

Changes to front pin first Cup Draws.

The N&DSL has reduced from 21 Teams to 20. This means that there will be 4 Additional weeks available in the calendar during the 2026/27 season. During the AGM a vote took place and it was decided to use the extra four weeks for team competitions in form of making the first round of the FPF cup a round robin group phase.

The first round will take the form of 4 groups of 5 (randomly drawn during the August captains meeting). Each team will play the other teams once (2 home and 2 away). Points system will be the same as a league match using the FPF cup rules. Teams will progress to the next round of the FPF and Fred Williams cup depending on their finishing position within their group.

Progressions from Groups

- 1st place will get a **home** tie in the Front Pin First Cup Q-F
- 2nd place will get an *away* tie in the Front Pin First Cup Q-F
- 3rd place will get a **home** tie in the Fred Williams Cup Q-F
- 4th place will get an *away* tie in the Fred Williams Cup Q-F
- 5th place will be eliminated

Quarter-Finals, Semi Finals and Finals of the FPF and Fred William cups will be unchanged e.g. remain as knock-out format.