

## Keilor Basketball Association



### Junior Domestic Competition Fill-In Player Policy

#### 1. Purpose

This policy is designed to ensure fairness and integrity in KBA Junior Competitions by clearly defining the rules regarding fill-in players. It aims to help teams manage unforeseen absences while maintaining a level playing field. The policy prioritises long-term team development within clubs, prevents teams from gaining an unfair advantage, and upholds the competitive balance across all grades.

#### 2. Conditions

- A fill-in player will be permitted when a team can only field six or fewer of their registered players.
- Teams cannot exceed seven players when utilising one or more fill-in players.
- There is no limit to the number of fill-in players if the total does not exceed 7 players.
- Exemption requests must be submitted to the KBA by 12:00pm the day before the competition.
- Exemptions will be considered at the KBA's discretion.
- Fill-in players must adhere to the representative player cap restrictions (KBAJ By-Law 16.6).
- Fill-ins must be entered into PlayHQ prior to the beginning of games. Correct details such as date of birth and name (no nicknames or shortened names) must be entered.
  - Responsibility lies with the teams to ensure details are entered correctly and not with referees or venue supervisors.
- Any team who breaches fill-in requirements detailed above will be subject to player eligibility penalties detailed in KBAJ By-Law 9.4.
- If a player later registers to a team they have previously filled-in for, a maximum of two fill-in games will be credited to the player for finals qualification purposes.

#### 3. Sourcing of Players

Fill-in players can be sought from four sources:

- Same age group
  - Players can only play in the same age group once per round
  - Players must only fill-in for grades higher than the team they are registered to.
  - Filling-in for a higher grade team for 3 games will result in that player being allocated to the higher team for the remainder of the season and will no longer be eligible to play in their original team.
    - When a player is moved to a higher graded team their total games played for both teams will be considered for finals qualification purposes.

- Going up an age group
  - Players can fill-in for a team one age group higher only.
  - A fill-in cannot play in grade more than 2 grades below their registered team in the higher age group (i.e. An U12B player can fill-in for an U14D team and higher only).
- Going down an age group
  - Players registered to a higher age group than their eligibility (ie. An U12 player registered to an U14 team) can fill-in down one age group.
  - A fill-in must play two grades higher or above the grade of their registered team. (ie. U14F player can fill-in for U12D or higher only).
- Unregistered player
  - A player can be sourced from outside the KBA if they adhere to player eligibility rules stated in KBAJ By-Law 9.
  - As per Basketball Victoria Terms & Conditions of Participation, an unregistered player can only fill-in for a maximum of two games in a 12-month period. [About Us - Terms and Conditions of Participation \(basketballvictoria.com.au\)](https://basketballvictoria.com.au)

Where a club cannot source a fill-in using the above methods, for example, if the club's lowest ranked team is too high to source a suitable fill-in, an exemption must be sought as outlined in section 2.

Registered Grade	Filling-In for a team in ...		
	Same Age Group	Up an Age Group	Down an Age Group
A	x	C or higher	x
B	A only	D or higher	x
C	B or higher	E or higher	A only
D	C or higher	F or higher	B or higher
E	D or higher	G or higher	C or higher
F	E or higher	H or higher	D or higher
G	F or higher	I or higher	E or higher
H	G or higher	J or higher	F or higher
I	H or higher	K or higher	G or higher

1. KBAJ Fill-In Reference Table