



## The use of fill in and Emergency Players

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**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?**

**You may only use a fill in player / emergency player only if your team has less than 5 players to take the court. You cannot simply organise a fill in to ensure you have a substitution.**

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

- 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 FDBA (e.g. U12 A grade player can't fill in for U12 B grade team)
  - If a fill in player plays a 3<sup>rd</sup> game in a higher division, then that player becomes a permanent registered player to that team and cannot continue to play in a lower graded team.
- 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 (e.g. U10 player can play up in U12 – but an U12 player cannot play down in U10)
- 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

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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