

Memo

Date Tuesday, July 07, 2015
To All NSWTA Affiliates
From Daniel Rushworth-Sport Manager
Subject NSWTA Events: Senior Division Rationalisation

At the recent NSWTA Annual General Meeting an analysis paper was presented to all Affiliates in attendance around the rationalisation of the senior divisions at NSWTA Events (Vawdon Cup, Country Championships & State Cup). This followed on from previous correspondence sent to all Affiliates seeking feedback on the matter over the past 12 months. The paper indicated that there were two options that were being considered for the future of senior divisions of NSWTA Events.

Highlighted in the paper is that most events where senior categories are offered, NSWTA has had to merge divisions to ensure a competition existed for the benefits of those participants registered. Doing this has also caused dissatisfaction amongst those participants as this may have meant that the categories would have only one final series, as per the NSWTA Tournament Conditions of Entry which states that for a category to exist it must have a minimum of 5 teams.

Whilst the Open's & Junior Categories continue to go from strength to strength in team numbers, it would be remiss of this Organisation not to invest considerable time and resources into the people that have helped the sport reach its current status.

[Senior Rationalisation Paper \(Link\)](#)

Rationale

The paper had been framed due to the declining participation rates and the quality of competition NSWTA could offer the membership in the senior divisions. As such this raised significant concerns for the organisation and it became apparent to deliver a quality event for all participants change was required. Importantly the trends of participation within the open categories were doing the exact opposite with year on year growth.

After this was presented at the NSWTA AGM the NSWTA Board requested that further feedback be sought from Affiliates in relation to the rationalisation of the senior representative divisions. This feedback was then forwarded back to the Board on the 25th June prior to the Board Meeting. A total of 65 Affiliates provided feedback on their preference and circumstances for their choices.

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Below are the listed options that Affiliates were required to give feedback on;

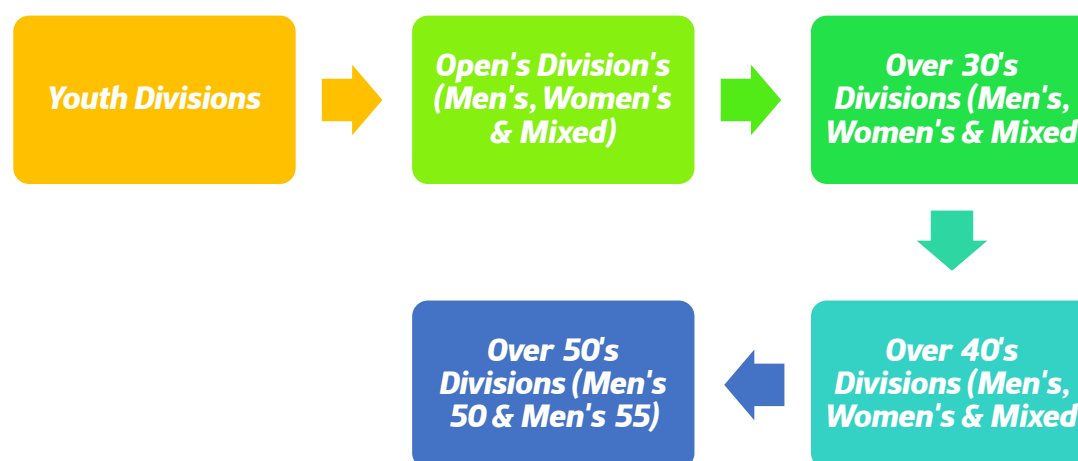
Option 1	Option 2
Men's 30 (removed)	Men's 30
Women's 30 (removed)	Women's 30
Senior Mixed	Senior Mixed
Men's 35	Men's 35 (removed)
Women's 35	Women's 35 (removed)
Men's 40 (removed)	Men's 40
Women's 40 (removed)	Women's 40
Masters Mixed	Masters Mixed
Men's 45	Men's 45 (removed)
Women's 45	Women's 45 (removed)
Men's 50	Men's 50
Men's 55	Men's 55

The Affiliate responses were as follows;

All Affiliates Responses					
Against Any Change	Nil Comment	Either	Option 1	Option 2	Total
4	13	17	12	19	65
6.14%	20%	26.16%	18.47%	29.23%	100%
Those Engaged in Senior Representative Touch Football Currently (2013-14)					
Against Any Change	Nil Comment	Either	Option 1	Option 2	Total
4	2	6	8	12	32
12.50%	6.25%	18.75%	25%	37.50%	100%

Based on that feedback provided and contents the NSWTA Board carefully considered their position and can now advise that **Option 2** will be implemented. This now means the divisions of the 35's and 45's have been removed from the divisional categories.

What this means now as the pathway for a participant at NSWTA events can be seen below;



This comes into effect immediately and will be advertised as part of the 2015 NSWTA Country Championships (Dubbo Oct 24-25) and the 2015 NSWTA State Cup (Port Macquarie Dec 4-6).

It is the intent of the NSWTA to offer a divisional breakdown similarly to the Open's divisions at the State Cup in the senior divisions should participation warrant it. We see this as an excellent opportunity for new Teams and Affiliates to enter these categories and compete based on their own abilities. For this to take place there would need to be a minimum 16 teams entered into a division.

As an example;

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Qualification: 4 Pools of 4 Teams (3 games each)	Championship-Top 2 teams from each pool qualify) 2 Pools of 4 Teams (3 Games Each)	Championship Finals-Quarter Final Knockout
	Bowl-Bottom 2 teams from each pool qualify. 2 Pools of 4 Teams (3 Games Each)	Bowl Finals-Quarter Final Knockout

If the divisional breakdown cannot take place the competition would be conducted as per normal in a round robin format.

All documentation for these events can now be found at:

<http://www.nswtouch.com.au/representative/>

Should you have any questions please contact;



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