



## MEMO 26-2025

**DATE:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
**TO:** Premier Clubs  
**FROM:** GM Football Operations  
**SUBJECT:** PYL Boys Competition – Wet Weather

For Information or Action	Action required	When	NNSWF Contact	Total Pages
Action	Provide feedback on proposals and/ or Attend Teams Meeting	Meeting – Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm on Teams. Feedback Due by Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> COB.	Liam Bentley	3

Dear all,

As everyone is aware, the wet weather once again is making the conducting of football challenging, especially in the PYL Boys competition space. The structure of this competition and the inclusion of promotion and relegation, along with the unprecedented run of wet weather has placed significant pressure on both clubs and Northern NSW Football to get matches played by dates which are now becoming impossible. We currently have a considerable number of clubs with 3 full postponed matchdays to play – prior to any call offs this weekend.

NNSWF has already utilised the catch up rounds, scheduled a significant number of midweek matches (many of which have also been postponed), double headers and scheduled matches in the week after phase 1 was planned to conclude.

In the interests of competition integrity and aiming to base promotion and relegation on as true a reflection as possible, NNSWF will be delaying the start of Phase 2, and in consultation with clubs, implementing an amended competition structure for Phase 2.

**Phase 2 of PYL Boys will be delayed until the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> June**, this will allow us to have 3 catch-up rounds after the end of the scheduled phase 1 fixtures. This will assist in getting as many phase 1 games completed as possible and provide a truer reflection on which Phase 2 leagues will be decided.

With the history of the 2024 season, the first half of the 2025 season and the predicted “wetter than usual” winter forecast – it is reasonable to expect that current conditions will continue through to Phase 2 and as such we are seeking feedback on 2 possible options for phase 2. Two options have been outlined below:



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## Option 1

**Overview:** Revert the PYL Phase 2 section back to playing each team once for season 2025, with the inclusion of a number of extra catch-up rounds

**Explanation:** Whilst NNSWF was excited to increase the number of matches in 2025, it is unlikely that we will get all matches finished during the season. Option 1 allows us to ensure that promotion and relegation for both Phase 2 in 2025, and importantly Phase 1 of 2026, is judged in a competition where teams have played each other an equal amount of times.

We are also very aware of the significant extra burden the wet weather has put on volunteers, and any remaining option would significantly extend the season past it's current scheduled end.

Whilst this ultimately shortens the season, this is due to choosing between either a 14 round phase 2 (in which teams play each other twice) or a 7 round phase 2 (in which teams play each other once).

**Start Date:** Round 1 – 14/15th June

**Finish Date:** A, B & C - Grand Finals 30<sup>th</sup> /31<sup>st</sup> August

## Option 2

**Overview:** Maintain Phase 2 as two full rounds an extend the season through to October to include ample catch-up rounds to ensure the season can be completed.

**Explanation:** This is similar to the season as it's currently scheduled, with clubs playing twice against everyone in their division. However, the addition of the catch-up rounds in between Phase 1 and Phase 2, plus a need to include further catch-up rounds in Phase 2 will mean that the season will be extended at least 1 month longer than is currently scheduled.

This option will provide more football for the players; however, it will likely mean a higher risk of the need for the leagues to be decided on a points per game basis. The increased number of matches, and lower ratio of catch-up rounds to actual rounds will lead to an increase in midweek fixtures.

**Start date:** Round 1 – 14/15th June

**Finish Date:** A, B & C - Grand Finals 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> October

Please see a graphic calendar of our current schedule, option 1 and option 2 below.

	January				February				March				April				May				June				July				August				September				October				November							
	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Public Holidays				AD										E	AZ									KB														LD										
School Holidays	Summer								Easter								Winter								Spring																							
Premier Youth League Boys																																																
Original Schedule									1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	SF	GF													
OPTION 1									1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	CU	CU	CU	1	2	3	4	CU	5	6	CU	7	CU	SF	GF														
OPTION 2									1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	CU	CU	CU	1	2	3	4	CU	5	6	7	CU	8	9	10	CU	11	12	13	14	CU	SF	GF						

Our current regulations permit the use of Points Per Game (PPG) as a method of finalising competitions, the higher the number of matches missed the less reflective this method is of the actual competition. Both options may result in the use of PPG for competitions.



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Clubs are asked to consider the two options and discuss with key personnel in their club prior to providing feedback. Whilst attendance is not mandatory and feedback can be provided without attending, I have also scheduled an online meeting on Tuesday 20th – to take on any feedback or to explain the options further, with details below:

[PYL Boys Wet Weather Meeting - Click Here to Join - Tuesday 20th 5:30pm](#)

Meeting ID: 498 223 919 144 0

Passcode: Nm9mB9wh

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach to the Football Operations Team

Regards,

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Northern NSW Football**

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