



Further Information around Grading of Representative Competitions

As we are getting closer to the grading weekends, I thought I would supply you with some more information and greater understanding of the Representative competitions.

The first important item to note is the choice for players and teams is not around days, unfortunately you cannot choose to play on weekends if weekdays don't suit. The weekends Representative competitions will be available to those teams, who through the grading process have graded to either a Division 1 or Division 2 level, there will be no Division 3, and any teams which are deemed not to be up to Division 2 standards will be automatically placed in the Domestic rosters on week nights.

There is not limit on how many teams CAMs/Clubs can enter in the Representative competitions. While Division 1 has a projected level of 6 teams, this may be adjusted up or down depending on the level of competition. Whilst adjustments may be made, the number of teams will always remain an even number (4/6/8).

The grading weekends will be run in a tournament style, all teams in each age group will be ranked based off the team lists supplied at entry. Based on the ranking, the teams will be divided into even pools, for example (based on 16 entries)

<i>Pool A</i>	<i>Pool B</i>	<i>Pool C</i>	<i>Pool D</i>
Rank #1	Rank #2	Rank #3	Rank #4
Rank #8	Rank #7	Rank #6	Rank #5
Rank #9	Rank #10	Rank #11	Rank #12
Rank #16	Rank #15	Rank #14	Rank #13

Teams play games in their pools initially, then, the top ranked team in each pool goes directly into Division 1. From the initial pool games, we have the first 4 Division 1 teams. The bottom ranked team in each pool is automatically ranked Division 2, with the Competitions Committee to decide on their eligibility in the Representative rosters.

Based on the 16-team model, we are left with 8 teams and 2 spots remaining in Division 1

- o QF1 - 2nd Pool A vs 3rd Pool D.
- o QF2 - 2nd Pool B vs 3rd Pool C.
- o QF3 - 2nd Pool C vs 3rd Pool B.
- o QF 4 - 2nd Pool D vs 3rd Pool A.
- o Winners of QF1 vs QF4 – winner of this game advances to Division 1.
- o Winners of QF2 vs QF3 – winner of this game advances to Division 1.
- o All other teams drop to Division 2

Where competitions might be extremely close for the last 2 spots, the Competitions Committee will decide if the Division 1 group should be expanded to 8 teams.