

2023 INTERDISTRICT FINAL SERIES INFORMATION

Congratulations on reaching the Final Series in your Age/Division. For your information we have devised a list of information that should help you prepare for the Final Series.

Please find information below explaining the format of the 2023 Interdistrict Final Series:

- When all Premiership Fixtures are concluded and the Competition points allocated for each competing Team in the Competition, the top four (4) positioned Teams (those Teams in positions 1, 2, 3 & 4) on the Official Points Table (Regulation D 09) shall qualify to continue in a Finals Series Competition.
- The Two (2) Teams with the Two (2) highest positions on the Points Table shall play each other in the Major Semi-Final Fixture with the winning Team advancing into the Grand Final and the losing Team qualifying to play in the Elimination Final.
- The Two (2) Teams with the Third and Fourth highest positions on the Points Table shall play each other in the Minor Semi-Final Fixture with the winning Team advancing into the Elimination Final and the losing Team being eliminated from the Final Series Competition.
- The losing Team from the Major Semi-Final shall play the winning Team from the Minor Semi-Final in the Elimination Final Fixture with the winning Team advancing to the Grand Final and the losing Team being eliminated from the Final Series Competition.
- The winning Team from the Major Semi-Final shall play the winning Team from the Elimination Final in the Grand Final Fixture, with the winning Team being the Grand Final Winner and the losing Team being the Grand Final Runner-Up.
- If, at the conclusion of any Final Series Fixture, the scores are level, then two (2) periods of extra time of ten (10) minutes each are to be played. If the scores are level after the full period of extra time has been completed, the result of the Fixture shall be determined by the PENALTY KICK DECIDER method.

Please find below a list of requirements for your Team for Final Series match day:

- Teams are required to be present at ground no later than 30 minutes prior to kick off. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCUSE FOR LATE ARRIVALS.**
- A Team Official shall print the full first name and surname and jersey number of each Player in the Team on the provided match day team sheet using black or blue biro. NB: the team sheet must not be removed from the Team Sheet Table by anyone other than the appointed Referee (Rule D45).
- The team sheet must be completed not later than 15 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time.
- BOTH teams are to provide a DECENT match ball. Match Officials will decide which match ball is used.

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- In the event of a colour clash the team named as the home team (team listed first) on the team sheet is required to change strip.
NB: Colour clashes are decided at the match Official's discretion (Rule D32).
- Team Officials WILL NOT be permitted in the Technical Area unless they are wearing the appropriate Team Official ID tag and their name is listed as a Team Official on the team sheet.
- ALL Interdistrict Competition Teams are required to have a printed and available copy of their 'Team Photo ID cards' (downloaded via PlayFootball) available throughout the duration of the Final Series.
- All Age and O/35 players must have Photo ID's that can be produced in case of a dispute or requested on the day by a Zone Official. Rule D49 (Report 'Team Photo ID cards' downloaded via PlayFootball).

D51 FINAL SERIES PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- (a) The only criteria for eligibility of a Player for Finals Series Matches are the normal criteria for a Player to be eligible to participate in Competition Matches during the regular season. No number of matches played qualifications apply.
- (b) Suspended Players are not eligible to play in any Finals Series Fixture until the complete suspension has been served.
- (c) A Player may only be in the starting eleven (11) Players in one (1) Semi-Final, one (1) Final and one (1) Grand Final in any one year (with the exception of designated goalkeepers). The normal Rules on use of borrowed Players (Rule D 47) apply to Finals Series Fixtures eligibility.
For Interdistrict Age / Grade Finals Series Fixtures, no additional Player Eligibility Rules apply; only normal Competition Player Eligibility Rules apply.

D 25 FORFEITED FIXTURES

- (e) In the event of a Team forfeiting a Finals Series Fixture, the Team will be automatically disqualified from any further participation in the Finals Series