



EMERGENCY PLAYERS THE RULES YOU MUST KNOW

DEFINITION

An emergency player is one who is called upon, usually at short notice, to fill in for a team that is short of players for a given week.

A player who regularly plays with a second team in a higher age group is not an emergency player.

THE RULES

Registration

1. Players **must be registered as current members of Berwick Basketball Club** and the Dandenong Basketball Association.
2. **Players from other clubs must not play without a clearance or permit from their club.**
3. **Under no circumstances whatsoever, is a player to play under the name of an absent player.**
4. Penalties apply including up to 19 weeks' suspension for a coach found guilty of breaching these rules.

Age Restrictions

5. Players must meet the eligibility criteria for age. Players must be under the relevant age as at 31 December of the year in which the competition begins.
6. Players may not play more than one age group higher than their natural age group ie: an under-12 player may play in under-14 but not under-16.
7. Junior players are permitted to play with their own team AND fill in for a team in a higher grade of their own age-group in the same round, **on not more than three occasions**. That is, if a player from a B-grade team fills in for an A-grade team in the same age-group for four games, that player must remain with the A grade team and may not continue to play with the B-grade team for the remainder of the season.

Grading Restrictions

8. Emergency players filling in at a higher age-group may not play more than one grade level below their own grade. That is, a player who plays A-grade may fill in for a team in A or B-grade but not C-grade.
9. Players who regularly play above their natural age group are permitted to play as an emergency in their natural age group, but only at the same grade level or above. That is, a player who is eligible to play under-12 but plays in under-14 B grade, may fill in for an under-12 team in B-grade or A-grade only. A-grade players may fill-in only for A-grade teams.
10. An emergency player with rep points cannot be substituted for an absent player who also carries rep points. That is, the rep points carried by the emergency player will be added to the team's total points.
11. Teams with Representative points must not exceed the maximum points by playing an emergency player who also carries rep points.
12. When a player has played four games in a higher graded team in their own age group, they may not return to the lower graded team.
13. Coaches and Team Managers looking for fill-in players should contact your age-group coordinator for assistance.
14. If in any doubt about the eligibility of a player to play in your team as an emergency player, seek advice from your age-group coordinator.