

## Adjusted Weighting System for SAPL Interclub Competition

I have made a small adjustment to the weighted ranking system introduced in 2010.

The rationale is the same, namely, to increase the relative significance of the afternoon games and to improve the correlation between number of games won and final rankings.

Put simply, the change serves to increase the reward for winning *both* pm games and/or the penalty for losing both pm games, by one position.

The table below shows exactly how it works...

			Previous (pre-2010) Format	2010 Weighting System	New Standard	
rounds I-III Group	round IV result	round V result	<u>Final Ranking</u>	<u>Final Ranking</u>	<u>Final Ranking</u>	<u>Club Points</u>
1	W	W	1	1	1	30
1	W	L	2	2	2	24
1	L	W	3	4	4	18
1	L	L	4	6	7	9
2	W	W	5	3	3	21
2	W	L	6	5	5	12
2	L	W	7	8	8	9
2	L	L	8	10	11	3
3	W	W	9	7	6	12
3	W	L	10	9	9	6
3	L	W	11	12	12	3
3	L	L	12	14	14	
4	W	W	13	11	10	6
4	W	L	14	13	13	
4	L	W	15	15	16	
4	L	L	16	16	18	*
5	W	W			15	
5	W	L			17	*
5	L	W			19	*
5	L	L			20	*

\* Teams ranked 17 or lower relegated to Div II, if the subsequent round has two divisions.

With the standard 16-team format, 'Group 1' are the four teams that came top in their pool, Group 2 are the second-placed teams, etc. With a two-pool system (17 to 20 teams), Group1 are A1 v B2 and B1 v A2, Group 2 are A3 v B4 and B3 v A4, and so on.

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