



# BORROWED PLAYER POLICY & PROCEDURES

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**Playing Regulations for Borrowed Players:**

*This Policy does not apply to teams in the Newcastle Netball Association Tri Series Championship and Open divisions. Refer to Tri-Series Outline for playing regulations for these two grades.*

**Table:** *'The Table of 8'*

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Option</u>
<b>5 Registered Players from team to start game.</b>	<b>May borrow up to 3 players from a lower graded team within your Club *</b>
<b>6 Registered Players from team to start game.</b>	<b>May borrow up to 2 players from a lower graded team within your Club *</b>
<b>7 Registered Players from team to start game</b>	<b>May borrow up to 1 player from a lower graded team within your Club *</b>

\* To participate in a Senior Division or Newcastle Netball Association Tri Series 23s division, a player must be turning 15 years or over in the year of play. A player taking the court in NNA Tri-Series 23s division must not be turning more than 23 years in the year of play.

- \* To participate in 21 & Under division, a player must not be turning more than 21 years in the year of play.
- \* To participate in 17 & Under division, a player must not be turning more than 17 years in the year of play.
- \* To participate in 15 & Under division, a player must not be turning more than 15 years in the year of play.
- \* To participate in 14 & Under division, a player must not be turning more than 14 years in the year of play.
- \* To participate in 13 & Under division, a player must not be turning more than 13 years in the year of play.
- \* To participate in 12 & Under division, a player must not be turning more than 12 years in the year of play.
- \* To participate in 11 & Under division, a player must not be turning more than 11 years in the year of play.
- \* To participate in 10 & Under division, a player must not be turning more than 10 years in the year of play.
- \* To participate in 9 & Under division, a player must not be turning more than 9 years in the year of play.
- \* To participate in 8 & Under division, a player must not be turning more than 8 years in the year of play.
- \* To participate in 7 & Under division, a player must not be turning more than 7 years in the year of play.

**Statement:**

**It is the Team responsibility to ensure the wellbeing of any player that is borrowed and takes the court in a grade above their registered level.**

**An appointed borrowed player is considered a player in the team on that day – which means their name must be noted on the score sheet as a borrowed player at the start of the game.**

***Note: for the purposes of this Policy, non-Club affiliated teams are grouped together as one Club.***

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1. No player shall play in a lower age grade than that in which they are registered.
2. When a Club is fielding more than one team in any one grade, players may not interchange in that same grade unless the other club team has a BYE or FORFEIT. Club to refer to Playing regulation for borrowed players table at top of policy for borrowing details.
3. When a player from a lower grade takes part in a game in a higher grade, the scoresheet must indicate the name, team, grade/division of the player playing in the higher grade as well as the playing positions for the match at the start of the game.
4. A player from a lower grade team may play THREE (3) competition matches in any team of a higher grade but, if they play a fourth competition match in any team of a higher grade, they shall be considered a member of that team. After this move to another team that same player is ineligible to be borrowed again for the remainder of the season.
5. Teams in the NNA Tri-Series Championship and Opens division are only permitted to borrow players from within the NNA Tri-Series. For example a Championship team can borrow from the Club's Opens and 23s; an Opens team can only borrow from the Club's 23s team.
6. Teams in the NNA Tri Series 23s division may borrow from their club or aligned club, any player turning 15 to 23 years of age in the year of play.
7. Borrowed players from Winter Competition are not eligible to participate in NNA Tri-Series final series.
8. Borrowed players from Winter Competition will have any Tri-Series games played excluded from their borrowed tally within Winter Competition.
9. Should a team official consider that the opposing team is fielding an ineligible player, they should contact an Association Executive Member immediately.
10. Scoresheet procedure when using a Borrowed Player
  - (i) When playing a borrowed player from a lower grade - the player's name, team and grade must be noted on the scoresheet at the start of the game.
  - (ii) Scoresheets are checked by the Pointscore Recorder to ensure that they meet with Association's requirements.
11. Penalties and Fines for Use of Borrowed Players
  - i) The penalty for not complying with playing regulations is that the game will be awarded to the opposing team. If the infringing team loses the match, the score would be recorded as per the score at the end of the game. If the infringing team was in front at the end of the game, the score is recorded as one goal less than the opposition score at the end of the game.
  - ii) Failure to fill in scoresheet correctly when borrowing a player will result in a warning being sent to team and possible future penalty.
  - iii) Communication is made to the relevant Club contact within forty-eight (48) hours of completion of the round that advises of the infringement and issuing penalty.

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12. Responsibility of team when Borrowing Players: As this policy is widely known, is up to each time to know and understand the rules.
- (i) There will be no warnings.
  - (ii) Teams who break the policy will receive 0 points and their goals will not be recorded.
  - (iii) A monetary fine will be imposed if the policy is broken more than once.