



# CCBA - FINAL SERIES 2015

## Rules & Organisation

- Clubs/teams must be financial in order to compete in the Final Series to be confirmed by Baseball NSW administration.

### Tournament Director (President of Competition Committee)

The TD has control of all games for this event and may make any decision as required by any circumstances that may occur during the event.

### Wash Outs or delayed games;

In the event of a Final Series Game not being played for any reason, then the procedures listed below will be followed;

### Semi-Finals, Finals & Grand Finals

All games will be attempted to be played.

In the event of wet weather, grades shall be determined on a grade by grade basis.

If determined that the fitness of the ground is unplayable for the scheduled date, games may be transferred or rescheduled at the discretion of the Tournament director.

Games will be rescheduled to be played on the next available day/date by the Tournament Director in consultation with appropriate parties. This includes CCBA, local council(s) and ground maintenance staff. That decision will be final.

Rescheduled dates are to be pre-determined prior to each week of the finals series.

Any team refusing a rescheduled date, time or location/venue will be considered to have forfeited the game.

- If games are washed out they may be rescheduled up to and including the following Wednesday of the same week to play them.
- **NOTE: Junior Finals** – where finals series games are played mid-week, if games are washed out they may be rescheduled up to and including the following Sunday of the same week to play them
- If the game is unable to be played the highest ranked team will progress.
- If a game is stopped for any reason after the completion of
  - (i) 5 innings of a scheduled nine inning game, or
  - (ii) (1) One hour of a time limited game and cannot be recommenced on the same date, then the result will stand. (Per AORB)
- If a game is stopped for any reason prior to the completion of
  - (i) 5 innings of a scheduled nine inning game, or
  - (ii) (1) One hour of a time limited game and cannot be recommenced on the same date, then that game will be suspended and resumed from the point of suspension on the next available opportunity, from where it was stopped.
- If in the event that on the resumption of the suspended game some players are not available the following will apply.

Players must have qualified for the finals. Any player from the bench or a lower grade can take the place of any player that is unavailable.

### Semi-Finals:

G1 Major Semi (1v2) – winner straight to GF, loser to the Final as the home team.

G2 Minor Semi (3v4) – winner to the Final as the away team, loser is eliminated.



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### **Finals: Rescheduled to the following week.**

If rescheduled games are washed out or unable to be played the highest ranked team goes proceeds to the Grand Final

### **Grand Finals: Rescheduled to the following week.**

If rescheduled date is washed out or unable to be played then first team into GF will be deemed Premiers for that competition.

### **Ball Distribution**

The Baseballs approved by BNSW and CCBA Competition Committees are to be used as per the regular season.

All Participating clubs are responsible for recovery of foul balls.

The Tournament Director will be responsible for distribution of baseballs in the Grand Final only.

Initial Distribution: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade games = 6 balls,

Lower grades = 4 balls to be given to the umpires.

- Throughout the course of the games the Tournament Director will be available to distribute more balls if required.
- Umpires must return all balls (used & unused) to the Tournament Director at the conclusion of each game.
- Semi Final and Final games: both competing teams are to supply games directly to the Umpire-in-Chief at the game preliminary plate meeting.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade are to supply three new balls
  - Lower grades are to supply two new ballsIf balls are deemed as unfit by a member of the umpire crew, the umpire will alternate between dugouts and request a new game ball commencing with the Home team.
- Any unused or used balls remaining with the umpire will be returned to the participating teams at the conclusion of the game.

### **Rules Specific to the Final Series**

1. All games will be of the same timing as per regular season games EXCEPT game time shall commence 30mins earlier.
2. The Home team is the higher ranked team and shall occupy the third base dugout. Where clubs have consecutive grades participating in the finals on the same day every attempt will be made to have the clubs in the same dugout for the day where possible,
3. In the event of bad light, umpires may ask the Tournament Director for the lights to be turned on where lights are available.

### **RESULTS**

Both teams are responsible for the notification of results to the CCBA Secretary, as per regular season games, at the conclusion of game

### **Award Presentations**

**Tournament Director** to organise the award presentations as scheduled at the conclusion of each Grand Final.



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**Tournament Director** will organise suitable people to present the awards at the presentation ceremony. Non-participating clubs will be asked by the TD to officiate.

**Grand Final MVP:** CCBA representative will ask at least three knowledgeable people in attendance to vote for the Grand Final MVP using a 3 - 2 - 1 method prior to the commencement of the game. These people are to view the game in its entirety.

