

GRAND FINAL DAY RULES

- To constitute a game and avoid a forfeit, a team must have at least 5 players (registered to that team) to take the field. These 5 players must include at least 1 male and 1 female player.
- Teams must have at least 1 male and 1 female on the field at all times.
- Teams must have no more than 4 males on the field at any one time.
- Players may **not** be borrowed from other teams, other than for exceptional circumstances such as a registered player sustaining an injury on the day. Any teams requesting a borrowed player can only request a player that has been formally entered into a Borrowed Players register, which will be kept at the scorer's table. Entry into this register will require the formal approval of the Committee and express permission is required at least 25 minutes prior to play commencing.
- In such circumstances, teams can borrow a player(s) to a maximum of 1 male & 1 female reserve on the sideline. In all cases the borrowed player's team must have been eliminated and from the same or lower division.
- Challenges to this rule must be made prior to the completion of the game.
- Players must wear the official shirt of the team that they have been registered.

Drop-off

- Drop-offs only apply for the grand finals. All other matches drawn at the conclusion of full-time will be awarded to the team that has finished higher on the table during the regular rounds of competition.
- At the start of the drop-off, each team will reduce their playing strength by one on-field player, starting with a male player.
- The Drop-off commences with a tap from the centre of the halfway line by the team who won the toss at the commencement of the game. Substitution of players is permitted at any time as per the normal interchange rules.
- At the conclusion of two minutes of extra time, a signal is sounded and the referee will stop play at the next touch or dead ball. Each team will then reduce their on field strength by one, this time a female player.
- Play will recommence immediately after the players have left the field at the same point in the play where it was halted.
- At each subsequent two minute period another player will drop off (male-female and so on...).
- Once the teams have been reduced to only three players each (2 males and 1 female), no further drop off of players will occur, and the match will continue until a touchdown is scored.
- During the Drop Off, before a winner can be declared, both teams must have had possession. If a team scores before their opponents have had possession, the touchdown counts and the match commences as per normal after a touchdown is awarded. Once possession is lost the winner is then confirmed.