

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES FINAL FORMAT FOR 2019 SEASON

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES TOURNAMENT ROUND ROBIN FORMATS

8 TEAM COMPETITIONS

1. Each **eight-team division** will be divided in two groups at the conclusion the regular competition.
 - a. Teams finishing in positions 1,4,6,8 at the end of the league season shall participate in "Group A" Championship Series Tournament.
 - b. Teams finishing in positions 2,3,5,7 at the end of the league season shall participate in "Group B" Championship Series Tournament.
2. Championship Series Tournament matches are played in the same manner as the regular league season. Games may end in a win or a draw. There is no requirement for extra time or penalties in 6 or 8 team tournaments. If teams are tied at the completion of the match, the result is recorded as a draw.
3. The team that finishes top of group A shall play the team that finishes top of group B in the season ending final.
4. Where a bye exists in an eight-team competition, the bye will be recognised as Eighth (8th) place.

PLAY OFF – 8 TEAM COMPETITION ROUND ROBIN FORMAT

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES TOURNAMENT 8 TEAM ROUND ROBIN FORMAT GROUP A				
Week 1	First Place	V	Eighth Place	
Week 1	Fourth Place	V	Sixth Place	
Week 2	First Place	V	Sixth Place	
Week 2	Eighth Place	V	Fourth Place	
Week 3	First Place	V	Fourth Place	
Week 3	Sixth Place	V	Eighth Place	

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES TOURNAMENT 8 TEAM ROUND ROBIN FORMAT GROUP B				
Week 1	Second Place	V	Seventh Place	
Week 1	Third Place	V	Fifth Place	
Week 2	Second Place	V	Fifth Place	
Week 2	Seventh Place	V	Third Place	
Week 3	Second Place	V	Third Place	
Week 3	Fifth Place	V	Seventh Place	

10 TEAM COMPETITIONS

1. Age groups and divisions that have 9 or 10 teams competing are not able to use the same format as the 8-team competition as there are not enough weeks in the season available to play all the games.
2. The League competition is completed at the end of round 18.
3. Only the top 4 teams in the division will proceed to Championship Series Tournament.
4. Non-qualifying teams will finish their season at the end of round 18.
 - i. The format used to determine finalists in a 10-team competition is;
 - b. Team finishing 1st vs. Team finishing 4th winner to final, loser eliminated
 - c. Team finishing 2nd vs. Team finishing 3rd winner to final, loser eliminated
5. In 10 Team Tournaments, a result must be reached. In such cases, please follow the directions for [EXTRA TIME](#) as outlined in the Finals Protocols on page 34.

SIX TEAM COMPETITIONS

1. In Age/Divisions where there is a six-team competition, the league season is completed after round 15.
2. The division is split into Group A & Group B. Winners of the two groups meet in the final.
 - a. Group A – teams finishing 1st, 3rd and 6th
 - b. Group B – teams finishing 2nd, 4th & 5th

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES TOURNAMENT 6 TEAM ROUND ROBIN FORMAT GROUP A				
Week 1	Sixth Place	v	Third Place	
Week 1	First Place	v	Bye	
Week 2	First Place	v	Sixth Place	
Week 2	Third Place	v	Bye	
Week 3	Third Place	v	First Place	
Week 3	Sixth Place	v	Bye	

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES TOURNAMENT 6 TEAM ROUND ROBIN FORMAT GROUP B				
Week 1	Fifth Place	v	Fourth Place	
Week 1	Second Place	v	Bye	
Week 2	Second Place	v	Fifth Place	
Week 2	Fourth Place	v	Bye	
Week 3	Fourth Place	v	Second Place	
Week 3	Fifth Place	v	Bye	

SIX TEAM COMPETITIONS WHERE ONLY 5 TEAMS EXIST (6 TEAMS WITH A BYE ROUND)

The following format will apply for 6 team competitions where there are only 5 teams competing. This format also requires a winner from each match. [EXTRA TIME](#) protocols must be followed in this format;

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES TOURNAMENT 6 TEAM ROUND ROBIN FORMAT (WITH BYE)					
Week 1	Game A	Second Place	v	Third Place	
Week 1	Game B	Fourth Place	v	Fifth Place	
Week 1	Game C	First Place	v	Bye	
Week 2	Game D	First Place	v	Winner Game A	Winner to Final
Week 2	Game E	Loser Game A	v	Winner Game B	Loser eliminated
Week 3	Game F	Loser of D	v	Winner of E	Loser eliminated
Week 4	Final	Winner of D		Winner of F	

Championship Series Finals Protocols

EXTRA TIME

1. Only in Championship Series Final or where knockout Championship Series Tournament are played (where a winner is required), matches that end in a draw at the end of regular time shall play an additional period of extra time to determine a result.
2. If the match is still a draw at the conclusion of extra time, the game shall be decided by a penalty shoot-out as per Laws of the game.
3. Extra time periods:
 - a. U12-U14 extra time shall be five minutes each half.
 - b. U15 and above, extra time shall be ten minutes each half.
 - c. No break shall be allowed at the completion of the first period of extra time. The second half shall start immediately.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES TOURNAMENT PRESENTATIONS

1. Winners and Runners Up of play-offs (finals) shall receive a memento of the final. The Board of Directors shall determine the memento each year.
2. There shall be only one memento for the registered coach and manager of each team. Teams with multiple coaches or managers or trainers may apply to the Association's office after the finals have been completed for extra mementos if there is a surplus.
3. Any player who is sent off during a final shall not be allowed to be present with the team at the awards ceremony following the game. A memento may be collected from the Association's admin tent at the conclusion of the presentation.
4. Before a presentation commences, it is the responsibility of the presentation committee to ensure that
 - a. point 3 is properly managed;

- b. team sheet has been checked for send offs and persons that have been red carded during or immediately following the match are not present at the awards ceremony.
 - c. That the score and the winning team is confirmed.
5. Only a representative of a club management committee may collect mementos from the Association.
6. Teams or players who boycott the presentation for any reason, will not have another opportunity to collect their medallions at a later date/time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR DETERMINING POSITION ON LEAGUE OR CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES TOURNAMENT LADDER

In all cases where teams end the season on equal points, the following methods shall be used to determine league position:

- a. Goal difference (goals scored minus goals conceded)
- b. Greatest number of wins in the competition being decided
- c. Greatest number of draws in the competition being decided
- d. Team that has scored the most goals in the competition being decided
- e. Team that has scored the most goals in any single game in the competition being decided
- f. Head to head results between the teams being separated. (wins, goals scored, goals conceded)
- g. If a-f fail to produce a winner, a play-off between the two teams will be scheduled. This play off will no doubt be at extremely short notice. Both teams will be obliged to attend or forfeit.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMPETITION WINNERS

All competition winners will receive a medallion to commemorate their win. The method in which these will be presented will be determined by the NEPEAN F.A. Board of Directors and will be communicated to clubs prior to finals games.