



## **MANLY WARRINGAH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

The rules for semi-finals and finals are as follows:

### **Knockout Semifinals:**

The four top teams play a single knockout round and the winner of each game will proceed to the Final. The round will be 1V4 and 2V3.

In a semifinal game, in the case of goals being equal at the end of normal time two ten minute periods of extra time are played.

There is a five minute break between the end of the game and the start of the first period of extra time.

There is no break between the two periods of extra time. The winner is determined as follows during that extra time:

### **Junior Competitions (U12-U16) & Senior Competitions (U18 to AL):**

If goals are equal at the end of normal time, the team scoring the first goal *in extra time* wins and the game ceases.

If there is no goal during the extra time then a penalty shootout is held to determine the winner.

### **Finals:**

In a Final in the case of goals being equal at the end of normal time there will be NO extra time.

**In Junior Finals (U12-U16) & Senior Finals (U18 to AL) a penalty shootout is held to determine the winner.**

### **Special Borrowing Rules in Semifinal Series and Finals:**

Note a semifinal series includes Round Robin semifinals as well as Knockout semifinals for these rules.

A team can only borrow two players in a semi-final or final (this is opposed to four during the normal season).

There is NO restriction on the number of times a BORROWED player must have played to be eligible to be borrowed by a team.

The overarching principle in player borrowing is that players should not be borrowed unnecessarily. Teams place great importance on the finals and there is often the temptation to borrow players for the finals to strengthen the team rather than for genuine availability reasons.

The MWFA will monitor the borrowing of players to ensure teams act in a fair and reasonable way. A player registered in a team must have played at least four games for that team to be eligible for the semifinals and finals.