



## 2019 Premier 2 - Competition Format & Playing Dates

- The Premier 2 Competition will commence on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** with **11** teams.
- The 11 teams will be split into two Pools of five and six teams (based on the 2018 Premier **1** Grade finishing order – Pool Cardinal 1, 3, 5, 7 Pool White 2, 4, 6, 8, 10. Plus Navy & Helensville teams and a Bye.

Pool Cardinal	Pool White
Northcote	East Coast Bays
Massey	North Shore
Takapuna	Kumeu
Silverdale	Marist
Bye	Glenfield
Navy	Helensville

- The Grade will play a five week split round (Round 1 – play all teams in their pool), followed by an eleven week full round competition (Round 2), with Semi-Finals and Finals. Total of 18 weeks. Due to the Bye/uneven number of teams there will not be a cross over game between Pools in the first round.

The Premier 2 draw will follow the Premier 1 draw (home and away) as much as possible working in the differing teams in the grade/s and the bye.

- The kick-off time for **Premier 2** will be **1.00pm** (**unless advised otherwise or indicated differently on the weekly draw**).

#### Premier 2 - Competition Playing Dates:

Week 1	30 March	Round 1 Commences	Week 10	1 June	(Queens Birthday Weekend)
Week 2	6 April		Week 11	8 June	
Week 3	13 April		Week 12	15 June	
Week 4	20 April	(Easter Saturday)	Week 13	22 June	
Week 5	27 April		Week 14	29 June	
Week 6	4 May	Start of Round 2	Week 15	6 July	
Week 7	11 May		Week 16	13 July	
Week 8	18 May			20 July	(NO play P1 Finals)
Week 9	25 May		Week 17	27 July	Semi-Finals
			Week 18	3 August	Finals

- 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.

Four (4) competition points will be given to teams (5 teams of pool white) for their bye game during the split round.

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

- Premier 2 Semi-Finals and Finals.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> July the Premier 2 Semi-Finals will take place to establish finalists in the Championship, Plate and Bowl sections. Teams will be ranked 1 to 11 \* from finishing positions.

- The top 4 teams play in the **Championship Semi-Finals:**

Team 1 plays Team 4 in **Semi Final 1** (1v4)

Team 2 plays Team 3 in **Semi Final 2** (2v3)

- Plate Semi-Finals:**

Team 5 plays Team 8 in **Semi Final 3** (5v8)

Team 6 plays Team 7 in **Semi Final 4** (6v7)

- Bowl Semi-Finals:**

Team 9 v Bye

Team 10 plays Team 11 in **Semi Final 6** (10v11)

On the 3rd August the Semi-Final winners will play in the Championship, Plate and Bowl Finals (at home of top seeded team).

Championship - Winner of SF1 v Winner of SF2.

Plate - Winner of SF3 v Winner of SF4.

Bowl - Seed 9 v Winner of SF6.

7. **Home and Away:** home and away games over Round 1 and Round 2 will be as below.

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<b>Home &amp; Away Scheduling (Rnd 1, Rnd 2, Overall H/A)</b>			
Northcote	ahbah	haahhabhaha	7/7 (2b)
Massey	haahb	aahhahhabha	7/7 (2b)
Takapuna	abhaa	haahhbahhha	7/7 (2b)
Silverdale	hahbh	haahahabaha	7/7 (2b)
Navy	bhaha	haahbahahha	7/7 (2b)
East Coast Bays	ahaah	ahhahahhabh	8/7 (1b)
North Shore	haaha	ahabahhahah	7/8 (1b)
Kumeu	ahaha	hhbahahahah	8/7 (1b)
Marist	ahhah	bhhahaahaah	8/7 (1b)
Glenfield	hahaha	ahhaahaahab	7/8 (1b)
Helensville	hahah	abhaahahaah	7/8 (1b)

**Premier 2 Competition Trophies:**

- Round 1 Pool Winners (teams finishing top of the table within their respective Cardinal/White Pools \*) will play for the Chris Kennings Shield when they meet each other in Round 2. The winner of this fixture will be the Premier 2 Round 1 Winner.
- The winner of the Premier 2 Championship Final receives the Stuart Cup. The winner of the Plate Final receives the Bell-Booth Cup. The winner of the Bowl Final receives the NHRFU Bowl Cup.

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