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Finals Rules and Eligibility

Team Lists for the finals series

Squad lists must be submitted to the HAW office by 7am on the Monday prior to finals to allow eligibility checks to be completed.

Final teams for the Grand Final program must be submitted to the HAW office by 7am on the Thursday prior to the Grand Final. The Grand Final team list is limited to 18 players.

Finals Rules

A Tech bench will be used for the Finals series. For the Semi and Preliminary finals each team is to provide an adult to the tech bench, and they are to remain in the Umpires dugout during the game. For the Grand Finals, HAW will roster a person for the Tech Bench.

A 3rd Umpire will be provided to control the interchanges.

Each club must ensure they have a jacketed Marshal on duty during the entire game.

Only one coach is allowed on the side area of the field, within the taped area in front of their dugout. If a team has two coaches they may apply for permission for the second coach. All players not on the field are to remain in the dugout.

Only coaches of Under 12 and Under 14 are allowed to escort interchange players to the interchange area. Other players are to take themselves to the interchange area.

Interchange is to be effected as quickly as possible. No one is allowed to coach from the interchange area, except for change in player positions instructions due to interchange.

Any interchange player is to remain inside the interchange box until the exiting player has completely exited the field.

The first named Team on the issued draw is classified as the Home team and is required to provide the match book and two clean white balls to the Umpires dugout. Once the book is filled in, it is to remain with the Tech bench in the Umpires dugout.

JUNIORS – It is MANDATORY that all Junior players playing in either Senior or Junior matches wear a mouthguard and shin pads. Any Junior player not wearing the required safety equipment will not be allowed to take the field.



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Clubs may put Banners up on the fence as long as they don't cover any Sponsors signs.

All spectators are to remain in the spectator areas. They are not to stay behind the goal area.

All Teams are responsible for ensuring the dugouts and grounds are clean when they leave.

Finals Deciders

Semi and Preliminary Final: In the event of a tie at the end of the 70 minutes, both teams retake the field after a 2 minute break for 2 periods of 10 minutes. If a goal is scored, play ceases and they will be the winner (golden goal). If it is still a tie after extra time, the Team that is higher on the ladder, is declared the winner.

Grand Final: In the event of a tie at the end of the 70 minutes, both teams retake the field after a 2 minute break for 2 periods of 10 minutes. If a goal is scored, play ceases and they will be declared the winner (golden goal). If still a tie after extra time, the FIH 8 second tie breaker will be played except for under 12's where the premiership will be declared as joint.

Team Eligibility

At the conclusion of the home and away matches rostered in each year, the teams filling the first four (4) places in a Division shall be entitled to compete in the semi-final matches for that Division. The first semi-final shall be played between the teams filling first and second place in that division. The second semi-final shall be played between the teams filling third and fourth places in that division.

The preliminary final shall be played between the winner of the second semi-final and the loser of the first semi-final.

The Grand Final shall be played between the winner of the first semi-final and the winner of the preliminary final. The winner of the final match shall be the winner of the Premiership of that division.

Finals Eligibility

Without an approved permit The Board of Management shall ensure that the 'Spirit and Intent' is applied. In regard to the interpretation and application, specific decisions by the Board of Management shall be final and prevail over any content or other interpretation.

There shall be a maximum of sixteen (16) players in each team.

Senior eligibility

A player shall be eligible to play in the finals with any particular team if they have played an aggregate of at least six (6) matches with that team or teams in a lower division for the same club.

All players nominate their 2nd match by placing an asterisk, hash or circle on the match sheet. A player may only play one (1) semi-final, preliminary final and grand final match & one (1) semi-final, preliminary final and grand final match as an asterisk, hash or circle player. Normal rules apply for using these players. There is a maximum of five (5) asterisk players for interchange.

Junior Eligibility

A player shall be eligible to play in the finals if they have played at least six (6) matches with their Junior club or dual registered team

A player may not participate in more than two junior finals each week. They may only play one (1) junior semi-final, preliminary final and grand final match & one (1) junior semi-final, preliminary final and grand final match as an asterisk player. All players nominate their 2nd match by placing an asterisk on the match sheet. Normal rules apply for using these players. There is no limit to the number of junior Asterisk players

A junior playing in a final as an asterisk must do so in the age group they have been asterisking in throughout the season or age group they have participated in the least. ie if a U12 player has been playing U14 without an asterisk being marked on the match sheet & they have played less games in U12 they are an asterisk in the lower Age competition of U12s. Junior asterisk players **must** stay off the field for the specified 10 minutes of each half as per the local junior asterisk rule.

Once a player has taken part in 2 junior aged competitions in the finals series, those 2 competitions will be the only junior competitions they can play during that finals series.

Regardless of team results the asterisk status of a junior will not alter during the final series for 2017.



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Penalties

Players not used correctly under the asterisk rules are ineligible players. Playing an ineligible player in the Finals will result in the match being given to the opposing team.

Umpire Payments for the Finals

Junior Games	\$20.00
B and C Grades	\$30.00
A Grade	\$35.00
Veterans	\$25.00