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Final & Grand Final Series Handbook 2018

St. George Football Association Incorporated (**SGFA**)

This Handbook is intended as a guide only.

Any issues arising out of any match should be raised immediately at Club level before being escalated to the Association.

All rulings will be made in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the St. George Football Association, copies of which can be found on the SGFA website:

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Administration & Operations

1. The RTO is to ensure that the match sheet is completed properly at least 30 minutes before the game is due to kick off.
2. In the final series, an official Referee and Assistant referees will be appointed to each game. Should a Referee & at least 1 Assistant Referee not be available, the game shall **not** be played. If a Club decides to play against the above advice, the game will not be deemed an official match and any result will not stand.
3. **Teams do not pay the referees on the day.**
4. **Each team must have Two (2) Team Officials in Official's jackets present at all games and they cannot be the RTO. One (1) RTO is to be in the Technical Area ONLY. They also cannot act as an unofficial lines person.**
5. Please check ID cards of the opposing team very carefully, they must have the Association name on it, correctly indicate the grade, date of birth and indicate what club they are from, they must also be marked 2018. Be aware of the playing up rules.
6. Official cautions shall not carry over from season to season but suspensions will. The Official season is at the conclusion of the last competition match and recorded cautions two (2) or less are not carried over to the final series.
7. Any player who receives two (2) cautions in the FINAL SERIES shall serve a one (1) match suspension in the next match the player is registered in. There is no appeal against the receiving of a caution from the Referee.
8. The 4 leading teams at the completion of the competition shall play the final series. In the event of 2 teams being on equal points, goal difference for and against shall decide the placing of such teams.
9. **All Match Sheets MUST** be dropped into SGFA mail box by 9:00am on the following Monday morning. Please do not leave the sheets with the referee's as it is not their responsibility.
10. **All Scores MUST be entered on line before 7pm on game day.**
11. Clubs are to check the SGFA website under the "2018 Winter Finals" competition tab for kick off times for all scheduled Finals & Grand matches.

Semi-Finals, Finals, Grand Finals | By-Law: Part 2, Clause 20

Eligibility for participation in the finals series will be determined after the completion of the League Competition. Entry into and competing in the finals series is subject to any breach of the rules by any team within the competition and final's series. When the League Competition has been completed the first four teams in a grade shall play-off to determine the Premier.

- a) In the event that scores are equal at full time in the final series, extra time will be played. The winner will be decided as follows:
 - i. If the match is drawn at the completion of extra time, the game will be awarded to the team that finished highest on the regular season competition table, except in grand finals for teams in (ii).
 - ii. For Under 17 and above and all Senior teams, if the Grand Final match is drawn at the completion of extra time, a penalty shoot-out will take place to decide the winner. Only the players that were on the field at the completion of extra time will be permitted to take part in the penalty shoot-out. No substitutions/inter changing of players will be permitted prior to the commencement of the penalty shoot-out with the exception of an injured goalkeeper. Players are not permitted to leave the field during the period of the penalty shootout.
- b) In the final series, an official Referee and Assistant Referees shall be appointed. Should a referee and at least one (1) assistant referee not be available, the game shall not be played.
- c) In the final series, allowance shall be made for excessive time lost through prolonged substitution/ interchange, injuries, time wasting or other reasons. This allowance shall be solely at the discretion of the referee. All matches are to be completed in full which may result in delays to the scheduled kick off times for later games. In the event a match is impacted by an earlier delay and cannot be played in the allocated time slot, SGFA may consider moving the match to an alternate timeslot (i.e. night match under lights), a new venue or different day. If this occurs, SGFA will provide as much notice as possible to the effected Clubs.
- d) Any team (s) found guilty of causing a game to be abandoned or forfeits a game, shall be ineligible to take any further part in the final series or receive any awards.

Duration of Extra Time - Semi-Finals, Finals, Grand Finals | By-Law: Part 2, Clause 21

- a) For competition teams, up to Under 16 age grades shall play five (5) minutes each way. At the end of regular time, teams will be allowed a quick (1 Min) drink break (coaches are not allowed on the field and all players must come to the side line to have this drink), a toss of a coin by the referee shall determine which end of the field each team shall defend or which team shall kick off.
- b) Under 17 and Over shall play ten (10) minutes each way.
- c) Squads - Premier League, All Age A & PWL shall play fifteen (15) minutes each way.

Eligible Players | By-Law: Part 2, Clause 22

Players must have played (taken the field and been ticked on the match sheet) in three (3) competition matches within the season with the team they are playing for in any semi-final, final or grand final match. Byes and/or matches lost on forfeit do not count for the purpose of determining three (3) competition matches.

Premier League & AAA Special Conditions | By-Law: Part 5, Clause 1.7

Movement of Players

Between First and Reserve grade teams of the same Club is permitted where applicable.

To be eligible for First Grade Semi-Final, Final and Grand Finals, players must have played a minimum of three (3) matches in total in either the First or Reserve grade team.

To be eligible for Reserve Grade Semi-final, final and grand finals, players must have played three (3) league matches in that grade. A Player is deemed to have played reserve grade on the day if he fulfils either of the following:

- i. He takes the field during a reserve grade match.
- ii. This does not include the two (2) nominated goalkeepers. Two nominated goalkeepers are to be nominated at the time of block registration and will be free to play either first or reserve grade within the same team and club.
- iii. Where squads comprise First and Reserve Grade, and Clubs nominate more than one (1) squad for the competition there shall be no movement of players between squads and/or divisions except on re-grading which shall cease on 30th June. De-registration, re-registration and/or re-grading of players will be restricted to once only per person, per season.
- iv. Reserve grade teams making the semi-finals are to provide the association with a list of players in their team so their eligibility to contest the semi-finals can be determined.

Technical Areas | By-Law: Part 3, Clause 2 (b)

ONLY One (1) RTO is to be in the Technical Area throughout both the Semi Finals and Preliminary Finals.

Grand Final's only- Two (2) RTO can be in the Technical Area.

RTO's are to have a 2018 SGFA RTO Card (Part 3, Clause 13 (p))

1. **All grounds must have a technical area** that is properly marked. The RTO must remain within the technical area & all substitutes must remain seated. Interchange and substitution can only be done from the same side as the technical area.
2. **All substitutes or substituted players must be wearing bibs regardless if they are seated inside the Technical Area or not.**
3. **The RTO must be wearing a visible, coloured bib** when in the technical area, and hand their RTO card to the referee prior to the game commencing.