

## Combined South Coast and Illawarra Field Committees Meeting

4 May 2015

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Opened 6:40 PM Closed 9:45 PM

### Attendance:

#### South Coast Executive

Lynne Frew

Tracey Shephard

Tracey Kras

Nichole Harris

Jan Massie

Absent from meeting: Faye Worner and Bev Thomson (SCWFC) and Marion Grant (IWFC)

#### Illawarra Executive

Sue Abba

Joy Bassett

Wes Johnston

Sharni Barton (late)

Rebecca Burgess (late)

### Purpose/Aim

- Sort out the finals series for both women's field competitions

### SCWFC Meeting (held prior)

- Options put to member clubs
  - To have a SC combined Grand Final day – 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades
  - To have a GF winners day (SC 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade v ILL 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade etc)
- SC voted to have a combined SC GF as a last hoorah
  - Not much room for semi's and finals or SC winners v ILL winners

### IWFC Meeting (held prior)

- Straight 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Competition

### Parameters – pre-determined

- 3 weeks of finals: Semi's 28/29 Aug, Finals 4/5 Sept, Grand Finals 12<sup>th</sup> Sept
- 6.2 The format of the finals series will be: Major Semi Final - 1st v 2nd Minor Semi Final - 3rd v 4th Final - Major Semi Final Loser v Minor Semi Final Winner Grand Final - Major Semi Final Winner v Final Winner The Competition Committee can alter this format prior to a competition commencing where 5 or less teams are in a competition or insufficient dates are available to schedule a three (3) week finals series.

Combined 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Joint	Venue
12 September - GF	2 v 2 3 v 3 4 v 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suggested to have these games at LM as it is already set up for men's GF</li><li>• Tracey suggested alternating venues</li><li>• ILL insist on best ground</li></ul>
5 September - Final	SC GF Day/ILL GF Day	
29 August – Semi Finals	SC Final/ILL Final	
	22 Sept – SC & ILL Semi's	

### Discussion – further options

- Joint 1<sup>st</sup> grade day
- Final SC day
- Play 1<sup>st</sup> grade on 13/9 – men's GF day – would be scheduled at the same time as men's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade GF

- Event weekend – 12/9: Combined 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 1v1  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 1v1  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1v1
- 5/9 – SC & ILL Grand Finals
- Joint 1<sup>st</sup> grade final Friday 4/9 – double header on 5/9
- 2nds – 4ths GF on 5/9
- Stay with original format
- Move the comp rounds back
- Suggested mid-week finals – SC voted this down at their meeting
- Not to have the Joint Finals Day – would mean that
  - Combined 1<sup>st</sup> Grade game would be played at either CR or LM depending on who came 1<sup>st</sup> in comp.
  - Either SC or ILL (2nds – 4ths) would play GF without a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade game OR
  - If 1<sup>st</sup> grade was being played at LM, all ILL GF games would play on the one day (12/9)
- Use the 2v2, 3v3, 4v4 as a pre-season round robin as a way on introducing SC to ILL – ILL saw no merit in this
- Should we abandon the above or use the venue for 1<sup>st</sup> grade to determine where these games should be played

#### **Where the Combined Final Series should be played?**

Illawarra – best venue

South Coast – 1<sup>st</sup> past the post. Our 1<sup>st</sup> grade teams wanted this option and our view was to support our clubs.

- ILL insisted that it should be played at the best venue (LM) and even suggested that the SC executive should overrule their member clubs decisions.
- SC remained adamant that the competition format should remain the same as 2014 – determined by the negotiations of SC & ILL Board members
- SC were then reminded that ILL Clubs did not endorse this – this supported SC's stand on not going against their members clubs.
- Sharni Barton mentioned umpires could be an issue

#### **An impasse had been reached**

- We suggested the following  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Date	Game	Team	Venue
29 August	Semi Final	1v2 (Major)  3v4 (Minor)	Game played at home for team ranked 1  Game played at home for team ranked 3
5 September	Finals	Loser of major semi v winner of minor	Game played at home for loser of major
12 September	Grand Final	Winner of Major v Winner of Final	Not discussed at this time

- Discussion regarding taking the decision of where to play finals out of the hands of the committee and have the Board make the decision.
  - Several members were not in favour of this as the Board is heavily weighted against SC
- SC Committee decided it would be a waste of time to take the suggestions back to the member clubs
- SC decided to ring the clubs involved in 1st Grade. IWFC left the room.
  - AP was not able to make a decision without talking to the members
  - Jamberoo felt it was best left up to the committee
  - Lynne spoke on behalf of Rail
  - Gerringong had earlier indicated that they would go with the majority.
- The SC Committee felt that they were left with no option but to make a decision and accept in theory the above suggested playing model as we did not want the decision being left with the Board. However, they also felt that neither ILL nor SC would have the Combined 1<sup>st</sup> Grade GF played prior to the 2nds-4ths Grand Finals.

#### FINAL DECISION

Date	Game	Grade/Comp	Team	Venue
21/22 Aug	Semi Finals	2nds – 4ths /SC 2nds – 4ths /ILL	1v2 (Major)/3v4 (Minor) 1v2 (Major)/3v4 (Minor) <b>Ill still to meet to decide this</b>	CR LM
29 Aug	Semi Final	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	1v2 (Major)  3v4 (Minor)	Game played at home for team ranked 1 Game played at home for team ranked 3
28/29 Aug	Finals	2nds – 4ths /SC 2nds – 4ths /ILL	Loser of major semi v winner of minor <b>Ill still to meet to decide this</b>	CR LM
4 Sept	Finals	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Loser of major semi v winner of minor (possibility of a SC 1 <sup>st</sup> grade team playing a double header)	Game played at home for loser of major – 7:00PM
5 Sept	Grand Final	1sts – 4ths /SC 2nds – 4ths /ILL	SC 1 v 2??? (this would avoid double headers for SC 1 <sup>st</sup> grade in the semis and finals round of SC series) ILL	CR LM
12 Sept	Exhibition Exhibition Exhibition Grand Final	4ths v 4ths 3rds v 3rds 2nds v 2nds 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	SC v ILL SC v ILL SC v ILL Winner of Major v Winner of Final	Event Day – LM 11: 00 AM 12:15 PM 1:30 PM 3:00 PM

- A request was made that AP get the trophy engraved, cleaned and handed in to the Illawarra committee prior to the start of the finals series
- Nichole to arrange to get 1<sup>st</sup> grade trophy from AP
- Wes to inform events Committee to book LM for both days 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September
- Junior Committee to negotiate Minkies to play prior to Exhibition/GF 12/9/2015

### **Discussion – 2016 Season**

- Sue not back until 14/6; Tracey Kras not back until 24/6
- Meeting of combined Executives of SCWFC and IWFC – Monday 29/6
- Jan to book Albion Park Bowling Club – 6.30PM – 8.30PM (require a projector and screen if possible)
- Clubs to have written proposals sent to both committees prior to meeting
- Survey to be sent to all members of both competitions – Illawarra would like their players to be included in the survey. Wes is going to find out if ISCH can pay for a survey “tool” be available for all committees to use
- Possibility to invite Shoalhaven to discussion
- Robertson looking to field women’s teams in 2016?? Daren Airey contact
- It was stated that, as a combined association we now have 2 venues and 4 turfs. In order for a fully combined competition to be functional then all of these turfs should be utilised. Also, Friday night games will be required for fixture purposes due to requests from some clubs and for the number of games required to be fitted in to the weekend.
- SC felt that if Illawarra clubs were not willing to make these compromises then there would be no point in meeting to discuss 2016 combined competition.