

**Junior Finals Eligibility (WRFL By-Laws: 4.6.2 ELIGIBILITY OF UNDER AGE (U11 TO U17 & UNER 18 GIRLS) PLAYERS IN FINALS GAMES:**

4.6.2.1 To be eligible to compete in a finals team, a player must have played the minimum number of matches required in the team concerned. This minimum number may vary depending on the number of home and away matches the team is eligible to play (as specified in the following table):

<b>Number of matches team plays in season</b>	<b>Minimum matches required to be eligible</b>
10/11 matches	4
12/13/14 matches	5
15/16 matches	6

4.6.2.2 Clubs who have all of their teams of the same age group playing finals matches on the same weekend shall, subject to the eligibility requirements specified in by-law 4.6.2.1, be allowed free interchange of players for that weekend's finals matches. Where clubs have fewer than all of their teams of the same age group playing finals matches on the same weekend, players must meet the eligibility conditions specified in by-law 4.6.2.1. If a player has played seven (7) or more matches in a higher grade team in the same or higher age group he/she shall be ineligible to play in finals in a lower grade team in the same or lower age group.

4.6.2.3 Players may play in more than one (1) finals match on the same weekend PROVIDED THAT they qualify for finals having played the required number of matches for each grade AND THAT they play no more than one (1) match per weekend in the same age group. If special circumstances arise an exemption to this rule may be approved by the CEO or his/her delegate.

4.6.2.4 Where a team has a genuine shortage of eligible players for a finals match because of injury or other special circumstances the club may seek approval from the CEO for the utilisation of players from other teams. League approval will only be considered for players from a team playing in a lower grade of the same age group. If the club does not have a team in a lower grade of the same age group it may seek approval to use players from a lower age group.

4.6.2.5 For the purpose of By-Law 4.6.2.4, a team has a "genuine shortage" when they have less than 20 players. Teams where approval has been granted under by-law 4.6.2.4 must not take the field with any more than 20 players.