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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 13 girls
 - Under 13 boys
 - Under 14 boys
 - Under 15 girls
 - Under 16 boys
 - Under 17 girls
 - Colts
 - Women's
 - Men's
 - Masters
3. Cup trophies are kept by the winning team (unlike League trophies which are perpetual).
4. The Cup Finals fixtures and dates will be documented on the WACFA website.
5. 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 (IFAB) will apply, except where overridden by these Cup Finals rules (where available) or those detailed in By-law 20.
 - c) WACFA will provide match referees and assistant referees (**AR**-linepersons) at no cost to the clubs during the final's series. Linespersons to be provided by Teams if AR's are not available.
 - d) Team Sheets must be submitted 15 minutes prior to kick- off.
 - 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) Please refer to By-law 18.3 for rules for sharing players.
 - g) For eligibility of players and the format of the final series please refer to Competition Rules for each age group as published by WACFA during the season.

h) 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 (U13, U14, U15, U16, U17),
- 15 minutes each way for Senior teams (Colts, Women, Mens, Masters),
- 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.

i) 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.

j) IFAB 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 of other players at any time;
- 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.

k) Please note the Golden Goal format is not played in WACFA competitions.

6. 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/Ground Marshal 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.

All Ground Marshals must wear a high visibility vest as provided by WACFA and familiarise themselves with "Duties for Ground Marshals" as published by WACFA.

7. Coaches and Managers of teams must:
- a) ensure that Team Sheets have been submitted in Squad 15 minutes before the game commences.
 - b) ensure submissions have all relevant details completed and that each player is checked against the official team sheet.
 - c) ensure that only eligible players are listed on the Team Sheet.
 - d) 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.
 - e) ensure that all players are ready to commence the game at the scheduled time.