



**ADMISSION CRITERIA**  
**NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE COMPETITION**

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# AIMS

- 1 Create and maintain a viable national competition.
- 2 Apply criteria for inclusion in the competition in a fair and reasonable manner.

## PRINCIPLES

- 1 The Admission Criteria set out NRL's current intention as to how NRL will determine those Clubs with whom NRL will enter into agreements for participation in the NRL Competition.
- 2 All Clubs must meet the basic criteria (see section 1.1).
- 3 Auckland, Brisbane and Newcastle will receive a 5 year licence to participate in the NRL Competition if they meet the qualifying criteria (see section 1.2). The qualifying criteria apply only to those three Clubs.
- 4 If existing Clubs merge, and that merger is approved by NRL, the merged Club will obtain a 5 year licence to participate in the NRL Competition.
- 5 The selection criteria (see section 1.3) will be applied to any Clubs that do not fall under principles 3 and 4, so that no more than 14 Clubs will participate in the NRL Competition in 2000.
- 6 Therefore, the selection criteria will not be applied to:
  - (a) a merged Club that has been approved by NRL; or
  - (b) Brisbane, Newcastle and Auckland if those Clubs satisfy the qualifying criteria.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

NRL reserves the right to verify the validity or appropriateness of any information submitted to it as part of, or in connection with, the Admission Criteria. The final decision on the application of the criteria rests with NRL. NRL may obtain an independent opinion, at its cost, on any aspect of the information supplied as part of the Admission Criteria, or the application of the Admission Criteria.

# **I OVERVIEW**

## **1.1 Basic Criteria**

Clubs should demonstrate the ability to meet Basic Criteria. If Clubs currently do not meet the Basic Criteria, they must indicate a plan to achieve the necessary improvements to do so.

The Basic Criteria consists of four parts:

### **(a) Playing Facilities**

Participants must have ongoing access to a ground which satisfies the minimum guidelines outlined in this section of the criteria. It is recognised that it may take time to reach these minimums. To allow Clubs a reasonable period to reach this standard this section of the Basic Criteria will be operative commencing in 2000 (unless otherwise agreed on the basis of an approved Plan).

### **(b) Administration**

It is important that participants are administered professionally. The minimum senior executive structure should be in place before admission will be contemplated.

### **(c) Solvency**

Each Club must, in the opinion of NRL, be solvent.

### **(d) Development**

Clubs must, in the opinion of NRL, provide a reasonable input to the development of the game. A Club will have until the end of 1999 to reach a satisfactory level in order to participate in 2000.

## **1.2 Qualifying Criteria**

Brisbane, Auckland and Newcastle are to be measured against Qualifying Criteria. If these are satisfied, each will be granted a five-year licence.

## **1.3 Selection Criteria**

This section of the criteria outlines the mechanism to differentiate between Clubs, other than Brisbane, Auckland and Newcastle, and merged entities that are approved by NRL.

This is intended to provide an objective basis for ranking Clubs, through a calculation of measurable criteria, appropriately weighted.

Those that qualify for admission in 2000 will be granted a five-year licence.

## A. BASIC CRITERIA

### A.1 Playing facilities

Each Club must demonstrate to the satisfaction of NRL an ability to secure ongoing access to a stadium meeting the following criteria.

- (a) minimum capacity of 20,000;
- (b) minimum fixed, defined seating capacity of 10,000;
- (c) minimum fixed, defined undercover seating capacity of 5,000 (subject to climatic conditions);
- (d) minimum licensed corporate facilities for 250 guests, including catering and service to a minimum standard (as defined in the Operations Manual and Guidelines);
- (e) suitable lighting for games televised at night of 1200 lux measured over the entire field surface including sidelines and in-goal areas;
- (f) Dressing room facilities including:
  - (i) separate home and visiting team dressing rooms;
  - (ii) secure storage area for personal belongings;
  - (iii) at least six showers per dressing room;
  - (iv) adequate toilet facilities per dressing room;
  - (v) at least three rub-down tables and three strapping benches per dressing room;
  - (vi) non-slip surfaces in all dressing rooms;
  - (vii) a secure players' race for entry to the field with a non-slip surface;
  - (viii) one whiteboard per dressing room;
  - (ix) separate medical area in each dressing room; and
  - (x) provision of appropriate security for each dressing room;
- (g) Referees' facilities including:
  - (i) a separate and secure change room;
  - (ii) at least two toilets, one shower and one rub-down table; and
  - (iii) secure storage space;

- (h) video referee including replay box with:
  - (i) seating for two people;
  - (ii) mains power; and
  - (iii) secure from the public, enclosed and located as close as possible to the half-way line, near to the host broadcaster box. At worst, this should be located between the two 30m lines;
- (i) electronic clock and scoreboard with back-up facility;
- (j) print media facilities including:
  - (i) an enclosed working area with seating and bench space for at least 10 journalists, offering each a clear view of the entire playing area;
  - (ii) each position to have access to mains power;
  - (iii) minimum of one TV monitor connected to the best available camera feed; and
  - (iv) four telephone outlets to be provided;
- (k) radio media facilities including:
  - (i) a minimum of four enclosed radio boxes capable of accommodating two callers and two back-up staff;
- (l) television media facilities including:
  - (i) a main commentary box for at least eight people for use by the host broadcasters, with telephone and power (minimum of four double power outlets);
  - (ii) a secondary commentary/studio box for at least three people to be used by the visiting broadcaster;
  - (iii) an outside broadcast van area and parking for 15 cars; and
  - (iv) suitable unimpeded broadcast platforms and positions as required by the host broadcaster;
- (m) post match press conference facilities including:
  - (i) a room for at least 20 people in close proximity to the dressing rooms;
  - (ii) a head table to seat at least two people; and
  - (iii) clearly defined secure access points for media and interviewees;

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- (n) coaches' facilities including:
    - (i) two enclosed boxes, each capable of accommodating six people;
    - (ii) provision for a TV monitor linked to the best available camera feed;
    - (iii) a coaching area/enclosure on the sideline for each team suitable for seating of reserves and first aid personnel; and
    - (iv) a hardwired phone line to the bench area;
  - (o) sound system to a minimum standard (as defined in the Operations Manual and Guidelines);
  - (p) secure warm-up area for each team including:
    - (i) secure access and floodlighting for night games to a minimum of 600 lux;
  - (q) disabled facilities including:
    - (i) parking for cars and buses;
    - (ii) minimum of four toilets within close proximity to the seating area;
    - (iii) minimum of ten under-cover positions; and
    - (iv) designated taxi pick-up and drop-off points;
  - (r) toilet facilities to the standard of the Building Code of Australia;
  - (s) food and beverage - all patrons must be within 60 metres of a food and beverage outlet;
  - (t) demonstration of a public transport plan to the venue;
  - (u) first aid including:
    - (i) first aid area for patrons - appropriately staffed and equipped; and
    - (ii) a separate medical area for serious injuries;
  - (v) a secure match day operations room;
  - (w) statutory compliance including:
    - (i) compliance with council, State and Federal legislative requirements;
    - (ii) current insurance coverage on venue; and
    - (iii) current adequate disaster plans;

- (x) Sand Based Strathayr Grounds; and
- (y) access to the ground should as a minimum be every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday between 1 February and 30 September in each year.

## A.2 Administration

Each Club must employ professional personnel within its senior executive structure to adequately perform the following functions:

- (a) Chief Executive Officer;
- (b) Operations;
- (c) Marketing;
- (d) Financial Control;
- (e) Media Relations;
- (f) Development.

## A.3 Solvency

- (a) Each Club must, in the opinion of NRL, be solvent. This will be determined by a review of the following:
  - (i) Balance sheet as at 31 October 1998;
  - (ii) Balance sheet as at 30 April 1999;
  - (iii) Balance sheet as at 31 October 1999; and
  - (iv) Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31 October 1998; and
  - (v) forecast profit and loss account for the year ending 31 October 1999 (to be provided by 31 July 1999).
- (b) A Club's five Year Business Plan must show a capacity to repay any long term loans or commitments as and when they fall due.

Whether or not a Club is solvent will be determined based on meeting the following requirements:

- (i) there are sufficient current assets at 31 October 1998 (cash at bank, cash on hand, trade debtors, loans receivable, grants receivable within the next 12 months) to make good current liabilities on their due dates (trade creditors, accruals, loans payable within the next 12 months). Current liabilities includes commitments to pay an external party or contingent liabilities being a liability to incur a payment to an external party should certain events occur within the next 12 months.

In determining current assets, any guarantee provided to a Club by a third party to underwrite certain liabilities, will be treated as a current asset, but only to the extent that the third party can prove that it has the capacity to meet the guarantee and to the extent that the guarantee is legally binding.

- (ii) Five-Year Business Plans should show sustainable operating cashflows sufficient to indicate an ability to repay any long term liabilities. A long term liability is a requirement to pay an external party, where that requirement falls due in a period greater than 12 months from the date of the balance sheet. Liabilities will include commitments to third parties and contingent liabilities.

In determining an ability to repay any long term liabilities, any guarantee provided to a Club by a third party to underwrite certain liabilities will be taken into account, but only to the extent that the third party can prove that it has the capacity to meet the guarantee and to the extent that the guarantee is legally binding.

- (c) Where a Club is a merged entity of two or more existing clubs, the merged entity must satisfy the solvency requirements.

#### **A.4 Development**

- (a) Clubs must, in the opinion of NRL, provide a reasonable input to the development of the game. This should include its contribution to a National Development Fund and ongoing work within its defined area to increase both the number of participants and quality of participation.
- (b) Each Club must submit a Business Plan to NRL showing the resources committed to development for 1998, 1999 and 2000.
- (c) To the extent that NRL does not consider the contribution to be sufficient, the Club will have until the end of 1999 to reach a satisfactory level in order to participate in 2000.

The Basic Criteria outlined in paragraphs A.1, A.2, A.3 and A.4 must be met on an ongoing basis to ensure the maintenance of a sustainable and successful competition.

### **B. QUALIFYING CRITERIA**

Any reference in this document to mergers or merged entities includes joint ventures or any other amalgamation/partnership approved by NRL.

#### **B.1 Merged Sydney Clubs**

- (a) For a merger to be approved, it is necessary that the merger assist NRL to create and maintain a vigorous and sustainable national competition.
- (b) A merger of three or more clubs may be approved.

However, no mergers of three or more clubs will be permitted should such a merger lead to less than six teams in Sydney.

- (c) NRL-approved merged entities will receive a five-year licence.
- (d) Merged entities involving Clubs other than Sydney Clubs will be considered and, if approved, a five year licence will be granted.
- (e) For mergers to be approved for 2000, submissions must be made by 31 July 1999. If NRL decides to approve a merger, that approval will be granted by 30 September 1999.

## B.2 Brisbane, Newcastle and Auckland

- (a) Brisbane, Newcastle and Auckland must provide to NRL actual financial results for 1996, 1997 and 1998 together with a five-year Business Plan for 1999-2003.
- (b) To obtain a five year term commencing in 1999, they must meet the following criteria:

- (i) Minimum revenue of \$8 million.

In reaching this figure, Clubs will be required to meet each of the following specific minimum revenue targets:

- Gate receipts of \$1.25 million;
- Net sponsorship and other income of \$2.5 million;

Maximums will also apply as follows (additional moneys may be received but will not be included in the calculation for determining if a minimum of \$8 million revenue is achieved):

- NRL Grants to a maximum of \$2 million; and
- aggregate News Ltd/ARL/Leagues Club funding (by way of loan, equity, grant or any other income stream) to a maximum of \$2.25 million.

The following definitions shall be applied to determine revenue:

- (i) 'Gate receipts' includes season ticket sales and match ticket sales less ticketing costs, but does not include revenue from corporate box sales.
- (ii) 'Net sponsorship and other income' should include:

- Sponsorship Revenue;
- Corporate Box Revenue;

- Catering Revenue;
- Signage Revenue;
- Merchandising Revenue (direct sales and royalty income);
- Revenue from functions;
- Net Interest Income;
- Prize Money

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- sponsorship servicing costs such as reserve seating costs, catering costs of corporate boxes, signage provided, tickets and airfares to away games, merchandise give-aways and club newsletters (magazines);
- Catering expenses;
- Merchandising costs of goods sold;
- Costs of functions.

NRL reserves the right to verify any of the amounts to be included in any of the revenue/cost items for the purposes of minimum or maximum net revenues. This extends to both the quantum and the source of the item. NRL shall have the discretion to obtain an independent opinion, at its own cost. The final decision on the application of the Criteria rests with NRL.

The maximum of \$2.25 million allowed by News Ltd/ARL/Leagues Club funding is a total from all categories. None of this can be taken into account in determining either the Net Gate receipts or the Net Sponsorship and other income (unless proved to NRL that it is valid).

Net interest income can only be included where it is income that is appropriately attributable to the football club.

All contra deals should be grossed up to show revenue received in kind net of costs at retail value. To the extent a Club can demonstrate that the expense (eg advertising contra) is a valid expense of another part of the business that would have been incurred irrespective of the contra deal, this expense will not be deducted in arriving at net revenue in this calculation.

- (iii) Initially, Clubs should show a capacity to meet these criteria by actual results achieved in 1996, 1997 and 1998. If Clubs have met those criteria in 1996, 1997 or 1998 and their five year Business Plans show they can continue to do so, they will be issued with a five year licence. Licences will also be considered if the qualifying criteria were

substantially satisfied in 1996, 1997 or 1998 and the Business Plans for 1999 to 2003 demonstrate a clear capacity to meet the criteria. Actual revenue results achieved for 1996, 1997 and 1998 will be taken into account in assessing the reasonableness of assumptions made in the five-year Business Plans.

*When issued with a five year participation, clubs must continue to show a capacity to meet the Qualifying Criteria.*

### C. SELECTION CRITERIA

The purpose of this matrix included in this section is to rank Clubs that have not obtained a five-year term as at 1 October 1999. Such ranking will be consistent with the previously stated objective of having no more than 14 teams in 2000, with no more than eight and no less than six Sydney teams, and no more than eight and no less than six Regional teams. All teams that have participated in the relevant years, will be included for the purpose of the matrix calculation and therefore the relevant ranking. (NB. Refer separate paragraph referring to joint ventures occurring before 1999 season.)

| Criteria                       | Note | Weighting | Measurement to Obtain Initial Points                                                                         |
|--------------------------------|------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Crowd Numbers (Home Games)   | (a)  | 1         | Ranked on a scale of 1-20, 20 being the Club with the highest aggregate crowd at home games.                 |
| 2 Crowd Numbers (Away Games)   | (b)  | 1         | Ranked on a scale of 1-20, 20 being the Club with the highest relative aggregate crowds at away games.       |
| 3 Competition Points           | (c)  | 1         | Ranked on scale of 1-20, 20 being the Club with the best results over the past 5 years                       |
| 4 Gate Receipts (Home Games)   | (d)  | 1.25      | Ranked on a scale of 1-20, 20 being the Club with the highest gate receipts in dollar value from home games. |
| 5 Sponsorship and Other Income | (e)  | 2         | Ranked on a scale of 1-20, 20 being the Club with the highest total.                                         |
| 6 Profitability                | (f)  | 1         | Ranked on a scale of 1-20, 20 being the Club with the highest overall profitability.                         |

#### NOTES:

- (a) Crowd numbers (home games) are measured as the total aggregate crowd (paying or complimentary) for the highest attended 16 games in 1998 and 1999 (does not include finals series).
- (b) Each visiting team at a venue will be ranked on the basis of relative attendance.

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The away team with the biggest crowd that year at the venue will be awarded twelve points, the away team with the second biggest attendance eleven, and so on.

Relative points at each venue will be added together to give an overall rank.

Ranks will be calculated for each season and then aggregated over 1998 and 1999 for a final score, ie. the highest team in this category will score twenty points (refer to calculation section).

- (c) The 1997 season will be excluded in the calculation of the rankings in this category.

The position earned by a team at the end of the premiership rounds will be ranked, with minor premiers in a given year awarded 20 points to the last placed team 1. The annual points will then be weighted on the following basis:

|      |                |   |
|------|----------------|---|
| 1995 | a weighting of | 1 |
| 1996 | a weighting of | 2 |
| 1998 | a weighting of | 3 |
| 1999 | a weighting of | 4 |

In the case of Gold Coast, Melbourne and Adelaide, the 1998 season will be given a weighting of four and 1999 a weighting of six.

- (d) Gate receipts will be measured in accordance with the definition used for the Qualifying Criteria measurement and will be aggregated for 1998 and 1999 for the highest 16 gates over 1998 and 1999.
- (e) Sponsorship and Other Income will be measured in accordance with the definition used for the Qualifying Criteria measurement and will be aggregated for 1998 and 1999.
- (f) Profitability will be measured on the aggregate of profit and loss accounts for each Club for the 1998 and 1999 seasons as follows:
- (i) For 1998, the Profit and Loss Account prepared under current Australian Accounting Standards.
  - (ii) For 1999, the forecast Profit and Loss Account (prepared under the principles of current Australian Accounting Standards) taking into account actual results to 31 August 1999 and the forecast to 31 October 1999. The estimate for the remaining two months must be agreed by NRL.
  - (iii) Any revenue or expense item properly attributable to the football clubs, must be included in the Profit and Loss for this calculation irrespective of which entity it is recorded.

NRL reserves the right to verify and challenge the validity of any amounts to be included (or excluded) in any of the revenue/cost items for this purpose. This extends to both the quantum and the source of the item. NRL shall have the discretion to obtain an independent opinion, at its cost. The final decision in the application of the Criteria rests with NRL.

Any change in venue, where requested by NRL, will be done in consultation with the two teams to ensure the possible effects on the Selection Criteria are appropriately dealt with.

### **MERGED ENTITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE 1999 SEASON**

Where mergers occur early enough so that the newly merged entity participates in the 1999 season, that entity will not be included in the calculation. For consistency the joint venture partners will not be included in the other year's calculation.

### **CALCULATION**

Calculation will involve the following:

- (a) For each of Selection Criteria 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6:
  - (i) Add 13 points to those ranked 1 to 5 (ie. the initial 20 points for finishing first becomes 33 points and the initial 16 points for finishing fifth becomes 29 points).
  - (ii) Add 8 points to those ranked 6 to 10 (ie. the initial 15 points for finishing sixth becomes 23 points and the initial 11 points for finishing tenth becomes 19 points).
  - (iii) Add 4 points to those ranked 11 to 14 (ie. the initial 10 points for finishing eleventh becomes 14 points).
  - (iv) Add 1 point to those ranked 15 to 20.
- (b) For Selection Criteria 3:
  - (i) For each of 1995, 1996, 1998 and 1999, add to the initial points, 10 points for winning the Grand Final and 5 points for the losing Grand Finalist.
  - (ii) Add 13 points to the points achieved by those ranked 1 to 5 (eg if the Club that is ranked first after the initial calculation has won a Grand Final and been beaten in another, they would receive 48 points (20 + 10 + 5 + 13)).
  - (iii) Add 8 points to the points achieved by those ranked 6 to 10.
  - (iv) Add 4 points to the points achieved by those ranked 11 to 14.
  - (v) Add 1 point to the points achieved by those ranked 15 to 20.

The final calculation will be to accumulate the adjusted points from each of the above and multiply by the corresponding weighting, then aggregate to obtain total score.

Should scores be even between Clubs, the Club with the highest gate receipts (based on actual figures aggregated over 1998/1999) will be ranked highest.

Schedule 1 is a table showing the Selection Criteria.

# SCHEDULE 1

| CROWDS HOME                              |                 | CROWDS AWAY     |    | COMPETITION POINTS              |                                 |                                 |                                 | GAME RECEIPTS             |                              | SPONSORSHIP |          | PROFIT   |          | TOTALS      |  |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|--|
| Based on best 16 game results Over 98/99 |                 |                 |    | 95                              | 96                              | 98                              | 99                              | TOTAL OVERALL POINT SCORE | Based on Best 16 games 98/99 |             |          |          |          |             |  |
| 20                                       | 20              | 20              | 20 | 20                              | 20                              | 20                              | 20                              | 20                        | 20                           | 20          | 20       | 20       | 20       | 20          |  |
| 19                                       | 19              | 19              | 19 | 19                              | 19                              | 19                              | 19                              | 19                        | 19                           | 19          | 19       | 19       | 19       | 19          |  |
| 18                                       | 18              | 18              | 18 | 18                              | 18                              | 18                              | 18                              | 18                        | 18                           | 18          | 18       | 18       | 18       | 18          |  |
| 17                                       | 17              | 17              | 17 | 17                              | 17                              | 17                              | 17                              | 17                        | 17                           | 17          | 17       | 17       | 17       | 17          |  |
| 16                                       | 16              | 16              | 16 | 16                              | 16                              | 16                              | 16                              | 16                        | 16                           | 16          | 16       | 16       | 16       | 16          |  |
| +13                                      | +13             | +13             |    |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 | +13                       | +13                          |             |          | +13      |          | +13         |  |
| 15                                       | 15              | 15              | 15 | 15                              | 15                              | 15                              | 15                              | 15                        | 15                           | 15          | 15       | 15       | 15       | 15          |  |
| 14                                       | 14              | 14              | 14 | 14                              | 14                              | 14                              | 14                              | 14                        | 14                           | 14          | 14       | 14       | 14       | 14          |  |
| 13                                       | 13              | 13              | 13 | 13                              | 13                              | 13                              | 13                              | 13                        | 13                           | 13          | 13       | 13       | 13       | 13          |  |
| 12                                       | 12              | 12              | 12 | 12                              | 12                              | 12                              | 12                              | 12                        | 12                           | 12          | 12       | 12       | 12       | 12          |  |
| 11                                       | 11              | 11              | 11 | 11                              | 11                              | 11                              | 11                              | 11                        | 11                           | 11          | 11       | 11       | 11       | 11          |  |
| +8                                       | +8              | +8              |    |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 | +8                        | +8                           |             |          | +8       |          | +8          |  |
| 10                                       | 10              | 10              | 10 | 10                              | 10                              | 10                              | 10                              | 10                        | 10                           | 10          | 10       | 10       | 10       | 10          |  |
| 9                                        | 9               | 9               | 9  | 9                               | 9                               | 9                               | 9                               | 9                         | 9                            | 9           | 9        | 9        | 9        | 9           |  |
| 8                                        | 8               | 8               | 8  | 8                               | 8                               | 8                               | 8                               | 8                         | 8                            | 8           | 8        | 8        | 8        | 8           |  |
| 7                                        | 7               | 7               | 7  | 7                               | 7                               | 7                               | 7                               | 7                         | 7                            | 7           | 7        | 7        | 7        | 7           |  |
| +4                                       | +4              | +4              |    |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 | +4                        | +4                           |             |          | +4       |          | +4          |  |
| 6                                        | 6               | 6               | 6  | 6                               | 6                               | 6                               | 6                               | 6                         | 6                            | 6           | 6        | 6        | 6        | 6           |  |
| 5                                        | 5               | 5               | 5  | 5                               | 5                               | 5                               | 5                               | 5                         | 5                            | 5           | 5        | 5        | 5        | 5           |  |
| 4                                        | 4               | 4               | 4  | 4                               | 4                               | 4                               | 4                               | 4                         | 4                            | 4           | 4        | 4        | 4        | 4           |  |
| 3                                        | 3               | 3               | 3  | 3                               | 3                               | 3                               | 3                               | 3                         | 3                            | 3           | 3        | 3        | 3        | 3           |  |
| 2                                        | 2               | 2               | 2  | 2                               | 2                               | 2                               | 2                               | 2                         | 2                            | 2           | 2        | 2        | 2        | 2           |  |
| 1                                        | 1               | 1               | 1  | 1                               | 1                               | 1                               | 1                               | 1                         | 1                            | 1           | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1           |  |
| +1                                       | +1              | +1              |    |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 | +1                        | +1                           |             |          | +1       |          | +1          |  |
|                                          |                 |                 |    | TOTAL X1 then +10 Prem + 5 R/Up | TOTAL X2 then +10 Prem + 5 R/Up | TOTAL X3 then +10 Prem + 5 R/Up | TOTAL X4 then +10 Prem + 5 R/Up |                           |                              |             |          |          |          |             |  |
| TOTAL POINTS X1                          | TOTAL POINTS X1 | TOTAL POINTS X1 |    | TOTAL X1                        | TOTAL X1                        | TOTAL X1                        | TOTAL X1.25                     | TOTAL X1                  | TOTAL X1.25                  | TOTAL X2.0  | TOTAL X1 | TOTAL X1 | TOTAL X1 | TOTAL SCORE |  |

- System provides bonus points for finishing in the top five lesser points for the next 5 placed teams, then the next 4 to make up 14.
- It allows greater reward for individual areas of success.
- It reduces the risk of the team winning the category with the highest weighting running away to an unassailable lead in the overall tally.