

16. **BORROWING OF PLAYERS**

PLAYERS AGED UP TO AND INCLUDING 16 YEARS OF AGE, AS GIVEN BY THE AGE THEY TURN IN THE YEAR, ARE ONLY PERMITTED TO PLAY OR BE BORROWED INTO ANY SIDE THAT IS EITHER ONE (1) OR TWO (2) YEARS ABOVE THEIR AGE. OTHER NORMAL BORROWING RULES APPLY.

A. **Players Involved in MiniRoos Under 6 to Under 11**

- (a) Players in Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 years MiniRoos may be borrowed into any other side within their age group at any time. Coaches should not borrow players who are obviously of too high an ability for the grade into which they are being borrowed. This is to ensure some equity is retained.
- (b) Players in Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 years MiniRoos may be borrowed into a higher age group but cannot go up more than two (2) years in age as given by the age they turn in that year. They may be borrowed into any grade of MiniRoos.
- (c) Under 10 players may be borrowed into any Under 10 or Under 11 side but they are only allowed to go down one (1) grade when being borrowed into an Under 12 side. i.e. 10B to 12C, 10C to 12D etc., excepting 10A may only play in 12A, but can be borrowed into any Under 10 or Under 11 grade. No more than **TWO (2)** Under 10 players who have gone up to the Under 12 age group and down a grade may participate in a match. Players may only be borrowed to the same team **three (3) times** in total during the season. MiniRoos players cannot be transferred into Under 12 teams at any time in the season.
- (d) Under 11 players may be borrowed into any Under 11 side but they are only allowed to go down one (1) grade when being borrowed into an Under 12 or Under 13 side. i.e. 11B to 12C, 11C to 13D etc., excepting 11A may only play in 12A or 13A, but can be borrowed into any Under 11 grade. No more than **TWO (2)** Under 11 players who have gone up to the Under 12 or Under 13 age group and down a grade may participate in a match. Players may only be borrowed to the same team **three (3) times** in total during the season. MiniRoos players cannot be transferred into Under 12 or Under 13 teams at any time in the season.
- (e) Players in 10A may be borrowed into any Under 10 or Under 11 grade but may only be borrowed into 12A sides.
- (f) Players in 11A may be borrowed into any Under 11 grade but may only be borrowed into 12A and 13A sides.

- (g) Note that girls cannot be borrowed into any 13 years and older men's competitions nor can boys be borrowed into any 12 years and older girl's/women's competitions.
- (h) Boys 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are not to be borrowed into girl's only grades, but girls 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 may be borrowed into Junior Mixed Divisions.
- (i) The penalty for a breach of any part of Rule 16 shall be the loss of the game by forfeit by the offending team with Rule 19 applying to the forfeit.

B. Players Involved in Under 12 to Under 21 Years (Boys and Women's Competitions)

- (a) Players may be borrowed into any higher graded side in their age group, or a side in an older age group, a maximum of **three (3)** times during the season after which an application may be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side. They may not be borrowed a fourth time.
- (b) here a Club has two or more teams in the same grade, **two (2)** players may be borrowed from the other side in that grade for any match. A player may only be borrowed in this fashion **three (3) times** in the season. They may not be borrowed a fourth time. An application may not be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side.
- (c) Girls playing in W12 Divisions may be borrowed into U12 Junior Mixed Divisions. They may only be borrowed into a grade the same or higher than the grade they play, i.e. W12B into 12B or 12A, W12A only into 12A. They may not be borrowed into a grade lower than the one they play. A player may only be borrowed in this fashion three (3) times in the season. They may not be borrowed a fourth time. An application may not be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side. The maximum number of players any team can borrow for a match is four (4).

Girls playing in U12 Junior Mixed Divisions may be borrowed into W12 Divisions or W13 Divisions (if applicable). They may only be borrowed into a grade the same or higher than the grade they play, i.e. 12B into W12B, W12A, W13B or W13A; 12A only into W12A or W13A. They may not be borrowed into a grade lower than the one they play. A player may only be borrowed in this fashion **three (3) times** in the season. They may not be borrowed a fourth time. An application may **not** be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side. The maximum number of players any team can borrow for a match is **four (4)**.
- (d) Players in Under 12 to Under 14 year competitions may be borrowed into a higher age group but cannot go up more than two (2) years in age as given by the age they turn in that year, unless special dispensation is granted under sub clause 16. B. (e). They may be borrowed into any grade higher than the grade they are playing or into one (1) grade lower than the grade they play, except 'A' grade players who may only be borrowed into another 'A' grade side, i.e. 12B into 14C;

D into E. Players may only be borrowed a maximum of **three (3) times** in total during the season into an older graded side after which an application may be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side. They may not be borrowed a fourth time. No more than **TWO (2)** players who have gone down a grade may participate in any one game.

- (e) Special dispensation may be granted for girls registered in W12 to W16 teams ONLY, to be borrowed into a higher age group that is more than 2 years above the age they turn that year. This dispensation will only be considered for approval by the E.C. if:
 - (i) A letter of consent is received from the player's parent, guardian or carer and
 - (ii) A letter is received from the Club stating that the player has been assessed by a competent Club Official who has confirmed that the player has the necessary fitness, skill and strength levels to play in the nominated age division and grade.

Approval MUST be received in writing by the Club before the player is permitted to play in the higher age group. No dispensation is permitted for players turning 16 or younger to be borrowed into the W21 or Senior Women's competitions.

- (f) Players in Under 15 year competitions may only be borrowed into Under 16 year's competitions and Players in Under 16 year's competitions may only be borrowed into Under 18 year competitions. These players cannot go up more than two (2) years in age as given by the age they turn in that year. These players may go down one (1) grade when being borrowed into the older age group, excepting 'A' grade players who may only be borrowed into 'A' grade. No more than **TWO (2)** players who have gone down a grade may participate in any one game.
- (g) The maximum number of players any team can borrow for a match is **four (4)**.
- (h) Under 18 year players may be borrowed into Under 21 grades. 18A may only play 21A, all other Under 18 players may go down one (1) grade, i.e. 18B into 21C; 18C into 21D etc. No more than **TWO (2)** players who have gone down a grade may participate in any one game.
- (i) Players 16 years of age as given by the age they turn in that year registered in U18 year's competition are not permitted to be borrowed into any higher age group. Under 18 year players may be borrowed into All Age Men's (AL) and Senior Women's (WS) competitions only in the following manner:

18A may play AL1, AL2, and AL3

Women's 18A may play WSA and WSB

18B may play AL1 up to and including AL6

Women's 18B may play WSA to WSD
18C and lower may play any All Age grade
Women's 18C/lower any WS grade

Eligible players registered in W18B competition may be borrowed into any WS competition, only if the W18 competition has only two grades A and B.

Players may only be borrowed a maximum of **three (3) times** in total during the season into any other side after which an application may be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side. They may not be borrowed a fourth time.

- (j) Under 21 years players may be borrowed into All Age (AL) and Senior Women's (WS) competitions in the following grades:

21A may play AL1, AL2 and AL3
Women's 21A may play WSA and WSB
21B may play AL1 up to and including AL6
Women's 21B – may play WSA to WSD
21C/lower may play any All Age Grade
Women's 21C/lower may play All Grades WS

Eligible players registered in W21B competition may be borrowed into any WS competition, only if the W21 competition has only two grades A and B.

Players may be borrowed a maximum of three **(3)** times during the season after which an application may be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side. They may not be borrowed a fourth time.

- (k) The penalty for a breach of any part of Rule 16 shall be the loss of the game by forfeit by the offending team with Rule 19 applying to the forfeit.

Players Involved in All Age Men's and Senior Women's Competitions

- (a) Players may be borrowed into any higher graded side in the All Age (AL) or Senior Women's (WS) competition a maximum of **three (3) times** during the season after which an application may be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side. They may not be borrowed a fourth time.
- (b) Where a Club has two or more teams in the same grade, **two (2)** players may be borrowed from the other side in that grade for any match. A player may only be borrowed in this fashion **three (3) times** in the season. They may not be borrowed a fourth time. An application may not be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side.
- (c) All Age (AL) and Senior Women's (WS) players cannot be borrowed into younger nor older age competitions.

- (d) The maximum number of players any team can borrow for a match is **four (4)**.
- (e) The penalty for a breach of any part of Rule 16 shall be the loss of the game by forfeit by the offending team with Rule 19 applying to the forfeit.

Players Involved in Over 35 Men's and Over 30 Women's Competitions

- (a) Players may be borrowed into any higher graded side in the O35s men's and O30s women's competition a maximum of **three (3)** times during the season after which an application may be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side. They may not be borrowed a fourth time.
- (b) Where a Club has two or more teams in the same grade, **two (2)** players may be borrowed from the other side in that grade for any match. A player may only be borrowed in this fashion **three (3) times** in the season. They may not be borrowed a fourth time. An application may not be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side.
- (c) 35A players may be borrowed into AL1 to AL4; 35B players may be borrowed into AL1 to AL6; 35C players may be borrowed into AL1 to AL10; 35D and below may be borrowed into any All Age grade.
- (d) Women's 30A may be borrowed into WSA and WSB; W30B and below may play in any Senior Women's grade.
- (e) Players may only be borrowed into any competition side (in accordance with these Rules) a maximum of **three (3)** times during the season after which an application may be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side. They may not be borrowed a fourth time.
- (f) The maximum number of players any team can borrow for a match is **four (4)**.
- (g) The penalty for a breach of any part of Rule 16 shall be the loss of the game by forfeit by the offending team with Rule 19 applying to the forfeit.

E. Players Involved in Over 45 Men's and Over 40 Women's Competitions

(Also refer to By-Law C)

- (a) Players may be borrowed into any higher graded side in the Over 45 men's and Over 40 women's competition a maximum of **three (3)** times during the season after which an application may be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side. They may not be borrowed a fourth time.

- (b) Where a Club has two or more teams in the same grade, **two (2)** players may be borrowed from the other side in that grade for any match. A player may only be borrowed in this fashion **three (3) times** in the season. They may not be borrowed a fourth time. An application may not be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side.
- (c) 45A players may be borrowed into 35A to 35C grades and AL1 to AL6 grades; 45B players and below may be borrowed into any Over 35 and any All Age grade.
- (d) Over 40 women may play in any grade of Over 30 women and Senior Women's competition.
- (e) Players may only be borrowed into any competition side (in accordance with these Rules) a maximum of **three (3)** times during the season after which an application may be made to the E.C. for the player to be transferred into that side. They may not be borrowed a fourth time.
- (f) The maximum number of players any team can borrow for a match is **four (4)**.
- (g) The penalty for a breach of any part of Rule 16 shall be the loss of the game by forfeit by the offending team with Rule 19 applying to the forfeit.