



JUNIOR DOMESTIC FILL-IN PLAYERS POLICY AND TRANSFER POLICY

FILL IN PLAYERS FOR UNDER 8 TEAMS

- Teams may use players from other under-eight teams from the same club.
- U8s are the only age group that can fill in across their age groups.
- However, it may only do so if:
 - There are fewer than six players available for a game,
 - the additional player(s) will not give the team an unfair advantage,
 - and the player(s) has only played one other game on game day i.e. maximum of two games on game day,
- Girls can fill in for the Boy's Competition
- Boys cannot fill in for the Girl's Competition

FILLING IN FOR A HIGHER AGE GROUP (Under 10 – Under 20)

- Players cannot fill in across age groups. This is an automatic forfeit for the team that plays a player within the same age group. Players also cannot be registered within two different teams in the same age group.
- Players in the Girl's competition may fill in across the age group in the Boy's competition; however, they may only drop down a maximum of two divisions.
 - E.g., A player registered in U10 Division 2 in the Girl's competition may only fill into the Boy's competition in U10 Division 1 - 4 and not lower.
- Players in the Boy's competition cannot fill in for the Girl's competition.
- Teams may only bring players from a lower age group to fill in. Players cannot fill in across age groups regardless if they have a bye for the day.
- A fill-in player may drop down a maximum of two sections from their registered age group to not give the team an unfair advantage.
 - E.g., A player registered in U12 Division 1 can only fill in for U14 Division 1 -3.
 - E.g., A player registered in U10 Division 8 can fill in for any U12 Division
 - E.g., A player registered in U12 Division 1 can fill in for U14 Division 1-3 or any U16 Division.
- Players may only play a maximum of 2 games on game day. Their regular game and 1 fill-in game. However, U16 player who plays on Saturday may fill in for both U18 and U20

competition on Sunday. Same for U14 girls playing on Saturday may fill in for U16 and U18 on Tuesday.

- Once a player has played 5 games for a team, they are considered a regular registered player.
 - E.g., If the player “U8 Sam” has filled in for 5 games for “U10 Chargers”, then they may no longer fill in for any other U10 team except for the U10 Chargers as they will now be considered a regular player in U10s and no longer a fill-in player.
- If a player is a regular registered player in a higher age group, i.e., playing up an age group, then they cannot fill down an age group, regardless if they still qualify for the age group.
- If a player wants to play in two teams in different age groups, they must register for both teams and play at least 3 grading games for both teams.
- Players cannot play or fill in for two different clubs within WBA. This is an automatic forfeit for the team that player fill-in for.

Transfer policy

- A transfer is considered a player who has played the previous season with a different domestic club at WBA
- No more than 2 transfer players from any club, may play in the same team at their new club.
- A player who has not played or filled in for any club in WBA for one full season is not considered a 'transfer' for these purposes and may be added to the team in addition to the 2 allowed transfers.
- If a club no longer exists or was not able to field a team, the players leaving that club for these reasons, may be placed in the same team at their new club, even if it exceeds the 2 transfer limit. However, no other transfers from other clubs may be placed in the same team.
- Once a players has played 1 full season with their new club they are no longer considered a 'transfer'.
- Each Domestic club is responsible for ensuring no more than 2 transfers are placed in the same team. If a team is found to have more than 2 transfers in total, the team must be changed to adhere to the rule. *If the team continues to play then the games played will be recorded as a forfeit.*