

## **NW Premiership and NW Championship Playoff Format**

To maintain a 10-team league for the 2024/25 season, playoffs to determine promotion and relegation to and from NW Championship League 1 will take place.

The following are the various options depending on the outcome of the National Playoffs.

1. A team is relegated from National Premier League 3 to NW Regional Premiership and no team from NW Regional Premiership is promoted to National Premier League 3

A playoff between the teams finishing 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> in the NW Premiership and the highest placed eligible team from NW Championship League 1 will take place with the winner being placed in the NW Regional Premiership and the other two teams in NW Championship League 1

2. Two teams are relegated from National Premier League 3 to NW Regional Premiership and a team from NW Regional Premiership is promoted to National Premier League 3

A playoff between the teams finishing 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> in the NW Premiership and the highest placed eligible team from NW Championship League 1 will take place with the winner being placed in the NW Regional Premiership and the other two teams in NW Championship League 1

3. Two teams are relegated from National Premier League 3 to NW Regional Premiership and no team from NW Regional Premiership is promoted to National Premier League 3

The 10<sup>th</sup> place team in the NW Premiership will be relegated to NW Championship League 1. A playoff between the team finishing 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in the NW Premiership and the highest placed eligible team from NW Championship League 1 will take place with the winner being placed in the NW Regional Premiership and the other teams in NW Championship League 1

4. A team is relegated from National Premier League 3 to NW Regional Premiership and a team from NW Regional Premiership is promoted to National Premier League 3

A playoff between the team finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in the NW Premiership and the two highest placed eligible teams from NW Championship League 1 will take place with the winner being placed in the NW Regional Premiership and the other two teams in NW Championship League 1

5. No team is relegated from National Premier League 3 to NW Regional Premiership and a team from NW Regional Premiership is promoted to National Premier League 3

A playoff between the team finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in the NW Premiership and the two highest placed eligible teams from NW Championship League 1 will take place with the winner and runner up being placed in the NW Regional Premiership and the other team in NW Championship League 1

6. No team is relegated from National Premier League 3 to NW Regional Premiership and no team from NW Regional Premiership is promoted to National Premier League 3

A playoff between the team finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in the NW Premiership and the two highest placed eligible teams from NW Championship League 1 will take place with the winner being placed in the NW Regional Premiership and the other two teams in NW Championship League 1

The playoffs will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and will comprise a 3-team round robin format with each game being played over four 12-minute quarters. Games will be played to current NW Regional rules with the same scoring system. A league will be calculated with positions decided by the same rules as the NW Premiership.

The squad of up to 12 players for the playoff must consist of players who have participated in the respective league competition during the 2023/24 season.