

Waikato Secondary Schools' Football Association

Championship League Rules

1. ENTRIES

Championship Leagues will be run in the following Divisions

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| Boys: | Senior | Premier Boys Division 1 Senior Boys Divisions 2 - 5 (depending on numbers) |
| | Junior | Junior Boys Divisions 1-5 (depending on numbers) |
| Girls: | Senior | Premier Girls Division 1 Senior Girls Divisions 2 - 5 (depending on numbers) |
| | Junior | Junior Girls Divisions 1 - 3 (depending on numbers) |

Schools entering teams must complete an official entry form and ensure it is returned to the WSSFA before the designated date.

Late entries will only be accepted with approval from WSSFA committee.

2. GRADING

Where possible all teams will play up to three pre-season grading games. The WSSFA committee will use the grading results to determine the placement of teams within divisions for the season.

The WSSFA committee reserves the right to place teams in Grades and Divisions as it sees fit.

3. GAMES

Where possible all league games will be played on a home and away basis. This will not always be possible in every division. The WSSFA will endeavour to try to give all teams an equal number of home and away games.

The home and away basis will not apply to grading games.

Playing times are as follows:

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| Premier Boys | 40 minutes each way | 5 min interval |
| Senior Boys | 40 minutes each way | 5 min interval |
| Premier Girls | 40 minutes each way | 5 min interval |
| Senior Girls | 35 minutes each way | 5 min interval |
| Junior Boys | 35 minutes each way | 5 min interval |
| Junior Girls | 35 minutes each way | 5 min interval |

4. RESULTS and TABLES

All coordinators are responsible for collating results for their school and sending to the WSSFA Administrator.

Results should be received by the WSSFA no later than 3pm on the Monday following the weekend's games.

Weekly results sheets & league tables will be published on the WSSFA website (www.wssfa.co.nz) and emailed to all school coordinators.

5. LEAGUE STRUCTURE

The WSSFA committee reserves the right to decide on the structure of the leagues depending on the number of entries received.

Where possible teams will be placed in either 6 or 8 team divisions.

Each league will consist of 10 rounds. After Round 5 of the championship the WSSFA Committee will reassess the placement of all teams. At this stage, the Committee reserves the right to move teams between divisions as necessary to ensure all divisions are fair and competitive.

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| Points: | Win | - 3 pts | Defaults are recorded as a 3-0 loss |
| | Draw | - 1 pt | |
| | Loss | - 0 pts | |

Six Team Divisions

Each team will play every other team twice on a home and away basis. For divisions where there are no changes to teams after round 5, points will carry through to the second round.

For divisions where there are changes of teams, points will not carry through; each team will start afresh with no points.

Eight Team Divisions

Each team will play every other team once in the first round. After this the division will split into top 4 / bottom 4.

Points from the first round will carry through to the top 4 / bottom 4.

After the split occurs games on a home/away basis cannot be guaranteed. The WSSFA will endeavour to ensure all teams receive 5 home / 5 away games.

At the conclusion of the Championship Leagues where two or more teams are tied on points, the winner will be the team with the better goal difference. If still tied then the team that has scored the most goals will be deemed the winner.

6. DEFAULTS - Premier Boys Division 1 / Premier Girls Division 1

Premier Boys and Girls teams are expected to fulfil all commitments for the whole season.

If a premier team defaults a game, then this will become an issue for the WSSFA Judicial committee and sanctions will be applied to the offending team.

7. TROPHIES

Championship League winners and runners-up will receive trophies at the completion of the league season. Trophies are issued to teams at the annual AGM in November. Trophies are to be returned to the WSSFA no later than the end of June the following year.

Trophies remain the property of the WSSFA.

