



# BRFC Player Borrowing Policy

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## Purpose

This policy provides guidance for borrowing players between Bundanoon Rebels FC teams to ensure fairness, transparency, and support for team participation across all age groups and divisions.

## 1. Eligibility for Borrowing Players

- Players may be borrowed from another Rebels team within the same age group or a lower age group (e.g., from U11 to U11 or U11 to U12).
- Borrowed players must be registered with Bundanoon Rebels FC and not currently suspended or injured.
- Borrowing is permitted when a team would otherwise have fewer than the minimum number of players needed to safely compete (e.g., less than 11 for full-sided games), or only has the minimum number and requires substitutes to support fair player rotation and manage fatigue or injury.

## 2. Priority of Play

- Players must prioritise their own team's game and participation first. Borrowing should never interfere with a player's commitment to their primary team.
- A player should only miss their scheduled game due to borrowing if it is mutually agreed upon by both coaches involved. However, this should be avoided wherever possible to ensure players have continuity with their regular team.

## 3. Approval Process

- The borrowing team's coach or manager must seek approval from the player's regular coach before confirming participation.



- The player's availability and wellbeing should be considered before agreeing to play extra games.

#### **4. Game Day Requirements**

- Borrowed players must be noted on the team sheet as borrowed players.
- A borrowed player must not be used ahead of a regular team member for starting positions or extended playing time, unless agreed upon in advance by both coaches.
- Borrowed players must wear the correct Rebels playing strip and follow the team's values and conduct expectations.

#### **5. Fair Play and Spirit**

- Borrowing should be done in the spirit of supporting participation and player development, not to gain a competitive advantage.
- Coaches should aim to develop depth within their own squads and only borrow when necessary.

#### **6. Reporting and Review**

- Any issues or concerns relating to borrowed players must be raised with the Club Development Coach or Football Director.
- This policy will be reviewed annually by the committee.