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PLAYER TRANSFER POLICY

AGENDA

RULES

- National Clearance Policy
- State/Local Policy
 - Transfer Limits (2 and 4 rule)
 - External Transfers
 - Division 1 Grand Final rule
 - Rep Player Quota
- Club Fines

PROCESS

- Transfer Reviews
- Transfer Appeals



HOUSEKEEPING

- ⓘ Please keep microphones on mute during presentation.
- ⓘ There will be time for questions once all rules have been explained, and at the end when the Review and Appeal process has been explained.
- ⓘ Please do not raise individual clearance questions tonight. Happy to address these via an email to brokenbayregion@nswrl.com.au.



NATIONAL CLEARANCE POLICY

- ❖ Clearance required at any time when a player moves from one club to another.
 - ❖ Rules generally only apply across past 24 months.
- ❖ 10 Days to action.
 - ❖ NSWRL can intervene and override if required.
- ❖ Reasons to decline a clearance (other than Transfer rules):
 - ❖ Fees or property owing
 - ❖ Pending disciplinary matters
 - ❖ Contractual agreements (seniors only).



TRANSFER LIMITS

- Designed to assist with Player Retention.
- Limit of 2 players from one club to another.
- Limit of 4 players from all clubs to one club.
- Restrictions will only apply once limit is reached.
- Onus on clubs to manage numbers in and out.

Exiting Clubs

- If exiting club approve, will be looked at favourably when processing.
- If declined, will be supported by NSWRL with Transfer Review required.

Incoming Clubs

- Squad Limits will be monitored for incoming club.
- If space available based on last season, transfer will be approved.
- If over or near limit from previous season, transfer will be declined.
- Clubs are encouraged to communicate with each other in the event of a mass exodus from a single age group to determine what is in best interests of the game.



DIVISION 1 GRAND FINALISTS

- ❏ Restricted movement in top teams to maintain competitive balance.
- ❏ Rule applies to external Division 1 competitions.
- ❏ All transfers will be declined if breaching this rule.
 - ❏ Exiting Clubs also encouraged to decline these transfers.
- ❏ Minimal applications via exceptional circumstances are considered to overturn.

Put simply, if a transfer does not comply with this rule, please do not submit a Transfer Review, as it cannot be approved.



REP PLAYER QUOTA

- Any player who has participated in a representative fixture (both NSWRL and QRL) in the past two seasons (2025 and 2026) will be classified as a Rep Player.
 - 2026 selection will see these clearance requests put on hold until completion of the Rep season. If player does not participate in a match, this rule will not apply.
- Any player who has been selected in a Central Coast Roosters Development Squad in the previous season (2025) will be classified as a Rep Player.
- Representative Quota is set at 4 per team.
- Exiting Clubs also encouraged to decline these transfers or identify in Clearance Notes that player is a Rep or Development Player.

As per previous rule, if a transfer does not comply with this rule, please do not submit a Transfer Review, as it cannot be approved.



CLUB FINES

- ❏ RLCC will be issuing fines to clubs for approving transfers known to be outside of the rules.
 - ❏ Primary focus will be on Division 1 and Rep Quota rule breaches.
 - ❏ Transfer Limit rule breaches only fined if returning players are turned away due to age group being full and influx of transferring players being accepted.
- ❏ As per By-Law 39.9, the fine amount will be \$500 per infringement.
- ❏ If an error has been made before tonight, please email us to have it corrected before breaches begin to be issued.



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QUESTIONS?

TRANSFER REVIEWS

- Reviewed by NSWRL staff on a weekly basis.
- Strongly encouraged that this be completed by a Club Committee member.
- Must align with outlined Exceptional Circumstances for NSWRL Policies and Procedures.
 - Team has folded – transfer review will not be approved until after team nominations have been received.
 - Change of residence – proof of change will be required.
 - Internal Transfers – 45-minute residence to ground.
 - External transfer – proof of residence and school enrolment.
 - Medical or Mental health – appropriate medical professional certificate will be required.
 - Bullying – proof of report formally submitted to previous club.
- Transfer Review form is available on [NSWRL Club Hub](#).



TRANSFER APPEALS

- Reviewed by RLCC on a fortnightly basis.
- Strongly encouraged that this be completed by a Club Committee member.
- Appeal Form must outline grounds for appeal:
 - Error in Transfer Rule application
 - Additional evidence available that wasn't at the time of Review.
 - Failure to provide adequate grounds for appeal will see the Appeal declined.
- A \$500 appeal fee must be paid before it will be reviewed.
 - Fee is refundable if appeal is successful.
- Transfer Appeal form only available after Transfer Review has been declined.



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