

Supporting Gungahlin and North Canberra areas

Senior Coordinator's Report AGM 25th February 2018

In 2017 we had five premier and six social teams across the Senior Men & Women.

Men's Program

Head Coach was Geoff Young, assisted by Mark McKenzie. We nominated one P1 and two P2 teams for the 2017 Winter Premier League competition and many of those players participated in a Men's Open team for the Summer Season.

Women's Program

Head Coach was Tony Cotton. Once again we were able to nominate a P1 & P2 team for the Women for the Winter season. The P1 team was runner up in the finals. Some of the players opted to play in the Women's Open Summer Competition.

A number of Norths junior players also represent the club at the Senior Premier League level.

Social Grades

Norths nominated six social teams over the year:

A Grade Men - this team has steadily improved, with more consistency in the number of players throughout both Winter and Summer 2017/18. As this team develops it provides opportunities for players to support and provide back up to the P2 teams.

A Grade Women (2 teams) - both continue to be strong, committed and consistent teams that achieve good results. There has been some movement of players out of the teams for various reasons and at times they have relied on junior fill in players.

B Grade Women - this team did not have the numbers for the Winter Season but regrouped for the Summer Season. Lately, there has been a turnover of players and the team has relied on fill ins to finish the 2017/18 Summer Season.

B Grade Men - a new team for Norths and whilst players are committed there was a couple of late withdrawals and one player who departed mid way through the season. This means that the team has relied on fill ins from P2/A Grade to avoid forfeiting a number of games.

Mixed team - this team was new in 2017 and played both Winter and Summer Season and achieved good results winning the grand final.

Over the 2017 year, we had several junior players transition to the seniors in the social grades. In addition there was a steady flow of enquiries from potential new players both men and women in the middle of 2017 but that has tapered off.

Future Direction

The Men's Program continues to develop well in the Premier competition, again entering a P1 and two P2 teams in 2018. It is also pleasing to have the back up in social grades to allow a pathway for juniors to transition to seniors.

The Women's Premier program is stable and teams continue to be competitive.

I hope 2018 will see the continuation of the positive trend in development of our Senior Programs.

The shift to upfront payment of fees has greatly improved the situation in relation to last minute withdrawals from teams and the commitment of players.

I would like to thank all coaches and team organisers for all their hard work throughout the year.

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