



North West AFL - Final Series 2021

Last weekend concluded the final round of the 2021 *home-and-away* series for all four North West competitions. At the end of Round 15 the ladders are as follows:

Women's competition ladder at the end of the *home-and-away* games

Positio...	Team	P	W	L	D	B	FF	FA	For	Agst ▲	%	% Won
1	Gunnedah Bulldogs Senior Womens Team	15	15	0	0	0	1	0	924	244	378.69	100
2	Inverell Saints Senior Women Team	15	12	3	0	0	0	0	798	351	227.35	80
3	Tamworth Swans Senior Womens Team	15	8	7	0	0	1	0	594	412	144.17	53.33
4	Tamworth Kangaroos Senior Women	15	6	9	0	0	0	0	393	575	68.35	40
5	New England Nomads Senior Women	15	2	12	1	0	1	2	330	795	41.51	16.67
6	Moree Suns Senior Womens Team	15	1	13	1	0	1	2	298	960	31.04	10

Men's competition ladder at the end of the *home-and-away* games

Position...	Team	P	W	L	D	B ▲	FF	FA	For	Agst	%	% Won
1	Tamworth Kangaroos	15	10	5	0	0	0	0	1365	1217	112.16	66.67
2	Tamworth Swans	15	9	6	0	0	1	0	1602	977	163.97	60
3	New England Nomads	15	9	6	0	0	2	1	1448	1113	130.10	60
4	Inverell Saints	15	9	6	0	0	1	0	1287	1093	117.75	60
5	Gunnedah Bulldogs	15	7	8	0	0	1	0	1324	1193	110.98	46.67
6	Moree Services Suns & Narrabri Eagles JV	15	1	14	0	0	0	4	495	1928	25.67	6.67

NW U17s competition ladder at the end of the *home-and-away* games

Position ▲	Team	P	W	L	D	B	FF	FA	For	Agst ▲	%	% Won
1	Inverell Saints	9	6	3	0	2	1	0	623	754	82.63	66.67
2	Tamworth Roosters	10	3	7	0	3	0	1	598	846	70.69	30
3	Glen Innes Celts (U17)	7	0	7	0	4	0	0	287	898	31.96	0

U14s competition ladder at the end of the *home-and-away* games

Position	Team	P	W	L	D	B	FF	FA ▲	For	Agst	%	% Won
1	Gunnedah Bulldogs U14s	8	7	1	0	4	0	0	708	116	610....	87.5
2	Tamworth Roosters U14s	8	3	4	1	4	0	0	294	370	79.46	43.75
3	Armidale Nomads U14s	8	1	6	1	4	0	0	126	642	19.63	18.75

The final matches will run over three weekends with the four top finishing senior teams at the end of Round 15 (31/7/21) progressing through to finals. Loser of the major semi will progress to the preliminary final to play the winner of the minor semi-final. The winner of the preliminary final will progress to the grand final.

For the junior teams the top two positions will play semi-final with the winner progressing to the grand-final, whilst the loser will progress to the preliminary final. The third placed team will play the loser of the semi-final in the preliminary final with the winner progressing to the grand final. The location of the junior games will be determined by the League at a venue hosting a finals match (10.2 D)

This is the first year that the final series venue location will follow the standing of the women's teams (Reg 10.2 A - this will alternate each year with the men's competition odd and even years; Reg 10.2 E each odd year the women's game will be played as the feature match of the series)

The format, venues and times of the final series are as follows:

Semi-finals - 7th August

Major semi final – First placed team (1) v Second placed team (2) ⁺			
U14s	9:30 am	Gunnedah Bulldogs vs Tamworth Roosters	Worseley Oval Gunnedah
U17s	11 am	Inverell Saints vs Tamworth Roosters	
Men	12:50pm	Tamworth Kangaroos vs Tamworth Swans	
Women	3:10 pm	Gunnedah Bulldogs vs Inverell Saints*	

* Winner of this game qualifies as the home side with hosting rights of the Grand Final, loser has hosting rights for the Preliminary Final

⁺ Winner of these games progress to the Grand Final Round to be played 21st August, loser progresses to the Preliminary Final

Minor semi-final – Third placed team (3) v Fourth placed team (4) [^]			
Men	12 pm	NE Nomads vs Inverell Saints	No 1 Oval Tamworth
Women	2:30 pm	Tamworth Swans vs Tamworth Kangaroos	

[^] Winner progresses to the Preliminary Final, loser is out of the final contention

Preliminary Final -14th August

Preliminary final (Loser Major semi plays winner of minor semi) ⁺			
U17s	9:30 am [#]	TBD vs TBD (To be determined)	TBD (Loser of women's major semi-final hosts, Prelim Final games)
U14s	11 am [#]	TBD vs TBD	
Men	12:50pm [#]	TBD vs TBD	
Women	3:10 pm [#]	TBD vs TBD	

⁺ Winner of these games progress to the Grand Final Round to be played 21st August, loser is out of finals contention

[#] Times maybe subject to slight variation on location

Grand Final - 21st August

Grand final (Winner Major semi plays winner of preliminary final)			
U17s	9:30 am [#]	TBD vs TBD	TBD (Winner of women's major semi-final, hosts Grand Final games)
U14s	11 am [#]	TBD vs TBD	
Men	12:50pm [#]	TBD vs TBD	
Women	3:10 pm [#]	TBD vs TBD	

[#] Times maybe subject to slight variation depending on location

All teams are to be ready to run on and play at the nominated time.

Venue changes

As there has been multiple games that have been moved throughout the season due to ovals becoming unavailable it is worth mentioning the process for venue changes. As per Reg 10.2 B, the hosting Club must inform the League and opposing Club as soon as possible. If the usual ground is not available, the host Club may nominate to the League an alternate venue in their town or at a neutral venue with regard given to the travel implications for the away Club.

COVID 19

As per the home and away season the host Club will be responsible for complying with the latest [NSW Health](#) updates which may change at short notice. All attendees must wear a mask, sign in on arrival and socially distance to minimise the risk of COVID transmission.

Other

- All Clubs playing finals must provide a goal umpire, boundary umpire and scorer for each of their games. Please be aware of the following age requirements for these positions.

Position	Minimum age
Boundary Umpire	14
Goal umpire	16
Scorer	Not specified

- Only team officials bibbed and on the team sheet will be given access to the field as outlined in reg **9.1.4 Officials Identification**
 - (A) The League will determine bibs or apparel for individuals in official roles as detailed throughout [Rule 7 and Appendix "F"](#).
 - (B) All named Officials are required to wear such identification during Matches. Failure to wear these bibs may result in a fine and/or the loss of Match ratio.
- Hosting teams must have Ground Manager and First Aid in place and bibbed for easy identification.
- The following youtube quickly runs through [Umpire signals](#) including bloodrule (@2:25 min)

Player eligibility

As per Reg 10.9 all Clubs are responsible for ensuring all Players meet eligibility requirements for final matches. All players must have played a minimum of 3 games with their Club in the home and away series.

Junior players eligibility - as there are only 3 teams in the under 14 & 17 competitions and less home and away games than the senior competition, the CMC will consider exemptions for players that have played in a higher grade to be included in the final games. For consideration the following information needs to be sent to the CMC by Wednesday 5pm 4/8/21.

Player name & DOB				
Club				
	U14s	U17s	Senior	Comments
Usual competition				
Higher grade				
Number of games played (can include washouts)				
Games missed with injury (proof of injury required)				

The CMC is meeting 4/8/21. For any other matters that will need consideration by the CMC before the finals please advise via email (roosters@tkafc.com.au) prior to COB 4/8/21.

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Resources & references

The following information has been put together to help volunteers familiarise themselves with the documents used to score and time keep - before game day when it can all get a bit hectic.

There is a lot of info here but if everyone has a general idea of what they are need to do - it should help the final series run as smoothly as possible.

[NSW NW AFL Rules](#)

Timekeepers & Scorers

The following are rules that timekeepers and scorers need to understand we ask Clubs to ensure nominated scorers familiarise themselves with the following:

- [Timesheets](#) for games and [Umpire signals and how to score AFL](#) resources

7.8 Timekeepers

- (A) The Host Club must provide a timekeeper for each Match.
- (B) The away Club is entitled to also appoint or supply a timekeeper for each Match.
- (C) The timekeeper(s) are to perform the duties as set out in the Laws of the Game and the Rules as otherwise specified by the CMC from time to time.
- (D) In the event of a dispute or disagreement between the two timekeepers, such dispute shall be reported to the field Umpire, at half time if the dispute occurs during the first half or at the conclusion of the Match if it occurs during the second half. The field Umpire shall report the matter to the CMC for attention.
- (E) In addition to performing timekeeping duties, timekeepers will be required to record the scores of each Match in which they officiate.
- (F) Timekeepers are also required to record the time that Players, who are ordered off by the field Umpire, leave the field and shall be the sole judges as to when such Players may resume playing (if applicable). It is the Club of the offending Player's responsibility to obtain the all-clear from the timekeepers for such Players to resume playing. The timekeepers are to acknowledge the Umpire's decision to send off a Player by showing the appropriate red or yellow card to the controlling Umpire.
- (G) The field Umpire shall have the power to dispense with the services of either or both timekeepers during a Match.

9.3.2 Match Duration

- (A) The duration of quarters and breaks for all home and away Matches will be determined by the League and are summarised in the following Table:

Grade	Duration (minutes)					Match Total
	Quarter Length	¼ Break	½ Break	¾ Break	Time On	
Senior Men's	25	3	10	5	No	118
Women's*	20	3	10	5	No	98
Under 17*	20	3	10	5	No	98
Under 14*	15	3	10	5	No	78

In the North West 'time on' is not applied the following applies instead to extra time:

- (C) For Matches where time on is not applicable, the following will apply:
 - (i) The clock is only to be stopped for the blood rule or when a Player is replaced using the stretcher with the procedure as follows:
 - (a) In the event of a Player being replaced under the blood rule, timekeepers are to stop the clock from the time that the blood rule signal is given by the field umpire until the field umpire signals time back on or the ball is clearly in play.
 - (b) In case of a Player being replaced using a stretcher, the field umpire shall signal time off as outlined in Rule 9.3.2 (B) (i).
 - (ii) The clock may be stopped where the umpires believe an unreasonable delay may be experienced, where a football is not available for the immediate restart of the game.
 - (iii) For the AFLNW Youth Competition the clock may be stopped only as provided for in Rule 9.3.2 (B) (v).



Round : Date:/...../..... Grade:U14/U17/Women/Men
 Venue.....
 Home Team: Away Team:

Qtr	Time Commenced	Time Concluded	Total	Break Minutes	Injury Stoppages
1				3	
2				10	
3				5	
4					

	Enter Field 1 st Qtr	Enter Field 2 nd Qtr	Enter Field 3 rd Qtr	Enter Field 4 th Qtr
Umpires				
Home Team				
Away Team				

Match Duration Times

U14 4 x 15 Minutes, No Time On. U17 4 x 20 Minutes, No Time On.
 Women, 4 x 20 Minutes, No Time On. Men 4 x 25 Minutes, No Time On.

Name	Club	Number / Title	Qtr	Time Sent Off	Time Returned to field	Yellow, 15" Red, Report & off for rest of game No replacement.

Timekeeper Signature Timekeeper Signature.....
 Club Club.....
 Field Umpire Signature.....

9.3.3 Sirens

- (A) The Host Club must provide a siren that is clearly audible to Players and field Umpire for each match.
 (B) The Timekeeper is to sound the siren as follows:

When	Number
As Umpires enter the playing field prior to the start of a Match and after half-time	Once
Five (5) minutes prior to scheduled starting time of the Match and start of the third quarter	Once
Two (2) minutes prior to scheduled starting time of each quarter	Twice
One (1) minute prior to scheduled starting time of each quarter	Once
Scheduled starting time of each quarter (as the umpire holds the ball in the air)	Once
At the expiration of the game clock at the end of each quarter	Once & until such time that the Umpires have indicated that they have heard the siren by raising both arms in the air

- (C) The Host Club must also have available an emergency sounding device in the event of the failure of the siren/sounding device.

13.7 Order Off Rule

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- (B) Timekeepers are required to record the time that Players, who are ordered off by the field Umpires, leave the field of play and determine when such Players may resume playing in the Match, or be replaced in the Match (whichever is applicable). It is the offending Player's Club's responsibility to obtain approval from the timekeepers for such Player to resume playing in the Match.

Score cards

The score cards are filled in by goal umpires and scorers, and checked at the end of each quarter. The score cards generally have a front and back. Please remind scorers to record the goal scorers and their tally of goals on the reverse side.

AFL North West NSW League Score Card							Team		Vs		Team	
Match	Vs						Player No	Goals			Player No	Goals
Date	Venue											
Quarter	Goals	Behinds	Points	Goals	Behinds	Points						
First												
Second												
Third												
Fourth												
Totals												
Umpires			Field									
Goal				Field								

9.2.1 Team Sheets

- (A) Clubs are required to comply with the Team Sheet requirements detailed in the following Table.

Match Stage	Requirements
(i) Pre-match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Team Sheet is required to be prepared on FootyWeb by each Club prior to every Match. The Team Sheet must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name and jumper number of each Player, in alphabetical order; and The name of all Team officials, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coach Assistant Coach (if applicable) Team Manager Runner(s) Trainers / First Aid Officials Water Carriers Three (3) copies of each Team's Team Sheet are to be printed and distributed prior to the Match by the Team Manager as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) provided to the Ground Manager / Timekeeper ("Official Team Sheet") One (1) handed to the opposition Club's Team Manager The third copy is to be retained by the Club Team Manager <p>[Note: The Umpires are to refer to the Official Team Sheet for the purposes of fulfilling any of their match-day requirements]</p>
(ii) During Match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players or Officials included on the Team Sheet who do not participate in the Match must be crossed off the Official Team Sheet before the Match commences (where practicable) but by no later than half time of the Match. Alterations or additions may be made to the Players listed on Official Team Sheet up until the end of the half time interval by arrangement with the field Umpires. Players arriving late may take the field prior to being listed on

	<p>the Team Sheet provided that the opposition Club's Team Manager and Umpires are advised. Such Players must be included on the Team Sheet before the second half of the Match commences. No player arriving after half time may take the field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No alterations or additions may be made to the Official Team Sheet after the end of the half time interval of the Match (other than for the purposes of recording scores and best players post-Match). At the half time interval of the Match, each Club's Team Manager is to check each other's Official Team Sheet and sign off on this to verify its accuracy. As a matter of proper record keeping, any alterations or additions made to the Primary Team Sheet should also be made on the other two copies of the Team Sheet (i.e. the Team Managers' copies). Each Club's Team Manager is to keep a record of the quarter by quarter scores, and goal kickers, on their copy of the Team Sheet (which will be transposed to the Official Team Sheet at conclusion of the Match).
(iii) Post-match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the conclusion of the Match, the Team Managers from each Team are to record the following on the Official Team Sheet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> quarter by quarter scores; and the Team's goal scorers; and the Team's best players. <p><i>[Note: Goal scorers and best players are optional for Junior / Youth Matches]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goals not listed on the Official Team Sheet at the time it is received by the League shall not be credited to a Player's tally. The field Umpires are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sign each Official Team Sheet (i.e. Ground Manager's copy) after completing end of Match duties. photograph the Official Team Sheets and both Score Cards in preparation for the Umpire Match Report (see viii below).
(iv) Team Sheet Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where an official Team Sheet is altered under 9.2.1(A)(ii), FootyWeb team sheet records are to be updated by the Club by 7.00pm (or 10.00pm for night Matches) after completion of the Match to ensure that the altered Official Team Sheet and FootyWeb records properly reconcile. Each Club is ultimately responsible for the accuracy of its own Club's Team Sheets. Any Club that provides an incorrect or incomplete Team Sheet (including FootyWeb Team Sheet records) may be subject to disciplinary sanctions including a determination that the Club's Team be recorded as losing the Match with scores determined under Rule 8.7.4 as if the Match was a forfeit. Clubs must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> retain all Team Sheets for a period of at least four (4) weeks after the Season (including Finals) concludes; and be able to produce these, if required, to the League within three (3) days or other timeframe as determined by the League.

Role Statement - Ground Manager

The primary purpose of the role of Ground Manager is to ensure that match day activities run smoothly and in accordance with the By-Laws, including that all at the ground comply with the Code of Conduct.

PRE-MATCH

Facility and equipment

- Ensure all equipment (including a stretcher) is available before the game.
- Ensure the ground is set-up with goal posts and padding and the interchange area is marked.
- Ensure the AFLNC By-Laws and AFL Laws of the Game are available for all games.
- Have available a spare set of Yellow & Red cards.
- Ensure that the JLT match day safety check has been performed.

Liaison and support

- Introduce him/herself to the umpires and officials of the visiting club on arrival, acquaint them with the ground facilities, and provide details of the closest medical facilities.
- Ensure the home club complies with the Sports Trainer Policy.
- Ensure the home club provides a Timekeeper and is set up halfway between the two benches.
- Ensure that both teams are aware where the interchange area is.

DURING THE MATCH

Umpires

- Act as the Umpire Escort (unless performed by someone else) to and from the ground.
- Stand with the Umpires during the quarter and three-quarter time breaks.
- Provide water for the Umpires during breaks.

Code of Conduct

- Oversee the League's Code of Conduct as it applies to all officials and supporters
- Where potential breaches of the code occur, ask officials of the club that the individual is associated with to address the matter.
- If an offence is reportable, obtain signed statements from witnesses and any other relevant material, e.g. video footage.

Safety

- Ensure the field umpire is aware if a stretcher is required on the field and can stop the game.
- Ensure gates are opened to provide access to the ground by an ambulance if required.
- In the event of dangerous weather (e.g. lightning or hail), terminate the game.

POST MATCH

- Where possible, provide the Field Umpires with reasonable refreshments after their game(s).
- Collect all required paperwork, including team sheets and scorecards.
- Receive any formally submitted objections, protests or complaints from Officials of Clubs.
- Ensure Umpires review team sheets for inclusion of all jumper numbers and sign the sheets.
- Email a report to the Football Operations Co-ordinator of any substantiated misconduct by supporters or club officials **within twenty- four (24) hours** of the end of the game.
- Facilitate the entry of scores through Footyweb by no later than 6:00pm following match day (including goal kickers and best players).
- Postponed games: inform the Football Operations Co-ordinator in writing of the specific reasons for abandonment of any games.

GENERAL

1. Ground Manager must wear a distinctive vest with the title 'Ground Manager' printed on the back to be easily identified.
2. The Ground Manager resources should be located on the wing, five metres from the field of play, in between Coaches boxes.
3. If the Ground Manager is replaced during the day, the replacement Ground Manager should inform the umpires and the visiting club.
4. The Ground Managers responsibilities must be performed by a person at least 18 years of age.

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