



Finals Day – Exceptional Circumstances

Where exceptional circumstances prevent a player from participating in the final on Finals Day, the player may apply to the **Competition Committee** for approval of those circumstances.

Please note that this policy is only to be used in the event of an exceptional circumstance such as a bereavement, medical issue or a clash where an individual has won through to two finals.

The competition committees wish to remind all players that before entering a knockout competition they must be available to play on Finals Day, which can be found in the club diary.

Where the Competition Committee approves the circumstances, the following provisions shall apply:

1. **Playing the Final Before Finals Day**

Where reasonably practicable, the final should be played **before Finals Day**, subject to the agreement of both players.

2. **One-Week Extension**

Where the final cannot be played before Finals Day, the affected player may be granted a **one-week extension** to complete the match. The extension is subject to the **agreement of the opponent**.

3. **Opponent Unable to Play Within Extension**

If the opponent is unable or unwilling to play the final within the one-week extension period, the affected player shall be required to **concede the match**.

4. **Alternative Dates**

Any alternative date offered by the opponent within the one-week extension period shall be entirely at the **opponent's discretion**. The affected player has no entitlement to require or expect the opponent to offer an alternative date.