



# Finals Policy

## Adopted by Southern Highlands Netball Association Inc.

- i A player must have played six (6) games with a team to be eligible to play a semi-final/final/grand-final with that team — with the exception of injuries where each case will be dealt with on its own merits.
- ii All grand-finals are to have a winning team and a runner-up team.
- iii If a game is a draw at full-time then it is continued for five (5) minutes each way.
  - If the game is still a draw, then the game will be immediately continued until one team is two (2) points ahead, this team will be declared the winner.
- iv If two (2) or more teams, in competition games, finish on equal points after the final round of matches, positions for the semi-finals shall be decided on goal averages.

The goal average for each team shall be decided as follows:

  - Goals for ÷ goals against x 100 ÷ games played
  - The number of matches actually played includes a match a team has forfeited, but does not include a match where the team has received a forfeit.

## Winter Competition

- i Format of finals program is as follows:
  - Semi-finals: 1 plays 2 (winner goes straight to grand-final), 3 plays 4 (loser is out of the competition)
  - Finals: Loser of 1 v 2 plays winner of 3 v 4 (winner goes to grand-final, loser is out of the competition)
  - Grand-finals: Winner of 1 v 2 from semi-finals, plays winner of finals match
- ii Where a player is considered not eligible to play in the finals series, clubs may apply in writing before the week of the semi-finals to the SHNA Executive on the behalf of a player stating the exceptional circumstances. Where an injury has been involved a medical certificate stating the injury and clearance to play must be supplied. All cases of exceptional circumstances will be dealt with on an individual basis.