

UNITED coach, Matt Krieg, has levelled criticism at Adelaide Plains Football League's administration, claiming the competition is unfair and has become predictable in recent seasons.

Krieg, who has coached the Tigers' A grade side since 2016, felt clubs at the bottom end of the table are struggling to bridge the gap with the top.

After the APFL recently ruled against allowing United more recruiting points so the club could add to its senior group, he was left bewildered.

"It seems this league has no plan to equalise the competition and the top three or four is the same every year," he said.

"There seems to be no conversation about population in the equation.

"It's hard for the playing group out there, trying their guts out but finding it hard to compete.

"It's an unfair competition."

Krieg said a handful of senior

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players in his A grade side are also nearing an age where they should be able to think about playing reserves but are required to fill positions in the senior side.

"We've got 10 colts and in five years time, you do wonder what our situation will be," he said.

"It is frustrating as in so many amateur competitions, going into any game, you are generally hopeful if you play well, you're a chance to win.

"We've had to find a different way to judge success."

United hasn't made the finals since 2011 and currently has the longest A grade premiership drought in the league, the Tigers last tasting success in 2002.

"We are the least successful club of the past decade and it's worrying when the league doesn't act."



United coach, Matt Krieg, believes the APFL lacks a plan to assist smaller clubs with a lower population base compete with stronger sides.