

MEDIA RELEASE

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NFL STATEMENT – 2016 DIVISION 2 STRUCTURE

The Northern Football League board has determined the structure of the league's senior competitions for the 2016 season.

Following the withdrawal of Reservoir's senior and reserves teams, Division 2 will this year be a seven-team competition.

The league has created a new Division 2 fixture for the 2016 season, with the competition to be played across 19 rounds, with all teams to play 16 matches and have three byes.

The new fixture features the same Round 1 matches as the previous fixture, with Hurstbridge to have a bye in the opening round.

To ensure Division 2 returns to eight teams for the 2017 season, the club who finishes bottom of the Division 2 ladder this year will not be relegated, while the Division 3 premier will be promoted.

The NFL would like to thank all Division 2 and Division 3 clubs for their patience over the past month.

The league is extremely disappointed that Reservoir is unable to field senior teams this year, and will continue to work closely with the club with the aim for it to return in 2017.

The NFL acknowledges the timing of this outcome is not an ideal situation for all concerned, and we now encourage all clubs to turn their focus to the upcoming season.

Please find the new Division 2 fixture for the 2016 season attached to this email.

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