

## Draw Explanation – First Grade

### FIRST GRADE (12 teams)

#### Outline of Structure

#### 1. PHASE ONE: ROUND ROBIN

- a. Two sections of 6 teams – (Division 1 & 2) – seeding based on last year's final positions – teams will play 5 round robin games within their division
- b. **Rounds 1 - 4** – played over four weekends prior to the Championship week
  - i. Four games completed –
  - ii. Games held in varying locations hosted by Regions
- c. **Championship week** – complete round robin with one game on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept
- d. After completion of the Phase One – teams within each Division are re-ranked 1 to 6

#### 2. PHASE TWO: FINALS

- a. **Division 1** –
  - i. The top 4 teams (1 to 4) play-off – semi-final (1 v 4/ 2 v 3) on Friday. Following this on Saturday games for final ranking are played (winner v winner/ loser v loser) for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> positions.
  - ii. The remaining two teams (5 & 6) playoff on Friday to decide final rankings for the promotion/relegation games to be held on Saturday against teams 1 & 2 from Division 2.
  - iii. Promotion/Relegation games will be played on Saturday as follows:  

Div1/5 <sup>th</sup> v Div2/2 <sup>nd</sup>	Div1/6 <sup>th</sup> v Div2/1 <sup>st</sup>
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- b. **Division 2** –
  - i. The top two ranked teams (1 & 2) playoff on Friday to decide final rankings for the promotion/relegation games to be held on Saturday against teams 5 & 6 from Division 1.
  - ii. Promotion/Relegation games will be played on Saturday as follows:  

Div1/5 <sup>th</sup> v Div2/2 <sup>nd</sup>	Div1/6 <sup>th</sup> v Div2/1 <sup>st</sup>
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  - iii. The bottom four ranked teams (3 to 6) play-off – semi-final (3 v 6/4 v 5) on Friday. Following this on Saturday games for final rankings are played (winner v winner/loser v loser) for 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> positions.

3. Total number of games per team = 7 games

4. The maximum number of times teams will meet is twice (x2)