

2013 SFL FINALS – PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS

- **Player Qualification for SFL Finals Series UNDER 19s**
 - All players must play a minimum FIVE UNDER 19S HOME AND AWAY MATCHES to qualify for UNDER 19S grade finals.
 - A player eligible to play Senior, Reserve, Thirds or Under 19s grade finals may only play ONE MATCH per finals round.

- **Player Qualification for SFL Finals Series THIRDS GRADE**
 - All players must play a minimum SIX HOME AND AWAY MATCHES, of which at least FOUR have been in the THIRDS competition, to qualify for THIRDS grade finals.
 - A player who plays in 10 OR MORE Senior and/or Reserve (added or separate) matches is INELIGIBLE to play THIRDS grade finals.
 - A player can be selected in SENIOR, RESERVE or THIRDS grade in ALL DIVISIONS if all grades are playing on the same weekend provided they have played SIX HOME AND AWAY MATCHES.
 - A player eligible to play Senior, Reserve, Thirds or Under 19s grade finals may only play ONE MATCH per finals round.

- **Player Qualification for SFL Finals Series SENIOR/RESERVE GRADE**
 - A player must play a minimum SIX HOME AND AWAY MATCHES to qualify for SENIOR or RESERVE grade finals in ALL DIVISIONS.
 - A player must play FOUR of the SIX HOME AND AWAY MATCHES in the Reserves and/or Thirds to be ELIGIBLE to play RESERVE grade finals in ALL DIVISIONS.
 - A player who plays in 10 OR MORE Senior matches is INELIGIBLE to play RESERVE grade finals in ALL DIVISIONS.
 - A player can be selected in either SENIOR or RESERVE grade in ALL DIVISIONS if both grades are playing on the same weekend provided they have played SIX HOME AND AWAY MATCHES.
 - A player eligible to play Senior, Reserve, Thirds or Under 19s grade finals may only play ONE MATCH per finals round.

All Qualification rulings have been summarised based on the SFL By-Laws. For further detail or clarification, please refer to the Southern Football League By-Laws (which can be found through the SFL website), or address your question(s) to the League.

Finals Frequently Asked Questions

Q: 'We have a player who has played 10 matches in the Seniors, but we want him to play Reserves finals; can we do that?'

A: No, once a player has played 10 or more Senior matches, he is ineligible to participate in lower grade finals, unless:

- a. Your club has Reserves and Seniors OR Thirds and Reserves and Seniors all playing on the same weekend, in which case your club has open selection on players, provided they have played six home and away matches in 2013 for your club.
- b. That player is an Under 19s player. Under 19s players may play 10 or more Senior matches and still be eligible to play finals in lower grades, provided the player has met the minimum required matches for that particular grade.

Q: 'We have a player who has played Reserves football all year, but can we select him to play Thirds or Seniors finals if we need him?'

A: Seniors yes, but Thirds no. 10 or more Senior OR Reserves matches (or a sum of the two that equals 10 or more) means a player is ineligible to participate in Thirds finals, unless he qualifies under the two exceptions stated above ('a' and 'b').

Q: 'We have an older player who has played three Thirds matches, three Reserves matches and three Seniors matches. If it's not a weekend where the open selection applies, which finals is he eligible to play in?'

A: Seniors or Reserves. The player has played the six home and away matches needed to qualify for Seniors or Reserves, but has not reached the minimum requirement of Thirds (four matches in Thirds).

Q: 'We have a player who is eligible to play Under 19s but hasn't played with them all year as we've needed him in the Seniors – can we play him in the Under 19s final?'

A: No. Unless an Under 19s player has met the minimum match requirement for Under 19s finals (i.e. has played five or more Under 19s matches), then the player cannot play Under 19s finals.

Q: 'I see that we have open selection on players if our Reserves and Seniors OR Thirds and Reserves and Seniors all play on the same weekend; do we have open selection on players if just our Reserves and Thirds play on the same weekend?'

A: No.

Q: 'How many Thirds or Under 19s players are we entitled to play in a finals match?'

A: Whilst every other division is limited to 22 players per finals match, 26 players can play in a Thirds final (provided they meet the eligibility requirements), as well as 26 in an Under 19s final.

Q: 'What if our team finishes fourth or fifth and we win the Elimination Final and go on to play the losing team from the Qualification Final; would we then be regarded as the 'home' team?'

A: No, the home team always refers back to ladder positioning at the end of the home and away season, and this dictates the rooms used/allocation of clash jumpers from the league etc.

Q: 'We have a player who has been out injured for much of the year and won't have played enough matches to qualify for finals. If the club presents a doctor's certificate, will he be able to play?'

A: No - the same minimum match requirement exists for all players.

Q: 'When do we (as a club participating in finals) receive our handbook and passes?'

A: These will be available for collection from 2pm Tuesday on the week of your respective match, with the same number allocated to participating clubs as last year. Every participating finals club receives a finals handbook. Further detailed information will be issued via email every Monday morning of a finals week.

Q: 'How do I run a report to see how many matches our players have played?'

A: A report such as that shown below is relatively easy to run – if you would like me to issue one specific to your club, please email me requesting this and I will get it to you ASAP.

First Name	Family Name	2013 Division 2 Sen	2013 Division 2 Res
Matthew	Ackehurst	0	4
Luke	Bailey - Kohne	2	0
Travis	Barlow	0	1
Jarrold	Barlow	0	6
Shannon	Barnes	0	4

If you have any further questions, please contact the SFL office on 9553 5644, or email administration@sfl.com.au.