

OPERATIONAL POLICY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Area:	2025 -26 Competition Rules
Procedure Title:	Conduct of Finals Series
Date Last Modified:	8 September 2025

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

The following provides clarity on the NTRU finals series, and what happens in the case of a draw at full-time of a match during the final's series.

Finals format will be determined on an annual basis by NTRU having sought consultation with the Competition Committee. This format will be promulgated to Members as soon as reasonably practicable. No Player or Match Official who is Financially Indebted to NTRU (particularly where that debt is not being actively serviced) will be eligible to participate in any Match in a Finals Series

FINALS SERIES FORMAT

STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	ALL Competitive Matches (u13 – Seniors) will play the following finals series format based on final competition ladder positions; SEMI FINALS Semi Final 1 - 1 ST Place v 4 th Place Semi Final 2 – 2 nd Place v 3 rd Place GRAND FINALS Grand Final – Winner SF 1 v Winner SF 2	NTRU General Manager

DRAW IN ANY MATCH IN FINALS SERIES

STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	In any A Grade Match conducted in a Finals Series (including a Grand Final) where the scores: 1) are equal at the end of the allotted period of play (including any injury time) then: i) an extra period of ten (10) minutes playing time each way, without an interval, will be played, being a total of twenty (20) minutes; ii) Teams will change ends before the start of extra time and at the half-way point of extra time; and iii) the period of extra time must commence not later than five (5) minutes after the end of the ordinary period of play. 2) remain equal at the end of extra time then; i) an extra period of up to five (5) minutes playing time, without an interval, will be played until one (1) team scores (Sudden Death Time); ii) Teams will change ends before the start of Sudden Death Time; iii) Sudden Death Time must commence not later than five (5) minutes after the end of extra time; and iv) the first team to score during Sudden Death Time will be the winner. 3) remain equal at the end of Sudden Death Time the Team participating in that Game which was allocated the highest position in the Minor Round points table will be declared the winner.	NTRU General Manager Match Day Manager Ground Marshall Clubs
2	In any other B Grade, Women's Competitive Match (including a Grand Final) where the scores:	NTRU General Manager Match Day Manager

The NTRU Conduct of Finals Series has the effect of a Rule under the Competition Rules issued by the Union and terms used in this procedure and defined in the Competition Rules have the same meaning in this procedure and the rule of interpretation set out in the Competition Rules also apply to this procedure.

	1) are equal at the expiration of the ordinary period of play (excluding injury time) then an extra period of five (5) minutes playing time each way will be played as follows: i) Teams will change ends at the expiration of ordinary time; ii) extra time will commence not later than five (5) minutes after the expiration of ordinary time; iii) one (1) period of five (5) minutes will be played; iv) the Teams will change ends at the expiration of the five (5) minutes without an interval; and v) a second period of five (5) minutes will be played. 2) remain equal at the expiration of extra time played, the Team participating in that Game which was allocated the highest position in the Minor Round points table will be declared the winner.	Ground Marshall Clubs
3	In any other Competitive Match (u13, u15, u17) (including a Grand Final) where the scores: 1) are equal at the expiration of the ordinary period of play (excluding injury time) then an extra period of five (5) minutes playing time each way will be played as follows: i) Teams will change ends at the expiration of ordinary time; ii) extra time will commence not later than five (5) minutes after the expiration of ordinary time; iii) one (1) period of five (5) minutes will be played; iv) the Teams will change ends at the expiration of the five (5) minutes without an interval; and v) a second period of five (5) minutes will be played. 2) remain equal at the expiration of extra time, the Team participating in that Game which was allocated the highest position in the Minor Round points table will be declared the winner.	NTRU General Manager Match Day Manager Ground Marshall Clubs

OTHER INFORMATION

- For eligibility to participate in NTRU Finals Series, refer to Appendix F – NTRU Player Eligibility Policy.
- This document supports the 2025-26 Darwin Club Competition Rules
- Where this document and the Competition Rules do not align, the Competition Rules document will take precedence.