

b6. **Rules Governing Premiership Semi-Finals and Finals.**

Semi-Finals – if game is drawn

- b6.3 If at full time the Senior Semi-Final is drawn extra time shall be played.
- 6.3.1 After a drinks break of two (2) minutes then extra time of seven and half (7 ½) minutes each way shall be played with no break in time at changeover.
- 6.3.2 If a goal is scored by a team at any point during extra time period, that shall be the end of the game and the scoring team shall be declared the winner.
- 6.3.3 If after extra time, the game remains drawn, the game will be awarded to the team having the highest number of points on the premiership table.
- 6.3.4 If the teams have an equal number of points, the winner shall be decided as per by-laws b6.2 with the exception of by-law b6.2.3. and b6.2.4
- 6.3.5 If, after this, the teams are still equal, a penalty stroke competition shall be conducted. The format of this competition shall be determined by the Board of Management.

Grand Final – If game drawn

- b6.4 If at full time the Senior Final is drawn, a winner will be decided by a method determined by the Board of Management.
- 6.4.1 The format of any extra time and method of determining a winner shall be decided by the Board of Management, to be presented at a Council Meeting, for inclusion in the Local Rules at the beginning of the season.

From the BWA Local Rules....

15. RULING FOR CUP FINALS & FINALS

No Team is allowed to compete in any Finals unless they are fully financial with the Association. Clubs must check with the BWA Treasurer prior to taking part in any final (Semi/Preliminary/Grand). Breach of this rule will mean forfeiture of the game.

Final matches ending in a draw will be decided on the basis of a “Sudden Death” extra time play off. The number of players participating shall decrease and the rules are as follows:

- 15.1 At the conclusion of playing time as previously determined by BWA Management, there shall be a short break of three (3) minutes. Captains to toss for choice of ball or end to defend.
- 15.2 There shall be three (3) periods of ten (10) minutes each with time outs for injuries, penalty strokes, etc.
- 15.3 Penalty Corners awarded before the end of each time period will be played out until:-
- a) a goal is scored
 - b) an attacker commits an offence
 - c) the ball travels more than 5 metres outside the circle
 - d) the ball travels outside the circle for the second time
 - e) the ball is played over the back-line and a penalty corner is not awarded
 - f) a defender commits an offence which does not result in another penalty corner
 - g) a penalty stroke is awarded
- 15.4 For the first period of ten (10) minutes, each team shall nominate a maximum of nine (9) players including a goalkeeper – the actual number of players being two (2) less than the number of which concluded the previously-determined playing time. ie. Team numbers shall NOT include any player/s under suspension – Red or Yellow. Temporarily suspended player/s or substitute/s may take the field at end of the suspension time.
- 15.5 After the first period of ten (10) minutes, teams will change ends.
- 15.6 For the second period of ten (10) minutes, two (2) further players are to drop off, leaving a maximum of seven (7) players including a goalkeeper on the field.
- 15.7 After the second period of ten (10) minutes, teams will change ends.
- 15.8 For the third period of ten (10) minutes, two further players are to drop off, leaving a maximum of five (5) players including a goalkeeper on the field.
- 15.9 Normal interchange rules will apply.
- 15.10 The match concludes once the first goal has been scored with the team scoring the goal being declared the winner. ie. Sudden death.

If there is still no result at the conclusion of the three ten (10) minute periods of sudden death play, then a Penalty Stroke Competition will be played. The Penalty Stroke Competition rules are as follows:

Penalty Stroke Competition (from HQ Rules)

Five (5) Players from each of the two Teams, chosen by their respective Captains from the Players listed on the Team card, but excluding any Player who is under suspension by either the umpire or Technical Officer, shall take part.

The Captains shall choose five (5) Players of their own Team and shall determine the order in which their own Players shall take each penalty stroke against one and the same Goalkeeper of the other side (unless incapacitated)

The Umpires shall choose the goal to be used and toss with the Captains to decide which Team shall appoint one of its five Players to take the first penalty stroke

If no decision is reached after the first series of strokes, a 'sudden death' procedure will operate, consisting of a further series of penalty strokes by the same group of Players, in any sequence. The Team from which a Player has taken the first penalty stroke of a series shall not take the first penalty stroke of the next series.

The first Team to score more goals than their opponents from an equal number of strokes shall be the winner.

The team manager, goalkeepers and nominated stroke takers only may enter the field of play during a penalty stroke competition. All these persons will remain outside the 23 metres area unless a player is authorised by an umpire or technical table official to take or defend a penalty stroke