

4.6 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS FOR FINALS

4.6.1 Eligibility of Seniors Players in Finals Games:

4.6.1.1 To be eligible for Senior grade finals games, players must play a minimum of six (6) home and away games with that club. Any player who has played half the home and away games plus one (1) game during the season with teams in a higher grade, may not play in a finals game, in a lower grade, players who play in two (2) or more games in the same weekend can only count the game played in the higher grade as qualifying for finals.

4.6.1.2 Clubs who have their Senior and Reserve grade teams or their Reserves and Under 18 teams (subject to two year rule) playing in finals games on the same weekend will be allowed free interchange of players for that weekend's finals games provided they do not play more than one (1) game on the same weekend (unless special circumstances arise, which must be approved by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or representative). This by-law can be altered by the Board if the number of home and away games change or other circumstances arise. Any change must be circulated to clubs as soon as possible.

4.6.1.3 Subject to by-law 4.6.1.2, to be eligible for Reserves grade finals games players must have played in at least two (2) Reserves grade games in that season.

4.6.1.4 These by-laws apply to Under 18 grades, save the player must have played at least six (6) games in that division or, subject to by-law 4.1.2.1 (the "two year rule"), a lower division with their own club. This includes players participating in the TAC Cup Under 18 Competition.

4.6.2 Eligibility of Under Age (U11 to U16) Players in Finals Games:

4.6.2.1 To be eligible to compete in a finals team, a player must have played the minimum number of matches required in the team concerned. This minimum number may vary depending on the number of home and away matches the team is eligible to play (as specified in the following table):

Number of matches team plays in season	Minimum matches required to be eligible
10/11 matches	4
12/13/14 matches	5
15/16 matches	6

4.6.2.2 If a player has played six (6) or more matches in a higher grade team in the same or higher age group he/she shall be ineligible to play in finals in a lower grade team in the same or lower age group.

4.6.2.3 Clubs who have more than one (1) team in any grade of the same age group playing in finals matches on the same weekend will be allowed free interchange of players for that weekend's finals matches provided players do not play more than one (1) game on the same weekend. If special

circumstances arise an exemption to this rule may be approved by the General Manager Football Operations.

4.6.2.4 Where a team has a genuine shortage of eligible players for a finals match because of injury or other special circumstances the club may seek approval from the General Manager Football Operations for the utilisation of players from other teams. League approval will only be considered for players from a team playing in a lower grade of the same age group. If the club does not have a team in a lower grade of the same age group it may seek approval to use players from a lower age group.