



# CDNA Representative Player Movement Policy

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The purpose of the Player Movement Policy is to ensure consistency, transparency and simplicity for all involved when player movement occurs across teams or between seasons and also when a playing position becomes available in one of the Representative teams.

All players must accept that their continued position in a Representative team is subject to various factors, including:

- Their own match and training performance
- Their adherence to the Player Code of Behaviour
- Movement of other players
- Injuries, illnesses and school commitments
- The specific needs of their team

All parents must accept that the following processes are indicative of how our Representative Program works and that these standards will be adhered to.

## ***Fill-in (required for one-off due to injury, illness or absence)***

1. The coach may decide to play with a minimum of 8 players instead of the usual 10. This is absolutely permissible and even provides the other players with more court time.
2. The fill-in player must be requested from the team in **the division directly below** the team in need (in the case of a 15/3 team, they must request a 13/1 player or utilise a CDNA training partner).
3. The coach must consult the CDNA Head Representative Coach and the other coach, explaining why a player is required, what is needed and any special requests for certain individuals.
4. The coach of the **team in the lower division** must agree and decide that the player is capable and therefore gets the opportunity to play up. Coaches must remember that this is about the players and must give the opportunity to the player who deserves it whilst keeping the best interests of the association in mind too.
5. The player and the player's parent(s) will be advised.
6. Both coaches must be aware and be mindful of the relevant by-laws surrounding player movement at Waverley – 3 games in the higher team (5 games in Premier League) before that player cannot move back down.
7. A player cannot play more than 1 game in a night (with the exception of the 13's → 15's)
8. In circumstances where we are trying to qualify a player for finals, variations to some points in this policy are acceptable.



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## ***Long Term (for injury, illness or absence for more than 4 weeks)***

1. The CDNA Head Representative Coach will consult with the coach, that of the team below (or training partner) plus the player and player's parent(s) to decide on which player is the best fit for the team as a replacement. It is an expectation that the player will move teams if requested.
2. In extenuating circumstances, a player who is not from within the trial list may be asked to be a part of the Representative Squad. The CDNA Head Representative Coach and relevant coaches will discuss this and decide if it is appropriate and provides the best outcome for the association.
3. The CDNA Head Representative Coach will ensure the new player is registered with Waverley Night Netball Association.

## ***Player Movement Down***

It is a reality that a player may be moved down during the season or between the two seasons. It is expected that before this occurs, the player has received relevant and appropriate feedback.

1. If a player is moved to a lower team during the season, this must be done in consultation with the player, player's parent(s), the coaches and the CDNA Head Representative Coach
2. If a player is moved to a lower team between seasons to assist their development, this must be done in consultation with the player, player's parent(s), the coaches and the CDNA Head Representative Coach
3. If a player is moved down between seasons because stronger players have trialed due to vacancies, a discussion will be had by the coach, the player's parent(s) and the CDNA Head Representative Coach with the view to develop the best strategy of communicating with the player concerned

Some circumstances may require variations to these rules and, as such, will be treated on a case by case basis. The final decision will lie with the CDNA Head Representative Coach, along with input from the CDNA Executive Committee as required.

***Coaches and players are required to respond positively to player movements throughout the year. Good communication between coaches and a willingness to "help out" when needed is expected.***

***The CDNA Head Representative Coach and Team Coaches will be responsible for approving player movements during the season. In some circumstances, the CDNA Executive Committee may be consulted.***