

# NSFA CLUB CIRCULAR 17/23

### **ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES**

Dated 30th June 2023

## **Senior Competition Formats - Update**

Dear Club Presidents,

The following circular includes the formats that each Senior Men's and Senior Women's League will take for the remainder of the 2023 Winter Season.

| Competition          | League              | Competition Format                                                                                                |
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|                      |                     | Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week                                                                 |
| Senior Men's All Age | Premier League      | finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet                                                              |
|                      |                     | Weather Weekend on August 4-6.  Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week                                 |
| Senior Men's All Age | Premier League      | finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet                                                              |
|                      | Reserves            | Weather Weekend on August 4-6                                                                                     |
| Senior Men's All Age | Division 2          | Play 21 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). No finals series.                                                            |
| Senior Men's All Age | Division 2 Reserves | Play 21 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). No finals series.                                                            |
| Senior Men's All Age | Division 3          | Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week                                                                 |
|                      |                     | finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet                                                              |
|                      |                     | Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. If no requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 12 August                    |
|                      |                     | Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week                                                                 |
|                      | Division 3 Reserves | finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet                                                              |
| Senior Men's All Age |                     | Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. If no                                                                      |
|                      |                     | requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 12 August                                                                 |
|                      |                     | Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week                                                                 |
| Senior Men's All Age | Division 4          | finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. If no                 |
|                      |                     | requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 12 August                                                                 |
|                      |                     | Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week                                                                 |
| Senior Men's All Age | Division 5          | finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet                                                              |
| Senior Wen's All Age | DIVISION            | Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. If no                                                                      |
|                      |                     | requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 12 August                                                                 |
|                      | Division 6          | Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet            |
| Senior Men's All Age |                     | Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. <b>If no</b>                                                               |
|                      |                     | requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 12 August                                                                 |
|                      | Division 7          | Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week                                                                 |
| Senior Men's All Age |                     | finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet                                                              |
|                      |                     | Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. If no                                                                      |
|                      |                     | requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 12 August Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week               |
|                      |                     | finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet                                                              |
| Senior Men's All Age | Division 8          | Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. If no                                                                      |
|                      |                     | requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 12 August                                                                 |
|                      | Division 9          | Play 14 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). All 14 rounds must                                                           |
| Sonior Mon's All Age |                     | be completed before July 9. Following this, the League will be split into Top 4 and Bottom 4. A further three (3) |
| Senior Men's All Age |                     | rounds will be played. A two-week finals series will                                                              |
|                      |                     | follow for the top 4 teams only.                                                                                  |
|                      | Division 10         | Play 14 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). All 14 rounds must                                                           |
|                      |                     | be completed before July 9. Following this, the League                                                            |
| Senior Men's All Age |                     | will be split into Top 4 and Bottom 4. A further three (3)                                                        |
|                      |                     | rounds will be played. A two-week finals series will                                                              |
|                      |                     | follow for the top 4 teams only.  Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week                               |
|                      | <b>5</b>            | finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet                                                              |
| Senior Men's Over 35 | Division 1          | Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. <b>If no</b>                                                               |
|                      |                     | requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 12 August                                                                 |

| Senior Men's Over 35 | Division 2          | Play 14 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). All 14 rounds must be completed before July 9. Following this, the League will be split into Top 4 and Bottom 4. A further three (3) rounds will be played. A two-week finals series will follow for the top 4 teams only.                                                                                                                                              |
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| Senior Men's Over 35 | Division 3          | Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. If no requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 12 August                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Senior Men's Over 35 | Division 4          | Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. If no requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 12 August                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Senior Men's Over 45 | Division 1          | Play 14 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). Round 7 washout fixtures will be played on 15 July. All other teams will not have a fixture. All fixtures must be completed before July 16. Following the completion of 14 competition rounds, the League will be split into Top 4 and Bottom 4. A further three (3) rounds will be played. A two-week finals series will follow for the top 4 teams only.              |
| Senior Men's Over 45 | Division 1 Reserves | Play 14 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). Round 7 washout fixtures will be played on 15 July. All other teams will not have a fixture. All 14 competition rounds must be completed before July 16. Following the completion of 14 competition rounds, the League will be split into Top 4 and Bottom 4. A further three (3) rounds will be played. A two-week finals series will follow for the top 4 teams only. |
| Senior Men's Over 45 | Division 2          | Play 15 rounds. Following this, three rounds will be generated at random and each team will play 18 competition fixtures. After 18 rounds are completed, a two-week finals series will be played.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Senior Men's Over 45 | Division 2 Reserves | Play 15 rounds. Following this, three rounds will be generated at random and each team will play 18 competition fixtures. After 18 rounds are completed, a two-week finals series will be played.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Senior Men's Over 45 | Division 3          | Play 14 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). All 14 rounds must be completed before July 9. Following this, the League will be split into Top 4 and Bottom 4. A further three (3) rounds will be played. A two-week finals series will follow for the top 4 teams only.                                                                                                                                              |
| Senior Men's Over 45 | Division 3 Reserves | Play 14 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). All 14 rounds must be completed before July 9. Following this, the League will be split into Top 4 and Bottom 4. A further three (3) rounds will be played. A two-week finals series will follow for the top 4 teams only.                                                                                                                                              |
| Senior Men's Over 45 | Division 4          | Play 14 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). All 14 rounds must be completed before July 9. Following this, the League will be split into Top 4 and Bottom 4. A further three (3)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

|                      |                     | rounds will be played. A two-week finals series will follow for the top 4 teams only.                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Senior Men's Over 45 | Division 4 Reserves | Play 14 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). All 14 rounds must be completed before July 9. Following this, the League will be split into Top 4 and Bottom 4. A further three (3) rounds will be played. A two-week finals series will follow for the top 4 teams only. |
| Senior Men's Over 55 | Division 1          | Play 21 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). No finals series.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

| Competition               | League         | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Senior Women's All<br>Age | Premier League | Play 21 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). No finals series.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Senior Women's All<br>Age | Division 2     | Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. If no requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 13 August                                                            |
| Senior Women's All<br>Age | Division 3     | Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. If no requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 13 August                                                            |
| Senior Women's All<br>Age | Division 4     | Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. If no requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 13 August                                                            |
| Senior Women's Over<br>35 | Division 1     | Play 14 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). All 14 rounds must be completed before July 9. Following this, the League will be split into Top 4 and Bottom 4. A further three (3) rounds will be played. A two-week finals series will follow for the top 4 teams only.  |
| Senior Women's Over<br>35 | Division 2     | Play 18 rounds (scheduled on Dribl) with a 2-week finals series following completion of 18 rounds. Wet Weather Weekend (WWW) on August 11-13. If no requirement for WWW, finals to begin on 13 August                                                            |
| Senior Women's Over<br>35 | Division 3     | Play 14 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). All 14 rounds must be completed before July 16. Following this, the League will be split into Top 4 and Bottom 4. A further three (3) rounds will be played. A two-week finals series will follow for the top 4 teams only. |
| Senior Women's Over<br>35 | Division 4^    | Play 14 rounds (scheduled on Dribl). Following this, the League will be split into Top 4 and Bottom 4. A further three (3) rounds will be played. A two-week finals series will follow for the top 4 teams only.                                                 |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>wedge}$  = The final fixtures for this League will be played on 21 July. Prior to this date, the split will occur with placeholders for CRF and WPF (pending completion of the fixture). The fixtures will then be updated on the Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July with the correct teams listed.

(scheduled on Dribl) = the fixtures are already publicly available on the Dribl website.

#### **Important Information**

#### 1. Squad Divisions & Splits

- o Squad divisions will be split **per league** and not by First Grade standings.
  - Preference for home ground advantage will be given to First Grade over the Reserve Grade team(s). This may mean that the Reserve Grade team may not play their fixture at a ground specified as their home nor paired with their First Grade counterpart. NSFA will look to pair them up wherever possible, however this will not always be possible due to differing finishing positions in both First Grade and Reserve Grade.

#### 2. Finals Series Format

- Week 1 (Semi Finals): 1<sup>st</sup> place vs 4<sup>th</sup> place (Match 1) | 2<sup>nd</sup> place vs 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Match 2)
- o Week 2 (Grand Final): Winner of Match 1 vs Winner of Match 2

#### 3. <u>Postponements</u>

- o Postponements from this point on are not recommended for 8-team divisions.
- If a postponement is required, a suitable date, time and venue must be agreed upon prior to postponing the game AND the date must be before the competition is due to split (if the League will be splitting into top 4 and bottom 4)

#### 4. Wet Weather Weekend

- Currently, the Wet Weather Weekend (WWW) is scheduled for August 11 13 for all divisions except Senior Men's Premier League / Premier League Reserves, whose WWW is August 4 – 6.
- If there is no further rain before the scheduled WWW, the Finals Series will commence on Friday 11 August for all Senior competitions except for MAA2/2R, WAAPL and M55/1.

#### 5. Communication

 All communication from Team Managers must be sent to Club Administrators prior to being sent to NSFA Staff by Club Administrators. Recently, we have seen Team Managers going directly to NSFA Staff members rather than following the correct communication procedures. Please ensure that the correct lines of communication are used.

#### 6. Naming of Winners

The team that finishes first on the table at the conclusion of the Home and Away season will be the "Premiers". The team that wins the Grand Final (if applicable) will be the "Finals Series Winners". "Premiers" of Senior Men's All Age Premier League, Senior Men's Over 35 Division 1, Senior Men's Over 45 Division 1 (First Grade), Senior Women's All Age Premier League and Senior Women's Over 35 Division 1 will be invited to represent NSFA at Football NSW's Champion of Champions.

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