



Policy & Procedure:
WDNA 53

Representative Player Movement

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1. Policy Objectives

The objectives for this Policy are to ensure that we maintain a transparent process for player movement across teams.

2. Player Movements During & Across Seasons

- a. All players must accept that their continued position in a representative team is subject to various factors, including:
 - i. Their own match and training performance
 - ii. Their adherence to the Player Code of Behaviour
 - iii. Movement of other players
 - iv. Injuries, illnesses and school commitments
 - v. The specific needs of their team.
- b. Coaches are required to respond positively to player movements throughout the season. Good communication between coaches and a willingness to 'help out' when needed is expected.
- c. WDNA Representative Teams Sub-committee will be responsible for approving player movements during season.
- d. If a player has been requested to play up a level (as a fill-in for a period of less than 3 weeks or on an ad-hoc basis), this will be done in consultation between the player, the relevant coaches and the player's parent(s).
- e. If a player has been requested to move up permanently to a new team, this will be done in consultation between the player, coach, the player's parent(s) and the WDNA Representative Teams Sub-committee. It is an expectation that the player will move teams if requested.
- f. If a player is moving to a lower team during the season then this must be done in consultation between the player and their parents, the coach and the WDNA Player Wellbeing Liaison.
- g. If a player is moving down between seasons because of their development, it is expected that the player has received feedback on their development during the season, and a discussion or a well worded email to parents is required (sent by a WDNA Representative Teams Sub-committee representative).
- a. If a player is moving down between seasons because stronger players have trialled and the player has received positive feedback on their development during the season, a discussion by the coach and the player's parent must be had. A WDNA Sub-committee representative should be present during this discussion and a plan for the best way to advise the player is to be developed.

3. Responsibility matrix

Activity	Team Coach	WDA Representative Teams Sub-committee	WDA Representative Teams Chairperson*
Player movement during season	Influences	✓	Decides*
Player return from injury or absence during season	Influences	✓	Decides*

✓ = The person/group responsible for this task.

* = Where there is not unanimous agreement amongst parties, the Chairperson will make the final decision.

4. WDA Representative Teams Sub-committee

- a. A WDA Representative Teams Sub-committee will be responsible for executing and upholding this Policy.
- b. Formation of the WDA Representative Teams Sub-committee will be undertaken at the start of each playing year.
- c. The WDA Representative Teams Sub-committee will be made up of the following individuals:
 - i. WDA Representative Teams Chairperson
 - ii. A Player Wellbeing Liaison
 - iii. WDA Representative Teams Player & Coach Coordinator.

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