

If you haven't already heard, the AFL has postponed the two games being played in Queensland in the Opening Round over safety concerns surrounding Cyclone Alfred.

More detail is available here: <https://www.afl.com.au/news/1274646>

The two games that have been postponed are the Thursday evening game – Brisbane v. Geelong at the Gabba, and the Saturday twilight game – Gold Coast Suns v. Essendon at People First Stadium.

The AFL has yet to announce when these two games will be played.

We have released a fixture update for the round that the program will automatically download.

Your copy of the program will/should already have downloaded the changes to the round.

When the program applies these changes it will:

- a. Delete the two postponed games from the round and any tips for those games.
- b. Make the 'Game for Margin' the first remaining game in the round ie the Sydney v. Hawthorn game.
- c. Unfortunately, it doesn't have the capability to amend the cut-off time (if you are using the Web edition).

If you are using the Web edition of the program then the first thing you should do is click on the 'Synchronise' button, so the changes to the fixture are uploaded to the web pages.

I'm afraid it's a bit messy. This is mainly because the first game of the round has been postponed, and if you were predicting a winning margin then the game on which it was being predicted has been removed from the round.

If you decide not to award a weekly prize this round because there are only two games, things do get a bit simpler.

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**There are four implications from the above changes. Please read on to see how they will affect your competition and what action you will need to take.**

#### **The first implications: Margin Game & Missing Green Ticks**

Any tippers who have already entered tips for round 0 and entered a predicted margin for the Brisbane v. Geelong game will now have that margin deleted. This is why the green tick next to their name will disappear as soon as the list is refreshed – because their tips aren't complete. But if you are using the Web edition then the next 'synchronisation' with some new tips will import the margin they predicted on the Brisbane v. Geelong and record it against the Sydney v. Hawthorn game (and any missing green ticks will re-appear).

If you are using the Single PC or Network editions then the only way to tell who has tips but not a margin prediction will be to look at or print the Tipper Selections report for the round.

It's only a problem for tippers who have already entered tips. Any tips entered after the changes have been applied will be fine. However, in reality after the update ALL your tippers should either enter their tips for the first time or check their Margin prediction (if you are asking for one)

#### **The second implication: Cut-off Date**

This will only affect you if you are using the web edition of the program. In the program, the cut-off date for Round 0 will be Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, even though that round will now start on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. You may want to adjust the cut-off date for round 0 to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> by visiting the 'Cut-off Times' section in the 'Options'. The kick-off time for the Sydney v. Hawthorn game is 7.40pm (AEDT).

#### **The third implication: Weekly prize in a round with only two games.**

The round now only has two games in it, and if you are giving out a Weekly Prize then you may not want to award it in this round. You can prevent a prize from being awarded if you wish, either jackpotting it to the following round or not awarding it at all. If you don't award a prize in the round then you don't have to worry about tippers correcting their margin prediction, so it may be the easiest thing to do. Instructions for doing this are on the following page.

#### **The fourth implication: Knock out competitions**

If you are running a Knock-out competition then half your tippers may have picked teams that are no longer playing in the round. They must go and amend their KO pick or they will be KO'ed for not picking a winning team. In reality it will probably be better to simply end your KO competition and start a new one after round 0 has been scored.

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**We have also been asked if it is possible just to cancel the opening round from the program.**

This is possible and the way to do it would be to re-start your competition at round 1. We would recommend waiting until after round 0 so that the results are entered on Monday and the League Ladder will therefore be correct for the season.

1. If you are recording payments in the program then print out your Payments report, as these will be lost when you effectively start a new competition.
2. Go to the Options, and on the opening screen click on the 'Restart Competition' button.

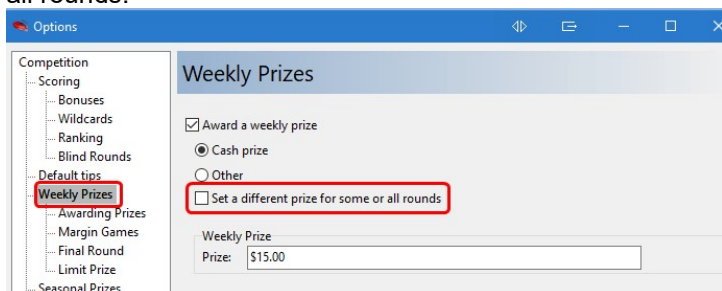
**Restart Competition**

You cannot restart your competition in Round 1 until Round 0 has been closed, so if you don't want to wait until Monday then you will need to at least close Round 0 before clicking on the 'Restart competition' button.

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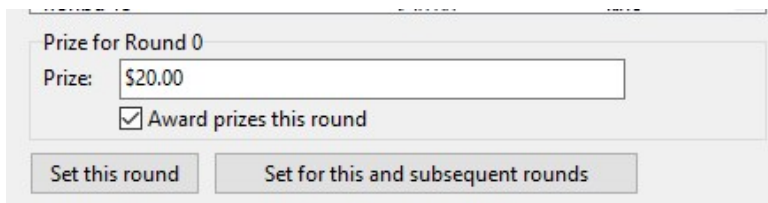
**To Jackpot or to not award the prize in round 0 you should do the following:**

Go to the Options screen, select 'Weekly Prizes' on the left hand side, then select 'Set a different prize for some or all rounds.'



This will display a panel listing each round, and you should select Round 0 and then if

- a. you don't want to award the prize at all make the value \$0 in the panel down the bottom
- b. you want to jackpot the prize, un-select the 'Award prize this round' tick box.



Then make sure you click on the 'Set this round' button.

Of course, if you have any questions or need help, please contact us. We apologise in advance for any possible delays in our response, but we are guessing that it may be a busy time for us.

Regards,

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