



## 2018 Premier 1 Competition Format & Playing Dates

- The Premier 1 Competition will commence on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March** with **10** teams.
- The 10 teams will be split into two Pools of five teams (based on the 2017 Premier 1 Grade finishing order – Pool Cardinal 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, Pool White 2, 4, 6, 8, 10).

### Premier 1

<b>Pool Cardinal</b>	<b>Pool White</b>
Northcote	Takapuna
Massey	East Coast Bays
North Shore	Marist
Silverdale	Kumeu
Glenfield	Mahurangi

- The Grade will play a five week split round (Round 1) followed by a nine week full round competition (Round 2), with a three weeks finals structure. Total of 17 weeks.
- To remove the Bye in both Pools teams will play a cross-over fixture in Round 1 based on the following 2017 Premier 1 grade finishing order – 9v2,10v1, 5v6, 8v3, 7v4 (the last five weeks of round 2 will be the reverse of these fixtures).
- The kick-off time for **Premier 1** will be **2.45pm** (**unless advised otherwise or indicated differently on the weekly draw**).

### Premier 1 - Competition Playing Dates:

Week 1	31 March	Round 1 Commences (Easter Saturday)	Week 10	2 June	(Queens Birthday Weekend)
Week 2	7 April		Week 11	9 June	
Week 3	14 April		Week 12	16 June	
Week 4	21 April		Week 13	23 June	
Week 5	28 April		Week 14	30 June	
Week 6	5 May	Start of Round 2	Week 15	7 July	POs
Week 7	12 May		Week 16	14 July	Semi-Finals
Week 8	19 May		Week 17	21 July	Finals
Week 9	26 May				

- Points** are 4 for a win, 2 for a draw, 1 bonus point for scoring 4 + tries and 1 bonus point for finishing within 7 or less. A default win is 5 points.

Round 1 points will carry forward to Round 2 for the Premier Grade.

- Premier 1 three week's finals structure. Teams will be ranked 1 to 10 from finishing positions \*.

- **7<sup>th</sup> July:**

Teams ranked 1 and 2 will have a Bye.

Team 3 plays Team 6 in **Q1** (3v6)

Team 4 plays Team 5 in **Q2** (4v5)

Team 7 plays Team 10 in **Q3** (7v10)

Team 8 plays Team 9 in **Q4** (8v9)

- **14<sup>th</sup> July:**

1 v lowest ranked winner of Q1 & Q2 (**Semi-Final 1**)

2 v highest ranked winner of Q1 & Q2 (**Semi-Final 2**)

Highest ranked loser of Q1 & Q2 v lowest ranked winner of Q3 & Q4 (**Semi-Final 3**)

Lowest ranked loser of Q1 & Q2 v highest ranked winner of Q3 & Q4 (**Semi-Final 4**)

Loser of Q3 v loser of Q4 (**Bowl FINAL**)

- **Finals 21st July**

**Championship Final** – Winner Semi-Final 1 v Winner Semi-Final 2

**Plate Final** – Winner Semi-Final 3 v Winner Semi-Final 4

\* Note: The Senior Tied Team Formula should be viewed in conjunction with this format document.

8. **Home and Away:** home and away games over Round 1 and Round 2 will be equal for teams, totalling 7 home and 7 away.

Round 1 - 3H/2A / 2H/3A

Round 2 - 4H/5A / 5H/4A

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Home & Away Scheduling		
Northcote	haahh aahhahhaa	7H 7A
Massey	ahhah haahhaaha	7H 7A
North Shore	ahhaa haahhaahh	7H 7A
Silverdale	hahah haahahaha	7H 7A
Glenfield	haaha hahaahhah	7H 7A
Takapuna	ahaah ahahahaha	7H 7A
East Coast Bays	haaha ahahahhah	7H 7A
Marist	ahaha hhaahahah	7H 7A
Kumeu	hahha ahhaahaah	7H 7A
Mahurangi	ahhah ahahaaha	7H 7A

**Premier 1 Competition Trophies:**

- Round 1 Pool Winners (teams finishing top of the table within their respective Cardinal/White Pools \*) will play for the Buck Shelford Shield when they meet each other in Round 2. The winner of this fixture will be the Premier 1 Round 1 Winner.
- The Les Pearce Memorial Shield is the Premier 1 grade challenge shield – the opposition may challenge for the Shield at the home venue of the current holder. It is not played for during play-offs, semi-finals and finals.
- The Country Cup is a Premier grade challenge trophy competed for by the country clubs namely, Helensville, Kumeu, Mahurangi and Silverdale – the opposition may challenge for the cup either at home or away to the current holder or during finals.
- The winner of the Premier 1 Championship Final receives the ASB Cup. The winner of the Plate Final receives the Pengelly Cup.