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# Final & Grand Final Series Handbook 2016

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:

[www.sgfa.com.au](http://www.sgfa.com.au)

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## Administration & Operations

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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 & 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 referee's 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 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 2016. 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. 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 9am 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 "2016 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**

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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.
  - 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 at 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 shoot out.
- 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 all time lost through substitution/ interchange, injuries and the transfer from the field of injured players, time wasting or other causes. This allowance shall be at the discretion of the referee.
- 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**

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- a) For competition teams up to Under 16 age grades shall play five (5) minutes each way with no time off before extra time or at half time of extra time. At normal full time 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**

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Players must have played (taken the field) 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 Special Conditions | By-Law: Part 5, Clause 1.7

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### Movement of Players

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

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.
- v. First grade fixtures will be of forty-five (45) minute halves with a five (5) minute interval. Reserve grade will be forty five (45) minute halves to be played with a five (5) minute interval and is to conclude no later than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled first grade kick off. **When this constraint cannot be adhered to, the Reserve grade match duration is to be reduced accordingly.**

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

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ONLY One (1) RTO is to be in the Technical Area through the Semi Final.

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

RTO's are to have a 2016 SGFA RTO Card (Part 3, Clause 13 (p))

1. **All grounds must have a technical area** that is properly roped off. 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.