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RULES OF COMPETITION FOR CUP FINALS

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INTRODUCTION

This document is to be read in conjunction with the current version of the WACFA By-laws.

SECTION – COMPETITION FORMAT CUP FINALS

1. The team winning the Grand Final of the cup finals competition of each age group, will be crowned the Cup Final winner for that season.
2. Cup Trophies are awarded in the following competitions:-
 - Under 12 mixed
 - Under 13 mixed
 - Under 14 boys
 - Under 16 girls
 - Under 16 boys
 - Colts
 - Women's
 - Men's
3. All Junior round one finals on the day of WACFA's Closing Ceremony will be played at the venue of the Closing Ceremony. Subsequent Preliminary Finals will be played at venues on home/away basis. Grand Final venue will be determined by WACFA.

All Colts & Seniors Preliminary Finals will be played at venues on home/away basis. Grand Final venue will be determined by WACFA.

4. Cup trophies are kept by the winning team (unlike League trophies which are perpetual).
5. Where there is a separate north and south competition during the home and away league rounds, the Grand Final will be played between the winning finalist from the north and the winning finalist from the south. The winning finalist from the north and south will be winners of the playoffs of the teams from the north (at end of league rounds) and the teams from the south (at end of league rounds).
6. The Cup Finals fixtures and dates will be documented on the WACFA website.
7. The WACFA Cup Finals competition will be run according to the following rules:
 - a) The rules of the standard WACFA League competition will apply, except where overridden by these specific Cup Finals rules (refer to By-law 20).
 - b) The laws of Football (FIFA) will apply, except where overridden by these Cup Finals rules or those detailed in By-law 20.
 - c) WACFA will appoint Match Officials – a Referee and Assistant Referees – for each Cup Final fixture.
 - d) Match Cards must be filled out and submitted to a Match Official 15 minutes prior to kick-off. All players listed on the match cards will be checked against the team's official team-sheet (see procedures section below).
 - e) To be eligible to participate in a Cup Final game, all players must be registered to participate in WACFA fixtures – see By-law 12.

- f) In the event that the scores are level at full time:
- in Cup Finals games which are not Grand Finals, no extra time will be played, the result will be decided by a penalty shoot-out (penalty kicks);
 - if the scores are level at the conclusion of ordinary time in a Grand Final, extra time will be played as follows:
- 10 minutes each way for Junior teams (U12, U13, U14, U16),
 - 15 minutes each way for Senior teams (Colts, Women, Men),
 - there will be a 5 minute break before the extra-time is played,
 - the team who kicked off the first half of the game will kick-off the first half of extra time.
- g) If the scores are still level at the conclusion of extra time in a Grand Final, a penalty shoot- out will be used to decide the winner.
- h) FIFA rules for the penalty shoot-out will apply - in summary:
- each side will take five (5) penalties;
 - penalty kicks will be taken by alternating sides;
 - the team scoring the most goals in the penalty shoot-out will be declared the winner;
 - if the score remains level after each team has taken five penalty kicks, penalties will continue to be taken in the same manner as before by the other players in each team until the deadlock has been broken by one side scoring more goals than the other from the same number of penalty kicks.
 - each player will take one penalty only;
 - in the event that the teams cannot be separated after all 11 players from each team have taken a penalty, the players will take a second penalty in any order and same manner as the first round until the deadlock has been broken by one side scoring more goals than the other from the same number of penalty kicks;
 - all players are to remain on the halfway line while waiting for their turn to take a penalty;
 - the goalkeeper may be swapped with any other players at any time that are on the field of play;
The goalkeeper can only be “substituted” in a penalty shootout if he or she is injured.
 - no spectators are permitted behind the goals or the goal line while penalties are being taken;
 - the ball is no longer in play once the Referee has acknowledged that the penalty has been ‘saved’ by the goalkeeper.
- i) Please note the Golden Goal format is not played in WACFA competitions.
8. Member Clubs with a team in a Finals fixture must provide WACFA with the name of a suitable person who is prepared to attend the fixture and function as a Match Steward who will assist the Match Officials with matters pertaining to the conduct of the game and, in particular, the behaviour of the spectators from their respective clubs.
9. Allocated Match Officials must:
- a) ensure that all players are listed on the Match Card and have been checked off against the official team sheet before the game commences.
 - b) ensure that time keeping is accurate and that time-added is determined and

played appropriately.

10. Coaches and Managers of teams must:
 - a) ensure that Match Cards have all relevant details completed and that each player is checked against the official team sheet before handing the Match Card to the Match Officials.
 - b) ensure that only eligible players are listed on the Match Card.
 - c) ensure that all players in the team are aware of the Cup Finals rules about how the winner of the game is determined if the scores are level at the end of the game.
 - d) ensure that all players are ready to commence the game at the scheduled time.
 - e) Ensure Team Sheet (coloured photos and FFA numbers) are available for inspection by the opposition team prior to commencement of the match.

11. WACFA will provide match referees at no cost to the clubs during the final's series. Official linespersons will be provided for the Grand Finals Matches.