



MEMO 68-2023

DATE: 21 November 2023
TO: NNSWF Premier Clubs
FROM: Senior Officer – Premier Competitions
SUBJECT: 2024 Fixture Requirements & Preferences (Including Finals & Hosting NNSWF Events)

For Information or Action	Action required	When	NNSWF Contact	Total Pages
Action	Complete: Fixture Request Submission form	By COB 30 November 23	Steph Carte	3

Dear All,

We are now seeking your input for the **2024 Premier Competition Fixtures**. Please submit all the key information for your fixtures via the [Fixture Request Submission form](#) to ensure we capture and can use all the relevant information. Please complete one form per club inclusive of all your programs including NPL Men's / Women's, NL1, Premier Youth League & JDL. This includes but is not limited to:

- When your ground is not available (including rye grass programs, building works etc)
- Preferences for day / time for each program
- Any key dates for club celebrations / key events
- Any key preferred matches for certain dates (i.e. Intercity Cup)
- If your club would be interested in hosting Grand Finals and special events

Please note, whilst we will aim to fulfill as many requests as possible, no request can be guaranteed. There are number of competing factors across clubs, venues, and council regions.

We will again be looking to maximise the number of spectators and viewers for first-grade competitions & also assist with the coverage of match officials. We continue to have a large proportion of grounds being utilised for men's and women's premier football, meaning 3 matchdays (NPLM, NPLW & PYL Boy's & Girl's) into two weekends whilst considering venue availability of all club venues in the league.



We have also attached the calendar for premier competitions which is now confirmed for season 2024 Premier Competitions.

NPL Men's

- Given the potential for Senior Men's Home games to be Reserve Grade & First Grade only, match day kick off times to be considered for Saturday & Sunday are:
 - Res 10:30am & 1st 12:30pm* (*Only if no under 18s are playing on the day*)
 - Res 12:30pm & 1st 2:30pm (*18s @ 10:40am if coupled with seniors*)
 - Res 2:30pm & 1st 4:30pm (*18s @ 12:40pm if coupled with seniors*)
 - Res 4:00pm & 1st 6:00pm* (*18s @ 2:10pm if coupled with seniors*)

**these timeslot will like only be used at a clubs request, please nominate via the form if your club would prefer this earlier time for any round (s) throughout the season.*
- Clubs have been asked to consider Friday evening as a potential match day, again given the possibility of just 2 senior matches being played, with matches to be scheduled at Res 6:00pm & 1st 8:00pm.
 - Clubs can request to have some matches on Friday night / Saturday evening in the early part of the season without committing to it for the full season.

NPL Women's

- Similar fixture to previous seasons, clubs may again consider splitting NPL Women's First & Reserve Grade & PYL Girl's 17, 15 & 13 years over the course of the weekend.
 - For clubs splitting senior football and PYL the above timeslots noted in the mens section can be used as a guide.

NL1

- Given the introduction of promotion playoffs the season has to be timed to ensure both NL1 and NPL clubs are provided the same lead up to any playoff matches, as such the NL1 season will finish earlier and have no scheduled catch-up rounds.
- There is currently scheduled midweek matches for the midweek of 19th-21th March and also 29th April – 3rd May.
- Whilst we have matches scheduled for Easter weekend these matches, by agreement of both club clubs can be
 - Played on any of the public holidays throughout the Easter weekend
 - Played in the midweek preceding or following the Easter weekend
- The competition will be played over 3 full rounds (home & away) and each club will have 3 byes, 1 in each round. Clubs will have a home & away split of 9/8 or 8/9 with preference for the 9/8 split given to clubs who have full venue access throughout the season.



NORTHERN NSW FOOTBALL

- Given the potential for Senior Men's Home games to be Reserve Grade & First Grade only, match day kick off times to be considered for Saturday & Sunday are:
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PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE

- PYL Girl's rounds are synced with NPL Women's rounds, as has been the case in previous seasons, clubs will play the same club in NPLW & PYL Girl's and fixture release will be for entire season Rounds 1 – 21.
- PYL Boy's initial fixture release will include:
 - Pre-season Matches
 - Rounds 1-11 of PYL Home & Away Season, release date for phase 2 Rounds 1-7 is 14th June.
- PYL Boy's & Senior Men's match days may not sync, meaning PYL Boy's may be away when Senior Men's are at home. The preference sheet asks the question if Senior Men's match day and PYL Boy's match day do fall on the same weekend at HOME would your club prefer to link the 18 years game with the Senior Men's Match Day.
- As previously discussed, regional teams will have a higher proportion of their matches at HOME to reduce the travel burden on players and their families.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

- JDL has been uploaded to the calendar as Weeks 1-22, these are the dates for JDL 2024 inclusive of all breaks, Regional Galas (dates TBC), and 5s Galas (Weeks 1 & 2).
- JDL fixtures will be released by end January.



Please note the *following* key dates & timelines:

- Fixture requests memo distributed – **Tuesday 21st November**
- Club Feedback submitted – **COB Wednesday 30th November**
- Draft confidential fixture released to clubs – **Thursday 7th December**
- Club feedback on draft submitted – **9am Tuesday 12th December**
- Public fixture release – **Thursday 14th December**

These timelines are heavily reliant on clubs providing feedback by the given dates, no retrospective consideration can be given to special requests received outside the timelines above.

Link: [Fixture Request Submission form](#)

Regards,

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