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Competitions Update



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Dear All,

As confirmed at the Presidents Workshop on Monday 9th October, we are excited to announce the launch of two new competitions that we will come into effect for the 2024 season.

G18 / G20 Competition

NSFA are introducing a new Girls Under 18 / Girls Under 20 (G18/G20) Competition which will replace the existing Girls Under 18 Age Group. The competition will build more depth in the age group by increasing the age range to 16 – 20 years and help with player retention given the significantly increased school commitments of participants in the age group. Our goal is to improve the footballing experience for Female Footballers by providing more balanced and competitive divisions. There is currently a lack of depth in the Girls Under 18 age group; for season 2023 we only had 11 teams of which only 3 were in the Diamond League Competition.

Competition Structure

The G18/G20 competition will consist of either two or three divisions, this is dependent on the number of team nominations we receive. The top division will still be Diamond league, however the two training sessions a week will not be enforced by NSFA. Clubs are to advise Kristi Murphy femalefootball@nsfa.asn.au & Adam Cloughton adam.cloughton@nsfa.asn.au if they will be nominating a Diamond League team.

Eligibility

- Minimum age is 16 (on day of the game)
- Maximum age is 20 (born 2004)

Scheduling

Games will be scheduled on Sunday mornings. The age group will be categorised as a 'Junior Competition.' Scheduling games in the morning will assist senior teams borrowing players. There is no restriction for players playing from Juniors to Seniors.

Champion of Champions (COC)

Teams consisting of G18 players will still be eligible to compete in the G18 FNSW State Cup & COC tournaments. To be eligible to compete in age based competitions such as Girls U18 teams must not field any overage players through the course of the season.



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Women's Over 30s / Women's Over 45s

NSFA will be replacing the existing Women's Over 35 competitions with a Women's Over 30's and a Women's Over 45's competition.

Structure

The change in the competition structure has been in the pipeline for a number of years, however the significant growth in the competition over the last 7 years means that we are now able to implement the change. The Women's Over 35 competition has grown from 369 players in 2016 to 596 players, an increase of 12 teams and 227 players. Our goal is to form two divisions in both the Women's Over 30 (WO30) and Women's Over 45 (WO45) competition. The current age group split of women players is as follows:

Age Group	Players
30-44	320
45+	361

Eligibility

WO30 – Minimum age 30, no maximum age

WO45 – Minimum age 45, no maximum age

- Dispensations will be considered to help clubs with the transition. As a transitional measure to enable the Over 45's competition to commence, each team can nominate 3 players aged between 40 – 44 for the 2024 season before the season commences.

Scheduling

Games will continue to be scheduled on Sunday afternoon, 1 & 3pm KO.

Expressions of interest

To assist the Competitions Department with preparations for next season, we are requesting for clubs to provide an early indication of teams that they are likely to have in each competition next season. Please email Adam Cloughton & William Abbott.

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