



## 8. FINALS

### 8.1 Finals Eligibility

#### (a) General Requirements

- (i) While AFLQ or the Affiliate League will monitor player finals eligibility, it is ultimately each club's responsibility to check that their players are eligible to play in finals matches. A team that plays an ineligible player in a finals game may forfeit the match and/or be subject to a monetary sanction.

(Penalty up to 300 units and sanction)

#### Youth Competitions

- (i) A player must play four (4) matches per team in a competition to be eligible for finals.
- (ii) Where a player has also played in a higher division or age group in the same season, they must have played more matches during the regular season in the team in the lower division or age group to qualify for finals for that team.
- (iii) To be eligible for Youth Girls finals, any player that also plays matches in the QFAW competitions in the same season must have played more games in the Youth competitions than QFAW competitions.
- (iv) A player is eligible to play finals in multiple age groups providing they meet the required criteria.
- (v) A player is not eligible to play finals in multiple teams within the same age group.
- (vi) Where a Club has multiple teams playing finals in the same age group, a player may be eligible to play finals in a higher division despite having already played a finals match in a lower division team, if the following criteria is met:
  - (a) They are not displacing a player from the division above.
  - (b) They cannot play for multiple teams in the same age group on the same weekend.
  - (c) Request has been submitted to the Competition Manager and approved prior to the round of matches commencing.
- (vii) Any player registering in the competition after June 30 must play a minimum of three (3) matches.

#### Long Term Injury Clause

- (i) A player who has played a minimum of two games for a club but has missed six (6) or more consecutive games through injury may, provided appropriate documentation from a doctor is forwarded to AFLQ, be permitted to play in the finals despite not having qualified for that grade of competition. All applications for the use of this rule must be directed through the Competition Manager and will be at the discretion of the Competitions Manager – QLD or the Affiliate League. There is no provision for players who miss consecutive matches due to suspension and/or unavailability.



- (ii) Consideration will only be given to a player with long term injuries when
  - (a) a medical certificate is supplied from a doctor
  - (b) the player was registered with that club at the time the injury was sustained
  - (c) the player has participated in two games that season for the club they wish to participate in finals with, and
  - (d) the application is lodged in writing for AFLQ approval at least fourteen (14) days before the commencement of that competition's finals series
  
- (iii) Consideration will always be given to the competition (e.g., Division 1 or Division 3) in which the player was injured whilst playing or the competition last played in before sustaining the injury.
- (iv) In the event a club can qualify a player for finals on their return from a long-term injury, consideration will not be given to allowing the long-term injury clause to be used.
- (v) For Youth competitions, exemptions under the long-term injury clause will only be granted, provided the player is not displacing an eligible or available player in a team.