



# FINALS QUALIFICATION 2025

## As per the 2025 Rules of Operation

### 5.5 Finals Qualification

- a) To be eligible to play in the finals a player must have played a minimum percentage of games for the Association's respective team in that season. For the purpose of this clause:
  - i. For the player development stream the minimum percentage is 30%
  - ii. For the Association elite stream the minimum percentage is 40%
  - iii. A game shall be credited if the player's name appears in the statistics file transmitted to the League and have more than 0.00 in their minutes played column.
- b) When calculating player's games played percentage and where the percentage number is not a whole number, then the percentage number will be rounded up to the next whole number e.g. 19.1% goes to 20%.

See below the table with the number of games required for each Division to qualify for finals.

2025 Big V Division	Number of games required for Finals Qualification	% of games required to qualify
Championship Men	9	40%
Championship Women	9	
Division One Men	8	
Division One Women	8	
Division Two Men	8	
Division Two Women	8	
Youth Championship Men	7	30%
Youth Championship Women	7	
Youth One Men	7	
Youth One Women	7	
Youth Two Men	6	
Youth Two Women	6	
Youth Three Men	6	

**Applications for injured players who have not met the finals qualification percentage requirements.**

- c) A player, who due to injury/illness fails to qualify for the Big V Finals under Rule 5.5 a), may apply in writing to Big V at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of finals for that division for permission to play in the finals. Applications subsequent to that timeline may only request consideration of injury/illness, which has occurred within the fourteen (14) day period to the start of the division finals.

*For all/any applications received and to be considered for approval for finals eligibility, players are required to have played 4 matches during the home and away season.*

Note – If a player has still not played the required 4 matches for their application to be considered at the stated closure deadline application time but is intending to play over the final weeks of the season to meet the required minimum 4 matches, they must submit their application by the stated league deadline for it to be eligible to be considered for approval.

In considering any application the League Manager shall have regard only to two criteria:

- i. Whether the player is a bona-fide player for the team as indicated by the player being registered and assigned to the team prior to the date of injury/illness or commencement of the season.
  - ii. The validity of the injury or illness preventing the player from otherwise qualifying to play as indicated by submission of a medical certificate with dates the player was medically unfit to play from a suitably qualified medical practitioner.
- d) If an association is found to have played an ineligible player in any finals game that team will immediately forfeit that game. The matter will be referred to the League Manager for further action as may be determined appropriate in circumstances, including but not limited to a fine, penalty, or forfeit finals series.
- e) Where a game is unable to be played (cancelled) and not rescheduled, all registered players of a scheduled participating teams will be credited with one (1) game played towards their final's qualification.

E.g. Due to Covid restrictions imposed by the Victorian or any other State or Federal Government.