



MEMORANDUM

Reference: M26-12

To: All Age and Masters Clubs
From: FSC Competitions Coordinator
Date: 27 February 2026
Subject: Community League Competition Structure, Grading, Appeal

Dear Members,

This set of FSC Management decisions lays out how Senior Competitions will be structured across the season and grading of teams in the respective leagues. It also includes how final-round fixtures are drawn and how many teams qualify for finals. And confirms a new 2026 rule that can shorten the finals series to create an extra wet-weather round.

Ranking

All adult competitions use Head-to-Head as the primary ranking method, as required by Competition Regulation F2. This means simply, that when teams are tied on average points, the next discriminator is using the results against each other to determine who ranks higher.

Mercy Rule

All competitions will use the Mercy Rule, as required by Regulation E7.

Structures

Nine and Ten Team Competitions

18 Rounds – Double Round Robin

Highest ranked four teams in ranking will qualify for Final series.

Eight Team Competitions

14 rounds initially – double round robin

The final 4 rounds will be determined based on the approximate ranking of teams from 2025. The round order and home matches to be determined.

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

Highest ranked four teams in ranking will qualify for Final series.

Seven Team Competitions

14 rounds initially – double round robin

The final 4 games will be determined based on the ranking of the teams as of 25 May. The round order and home matches to be determined.

The final 5 games will be determined on the approximate ranking of the teams as from 2025 – The round order and home matches to be determined.

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

Highest ranked four teams in ranking will qualify for Final series.

Six Team Competitions

15 rounds initially – triple round robin

The final 3 rounds will be determined based on the approximate ranking of the teams as from 2025. The round order and home matches 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

Highest ranked four teams in ranking will qualify for Final series.

Five Team Competitions

15 rounds initially – triple round robin

The final 3 rounds will be determined based on the approximate ranking of the teams as from 2025. The round order and home matches 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		

Highest ranked three teams in ranking will qualify for Final series.

11 Team Competition

14 rounds initially – single round robin.

The final 7 games will be determined based on the ranking as of 22 June – The round order and home matches 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		

Highest ranked 6 teams qualify for the final series.

12 Team Competition

14 rounds initially – single round robin.

The final 7 games will be determined on the ranking as of 22 June – The round order and home matches 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

Highest ranked 6 teams qualify for the final series.

Final Series Format and Wet-Weather Adjustments

Finals are planned to be played over three weeks as per FSC Calendar, using Appendix 10D or 10E from the FSC Competition Rules.

A new 2026 Wet-Weather rescheduling clause (for full rounds) has been added to the Competition Regulations:

Regulation F15(b)(ii) introduces a new mechanism:

“If there have been no wet-weather weekends/rounds, and the finals series is scheduled for three weeks or more, the finals series is reduced by one week to create an additional wet-weather round.”

If enacted:

- The Final series for the respective competition become a two-week series
- Appendix 10C format is used

Clubs who qualify for the final series must be prepared to host semifinal or final matches.

Specific Age Structure and Divisions

The December 2025 draft is included as a reference, and the updated red cells indicate teams which have not returned.

All Age Competition - Men

The formation of PL 3 means that the first division (2 grades) has been removed with several clubs moving into that competition. Hence six teams from Div 2 would be moved to form a new Div 1 competition. Likewise the movement for Div 2, 3 and adjustment for Div 4.

2025 Draft

AAM 1	AAM 2	AAM 3	AAM 4
Uni Spurs	Balgownie	Balgownie	Uni Wolves -
Unanderra	Uni Wolves	Oak Flats Kraken	Figtree -
Uni Wolves	Dapto	Fairy Meadow	Coledale -
Oak Flats Kraken	Figtree	Uni Wolves	Albion Park Cows
Uni Bomb Brewers -	Oak Flats Kraken	Unanderra	Albion Park SC
Coniston -	Uni Spurs	Thirroul -	Jamberoo
Albion Park Cows -	University Irons -	Figtree -	Uni Spurs
Helensburgh -	Kiama Quarriers -	Uni Bomb Brewers -	Kiama Quarriers
Port Pumas -	Gerringong -	Dapto -	
Albion Park SC -			
10	9	9	8

New Teams: Coniston, Port Pumas, Russell Vale, Thirroul, Tarrawanna, Woonona x 2, Warilla x 2

Nominations 40 teams: 5 indicated Div 1, 13 indicated Div 2, 6 indicated Div 3 and 16 indicated Div 4.

2026 Grading

AAM 1	AAM 2	AAM 3	AAM 4
Albion Park Cows	Balgownie	Balgownie	Albion Park Cows
Albion Park FC	Dapto	Coniston	Albion Park FC
Coniston	Fairy Meadow	Dapto	Coledale
Helensburgh	Gerringong	Fairy Meadow	Figtree
Oak Flats K	Kiama	Figtree	Jamberoo
Port Pumas	United Wolves Maroon	Oak Flats K	Kiama
Unanderra	United Wolves White	Port Pumas	Russell Vale
Uni Spurs	Woonona	Tarrawanna	Thirroul
Uni Bomb B		Thirroul	Uni Spurs
United Wolves		United Wolves	Warilla
		Warilla	
		Woonona	

Men's Masters 35

2025 Draft

Men MAS 1	Men MAS 2	Men MAS 3	Men MAS 4
Coledale	Figtree -	Russell Vale	Northern -
Northern FC	Coledale	Warilla -	Shellharbour FC
Russell Vale FC	Kiama Quarriers	Albion Park	Coniston
Helensburgh	Fernhill	Figtree	Woonona
Shellharbour FC	Uni Wolves	Jamberoo	Gerringong
Bulli	Thirroul -	Coledale	Albion Park
Port Pumas	Albion Park -	Coniston	Helensburgh
Oak Flats Kraken -	University -	Oak Flats Kraken -	Dapto
Thirroul -		Bulli -	
Dapto -			
Unanderra -			
10	7	8	7

New Teams: Albion Park, Dandaloo

From the 2025 grading document last February.

"FSC Management notes the reluctance of teams to participate in (a higher) division, particularly if they have done well in the past season. All clubs are advised that for 2026 FSC management will be considering moving any team that qualifies for the final series to the next division."

From Nominations 35: 5 indicated Div 1, 12 indicated Div 2, 8 indicated Div 3 and 8 indicated Div 4.

Not accepted – Bulli and Oak Flats Kraken (3rd team). Reason - No team lists.

These clubs are required no later than 9:00am on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 to provide FSC with team lists and have these players registered and approved in Play Football for FSC to reconsider. If accepted, then there is no appeal re division assigned.

2026 Grading

Mas 1	Mas 2	Mas 3	Mas 4
Coledale	Albion Park FC	Albion Park FC	Albion Park Gold
Dapto	Coledale	Coledale	Albion Park Green
Helensburgh	Fernhill	Coniston	Coniston
Northern FC	Figtree	Figtree	Dandaloo
Oak Flats Kraken	Kiama	Jamberoo	Dapto
Russell Vale	Port Pumas	Northern FC	Gerringong
Unanderra	Russell Vale	Oak Flats Kraken	Helensburgh
	Shellharbour FC	University	Woonona
	United Wolves	Warilla	
7	9	9	8

Preference would be for a team from Mas 2 to play in Mas 1. Any volunteers?

Men's Masters 45

2025 Draft

O45 Men 1	O45 Men 2
Coledale	Kiama Q -
Helensburgh	Coledale -
Port Pumas	Fernhill
Thirroul	Woonona
Russell Vale	Figtree
Jamberoo -	Helensburgh
Woonona -	
Fairy Meadow -	
Gerringong -	

New Teams: Bulli, Dapto

From Nominations: 8 indicated Div 1, 10 indicated Div 2,

Not accepted – Bulli and Fairy Meadow (3rd team). Reason No team lists.

These clubs are required no later than 9:00am on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 to provide FSC with team lists and have these players registered and approved in Play Football for FSC to reconsider. If accepted, then there is no appeal re division assigned.

2026 Grading

O45-1	O45-2
Coledale	Coledale
Figtree	Dapto
Gerringong	Fernhill
Helensburgh	Figtree
Jamberoo	Helensburgh
Port Pumas	Kiama Q
Russell Vale	Woonona
Thirroul	
Woonona	

All Age Competition - Women

2025 Draft

AAW 1	AAW 2	AAW 3
Kiama Quarriers	Fernhill -	Helensburgh
Moss Vale	Berkeley	Albion Park
Fairy Meadow	Coledale	Dapto
Balgownie	Woonona	Berkeley
Shellharbour	Coniston	Oak Flats Kraken
Albion Park	Gerringong	Fernhill
Fernhill	Fairy Meadow	Coniston
Figtree	Warilla	
	University	
8	9	7

New Teams: Albion Park, Bulli, Kiama, Russell Vale, United Wolves, University x2 (TBC)

From Nominations: 7 indicated Div 1, 12 indicated Div 2, 10 indicated Div 3

Grading

AAW 1	AAW 2	AAW 3
Albion Park	Berkeley	Albion Park Gold
Balgownie	Bulli	Albion Park Green
Fairy Meadow	Coledale	Balgownie
Fernhill	Coniston	Berkeley
Kiama Q	Fernhill	Coniston
Moss Vale	Figtree	Dapto
University	Gerringong	Fairy Meadow
	Kiama Q	Helensburgh
	Russell Vale	Oak Flats K
	Shellharbour	University
	United Wolves	
	Warilla	
7	12	10

O30 Women

2025 Draft Grading

O30W1	O30W2
Kiama Quarriers	Bulli
Russell Vale	Figtree (University) -
Oak Flats Kraken	Dapto
Thirroul	Figtree
Albion Park WE	Jamberoo
Coledale -	Thirroul
Helensburgh -	Albion Park
Woonona -	

New Teams: Albion Park, Oak Flats Kraken

From Nominations: 3 indicated Div 1, 11 indicated Div 2.

Grading

O30W 1	O30W 2
Kiama Q	Figtree Red
Oak Flats Kraken	Woonona
Thirroul	Dapto
Albion Park WE	Figtree Blue
Helensburgh	Albion Park Green
Coledale	Albion Park Gold
	Gerringong
	Oak Flats Kraken
6	8

O40 Women

Nominations – Balgownie, Coledale Maroon, Coledale White, Figtree, Jamberoo, Kiama Q, Russell Vale Black, Russell Vale Pink, Woonona

1 Division

Withdrawing Nomination

Any Club has until **Thursday 5th March 2026, 9:00am** 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 and will be the lowest graded team.

Appeals

Clubs wishing to appeal the structure of a competition or a team grading must do so in accordance with Competition Regulation B5.

“Clubs who have any concerns regarding the Competition structure or grading(s) may make representation to FSC by way of appeal. Clubs wishing to use this means of appeal must provide written justification of each appeal, on Club letterhead, to the Competition Coordinator by the date set by FSC.”

When lodging an appeal, clubs must supply **additional evidence** beyond what was included in the original nomination form. The information provided on the nomination form has already been considered and appeals that simply restate this information may be rejected.

Appeals should also outline practical alternatives for FSC to consider. Examples include:

- Competition structure appeals: Suggested competition layout, proposed divisions, or alternative structures.
- Team grading appeals: Identification of which team should replace your, supported by reasoning.

Please note that FSC already holds player history data from previous seasons. Clubs can access this information by navigating in Dribl to Teams. Filter by age group → Reports → Grading Summary. Go Reports from the dashboard to get the pdf file.

For players without historical data, FSC has sourced the available information.

Appeals must be lodged by **Thursday 5th March 2026**.