

GENERAL INFORMATION*

Lead Area:	Community & Game Development
Lead Policy Title:	FINALS SERIES MATCHES
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

- This policy pertains to finals matches only and should be read in conjunction with *RWA17 – Finals Eligibility policy (Appendix B)*.

Policy

Step	Policy	Responsible
1	At the conclusion of all regular season home and away matches, competitions will be decided by the playing of finals series matches between such teams and in such a manner as shall be directed by RWA.	SCM
2	Finals matches shall be conducted at such times and at such venues as shall be determined by the SCM.	SCM
3	All teams competing in any finals match must enter into Rugby Link, by 10am on the Friday prior to the match, a finalised team list.	Team Managers Club Officials
4	Strict compliance with Step 3 is vital and any club that contravenes it shall be subject to a review and pending results in the respective match may be subject to disqualification and/or fined such an amount as may, from time to time, be determined by RWA.	SCM RWA
5	In the event of an injury or change on match day, replacement players may be used only if they are eligible. Such players must be listed on a revised team sheet submitted no later than one (1) hour prior to kick-off to a RWA official. The team sheet must be updated online via Rugby Link by midday (12pm) Monday following the match.	Team Managers Club Officials
6	All teams competing in finals matches should ideally have a total squad of 26 players including 6 suitably trained front row players. However, in accordance with the Laws of the Game Rugby Union, a maximum of 23 players can only take the field.	Team Managers Club Officials
7	In any finals match conducted in a finals series (including a Grand Final) where the scores: A - are equal at the end of allotted period of play (incl. injury time) then: i. an extra period of ten (10) minutes playing time each way, with a one (1) minute interval between periods, will be played, being a total of twenty-one (21) minutes; and ii. teams will change ends before the start of extra time and at the half-way point of extra time; and iii. the period of extra time must commence no later than five (5) minutes after the end of the ordinary period of play. B - remain equal at the end of extra time, the match shall, except in the case of a Grand Final match, be awarded to the team that finished higher in the competition table. In the case of a Grand Final, the teams will be declared Joint Premiers.	Team Managers Club Officials Match Officials
8	All match officials appointed for finals matches under the authority of RWA	Manager C&GD

* This procedure has the effect of a Rule under the Competition Rules issued by the Union and terms used in this procedure and defined in the Competition Rules have the same meaning in this procedure and the rule of interpretation set out in the Competition Rules also apply to this procedure.

	by WARURA shall be subject to ratification by the Board.	
9	UNREGISTERED PLAYERS: Playing an unregistered or ineligible player in any finals match automatically disqualifies the offending team.	SCM

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY YOU TO FOLLOW THIS POLICY:

- RWA 2017 Competition Rules