

SCHOOL COMPETITION FAQs

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Competition Information & Rules

What is the Paul Kelly Cup and the Primary School Championships?

The Primary School Championships is the culmination of the 2022 NSW/ACT AFL Primary School Competitions. The Championships will include the winners from the regional AFL NSW/ACT Paul Kelly Cups, the winners of the NSW PSSA Tony Lockett Shield and the Sydney Independent School Competition.

The Paul Kelly Cup is the competition administered by AFL NSW/ACT for all schools. Winners will program from sub-regional gala days through to regional finals. The winner of each Regional final will progress to the Primary School Championships.

Paul Kelly is a Sydney Swans and AFL legend who played 234 games for the Sydney Swans. Paul Kelly won the 1995 AFL Brownlow Medal as the leagues Best & Fairest player as well as being an All Australian on 3 occasions with 2 as captain.

Click [here](#) to access information regarding all AFL NSW/ACT school championships.

What is the Junior & Senior School Cup?

The Junior & Senior Schools Cup are our competitions for participants in local high schools throughout NSW and the ACT. Participants play in a 3 phased competition from sub-regional qualifiers, regional finals to the state final.

The Junior Schools Cup is for Boys & Girls from years 7-9. At the state final there will be 3 separate competitions coming together to crown the champion of Junior School AFL. This will involve the winners of the local AFL NSW/ACT Regional Finals, the winner of the CHS Swan Shield and the Sydney Independent Schools Competition.

The Senior Schools Cup is for Boys & Girls from years 10-12. This is an elite competition for schools in NSW/ACT with 4 separate regions represented in the final including Albury/Murray, MIA/Riverina, ACT and Sydney.

Where do I find the rules?

Click below to access the rules for all AFL NSW/ACT school competitions

[Paul Kelly Cup](#)

[Junior Schools Cup](#)

[Senior Schools Cup](#)

How many players are there on a team?

PKC - 12 players on the field.

JSC – Min 14 players on the field.

SSC – Min 14 players on the field.

How many games will our school play on the day?

Your school will play a minimum of 3 games for the day.

Can teams be mixed gender?

PSC – A conversation with your respective Competition Manager is required. It is critical for schools, teachers, and parents to understand the nature of playing in this format.

JSC & SSC – Not permitted.

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Can my team have students from other year levels?

Participants are not allowed to play if they are in an older age group than outlined for their competition. If participants are in a lower age group than their competition they must be accompanied by signed form from their parents.

Preparing for your Competition

How do I register a team?

Click here to register for:

[Paul Kelly Cup](#)

[Junior Schools Cup](#)

[Senior Schools Cup](#)

How much does it cost to participate?

Paul Kelly Cup - \$30.00 per team.

Junior/Senior Schools Cup - \$50.00 per team

How does my school pay for participating?

Invoices are generated by AFL National and will be emailed to schools post competition

What time does the day start?

Schools need to arrive no later than 9.30am to setup and check in with AFL staff.

Please check your matchday information on the links below:

[Paul Kelly Cup](#)

[Junior Schools Cup](#)

[Senior Schools Cup](#)

How do I prepare my team for the day?

AFL NSW/ACT has a number of resources that support teachers prepare their team for each competition.

Please click on the link below to locate these resources.

[Link Here](#)

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Administrative Resources

Will there be a photographer?

Please discuss this with your Competition Manager

Teachers need to advise AFL staff of students who do not wish to be photographed.

Is First Aid provided on the day?

Yes. The AFL will provide qualified First Aid on the day.

Note, this service is not for strapping of players.

Do the competitions have insurance coverage?

Yes, Marsh Insurance. Click [here](#) to view the insurance certificate.

What are the Covid Safety Protocols for the championships?

The AFL have updated Covid Safety Protocols in place. Click [here](#) to access.

What do I do if my school can no longer attend?

Contact the Competition Manager for your competition.

[Paul Kelly Cup](#)

[Junior Schools Cup](#)

[Senior Schools Cup](#)

What happens if weather prevents the competition from running?

Alternate dates are already in place, your Competition Manager will be in contact.

Additional resources?

For additional resources please visit our website below.

www.aflnswact.com.au/schoolcompetitions/