

# State League - FINAL SERIES 2013/14

## Rules & Organisation

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

### Entry Fees to the Venues

Entry to all Post Season games is FREE.

### Wash Outs or delayed games:

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

### 1st Grade: Semi-Finals, Finals & Grand Finals

All games will be played.

Games will be rescheduled to be played on the next available day/date by the Tournament Director in consultation with appropriate parties. That decision will be final.

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

(e.g. If Sat night is washed out then games would be played on Sun if ground is open)

### Lowers Grades:

- If games are washed out they may be rescheduled up to and including the following Wednesday 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 5 innings**, 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 5 innings**, 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.**

**In the case of U18's. Players can be brought up from U16's teams if they are registered in My Club for that club and meet the minimum age requirements.**

### 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.

### Finals: Rescheduled to the following week.

If rescheduled games washed out highest ranked team goes into GF.

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

If washed out then first team into GF will win.

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### Ball Distribution

The Baseballs approved by the SLSC 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.

Initial Distribution: 1st 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.
- At the conclusion of the Sunday games, a stock take of balls is to be done and a decision about whether to order additional baseballs shall be made.

### Rules Specific to the Final Series

**1. All games are regulation games of baseball (9 Innings)**

2. The home team is the higher ranked team and shall occupy the third base dugout.

*Note: In 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, higher ranked team is home in Games 1 & 3, away in Game 2.*

3. Doubling up of players is **NOT** permitted during the Final Series.

4. In the event of bad light, umpires may ask the Tournament Director for the lights to be turned on.

**5. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Starting Eligibility**

- **Semi Final & Final:** If a player enters a game during the **1<sup>st</sup> 3 innings of Game 2**, they may not play lower grade semis or final.
- **Grand Final:** If a player enters a game in the **1<sup>st</sup> 3 innings of Game 2**, they may not play lower grade, grand finals.

### RESULTS

The Home team is responsible the **SMS of results** to the Tournament Director on **0490 017 439** at the conclusion of game within 15 minutes.

**Result sheets** to be scanned/copied and sent to the Tournament Director the same day. These can also be handed to the Tournament Director.

### Award Presentations

**Baseball NSW** representative to organise the award presentations as scheduled at the conclusion of each Grand Final.

**Baseball NSW** representative will organise suitable people to present the awards at the presentation ceremony.

**Grand Final MVP:** Baseball NSW representative will ask at least six knowledgeable people in attendance to vote for the Grand Final MVP using a 3 - 2 - 1 method.

**Note:**

*Final Series rules have been reviewed at the State League Committee Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> February.*