

MWBL Senior Match Conditions for Finals - 2013

	SINGLE GAMES		DOUBLE HEADER GAMES	
Game Start Time	1.30 pm		Early Game	12.15 pm
			Late Game	30 minutes after completion of Early Game - but no earlier than 2.45 pm
Game Finish Time	A Res, B Res, C Grade, C Res, D, D Res, D2, EE, EL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 innings game or 2hours with a Five minute rule (Whichever comes first) Extra innings if scores tied after 9 innings or after 2 hours with Five minute rule Game to be played until completion or until umpire deems playing conditions unsafe 	A Res, B Res, C Res, C Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 innings game or 2hours with a Five minute rule (Whichever comes first) Extra innings if scores tied after 9 innings or after 2 hours with Five minute rule Game to be played until Completion or until umpire deems playing conditions unsafe
	A Grade B Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 innings game Extra innings if scores tied after 9 innings Game to be played until Completion or until umpire deems playing conditions unsafe 	A Grade B Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 innings game Extra innings if scores tied after 9 innings Game to be played until Completion or until umpire deems playing conditions unsafe
Minimum Game Requirements	For A and B Grade games only - 5 innings minimum. For all other grades 5 innings or 65 minutes of play. If a game is ceased after 65 minutes and the innings are uneven and the HOME team is behind then scores will revert back to the last complete inning.			
Interruptions	A No-Result Rule applies to all games if Minimum Game Requirements are not met.			
Washout or unplayable conditions	If game not commenced by 2.30 pm No-Result Rule applies		Early Game	If game not commenced by 1.15 pm , No-Result Rule applies.
			Late Game	If game not commenced by 4.00 pm , No-Result Rule applies.
Re-entry Rule	Does Not Apply		Applies for A Res to A, B Res to B, C Res to C Grades only after the end of the second innings. Refer Re-entry rule for finals matches	

Seven Run Rule: For EE and EL Grades only - 7 runs per innings rule applies

Five Minute Rule Applies: All games with a scheduled finish time shall be subject to the 'Five Minute Rule'. If, at the completion of even innings, from the call of 'side out' and there remains more than five minutes of time before the scheduled completion time, a further complete innings shall be played. If, at five minutes before the scheduled time of completion, and with the home team to bat, then: - If the **HOME TEAM** is **AHEAD** – the game ceases immediately - If the **HOME TEAM** is **BEHIND** or the game **TIED** – game continues until the winning run is scored or side is retired.

Mercy Rule: A team leading by 10 or more runs at the end of 7 complete innings, will be declared the winner.

No-Result Rule: Where wet or inclement weather or ground conditions prevent a game not achieving the Minimum Game Requirements (For A & B Grades – 5 innings) (For All other grades - 65 minutes or 5 innings) or reaching the maximum playing time without a result, the following procedure will apply:

Tied Game: If in the event of a tied game that has met the minimum game requirements and has played out all available time as deemed by the Finals Match Conditions for 2012, the game will be replayed on the following weekend, or next available time as determined by the MWBL Pennant Committee.

- SEMI FINALS:** All Grades – Saturday Game Day / Sunday in case of Saturday washout
Tuesday night for A Grade and B Grade only. Highest placed team moves to next round if Sunday washed out
- PRELIMINARY FINALS:** All Grades – Saturday Game Day / Sunday in case of washout
Highest placed team moves to next round if Sunday washed out
- GRAND FINALS:** All Grades – Saturday Game Day / Sunday in case of washout
- GRAND FINAL REPLAYS IF REQUIRED:** All Grades – Saturday Game Day / Sunday in case of Saturday washout
In the event of a tied game, the following weekend will be used to replay the match.
If week four washed out, dual premiers will be declared

Re-entry Rule for finals matches: In double header finals games, clubs that have teams competing in both games of that double header may, any time after completion of the second innings of the late game, re-enter players from the early game.

A maximum of 15 players can be used by any team – whether substitute players or re-entry players from the earlier game

Eligibility for Finals

- A player must have appeared in a minimum **8 rounds** for the year.
- Junior matches played in the MWBL will count for eligibility to play senior finals

In General

- A Finals Series is to be played immediately following completion of home and away series.
- Finals Series Formats will be as arranged by the Pennant Committee.
- The Umpires will be the SOLE judges of fitness and marking of grounds.
- HOME team will be team that finishes higher on ladder at completion of home and away series.
- Semi Final games will be played on ground of the team finishing higher on ladder at completion of home and away series, where possible; otherwise the Pennant Committee will decide venue.
- For Preliminary and Grand Finals the Pennant Committee will decide venues.
- If away teams using their home ground - then they can use their usual dugout.
- All players and coaches must be in uniform of club.
- Match balls to be supplied by League (equally divide balls at games end and given to each competing team)
- **NOTE:**
Competing clubs to have a supply of spare match balls if required - due to loss or damage of league supplied balls
- Bases, markers and line marking must be supplied by club on whose ground the match is played.
- On open grounds Home Run markers must be supplied and placed beyond the white line marked between the two foul lines.
- On open grounds one boundary rider to be supplied by each competing club, and in position when managers meet with umpires. In default, umpires will not start game until boundary riders are in position. If default occurs whilst game is in progress, umpires will suspend play for a maximum of 5 minutes. If play cannot be resumed, defaulting club will forfeit game.
- **The winner of the second semi- final (1 v 2) will become the home team for the Grand Final**
- **A maximum of 15 players can be used by any team – whether substitute players or re-entry players from the earlier game**
- NOTE: For Preliminary and Grand Final games - the named home team will use the third base bench and the named away team will use the first base bench.
- NOTE: Pre Game Warm Up time on ground for ALL Finals
The named HOME team shall be able to use the whole ground for pre game warm up for 7 minutes commencing 20 minutes before scheduled game start.
The named AWAY team shall be able to use the whole ground for pre game warm up for 7 minutes commencing 13 minutes before scheduled game start.
Umpires and Managers shall meet at home plate 5 minutes before scheduled game start

UMPIRES:

- Umpires to be appointed by the MWBL
- **Match Cards are required for Finals Series games and to be sent to the MWBL Administrator no later than 72 hours after the game by the umpires.**
If games are washed out then cards are still required and umpires are requested to ensure that only names of players present at the game appear on the match card.
- **For the Finals Games Umpires are required to phone the scores to the MWBL Administrator after the game
Phone Number - 9727 2207**
- **NOTE:** If conditions arise that are not covered by these rules then the matter to be referred to the Pennant Committee Chairman – Gary Mack - Phone: 0448 023 281