

# Memo

**To:** All Clubs  
**Date:** 09/06/2010  
**Subject:** 10-30 – Requests for Exemptions to borrow players (Junior Divisional Competitions)

Requests for dispensation to play a player up into a team of a lower division have been steadily increasing over the term of the season. To this end, the following policy has been proposed and subsequently ratified by the Zone Council for the remainder of this season.

## Principles

- FIFA Law 3 states: A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eleven (11) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start if either team consists of less than seven (7) players.
- A Football Brisbane Competition for Points and is played under the FIFA Laws and the Rules of Competition.
- Football Brisbane insists that no advantage or disadvantage should be provided to any team in a competition.

## Borrowing players from the Rules of Competition states:

### 13 BORROWING PLAYERS AND REGRADING

#### 13.1 Borrowing - Competition

Registered competition players may be borrowed to play in equal or higher divisions and age groups provided that they have completed the appropriate Player Age Policy Assessment Forms, but may only do so for a maximum of four (4) matches. The maximum number refers to the total number of games played up and not to each team they may play in.

A team playing in a fixture shall be permitted to borrow an unlimited number of players from a lower division in that particular age group, or an equal or lower division in a lower age group (e.g. an U12 Div 3 team can borrow from an U11 Div 3 or lower team). In the event that a club does not have a younger age team in an equal or lower division, but does have a younger age team in a higher division, the club may apply for dispensation to allow a certain number of players to be borrowed.

Players can not be borrowed between gender specific teams and mixed teams.

Players participating in junior matches are not required to sign the Match Sheet. A borrowed player must have noted in the "Junior Borrow" column their regular team. Managers are entitled to ask to check the Player Identity Cards of the opposing team which must be produced on request. It is the responsibility of the Club official to ensure that any player, who has had their eligibility challenged, to make a note (eg: "challenge") in the "Junior Borrow" column on the match sheet.

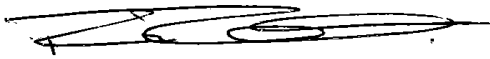
***Borrowing a player or players should not advantage the borrowing team's performance when compared with its usual squad.***

Therefore, any request for dispensation to borrow players from higher division but lower age, will be assessed and if granted, it will follow that the borrowing team will lose any points gained from this match and a score line of 3-nil will be recorded against that team. The points and goal difference will then be awarded to the team who did not borrow players. If both sides involved in a match borrow this type of player, the match will be deemed a no result with no points or goals will be awarded to either side.

There is no change to the borrowing of players from a lower age and lower or equal division as defined in the Rules of Competition.

This decision will take effect from the matches commencing **11th June 2010**.

Football Brisbane stresses that this policy is designed in no way to limit the ability of clubs to ensure children can play the game and thus gives all players access to the sport. However it does ensure the integrity of our competitions for all participant clubs and their teams by ensuring there is no unintentional or deliberate impact on the competition through the use of borrowed players.



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