



Member Updates from Hills HQ – December 2020

Summary – Proposed updates to HFI 2021 By-Laws

- The ability for HFI to change the bylaws under a Force Majeure event to remain, but the 2020 COVID-19 annexure 2 including the 2020 relaxed borrowing rules and other covid-19 flexibility to be removed.
- Premier Youth League Competition – the amount of older age players permitted to play in a team has been amended from 4 players to 2 players.
- Other Saturday Competition Youth League age grades clarified that players are to be no older than U21.
- Clause 8.1.5 of the Bylaws to be changed to reflect when teams end up on the same points following the completion of the competition, priority is given to the team with the most wins and then if the same, goal difference.

Competition scheduling and procedures

- ANZAC Day Clash Sunday 25th April 2020 - AAW and Youth Girls matches affected by ANZAC Day to be played on the Friday evening prior to Anzac Day. Junior female Sunday matches affected by ANZAC Day, to be played on Saturday afternoons on fields prior to ANZAC Day. This will also allow the Grading Review following Round 4.
- Introduction of a Wet Weather Procedure.

Female Football

- Female Football Age Grades to be U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15/U16, Youth Girls, AAW & O35.
- Youth Girls Competition to allow U19 players, allowing 2020 Youth Girls teams to play together again in 2021, if they so wish.
- U13 Girls to play competition matches on a field size being 18-yard box to 18-yard box. This will align all female age grades with the same field format (10v10) and size used within Football NSW competitions for GSAP, GCL and WNPL and as voted for at the November 2019 Clubs Meeting.

Women's Premier League

- AAW Division 1 to be rebranded to **Women's Premier League (WPL)** with the same competition rules as other AAW grades (WPL to be a standalone comp with no promotion or relegation to AAW).
- AAW divisions to be AAW 2, 3, 4, 5
- Women's Premier League Grade to receive the same digital marketing promotions and pre-season photo shoots as the Men's Premier League.
- Women's Premier League to have match of the round live streamed. This will be one (1) match of each round and will be shared evenly as possible throughout the season in line with the Men's Premier League.
- Women's Premier League to have a Golden Boot Award and Trophy, same as the Men's Premier League.

Technical & Development

- Community Coaching programs to be delivered for Grassroots, Skill Training and Game Training courses as well as Female Only coaching courses.
- Planning to provide periodic training sessions for some junior female and male teams with GSAP, GCL and BSAP, NPL.
- HFI to once again conduct Club MiniRoos Coordinators meeting (08/03/21) and Club CCC Meeting (09/03/21).

Small Sided Football

- Small sided female football teams to be named / referred to as '*MiniTildas*' with divisions being named after Matildas players.
- Mixed small-sided football teams to be named / referred to as '*MiniRoos*' with divisions being named after Socceroo players.

HFI Office Closure

- The Hills Football Office will be closed from 5:00pm Friday 18th December 2020 until 9:00am Monday 11th January 2021

Communications Summary – December 2020

- [Hills Football Program 2021](#)
- [Fees 2021](#)
- [Circular regarding Winter Football Registration Discounts 2021](#)

On behalf of the staff and board of Hill Football Inc. I would like to thank all Clubs for their tremendous efforts during an unprecedented season in 2020 and look forward to working closely with all as we charge into season 2021 – hopefully our biggest yet.

Kind regards,

Matt Rippon

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