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# Memo

**To:** All Clubs  
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## Participating Teams

Following the completion of all fixtures the top four placed teams in each division shall play in a Finals Series. Football Brisbane will announce the relevant kick-off times and a venue for all Finals Series matches.

## Format

The Finals Series will involve two Semi-Finals and the Grand Final.

The Semi-Finals will consist of 1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd. The winner of each Semi-Final will advance to the Grand Final.

## Scheduling

Football Brisbane will arrange the dates, times and venues of all Finals Series matches. Football Brisbane reserves the right to schedule or re-schedule matches on any day, time and place as it deems appropriate.

## Rules

All finals matches will be played in accordance with the competition game duration for each age group. After normal time in each half, the referee may add on Injury/Stoppage Time as he/she sees fit. The referee has the right to abandon any match if, in his/her opinion, playing conditions compromise player safety.

Should the scores for a Semi-Final be level at full time, a five (5) minute break will be followed by 2 x 10 minute periods to be played in full. Should the scores still be equal after extra time the following methods will be used to determine who advances to the Grand Final:

*Under 11 – Under 13:* The team which finished in the higher position after the fixture season will advance to the Grand Final.

*Under 14 – Under 16:* A penalty shoot-out, in accordance with FIFA regulations, will be taken to determine the winner.

For the Grand Final, if the scores are equal after normal time, a five (5) minute break will be followed by 2 x 10 minute periods of extra time to be played in full. Should the scores still be equal after extra time, the two participating teams will be declared joint winners.

## **Player Eligibility**

To participate in a finals match, a player must be graded into that team five (5) working days prior to the conclusion of the fixture season. Should teams be required to borrow players during the finals series an application must be submitted to Football Brisbane outlining why the team in question is required to borrow player/s. Applications will be assessed on a case by case basis.

## **Duration**

The duration of matches for each age group are outlined in the table below. After normal time in each half, the referee may add on Injury/Stoppage Time as he/she sees fit. The referee has the right to abandon any match if, in his/her opinion, playing conditions compromise player safety.

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Interval</b>
Under 16	2 x 45 mins	10 mins
Under 15	2 x 40 mins	5 mins
Under 14	2 x 35 mins	5 mins
Under 13	2 x 30 mins	5 mins
Under 12	2 x 25 mins	5 mins
Under 11	2 x 25 mins	5 mins

## **Substitution / Interchange of Players**

In all competitions, unlimited interchange will be permitted, with no more than five (5) substitutes permitted to be listed on the Match Sheet.

Only players' names listed on the Match Sheet are permitted to take part in the match. A player who has been interchanged may return to the field for another player.

All interchanges can only occur at a break in play with the approval of the referee and must take place at the halfway line.

## **Match Balls**

The host club shall provide two footballs of correct size and in good order and condition for each match. Under 11 to Under 13 shall play with a size four (4) match ball and Under 14 to Under 16 shall play with a size five (5) match ball.

## **Home Teams**

The team listed first in each match is designated to be the "home" team.

## **Team Strips**

Where club colours are similar the HOME team will be required to wear their registered alternate strip.

## **Competition Team Sheets**

Both teams participating in a Competition Match must complete an Official Match Sheet. The Team Manager should ensure all match details (age group, division, participating teams, and venue) are completed correctly. The Team Manager should ensure player names are completed in full and that shirt numbers correspond correctly. Players participating in junior matches are not required to sign the Match Sheet, except as outlined below.

A junior player borrowed without their Identity Card available is to sign the Match Sheet and their usual team is to be noted in the Substitutes column. If an opposing team challenges the identity of a player they should complete the Player Identity / Eligibility Challenge forms. In a junior match, the challenged player is to sign the Match Sheet.

The names of all Team Officials are to be marked on the sheet and signed, prior to it being handed to the Referee. The Team Manager should ensure that the Match Sheet is in the hands of the Referee at least 15 minutes prior to kick-off. The referee is responsible for ensuring the names of all Match Officials are listed and signed on the sheet.

Following the match, the Team Manager and Referee should sign off the Match Sheet after verifying the final result and game details (red cards, cautions, substitutes, goalscorers and times). The team sheets are to be handed in to the host club to be mailed to Football Brisbane.

Referees are to forward any Disciplinary / Incident Reports and their Referee Summary Sheet to reach the Football Brisbane office no later than two days after the weekend.

### **Protest – Playing Ineligible Player**

On match day, any team may ask to check the Player Identity Card of any opposing player. Should the player's Identity Card be unavailable, the player must sign the Official Match Sheet. No player can refuse the request for such a signature.

The referee and team managers should note the challenge on the Player Identity / Eligibility Challenge forms and be forwarded to Football Brisbane for investigation. Copies of this will be available at each host venue.

No team official shall have the power to refuse to allow an opposition player to take the field for any reason.

Football Brisbane reserves the right to investigate the eligibility of any player participating in any final series match.

### **Team Officials Conduct**

1. Team officials are only covered by insurance provided the club has appointed and registered them. With regards to team trainers or medical staff, clubs should not use the services of any other person to treat players in regard to injuries, unless such persons have their own insurance coverage to safeguard themselves if any legal action is implemented as a result of treatment of injuries.
2. Team officials must remain within the technical area and are required to wear a Football Brisbane Identification Card at all times in the technical area. Failure to do so may result in removal from the technical area and incur a disciplinary fine.
3. Team officials are responsible for keeping players behaving appropriately at all times before, during and after a match.
4. Team officials are not to argue or address any disagreements or comment direct to a referee. Any complaints should be directed to Football Brisbane, by the club, on club letterhead.
5. A team official can only enter the field of play when the referee indicates to do so.

### **Ground Officials**

It is the responsibility of **each competing team** to provide a ground official to oversee the match. The Ground Official must wear a ground officials vest at all times, and be very visible in case assistance is needed by a team or the referees.

### **Results of Fixtures**

Each competing team will be responsible for entering their results in Results Vault no later than 9am of the Monday following the weekend.

**Referees Fees**

SEMI FINALS - The payment of referee fees is the responsibility of competing teams but should be checked by the Ground Official. A register of matches to be played will be forwarded to each club and should be used to have these payments recorded.

GRAND FINALS – The payment of referee fees is the responsibility of the host club. The host club will then be reimbursed by Football Brisbane, through a method agreed to by both Football Brisbane and the host club.

**Technical Area ID**

Only team officials wearing the correct identification cards will be permitted to be in the Technical Area at matches. Appointed Match Officials and Ground Officials may request the removal of anyone not wearing the correct identification.

Regards



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