

TO ALL CLUBS COMPETING IN THE GEBC JNR SATURDAY COMPETITION.

Fixtures for the remainder of the season are on the web site now.

Grading has now finished for the U10 - Seniors Competitions.

There is an option available to the Mixed U8 Grade Secretary (only) to do a one-for-one swap of teams prior to round 10, to become effective at round 11.

If you have queries about grading from any of your club members, would you please remind them of the following process:

FOR GEBC JUNIOR SATURDAY GRADING GAMES:

1. Teams are placed in grades as near as possible to the grades that are requested by their club. Other items taken into consideration are the age/grade the players played in the previous season and any "comments" by clubs on the bottom of the Team Registration Form.
2. Where numbers allow, teams are placed in grades of six, this allows all teams to play each other once. Fixtures are drawn up for the first six rounds, but they are only released one week at a time. This is to allow any late entry teams to come into the Competition and/or any withdrawal of teams to take place without having to re-issue multiple fixtures.
3. During grading, Grade Secretaries and Grading Assistants are out there watching grading games.
4. After round 5, Grade Secretaries and their Assistants compare notes and discuss where teams will be competitive for the remainder of the season.
5. Clubs are given the opportunity to provide feedback on their observations of grading games and are invited to comment on which grades they think their teams should be in for the remainder of the season - this is done via the Re-grading Submission Forms to be lodged at round 5.
These are requests only - Clubs should realise that it is impossible to grant all requests.
6. Round 6 is a fill-in game to allow time for the "rest of the season" fixtures to be drawn up.
7. Round 7 is the fixture showing teams as they have been re-graded. Some coaches / parents / teams will be unhappy with their team's position after re-grading has taken place.
8. Club members need to be informed that it is not just about "what grade they are in" but "who is in the grade with them". (e.g. A club (Zebras) may have asked for a particular team (ZB1) to go down, but it has remained in the same grade. The situation will most likely be that other teams that defeated ZB1 in grading have gone up to the next grade with teams from the grade below coming up to replace them.)
9. Decisions by Grade Secretaries are made with the interests of the whole Competition in mind (not just the interests of one club).
10. Grade Secretaries are volunteers - they do not have to justify their decisions.
If this was part of the job description, we would have less people willing to take on the job.

If your club does not have anybody representing your club on the Junior Domestic Committee, please consider nominating somebody for next season.