

2020 February Match Committee Report

2020 Pennant Season

The 2020 Zone 9 Pennant Program has been finalised and approved by the State match Committee. As you may appreciate, there is a significant amount of work undertaken to organise this event with key Zone personnel and representatives at each Club playing a part.

It is appreciated that this year offered new challenges with the incorporation of the gender-neutral approach to BNSW Pennants for the first time, which required BNSW registration, clearances etc for female players. Subsequently, it was expected that some late additions of female players would be required to be advised on the Pennant Player Availability Lists. However, the level and quantity of last-minute availability additions was surprising in that a large number were for male players.

The Match Committee determines a draw based on the Player Availability List first submitted with the expectation that only minor changes would be required due to late player additions. The changes this year were more substantial with some Clubs subsequently having to be elevated and others regressed. As referred to above, the approved program is now finalised and has been sent to all Clubs and posted on the Zone 9 website.

On a related matter, the Zone Secretary has had to deal with a raft of inadequately completed forms including, more recently, player regrade forms. It should be noted that forms not completed correctly are unacceptable to both BNSW and Zone 9. Much assistance has been provided to Clubs on this matter by the Zone Secretary and the Chair of Zone 9 Match Committee, despite detailed advice being provided by the Zone Secretary at previous meetings, in particular at the special BNSW meeting held at Forestville RSL late last year.

2020 Zone 9 Triples – Affected by Weather

As a result of the abandonment of matches due to initially heat and then rain, the Zone Match Committee has determined that these matches will take place on Sunday 1st March at Harbord BC.

2020 Zone 9 Fours – All ready to go this weekend

As advised, the Open Fours are being played at Harbord, the Seniors at Belrose and Reserve at St Ives.

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Zone 9 Match Committee
10th February 2020