



The use of fill in and Emergency Players

The Frankston District Basketball association has provided clarification to clubs about the use of fill in / emergency / players in multiple teams across junior competitions – what is permitted?

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.

Please find below the ruling from the FDBA in relation to using fill in / emergency players:

- 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 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 players available
 - A higher graded player cannot fill in for a lower graded team unless they have prior approval from the FDBA (e.g. U12 A grade player cannot fill in for U12 B grade team)
 - If the fill in / emergency player plays a 3rd game in the higher division, that player becomes a permanent registered player to that team and cannot continue to play in the lower graded team.
- Representative players must seek approval before filling in for any teams. If approval can't 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 referee supervisor on duty
 - I. Team must ensure fill in representative player does not take team over 12 point rule
 - II. Team must communicate with the affiliated club
 - III. Club must communicate with FDBA competition staff
- U8 Exemption: Players in the U8 Mixed competition may fill in for team's graded two divisions below their regular team as well as any higher graded team (e.g. Division 4 player is permitted to fill-in for Division 5 or 6 graded teams or any team graded Division 1, 2 or 3)

The Meteors encourage teams to communicate with their club committee/delegates before using a fill in player to ensure compliance with competition by-laws and any necessary communication with association is done before match.

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