

NW Championship 2 Playoff Format

To maintain the same number of teams in Championship 2 league for the 2024/25 season, playoffs to determine promotion, and relegation to and from NW Championship League 1 will take place.

The format will be as follows:

The three teams finishing bottom (10th, 11th & 12th) of NW Championship League 1 will be relegated to NW Championship League 2.

The top 3 eligible teams in each of the 3 NW Championship League 2 tables will be invited to participate in a playoff to determine the three teams promoted to NW Championship League 1.

Eligibility will be determined according to the following criteria.

1. A club with a team in NW Championship League 1 will not be permitted to enter the NW Championship League 2 Playoffs.
2. A club with 2 teams in NW Championship League 2, both of whom finish in a qualifying position, after the above rule is applied, will only be allowed to enter one team in the playoffs.
3. To determine which team will be selected the following will apply:
 - a. Final league position – i.e., one team is 2nd and the other is 3rd. The team finishing 2nd will be selected.
 - b. Points – if positions are the same, average points per game (total points gained divided by games played) will be calculated. The team with the higher average points will be selected.
 - c. Goal average – if average points are the same, goal average (goals scored divided by goals conceded to 2 decimal places) will be calculated. The team with the higher goal average will be selected.
 - d. Average goals scored per game (total goals scored divided by games played) will be calculated. The team with the higher average goals scored will be selected.

The playoffs will take place on 9th June 2024 and will comprise 2 stages.

1. Three 3-team round robin groups with each being formed of one each of 1st, 2nd & 3rd place eligible team from each of the three NW Championship 2 leagues.
2. A playoff between the top two teams from each group with the winners being promoted to NW Championship League 1

Group 1
1 st Champs 2A
2 nd Champs 2B
3 rd Champs 2C

Group 2
2 nd Champs 2A
3 rd Champs 2B
1 st Champs 2C

Group 3
3 rd Champs 2A
1 st Champs 2B
2 nd Champs 2C

1st Group 1 v 2nd Group 3

1st Group 2 v 2nd Group 1

1st Group 3 v 2nd Group 2

Each game will be played over four 10-minute quarters with breaks of 2,3,2. Games will be played to current NW Regional rules with the same scoring system for stage 1 with draws allowed. If playoff game is level at FT, game continues until one team has a 2-goal lead. The squad of up to 12 players for the event must consist of players who have participated in the respective league competition for the team during the 2023/24 season.