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Update on Football NSW Men's and Boys' Competitions

Structure of Men's Senior Football

The Football NSW Board resolved that the following structure for Men's Senior Competitions will apply for 2020 and following seasons:

- Four divisions consisting of:
 - NSW National Premier League
 - NSW National Premier League 2
 - NSW National Premier League 3
 - NSW National Premier League 4.
- 12 clubs per division.
- Each division comprises U18, U20 and 1st Grade.
- League tables maintained for the Premiership series.
- Five-team Championship Series to determine the Champion.
- Senior level promotion and relegation to be based on standings of 1st Grade Premiership only and be applied as follows:
 - Last place (12th) in NPL, NPL 2 and NPL 3 to be relegated;
 - First place (1st) in NPL 2, NPL 3 and NPL 4 to be promoted; and
 - Second-last place (11th) in NPL, NPL 2, and NPL 3 will enter a promotion/relegation playoff against a club from the division below (format to be determined).
- Senior Club Championship to consist of U18, U20 and 1st Grade. Club Championship will not impact promotion/relegation.
- All clubs will be required to operate Senior and Youth programs.

For the 2020 season, clubs will be allocated to Senior competitions based on the 2019 Senior Club Championship as follows:

2019 (Senior Club Championship)	2020
1 st -12 th from NPL	Last Place (12 th) relegated to NPL 2 1 st -11 th remain in NPL
1 st -11 th from NPL 2	1 st Place club Promoted to NPL 2 nd -11 th remain in NPL 2
12 th -14 th from NPL 2	Relegated to NPL 3
1 st -9 th from NPL 3	1 st Place club Promoted to NPL 2 2 nd -9 th remain in NPL 3
1 st from State League	1 st Place club Promoted to NPL 3
10 th -14 th from NPL 3 and 2 nd -11 th from State League and Southern Branch FC. Applications received from an A-League Club will also be considered.	Entry into NPL 4 (12 clubs) will be assessed based on (i) performance; (ii) comparative likely contribution in the future to a high-quality elite or semi-professional competition at both youth and men's levels (iii) Geographical Density of NPL clubs and other criteria to be confirmed

Structure of Boys' Youth Football

The Football NSW Board resolved that the following structure for Boys' Youth Competitions will apply for 2020 and following seasons.

- Two levels – NPL1 and NPL2 Youth.
- 24 Clubs in each level.
- Placement into the two levels to be based on senior club position for 2020 season only (NPL1 and NPL2 Senior clubs allocated into NPL1 Youth; NPL3 and NPL4 Senior Clubs allocated into NPL2 Youth). From 2021 Seniors and Youth will be decoupled.
- Phase One – Clubs play each other in seeded groups (using snake method to ensure even spread across the two groups) for one round (11 matches).
- In 2020, seedings will be based on Youth Club Championship from 2016-18. From 2021 seedings are reset and is based on Youth Club Championship from the previous season.
- Based on Youth Club Championship in Phase One, top six clubs from NPL1 from each group combine to form Tier 1.1 for Phase Two, consisting of 11 matches plus championship series.
- Based on Youth Club Championship in Phase One, bottom six clubs from NPL1 from each group combine to form Tier 1.2 for Phase Two, consisting of 11 matches plus championship series.
- Based on Youth Club Championship in Phase One, top six clubs from NPL2 from each group combine to form Tier 2.1 for Phase Two, consisting of 11 matches plus championship series.
- Based on Youth Club Championship in Phase One, bottom six clubs from NPL2 from each group combine to form Tier 2.2 for Phase Two, consisting of 11 matches plus championship series.
- After each season, the bottom two clubs from Tier 1.2, based on Youth Club Championship, are relegated to NPL2. The top two clubs from Tier 2.1, based on Youth Club Championship, are promoted to NPL1.
- NPL1 and NPL2 Youth will comprise ages Under 13, Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16.
- Youth Club Championship will consist of Under 14, 15 and 16 (Under 13 will be excluded). Youth Club Championship will be calculated evenly across the three age grades based on results from the second phase only.

A presentation of the model is included on the following pages.

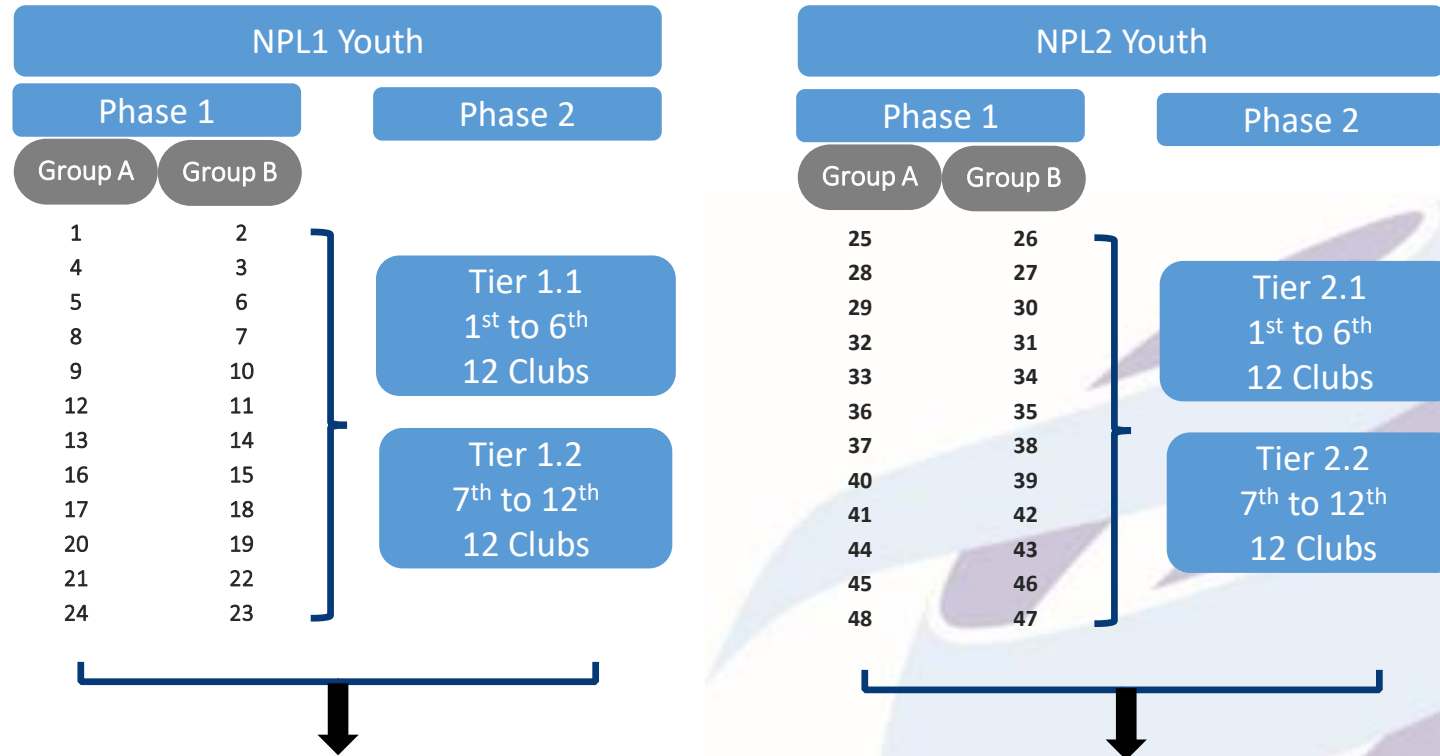
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NPL Youth Two-Phase Model



- Clubs will be allocated to NPL1 Youth and NPL2 Youth based on their Senior program in the first year only (2020)
- Clubs are then seeded 1-24 and 25-48 based on their previous youth results (2016-18 seasons)
- Phase 1: NPL1 and NPL2 youth play in two seeded groups for eleven games
- Phase 2: Based on results Clubs will then move to the applicable tier for eleven games
- At the end of the season there will be a championship series (4 week, top 5 format)
- Promotion/relegation for two youth teams between NPL1 (Tier 1.2) and NPL2 (Tier 2.1) based on the Youth Club Championship
- Youth Age Grades – U13, U14, U15, U16
- Youth Club Championship ages – U14, U15 and U16
- For season 2 the competition resets with seedings based on Youth Club Championship from Phase 2 of season 1

SAMPLE of Groups for NPL1 Youth Phase 1

Group A

1. Western Sydney Wanderers FC
4. St George FC
5. Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC
8. Sydney Olympic FC
9. Central Coast Mariners FC
12. Sutherland Sharks FC
13. Wollongong Wolves FC
16. Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC
17. Blacktown Spartans FC
20. Canterbury Bankstown FC
21. GHFA Spirit FC
24. Hills United FC

Group B

2. Blacktown City FC
3. Sydney FC
6. Marconi Stallions FC
7. Manly United FC
10. Sydney United 58 FC
11. APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC
14. Northern Tigers FC
15. Hakoah Sydney City FC
18. Rockdale City Suns FC
19. North Shore Mariners FC
22. Mounties Wanderers FC
23. Macarthur Rams FC

- The above seedings are provided as a sample. Actual seeding will be determined as part of the declaration of leagues.
- Each club plays one match against the other clubs in their group
- At the end of phase 1, the top six (based on youth club championship) from Group A and Group B are combined together to form a group of 12 clubs (Tier 1.1). The bottom six from Group A and Group B form a group of 12 Clubs (Tier 1.2).
- For the sample, we will assume the top six seeded clubs from each group finish in the top six of phase 1

SAMPLE of Groups for NPL1 Youth Phase 2

Tier 1.1

1. Western Sydney Wanderers FC
2. Blacktown City FC
3. Sydney FC
4. St George FC
5. Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC
6. Marconi Stallions FC
7. Manly United FC
8. Sydney Olympic FC
9. Central Coast Mariners FC
10. Sydney United 58 FC
11. APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC
12. Sutherland Sharks FC

Tier 1.2

13. Wollongong Wolves FC
14. Northern Tigers FC
15. Hakoah Sydney City East FC
16. Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC
17. Blacktown Spartans FC
18. Rockdale City Suns FC
19. North Shore Mariners FC
20. Canterbury Bankstown FC
21. GHFA Spirit FC
22. Mounties Wanderers FC
23. Macarthur Rams FC
24. Hills United FC

- Each club plays one match against the other clubs in their group
- At the end of Phase 2 there would be a championship series

As an **example**, this means **APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC** **could** play

Phase 1

Blacktown City FC
Sydney FC
Marconi Stallions FC
Manly United FC
Sydney United 58 FC
Northern Tigers FC
Hakoah Sydney City East FC
Rockdale City Suns FC
North Shore Mariners FC
Mounties Wanderers FC
Macarthur Rams FC

Phase 2

Western Sydney Wanderers FC
Blacktown City FC
Sydney FC
St George FC
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC
Marconi Stallions FC
Manly United FC
Sydney Olympic FC
Central Coast Mariners FC
Sydney United 58 FC
Sutherland Sharks FC

- At the end of Phase 2 there would be a championship series

SAMPLE of Groups for NPL2 Youth Phase 1

Group A

- 25. Parramatta FC
- 28. Fraser Park FC
- 29. St George City FA
- 32. Hawkesbury City FC
- 33. Camden Tigers FC
- 36. Nepean FC
- 37. Gladesville Ryde Magic
- 40. Stanmore Hawks FC
- 41. Balmain Tigers FC
- 44. Southern Branch FC
- 45. TBC
- 48. TBC

Group B

- 26. Bankstown City FC
- 27. Rydalmere Lions FC
- 30. Sydney University SFC
- 31. Dunbar Rovers FC
- 34. Bankstown United FC
- 35. Granville Rage
- 38. SD Raiders FC
- 39. Dulwich Hill FC
- 42. Western Mariners FC
- 43. Inter Lions FC
- 46. TBC
- 47. TBC

- The above seedings are provided as a sample. Actual seeding will be determined as part of the declaration of leagues.
- Each club plays one match against the other clubs in their group
- At the end of phase 1, the top six (based on youth club championship) from Group A and Group B are combined together to form a group of 12 clubs (Tier 2.1). The bottom six from Group A and Group B form a group of 12 Clubs (Tier 2.2).
- For the sample, we will assume the top six seeded clubs from each group finish in the top six of phase 1

SAMPLE of Groups for NPL2 Youth Phase 2

Tier 2.1

25. Parramatta FC
26. Bankstown City FC
27. Rydalmere Lions FC
28. Fraser Park FC
29. St George City FA
30. Sydney University SFC
31. Dunbar Rovers FC
32. Hawkesbury City FC
33. Camden Tigers FC
34. Bankstown United FC
35. Granville Rage
36. Nepean FC

Tier 2.2

37. Gladesville Ryde Magic
38. SD Raiders FC
39. Dulwich Hill FC
40. Stanmore Hawks FC
41. Balmain Tigers FC
42. Western Mariners FC
43. Inter Lions FC
44. Southern Branch FC
45. TBC
46. TBC
47. TBC
48. TBC

- Each club plays one match against the other clubs in their group
- At the end of Phase 2 there would be a championship series

As an **example**, this means Hawkesbury City FC **could** play

Phase 1

Parramatta FC
Fraser Park FC
St George City FA
Camden Tigers FC
Nepean FC
Gladesville Ryde Magic
Stanmore Hawks FC
Balmain Tigers FC
Southern Branch FC
TBC
TBC

Phase 2

Parramatta FC
Bankstown City FC
Rydalmere Lions FC
Fraser Park FC
St George City FA
Sydney University SFC
Dunbar Rovers FC
Camden Tigers FC
Bankstown United FC
Granville Rage
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- At the end of Phase 2 there would be a championship series



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