



Memo

Date: 4 June 2021
To: All Affiliates
From: Dean Russell, General Manager
Subject: NSWTA announces Junior State Cup Structure for 2022 and 2023.

Good afternoon all,

Recently the NSWTA engaged with stakeholders concerning the future structure of the Junior State Cup. The focus of this engagement was to provide a feedback opportunity to our membership on the event's future structure, taking into consideration a possible COVID environment.

The Board of the NSWTA has reviewed the results of the engagement piece and recommendations of the NSWTA staff. They have determined an outcome keeping in mind the needs of the sport across the whole of the state.

The engagement in the process from parents and affiliates is greatly appreciated. The feedback provided valuable insight into our communities' passionate views on this prestigious event.

The Board is also cognisant of the challenges & disappointment experienced by some JSC event participants and their families over the past few years due to weather related factors. Whilst the focus of this engagement piece was on the structure of the event rather than specifically venue locations, we are mindful many participants hold strong views on certain aspects of the event structure. Whilst it is recognised that not all stakeholders will agree with the final decision, we can assure you that the decision was with the best interests of the sport in mind.

Paramount for the organisation is that we strive to provide access to a quality event for all our members across NSW while ensuring the need to provide accessible opportunities and pathways for the game to all affiliates in our state.

The Board has determined that the status quo will remain for the next two years, being 2022 and 2023. That is a Northern Conference, a Southern Conference, and a State Final. From the feedback received, this was the most strongly supported option for consideration.

The decision also falls in line with the NSWTA's long term vision and strategy to continue to grow the participation and pathways of the game in NSW to benefit the future of the sport, both at the representative and importantly grassroots level. Providing a pathway from grassroots to elite enables us to engage with all affiliates in NSW. Juniors are an essential cog in this plan, to have them fully immersed in our sport so that they transition into adult touch members.





The decision for the next two years is a short-term tactical approach to support our long-term strategy of continual growth in the game. It will continue the growth already demonstrated under this model in its first three years, whereby participation and pathway opportunities for everyone across the state have ballooned with a 37% increase in individual participation and a similar percentage in affiliates now attending the Junior State Cup.

The NSWTA will now quickly move to the tender process to select venues for the 2022 and 2023 Junior State Cups. Our goal is to complete this process and announce venues by the end of July.

Complete results of the engagement piece follow.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dean Russell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dean Russell
General Manager



Engagement Results.

Options

The options put to both the Affiliates and Parents were options/scenarios that have been pitched previously by affiliates with some alternates to these ideas also added by the NSWTA.

Respondents

Affiliates-88

Parents- 523

Results

SUMMARY

For the delivery of the Junior State Cup do you support a model of two venues with set age categories at each over two weekends. i.e. Venue 1- 8s, 10s and 12s Venue 2- 14s, 16s and 18s Under this model, a family may be split across venues. Affiliates would be split across venues.

Answer	Parent Response	Affiliate Response
Highest Yes Response	Option 1	Option 1
Highest No Response	Option 4	Option 4
Neutral	Option 9	Option 11

Option 1

For the delivery of the Junior State Cup do you support the current model of a Northern Conference, Southern Conference, and then progression to State Finals. Conferences are split by affiliate and all divisions played at that Conference- therefore a family and Affiliate all attend the one venue.

Answer	Parent Response	Affiliate Response
Yes	75.94%	52.81%
No	7.69%	23.60%
Neutral	10.45%	15.73%
Chose not to answer	5.92%	7.87%

Option 2

For the delivery of the Junior State Cup do you support a model of a Northern Conference and Southern Conference with **NO** State Finals. Conferences are split by affiliate and all divisions played at that Conference- therefore a family and Affiliate all attend the one venue.

Answer	Parent Response	Affiliate Response
Yes	15.82%	16.28%
No	62.88%	61.63%
Neutral	14.00%	13.95%
Chose not to answer	7.30%	8.14%



Option 3
 For the delivery of the Junior State Cup do you support a model of a Northern Conference, Southern Conference, and Central Conference, then progression to State Finals. Conferences are split by affiliate and all divisions played at that Conference- therefore a family and Affiliate all attend the one venue.

Answer	Parent Response	Affiliate Response
Yes	47.92%	28.92%
No	30.63%	61.63%
Neutral	14.79%	18.07%
Chose not to answer	6.67%	9.64%

Option 4
 For the delivery of the Junior State Cup do you support a model with the Northern Conference and Southern Conference whereby teams pre-qualify to the State Finals based on the previous year's result. The pre-qualified teams do not participate in the conferences. i.e. The top two teams (based on four-team finals series) from the previous year's State Finals qualify straight to the next year in the same age category. The winner of the Northern and Southern Conferences progress to the State Final. Conferences are split by affiliate and all divisions played at that Conference- therefore a family and Affiliate all attend the one venue.

Answer	Parent Response	Affiliate Response
Yes	8.82%	13.75%
No	77.42%	65.00%
Neutral	6.45%	10.00%
Chose not to answer	7.31%	11.25%

Option 5
 For the delivery of the Junior State Cup do you support a model of three venues with set age categories at each over three weekends. i.e. Venue 1 - 8s and 10s Venue 2 - 12s and 14s Venue 3 - 16s and 18s Under this model, a family may be split across venues. Affiliates would be split across venues.

Answer	Parent Response	Affiliate Response
Yes	18.79%	24.05%
No	61.99%	48.10%
Neutral	7.56%	11.39%
Chose not to answer	11.66%	16.46%

Option 6
 For the delivery of the Junior State Cup do you support a model of three Conferences determined by Affiliates being graded into Division 1, Division 2 and Development over three weekends. i.e. Venue 1- Affiliates that are determined by NSWTA to be Division 1 Venue 2- Affiliates that are determined by NSWTA to be Division 2 Venue 3- Development teams Conferences are split by affiliate strength and performance and all age categories played at that Conference- therefore a family and Affiliate all attend the one venue.

Answer	Parent Response	Affiliate Response
Yes	32.01%	37.18%
No	48.34%	36.90%
Neutral	12.80%	16.67%
Chose not to answer	6.84%	10.26%



Option 7

For the delivery of the Junior State Cup do you support a model of three Conferences determined by Teams being graded into Division 1, Division 2, and Development over three weekends. i.e. Venue 1- Teams that are determined by NSWTA to be Division 1 Venue 2- Teams that are determined by NSWTA to be Division 2 Venue 3- Development teams Conferences are split by a team's previous year performance and all age categories played at that Conference- Under this model, a family may be split across venues. Affiliates may be split across venues.

Answer	Parent Response	Affiliate Response
Yes	18.93%	25.00%
No	66.82%	48.68%
Neutral	9.80%	13.16%
Chose not to answer	4.45%	13.17%

Option 8

For the delivery of the Junior State Cup do you support a model of two venues with set age categories at each over two weekends. i.e. Venue 1- 8s, 10s and 12s Venue 2- 14s, 16s and 18s Under this model, a family may be split across venues. Affiliates would be split across venues.

Answer	Parent Response	Affiliate Response
Yes	34.48%	31.08%
No	52.81%	44.59%
Neutral	7.19%	12.16%
Chose not to answer	6.52%	12.17%

Option 9

For the delivery of the Junior State Cup do you support a model of two Conferences determined by Affiliates being graded into Division 1 and Division 2 over two weekends. i.e. Venue 1- Affiliates that are determined by NSWTA to be Division 1 Venue 2- Affiliates that are determined by NSWTA to be Division 2 Conferences are split by affiliate strength and performance and all age categories played at that Conference- therefore a family and Affiliate all attend the one venue.

Answer	Parent Response	Affiliate Response
Yes	31.74%	39.19%
No	49.77%	36.49%
Neutral	14.84%	14.86%
Chose not to answer	3.65%	9.46%



Option 10

For the delivery of the Junior State Cup do you support a model of two Conferences determined by Teams being graded into Division 1 and Division 2 over two weekends. i.e. Venue 1- Teams that are determined by NSWTA to be Division 1 Venue 2- Teams that are determined by NSWTA to be Division 2 Conferences are split by the team's previous year performance and all age categories played at that Conference- Under this model, a family may be split across venues. Affiliates may be split across venues.

Answer	Parent Response	Affiliate Response
Yes	14.85%	19.72%
No	72.39%	56.34%
Neutral	10.44%	15.49%
Chose not to answer	2.32%	8.45%

Option 11

For the delivery of the Junior State Cup do you support a model whereby age categories are split but at the same venue over back-to-back weekends. i.e. Venue 1- 8s, 10s and 12s Venue 2- 14s, 16s and 18s. Under this model, a family may be split across weekends. Affiliates would be split across both weekends.

Answer	Parent Response	Affiliate Response
Yes	24.53%	26.03%
No	58.64%	45.21%
Neutral	12.15%	19.18%
Chose not to answer	4.67%	9.59%