

Top of the South Competition Rules

Section 19: Rules of the Top of the South Trophy

1. Marlborough and Nelson Bays Football rules shall apply.
2. Each team shall play every other team an equal number of matches.
3. The team scoring the greatest number of points in all matches shall be deemed to have won the League.
4. In the event of two or more teams having an equal number of points the winner shall be decided by goal difference over the matches and if the team or teams are equal on goal difference then the team that has scored the most goals shall be declared the winner.
5. No team shall play more than Three (3) players in any one match who are classified in any higher league. Any such player having first been re-classified in accordance with local competition rules.
6. a. If games are postponed in Nelson because of the weather/ground conditions and Blenheim is unaffected then fixtures scheduled for Blenheim playing fields will be played.
b. If games are postponed in Blenheim because of the weather/ground conditions and Nelson is unaffected then fixtures scheduled for Nelson playing fields will be played.
7. Any team which has cause to default any game during the season must notify either Marlborough or Nelson Bays Football prior to 12 noon on the Friday before the match. Failure to comply with this rule may result in fines being imposed as follows:
1st Default \$150
2nd Default \$200
8. Any disciplinary action will be handled by the Disciplinary Committee of the District to whom the offending player is affiliated.
9. Any competition disputes will be heard by a committee comprising of two representatives from both Marlborough and Nelson Bays Football.
10. To preserve the special character of the league at least two Marlborough teams must be assured entry.
11. A player must have taken the field for at least one local division game to be eligible to play for that same team in the Top of the South.
12. Each team shall be allowed to play 3 substitutes from a maximum of 5 named on the card.