

FDBA JUNIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS

FILL IN / EMERGENCY PLAYERS PLAYERS IN MULTIPLE TEAMS

Under certain circumstances the FDBA competition by-laws allows players to participate in multiple teams in junior competitions as a **fill in / emergency player** or a **player registered in multiple teams**. The information below should help clarify what is permitted and instances where FDBA approval is required;

- Players may play in one team per competition (e.g. U10 Boys)
- A player may play in multiple teams in different competitions (e.g. U10 Boys and U12 Boys) provided;
 - there is no more than a 2 division difference
(e.g. U10 A grade player can also play U12 A, B or C grade – but not U12 D grade)
 - player must be compliant with age group requirements
(U10 player can play up in U12 – but an U12 player cannot play down in U10)
- A player from the same age group may fill in as an emergency only if that team has less than 5 players available.
 - The fill in / emergency player cannot play if the team has 5 or more player available
 - A higher graded player cannot fill in for a lower graded team unless they have prior approval from FDBA (e.g. U12 A grade player cannot fill in for U12 B grade team)
 - If fill in player plays 3rd game in higher division that player becomes a permanent registered player to that team and cannot continue to play in lower graded team.
- Representative players must seek approval before filling in for any teams. If approval cannot be sought before match due to circumstances beyond the teams control;
 - Team should in first instance attempt to obtain non-representative player
 - Where this is not possible or practical (e.g. A grade competition), team must notify supervisor on duty
 - Team must ensure fill in representative player does not take team over 12 point rule
 - Team must communicate with their affiliated club
 - Club must communicate with FDBA competition staff
- FDBA strongly recommends all clubs have a policy requiring teams to communicate with their club committee/delegates before using fill in players to ensure compliance with competition by-laws and any necessary communication with association is done before match.

Should you require clarification or further information contact the Program Manager on the details below;

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