

FIXTURING TIME FRAMES are issued prior to the season start (with the Team Entry information) to assist clubs in allocating their coaches.

Clubs that have players playing in two age groups (due to a shortage of players in the older age group) need to advise the Administrator in writing prior to the season start.

GRADING GAMES (ROUNDS 1-6) – FIXTURES ARE DRAWN UP FOR ALL SIX ROUNDS BUT ARE PUBLISHED ONE WEEK AT A TIME.

The first six rounds are grading games. Where possible, age groups are divided into grades of six teams each – so that all teams play each other once. Games from each age group are fixtured in a time block at one or two venues to allow Grade Secretaries to view and compare teams without losing valuable time travelling between venues. Most fixture requests are able to be met at this time because there is no home and away system for the grading games. Where there is a uniform colour clash, the first named team on the fixture and on the score sheet is required under the Rules of the Competition to change to alternate colour singlets.....N.B. Listings of club uniform colours are listed on the web site - www.mebainc.net

ROUND 7 ON – FIXTURING STARTS AGAIN WITH FIXTURES DRAWN UP TO THE LAST ROUND OF THE SEASON IN HOME & AWAY FORMAT.

After re-grading teams, we move into the season proper which means teams are now fixtured in a Home and Away situation. Even if your team did not change grades,

- 1) your team number on the fixture may be different (to the grading games),
- 2) the venues listed on your fixture may be different,
- 3) the times listed on your fixture may be different,
- 4) the number of teams in your grade may have increased or decreased.

Due to the above for round 7, you may be fixtured against the same team that you played at round 6 (or any of the other grading games).

The times and venues listed on most fixtures now, will all vary [which makes coaching in two age groups next to each other very risky (e.g. BU14 / BU16)]. Fixture requests for this type of example are too numerous to be considered - if the fixture has worked out without any clashes, it is purely down to good luck!

From round 7 on, most U18 and Senior age groups are fixtured in a rotation between the times of 4.50pm and 8.10pm. This is to avoid any team being unduly disadvantaged by receiving more than a fair share of the 8.10pm game times.

FOR MEBA WEEK NIGHT JUNIORS AND MEBA FRIDAY NIGHT JUNIORS :

- 1) Teams share the limited number of time frames – no fixture requests allowed.
- 2) Grading games are rounds 1-5.
- 3) Round 6 on, teams have been re-graded and we move into the season proper.
- 4) All games are fixtured at Nunawading Stadium so there is no home and away.

