

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE

GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Lead Area: | Rugby Operations |
| Lead Procedure Title: | Finals Eligibility Policy |
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

- The underpinning philosophy of this process is to ensure each team playing in the finals series is a true reflection of that team throughout the season, as well as allowing players who do not qualify due to injury, who can provide suitable evidence, the opportunity to play in Finals games for their Club and in doing so provide a level playing field for all Clubs competing in the Finals.

| STEP | DESCRIPTION OF ACTION | RESPONSIBLE |
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| 1. | Unless granted prior written approval of the Union following the procedure below, a Player may only play a Finals Match where the Player has played the Minimum of Five (5) Matches during the current year's Minor Premiership Rounds | Club/Team Manager |
| 2. | Games played will be recorded from team sheets that have been submitted on a weekly basis and entered into the My Rugby Admin Competition Management System in accordance with team sheet procedure | Club/Team Manager |
| 3. | Players will be recorded as playing for the highest team on that day where they were a Run on Player. Should the player only have acted as a reserve they will be recorded against the highest team that they were a reserve for on that day | Competition Manager |
| 4. | Further, for the purpose of Step 1; any Player unable to play for their Club due to State, Provincial or other Representative Commitments required under the auspices of the ARU, will have been deemed to have played a Match for the most senior team in their Club during the relevant period for which they are unable to play due to those commitments | |
| 5. | Unless granted prior written approval from the Union, a Player may only play a Finals Match in the Grade in which the Player has played at least 50% of their Matches as a Run on Player during the current year's Minor Premiership Rounds. Players may play a Finals Match in a Grade higher than which they played during the current year's Minor Premiership Rounds. | |
| 6. | If a Club has more than one (1) Team playing in the Finals Series in consecutive Grades on the same day, selection of Players for those Teams is the responsibility of the Club proposing to play those Players to ensure that they meet the criteria under Step 1. | Club/Team Manager |
| 7. | The Union will provide Clubs with a list of players eligible to participate in the Finals Series on the Monday following the Final Round Match of the Minor Premiership Rounds | Competition Manager |
| 8. | By 5.00pm the Monday following the Final Minor Premiership Round Match, Clubs competing in any NT Rugby Finals Series in both Juniors and Seniors must submit to NT Rugby Union at Rugby Park, Marrara, a list of all the Club's Teams, including lists of Players and reserve Players proposed for each team competing in a Finals Match and any requests for exemption for Players that do not meet the eligibility criteria in Step 1. | Club/Team Manager Competition Committee |