



# FINAL SERIES FORMAT

After the completion of competition fixtures the team leading on the points table shall be number one (1) and the next team number two (2) and so on.

The team at the top of the premiership table will be declared minor premiers.

The following format for a Top Two (2) Finals Series will apply.

Week	Game	Match Name	Team	Team
1	1	Grand Final	Team finishing 1st on ladder	Team finishing 2nd on ladder

The following format for a Top Four (4) Finals Series will apply.

Week	Game	Match Name	Team	Team
1	1	Preliminary Final	Team 2	Team 3
1	2	Preliminary Final	Team 1	Team 4
2	3	Grand Final	Winner Game 1	Winner Game 2

After the premiership rounds if two (2) or more teams are equal in competition points, the final series rankings will be determined according to the following criteria.

The greater positive difference between points scored for and against, then if equal,

The greater percentage of points scored for and against, being determined by,

**Points scored for x 100**                      **Points scored against x 1**                      then if equal,

- The greater positive difference between points scored for and against then if equal
- The greater percentage of points scored for and against, being determined by,
- The most tries scored, then if equal,
- The most goals kicked, then if equal
- The most drop goals kicked, then if equal,
- The most drop goals kicked, then if equal,
- By the toss of a coin.
- There will be no 'play off' matches to determine positions in the semi-final's series.

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**Extra Time:** If scores are equal after normal time in any Finals Series match, then in such matches a period of extra time, five (5) minutes – Golden Point, shall follow.

The commencement of the period of extra time shall be determined by the toss of a coin as described under the Laws of the Game. The team winning the toss will be given the option of choosing which end of the field to defend or may elect to kick-off to commence play. If the team winning the toss elects to kick-off, the choice of ends reverts to the team losing the toss.

If no point or points have been scored after this period of five (5) minutes, the referee shall cease play and teams shall immediately change ends. The team that did not kick-off to commence the initial period of extra time, will kick-off to recommence the second period.

**RLB/Seniors only:** Play shall then continue for an unlimited time basis until the first point or points (Golden Point) have been scored to determine the winner of the match.

**Junior Divisions only:** If in a Semi Final or Preliminary Final, scores are level at the completion of extra time (2 x 5-minute periods) the winner will be determined in the following manner:

- Most Tries Scored, then (if equal)
- First Try Scored, then (if no try scored)
- First Score, then (if no score)
- First Penalty Received.

If in a Grand Final, scores remain level at the completion of extra time (2 x 5-minute periods) both teams will be declared joint premiers. This applies to all junior grades.

In such extra time, the first scorer of any point or points (e.g. field goal, penalty goal or try) will immediately be declared the winner.

If a try is scored in extra time the conversion kick will not be permitted.

In the case of any 'Extra Time' (finals) matches being played, any unused interchanges remaining from the total maximum number allowed will be cancelled after the normal period of play (fulltime). For the 'Extra Time' period, each team will be allowed a maximum of two (2) interchanges, with these two numbered cards to be returned to each team by the interchange official.