series back 1 week = Grand Final 13/9 15/9

• Some washout matches may be rescheduled to IMP so that games are played.

Clubs may organise additional competition match for teams. In addition, clubs have the option to play midweek fixtures for inhouse competitions or organise intra club games on Sunday up to end of PL grand final weekend. (29 September)

Mini-Roos

Background

- Four complete rounds have been lost (R1, R5, R9, R13)
- The most any team could have played to date is 9 games but there are teams who may have only had 4 − 5 games.
- Action taken to date
 Season extended to R19 back in May. Assuming no more disruption, 6 rounds are scheduled.
- Russell Vale U8 Luke Kerr Memorial Day (for around 20-28 teams) approved 11/8.
- Decision

Organise additional round 20 (31 August) Semi Finals for Junior Comp.

- 7 September Optional for in-house competitions / intra club games, but clubs would need to organise –
 Proposed Grand Final Weekend
- FSC to organise end of season round 21 for interested teams 14 September. Clubs to advise if teams are interested by 30 July. (If GF is moved to 14 Sept, then this round will be 7 September)
- In addition, clubs have the option to play mid-week fixtures for inhouse competitions or organise intra club games on Sunday up to end of PL grand final weekend. (29 September)

Community Competitions

The following rules changes have been implemented as per rules A12 and A13 of the Community Competition Rules. (Note - All competitions are using Head-to-Head Method)

F2 League Ranking

a) A team must have played a minimum of 70% of competition games in rounds played by the end date to be eligible for League Champion or finals. (A round washed out and is cancelled is not included)

Head-to-Head Method

- 1. Highest Average Points
- 2. If two or more teams are equal on Average Points, then their ranking will be determined in the following order:
 - (i) Greatest number of competition points obtained in Competition League Matches between the teams concerned. If still tied, then
 - (ii) Greatest Goal Difference in Competition Matches between the teams concerned. If still tied then
 - (iii) Greatest number of goals scored For in Competition League Matches between the teams concerned.

(iv) Least Average Goals Against from all Competition League Matches

Average Points Method

Ave Pts = Number of Points divided by Number of Games played.

Note - Byes are not included in the number of games.

Washed out rounds/matches are not included

Matches deferred without the approval of the Competition Coordinator will be counted as a match played and zero points awarded to both teams unless a forfeit is applied. Matches played deemed null and void due to a rule breach will be counted as played and zero points awarded to both teams unless a specific outcome was applied.

Example, a competition had 15 rounds played – three were washed out and the first 5 teams on average points are listed.

Team	Pld	W	D	L	Pts	Ave Pts
Alpha	12	10	1	1	31	2.58
Beta	14	11	0	3	33	2.35
Gamma	13	9	2	2	29	2.23
Delta	10	6	3	1	21	2.10
Epsilon	15	10	1	4	31	2.07

Alpha has the best Ave Pts and is ranked 1. Beta and Gamma qualify ranked 2 and 3. Delta has only played 67% of comp games and would not qualify. Epsilon would qualify ranked 4.

Note In the case where teams have played the same number of games, the highest Ave Pts and highest competition Pts will give the same ranking

Team	Pld	W	D	L	Pts	Ave Pts
Omega	13	10	2	1	32	2.46
Delta	13	10	1	2	31	2.38
Psi	13	9	2	2	29	2.23