

# Waikato Secondary Schools' Football Association

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## Knockout Cup Rules

### 1. ENTRIES

The Knockout Cup will be held in the following Divisions

Boys:	Senior	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Cup Competition Senior Cup Division
	Junior	Junior Boys A Junior Boys B
Girls:	Senior	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Cup Competition Senior Cup Division
	Junior	Junior Girls

Entry to the knockout competition is voluntary. School co-ordinators are encouraged to enter teams into this annual competition. Entries must be on the official WSSFA Knockout Cup entry form.

Teams that do not enter will have no soccer on a weekend that Knockout Cup games are scheduled for.

Schools must return their entries before a designated date. Late entries will only be accepted with approval from the WSSFA committee.

School 1<sup>st</sup> XI teams must be entered into the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cup Competition; other senior teams will be placed in the Senior Cup competition.

Schools who have a 1<sup>st</sup> XI team competing in divisions 3-6 of the Championship Leagues may apply to the WSSFA for dispensation to enter their team in the Senior Cup competition.

The WSSFA will place Junior Boys teams into either A or B grade based on grading game results and league placements (dependent upon the number of teams entered)

### 2. DRAW

All games must be played either before or on the designated day as set out in the annual calendar. Games may be scheduled midweek.

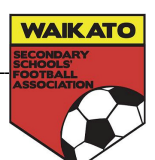
If a game is organised to be played before the designated date set out in the calendar then it must have the mutual consent of both teams. If teams cannot agree on a date prior to the designated date, then the match must be played on the day as set down in the calendar.

The team unable to fulfil the commitment on the date specified in the calendar will be deemed to default the match.

All teams in a particular division will be placed in a hat and teams will be drawn out of the hat to determine the draw.

The first team drawn out will be awarded home advantage.

Knockout finals where possible will be played at a neutral venue.



### 3. PLAYERS

A player may only play for one team within the Cup competition.

Once a player has played for a specific team he/she is not eligible to play for another team - this is known as "Cup tied".

If a team does play a player from another team and an appeal is made, the WSSFA Committee has the authority to reverse the result against the offending team (i.e. they will be deemed to lose and the other team progress to the next round).

### 4. GAMES

There must be a winner in each game of every round. Winning teams will progress through to the next round.

If scores are tied at the end of normal playing time then 10 minutes each way extra time will be played, followed by a penalty shootout if necessary.

Playing times as follows

1 <sup>st</sup> XI Cup Competition	40 minutes each way	5 minute interval
Senior Boys Cup Competition	40 minutes each way	5 minute interval
Senior Girls Cup Competition	35 minutes each way	5 minute interval
Junior Cup Competition	35 minutes each way	5 minute interval
Extra time	10 minutes each way	2 minute interval

### 5. PENALTY SHOOTOUT

Teams whose score is still tied at the end of extra time will need to participate in a penalty shootout to decide the outcome of the match.

The rules for the penalty shootout are as follows:

- The referee will choose the goal at which all of the penalty kicks will be taken.
- Each team shall have five penalty kicks. The kicks shall be taken alternatively.
- Only players who are on the field at the end of the match (end of extra time, not end of normal playing time) shall be eligible to take part in the penalty shootout.
- A different player shall take each kick, and not until all eligible players of any team have taken a kick may a player of the same team take a second kick.
- The referee shall toss, and the team whose captain wins the toss shall take the first kick.
- The team who scores the greater number of goals, shall be declared the winner.
- Any player who was on the field at the end of the match (end of extra time) may change places with the goalkeeper at any time during the taking of the penalty kicks.
- Other than the player taking the penalty kick and the opposing goalkeeper, all players shall remain within the centre circle while the taking of penalty kicks is in progress.
- After each team has taken the five allocated penalty kicks, and each team has scored the same number of goals, the taking of penalty kicks shall continue in the same order until both teams have taken the same number of kicks and one team has scored a goal more than the other team.