



Finals Washouts

By-laws 46 and 25 outline the procedures to be followed for finals washouts:

46. In the case of a washout or lighting failure, the following will occur:-

(a) Match that has commenced

- (i) If a Semi Final or Grand Final match is unfinished due to inclement weather or lighting failure, it will be completed at 7.00 pm at the same venue the following week, unless the Match & Permit Committee has advised otherwise. All completed games in an unfinished set will stand, but not the points in an unfinished game.

[...]

- (iii) The players whose names appear on the match result sheet will be required to complete the match the following week **AND** in the same order as set down on the sheet. Registered and qualified substitutes are permitted (see rules 24 & 25). Breaches of this rule will incur the penalty described on page 24.

(b) Match that has not commenced

- (i) If a Semi Final or Grand Final match does not commence (see rule 27) due to inclement weather or lighting failure, it will be played at 7.00 pm at the same venue the following week, unless the Match & Permit Committee has advised otherwise.

[...]

- (iv) Both teams can change players or the order of players prior to the match commencing the following week.

25. An eligible substitute shall be allowed to take the place of any player or substitute who is prevented through illness, accidental disablement, or any good and sufficient reason, from taking part or continuing a match provided that such substitute shall not take the place of any player in a set that has commenced and the opposing Captain has been notified. Thirty (30) minutes grace shall be allowed to provide such substitute. (See Rules 8, 23(c), 24, 31(a), 31(c), 40)

Incomplete games

For sets in progress, the set score stands, but any games in progress start again. For example, if the game score was 30-15, that game is restarted from 0-0.

Substitute players

If a match has already commenced and one of the players in an incomplete set cannot continue that set the following week, the remainder of set will be forfeited. The games already completed stand, but the remainder of the set is awarded to the opposition.

For example, if Team 1 was leading 3-2, and a player in Team 1 cannot continue the set, Team 2 wins the set 6-3. A substitute can then play in the unavailable player's position for the remaining set/s.

If both teams need to substitute a player in the same incomplete set, the set is deemed completed. The set score is recorded at the point when it was washed out (e.g. the set is recorded 3-2). Players can then be substituted for future sets.