

# GDSFA 2012 Competition

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This document contains a plan for the structure and scheduling of GDSFA games in 2012. It also contains a comprehensive plan and scheduling of how and when washed out games can be replayed.

## Teams per Competition

All competition will have 10 teams where possible. Further importance is given to have 10 team division 1 competitions to make it fair and balanced. 6 team competitions are avoided. The following table outlines the number of teams per division in an age group according to the number of team entries.

Total # of teams *	Number of division	Teams in Div. 1, 2, 3... *
6, 8, 10, 12, 14	1	All teams
16	2	10, 6
18	2	10, 8
20	2	10, 10
22	2	10, 12
24	2	10, 14
26	3	10, 8, 8
28	3	10, 10, 8
30	3	10, 10, 10
32	3	10, 10, 12
34	4	10, 8, 8, 8
36	4	10, 10, 8, 8
38	4	10, (+ breakdown for 28)
40	4	10, (+ breakdown for 30)
n		10, (+ breakdown for n-10)

\* 'bye' counts as a team. There shall be only one bye per age group in which case it shall be placed in the lowest division

## Finals

The finals shall be played in the traditional format and not be changed. There will be a reserve weekend to allow for washout during the finals and the season will not be extended beyond the reserve weekend date.

If all three rounds of finals are washed out then there will only be a Premiership award. Otherwise **if any individual game or entire round is washed out and cannot be replayed** (see below note \*) **the higher ranked team from the premiership will be declared the winner.**

If **only one** washed out round is remained to complete the full 18 rounds of the premiership games then the Semi-finals (only) will be sacrificed. I.e. the semi-final round will be declared washed out and its results will be determined as with the above paragraph (4<sup>th</sup> place is automatically out and 1<sup>st</sup> into Grand final).

\* Either all or none of the washed out games for a finals round shall be replayed. The decision of if all of the washed out finals games can be replayed or not before the following scheduled finals round is at the discretion of the GDSFA Board.

## Catching Up games

In order to have a better chance of recovering from frequent rainy period distant spare weekends should not be relied on when washouts occur unless in extreme circumstances i.e. when two rounds in a row are washed out. This means **it is important to schedule double headers and/or mid-week games as soon as possible** after a washout.

However if there is a spare weekend within the next two or three weeks of a washed out round, it is more practical to schedule the washed out games for that spare weekend. Note that a double header can also be arranged on a spare weekend if there have been two washed out rounds immediately leading up to a spare weekend.

A spare weekend has been allocated at the end of the premiership season to increase the chances of completing the full 18 rounds (in addition see “sacrificing the semi-final round” above). If this spare weekend is not used, the finals games are brought forward one round at a time. This is done to ensure continuity as well as allowing possibility of wet weather during finals. Note that this means in case of favourable weather conditions the the grand finals may be played a week earlier than scheduled.

### Guidelines for Mixed Games

- If there is a spare weekend within the next 2-3 weeks then the washed out games should be scheduled for the spare weekend.
- If there is no spare weekend within the next 2-3 then all washed out games in a round must be caught up the following two Sundays with double headers. However Ladies games will have priority on Sundays and it must be considered that in the case of rain on a weekend grounds may not be in a condition to have two full rounds played on them the following weekend.
  - If 75% or less of the games are washed out then the catch ups should be scheduled for the second Sunday after their original date on grounds where ladies games are not scheduled (preferably the original venue and time).
  - A full washed out (or close to) round is scheduled for the second Sunday after the original washed out games (same time, same venue) with the exception of those venues that are being used by ladies games. The games in those venues will be played the immediate Sunday after the washout.

### Guidelines for Ladies Games

- If there is a spare weekend within the next 2-3 weeks then the washed out games should be scheduled for the spare weekend.
- Otherwise due to ladies not wanting to play on Saturdays this option is left as the last resort. Mid-week games over the following 2 weeks are the preferred choice. (Shortening Ladies midweek games to a Max of 40 min half may be considered to allow scheduling more games midweek). 2 games on the next Sunday can also be an option for U12Gs and U10Gs.

The above guideline allows a number of reserve dates for a washed out game. Obviously if there are more than one round of washed out games to be replayed then the earlier one has priority.

## Schedule

The tables below outline the planned dates for every round, finals and spare weekends. For the purpose of this schedule, a week is assumed to start on a Saturday and end on the following Friday.

The last two columns are guidelines for organising catch up games. The non-preferred catch up date should only be used if the preferred date is not available or insufficient.

Note: In the event that March 31<sup>st</sup> is not available for mixed competitions, all mixed games will be shifted back by 1 week. This will mean that the grand finals will be played on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of September and mother’s day Sunday will become an additional spare weekend for ladies games.

#### Legend (mixed Games)

School Holidays	Public Holidays	PWO = Partial Washout
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#### Legend (ladies Games)

School Holidays	Public Holidays	PWO = Partial Washout
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#### Legend (ladies and mixed Games)

School Holidays	Public Holidays	PWO = Partial Washout
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