



Easi-Guide 5 Finals Eligibility

If at any stage you have any queries regarding Finals Eligibility, please contact your club or Hockey Victoria immediately as penalties will apply.

This document should be used as a guide only.
Please read in conjunction with the HV Rules, Regulations & Schedule documents.

No player shall be eligible to play in any Finals Match with a team of an Affiliate unless:

1. They have played a minimum of thirty three and a third (33 1/3) per cent of the matches (**excluding** all Designated Substitute and double up matches and all permit matches) with such team or, in aggregate, a minimum of six (6) matches with such team and team(s) in a lower ranked grade(s) of the Regular Rounds of a Regular Season in that Competition Section for that Affiliate, **and**
2. In that Competition Section they have played a simple mathematical majority (**including** all Designated Substitute matches and Permit Player matches, but excluding permits issued in terms of Reg 8.3.2 [ETS permits] and double up matches) of their matches in that team or in lower ranked teams during the Regular Rounds of the Regular Season for that Affiliate.

OPENAGE & OVERAGE COMPS



Examples:

Player A has played 8 matches with Pennant B and has played 9 matches with State League 2 (excluding DS/Permit games).

Player A is not eligible to play finals with PB as the player has played a majority of games in the Regular Rounds in a higher ranked team.

Player B has played 6 matches in Metro 1 North, 6 matches in Metro 2 North (1), 5 matches in Metro 2 West (2) and. **Player B is not eligible** to play finals with M2W(2), however **is eligible** to play finals with either M2N(1) or M1N.

Player C has played 3 matches in Veterans C West and 2 matches in Veterans D West.

Player C is not eligible to play finals in any team as the player has not completed the minimum aggregate of 33.33% of matches in those teams.

Player D has played 7 matches in SL1 (including 3 DS matches) and 6 matches in PA (including 1 permit match).

Player D is eligible to play finals as he has played the minimum aggregate of 33.3% of matches.

Player D is eligible to play finals in SL1, but is **not eligible** to play finals in PA, as the majority of matches for the season (including DS and permit matches) is in the SL1 team.

Clubs are now required to rank ALL equally ranked teams. This will make a player's finals eligibility a lot easier to work out.



Notes:

1. Should a player transfer clubs during the season, the former club's matches do **not** count in determining finals eligibility.
2. Matches played as a DS (Designated Substitute) or Permit Player do **not** count toward finals eligibility when determining whether the player is eligible to participate in finals, but they **do** count in determining which team the player qualifies.
3. Matches played as an ETS Permit (Elite Team Substitute) do **not** count at all toward finals eligibility.
4. If an underage player qualifies for finals in the Underage competition only, it does not mean that they qualify for finals in the Openage competition. Similarly a veteran player who qualifies for finals in the Overage competition does not qualify for finals in the Openage competition.

UNDERAGE COMPETITION



Examples:

Player E has played 3 matches in Under 15 North, 8 matches in Under 15 Pennant NW and 7 matches in the Under 15A competition.

Player E is not eligible for U15 North finals, but **is eligible** for U15 PNW **or** U15A **or** U17 PNW **or** U17A finals.

Player F has played 12 matches in the Under 15 Girls Pennant A competition and 5 games in the Under 13 South competition.

Player F is eligible to play Under 15 GPA **or** U15GA **or** U17GPA **or** U17GA finals, but **is not eligible** to play U13S finals.

Player G has played 4 matches in the Under 13 Girls A, 8 matches in the Under 15 Girls A and 13 games in Under 13 Pennant A.

Player G is not eligible for U13GA finals, but **is eligible** for U15GA **or** U17GA finals. Player G **is also eligible** for U13PA finals. (The player can play in both competitions in finals.)

Player H has played 2 matches in Under 17 North and 3 matches in U17PNW.

Player H is not eligible to play finals in any team because the player has not completed the minimum aggregate of 33.33% of matches in those teams.

As well as qualifying in the teams as listed above, the player would also qualify for any team ranked higher in the same competition sub-section (Mixed & Girls). (Please refer to Schedule Sect 1, 1,2,4 for team rankings)



Notes:

1. Should a player transfer clubs during the season, the former club matches **do not count** toward finals eligibility.
2. Matches played as a Double Up player or as an ETS Permit Player **do not count** toward finals eligibility.
3. Matches played as a Permit Player (excluding ETS Permits) **do not count** toward finals eligibility when determining whether the player is eligible to participate in finals, but **do count** when determining which team the player qualifies for.
4. Girls who play in the mixed **and** the girls' competition must qualify for finals for **each** of those competitions. (i.e. play the minimum required number of games in each comp).
5. Players who play as a Goalkeeper in one team and as a field player in another team each round must qualify for finals for **each** of those teams. (i.e. play the minimum required number of GK games in one team and minimum required number of field player games in the other team).
6. Matches played by girls in the U11 Mixed competition will also count toward finals eligibility for higher ranked teams in the girls competition sub-section. (Refer to HV Schedule, Sect 1, Clause 1.2.4 for team rankings).