

Pre-Season Game Information

The draw for the three preseason games will be available in the coming days.

Due to factors outside of our control, there are a number of operational changes that need to be in place for the preseason competition.

Background information

The grass courts at Guest Park are incredibly water laden and have minimal drainage. Given this we do not believe the grass courts will be dry enough to be mowed and marked prior to the preseason games and would like certainty with the arrangements for the preseason games.

Due to the current construction, there are 16 full courts remaining at Fred Finch Park until the new courts are completed.

Considerations

We have the following numbers of teams in the winter competition and the courts that are required:

8yrs - 14 (7 courts)
9yrs - 20 (10 courts)
10yrs - 18 (9 courts)
11yrs - 21 (10 courts with one bye)
12yrs - 20 (10 courts)
Int - 39 (19 courts with one bye)
Cad - 38 (19 courts)
Snr - 49 (24 courts with B2 canteen duty team)

Therefore, in order to fit the games required onto the available (16) courts we have decided on the following for the preseason games. We are hopeful that these arrangements will cease after that time but are also wary of making predictions for the completion of the court upgrade.

Timing of games - all ages:

4 x 10 minute quarters with 2,3,2 minute breaks

Timeslots for preseason:

8am - all 11yrs plus 8W
9am - all 10 yrs plus 8R + 9G
10am - all 12 yrs plus 9R + 9W
11am - Int A1, A2, A3
12pm - Int A4, B1, B2
1pm - Cad A1, Cad A2, Cad A3
2pm - Cad A4, Cad B1, Cad B2
3pm - Seniors (half) - with alternating timeslots
4pm - Seniors (half) - with alternating timeslots - finishing 4.47pm

A number of different scenarios were considered but given the travel time between venues for players/umpires/officials/parents involved in multiple teams and workload for those who umpire and play, the arrangements while not ideal are the best outcome for the three weeks of pre-season games.

These times for Cadets and Seniors in particular are different to what they would normally play and we are conscious that they may have part time work arrangements that need to be made, so please advise your players as soon as possible.

Umpiring

The umpiring will be as has been practice for 2021 season - allocations from the Umpires Committee will be sent through to club umpiring convenors for 9, 10, 11, 12; 8s coaches to umpire; Int and Cad umpire your own arranged through club convenors; Seniors A1-B1 umpiring opposite timeslot (2 umpires per team required for duty).