

MEMO : 73 – 18

TO : All Clubs
FROM: Damien Bresic – General Manager
DATE: 12th October 2018
SUBJECT: Premier League Structure.

Dear Clubs

As you may be aware Murwillumbah Soccer Club has not accepted our invitation to participate in the Men's Premier League for 2019 and as such leaves us with only 7 teams in our top men's competition.

At its recent board meeting the Board of FGC considered a number of options for the 2019 season including but not limited to :-

- a) 8 team competition; b) 10 team competition and c) One division – combine the PL and CL.

While all options had their own pro's and con's the board felt that for consistency and in the best interest of men's football as a whole, especially with the integrity, viability and competitiveness of both leagues (including the reserve grade) it was unanimously agreed that the Premier League should remain as an 8-team competition as set out in Memo 25-18 dated 20th March this year with the balance of clubs being offered places within the Coast League.

Once the size of the division was agreed upon the difficult task of assigning the remaining place was undertaken.

The three clubs considered for the remaining spot were Musgrave; Southport and Tweed United. Each club had an excellent and viable reason why they should be offered the spot and after lengthy and robust discussion where a number of factors were discussed and considered, it was agreed, with a majority vote to offer Tweed United the vacant position in the Premier League for the 2019 season.

There will be a promotion/relegation system in place at the end of the 2019 season with all details outlined shortly.

We would like everyone to know that this was a tough decision to make as all three clubs have great potential and any one would have been an asset in the Premier League. Unfortunately, we only had room for one team and we hope that everyone can accept our decision and we can all move on to a successful 2019 season.