

# NPL1 MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2020

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This document provides information pertaining to the NPL1 Men's Championship Series for 2020. An Operations Plan and Championship Series COVID Plans will be provided to all clubs ahead of the Round Robin and Grand Final/Play Off Matches, which will provide further specific information in relation to these matches.

## FORMAT

The NPL1 Men's Championship Series will consist of the following:

- Round Robin Matches (Teams finishing 1-4 on the Premiership Ladder will be in Group A and teams finishing 5-8 on the Premiership Ladder will be in Group B);
- Grand Final (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Group A);
- Play Off (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Group B).

The full match schedule is contained on page 3 of this document.

## ROUND ROBIN

Below is information specific to the Round Robin format:

- Premiership points will not carry over into the round robin;
- Matches will accumulate points in the same format as ordinary Premiership Matches (i.e. three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) points for a loss);
- In the event of teams being equal at the conclusion of the round robin, the teams will be ranked in accordance with the ranking system ordinarily used for the Premiership (refer to Section 2, Article 9 of the 2020 NPL Competition Regulations).

## EXTRA TIME AND PENALTIES

Extra time and penalties will only be used in Grand Final matches, where required (refer to Section 2, Article 6 of the 2020 NPL Competition Regulations).

For clarity, there will be no extra time or penalties played in Round Robin or Play Off Matches.

## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Please ensure you refer to Section 4, Article 4 of the 2020 NPL Competition Regulations to ensure players are eligible to participate in Championship Series matches.

## **AWARDS**

In accordance with Section 7 of the 2020 NPL Competition Regulations the following awards will be provided for the 2020 season:

- Championship winners;
- Championship runners up;
- Player of the Match (First Grade grand final only).

For clarity, there will be no Premiers awarded in any of the 2020 NPL Competitions.

## MATCH SCHEDULE

Match	Date	U23	1st	Home Team	v	Away Team	Ground
Round Robin – Group A	Saturday, 5 September 2020	9:00	13:30	2	v	3	Deakin Stadium
Round Robin – Group A	Saturday, 5 September 2020	11:15	15:45	1	v	4	Deakin Stadium
Round Robin – Group B	Sunday, 6 September 2020	9:00	13:30	6	v	7	Riverside Football Stadium
Round Robin – Group B	Sunday, 6 September 2020	11:15	15:45	5	v	8	Riverside Football Stadium
Match	Date	U23	1st	Home Team	v	Away Team	Ground
Round Robin – Group A	Saturday, 12 September 2020	9:00	13:30	3	v	4	Deakin Stadium
Round Robin – Group A	Saturday, 12 September 2020	11:15	15:45	1	v	2	Deakin Stadium
Round Robin – Group B	Sunday, 13 September 2020	9:00	13:30	7	v	8	Riverside Football Stadium
Round Robin – Group B	Sunday, 13 September 2020	11:15	15:45	5	v	6	Riverside Football Stadium
Match	Date	U23	1st	Home Team	v	Away Team	Ground
Round Robin – Group A	Saturday, 19 September 2020	9:00	13:30	2	v	4	Deakin Stadium
Round Robin – Group A	Saturday, 19 September 2020	11:15	15:45	1	v	3	Deakin Stadium
Round Robin – Group B	Sunday, 20 September 2020	9:00	13:30	6	v	8	Riverside Football Stadium
Round Robin – Group B	Sunday, 20 September 2020	11:15	15:45	5	v	7	Riverside Football Stadium
Match	Date	U23	1st	Home Team	v	Away Team	Ground
Grand Final	Saturday, 26 September 2020	12:00	18:00	1 <sup>st</sup> Group A	v	2 <sup>nd</sup> Group A	Deakin Stadium
Play Off	Sunday, 27 September 2020	9:00	11:15	1 <sup>st</sup> Group B	v	2 <sup>nd</sup> Group B	Deakin Stadium

\* Please note: details within the match schedule for the NPL1 Men's Championship Series are subject to change if required.