
Borrowing Players from Other Teams:

(Does not apply to Small Sided Game teams)

Need to borrow a player to help your team? Before you do, know the rules!

- A player may only fill-in for another team up to two years their current age group (i.e. if they are playing Under 12s they will only be able to fill in for Under 13s or Under 14s)
- A higher division player cannot play in a lower graded team within their age group
- Please note that a player can play in a different team on four occasions.
- If a player plays up in any higher division/age group more than 4 times (i.e. they can only play for any another team outside their own no more than 4 times in total), they will not be able to return to their registered team and will need to play out the year in the team they were filling in for on the 5th occasion
- A borrowed player should only be necessary when your team is unable to field 11 players or your team needs a reserve, in such cases your team players must be used before any borrowed players
- All borrowed players are to be marked on the match card by their Surname, FFA Number and the team they are registered too (you will also need to borrow their Player Registration Card which needs to be shown before each game – please ensure this is returned to the team manager of the team where the player belongs after your game)
- You cannot borrow a player any higher than two years above their age, if you do you may lose any points received from that game
- You can only play a maximum of 3 borrowed players from a lower division. If you play more than three players you will lose any points from the game and the Club/Team will be fined by MDSFA.

Please refer to Club Executive for Borrowed Player rulings for M League & M League Reserve teams

Borrowed Players – Grand Final Series

- A higher graded player may not play in a lower graded team if filling in a higher age group, for example an U13/1 player cannot play in an U14/5 team
- A player must have played at least one game for the team during the season to qualify as a player for the team during the finals series i.e. don't play a borrowed player in a finals match if they have not have played for your team during the season

Following is an extract from the MDSFA Local Competition By-Laws that describes the above in a little more detail:

Rule 208: Players from lower grades may be permitted to play in higher age grades subject to 138.2 & 140.2 and the following: -

Players may play for another team of their club other than the team for which they are registered with only in the following circumstances.

Rule 209: In the same age group - Any higher division. E.g. A Player from Under 12 Division 4 may be borrowed to play Under 12 Division 1,2 or 3

Rule 210: In the next higher age group – In the same or higher division e.g. A player from the Under 12 Division 1 may be borrowed to play Under 13 Division 1 only. A player from Under 12 Division 2 may be borrowed to play Under 13 Division 1 or 2. A player from Under 12 Division 3 may be borrowed to play Under 13 Division 1,2 or 3

Rule 211: Two (2) age groups higher – Any division higher, in the same division or next lower division. E.g. A player from under 12 Division 1 may be borrowed to play under 14 Division 1 or 2. A player from Under 12 Division 2 may be borrowed to play under 14 Division 1,2 or 3