



## Extension of the current KBA Junior Domestic By-Laws

**NOTE – The below ‘Rep’ and ‘Clearance’ rules are updated rules that replace clauses 10.9, 10.10 and 10.11 of the current KBA Junior Domestic By-Laws. These are the rules that are to be referred and adhered to with regards to rep players and clearance players in the KBA Junior Domestic Competition until such time when the updated By-Laws are made available.**

1. Rep player definition
  - a. A representative player is defined as:
    - i. Any player currently playing in a State-level squad – whether under the auspices of a state basketball governing body (eg. Basketball Victoria) or a schools-based competition.
    - ii. Any player currently registered to a VJBL representative team (or interstate equivalent).
    - iii. Players registered to teams of VJBL Regional level (or interstate equivalent) are deemed to be representative players.
  - b. A player is deemed a representative player:
    - i. While the player remains a current player.
    - ii. For the duration of the current representative season, irrespective of the player ceasing to play in that season for whatever reason.
    - iii. Immediately upon selection to/registration to a representative team.
    - iv. For the period of clubs forming teams for the summer season, if the player participated in a representative team in the VJBL season that has just concluded. If, after tryouts, that player is not in a VJBL team, his/her representative status no longer applies.
  - c. A player is deemed to not be representative player:
    - i. When the current rep season has expired (for VJBL competition, this currently occurs in late September) and the player is not participating in representative try-outs for the next season.
    - ii. If, having ceased playing at any point during a representative season after registrations have been called, at the conclusion of that representative season.
2. Limits upon representative players in junior domestic teams.
  - a. Teams will be nominated by clubs for competition based upon the following:

Boys		Girls	
Number of rep players	Grades for nomination	Number of rep players	Grades for nomination
4 or more	A	3 or more	A
3	A or B	2	A or B
2	A, B or C	1	A, B or C
1	A, B, C or D	0	A, B, C, D or E
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- b. For Winter Season, currently April to September, representative status will be counted as per above.
  - c. For Summer Season, currently October to March, the team nomination/registration period will draw upon the representative player's status per the preceding representative season, to be amended by the end of the grading period.
  - d. If, during the Summer Season grading period, the number of representative players within a team changes, the new representative player count will determine the grade options for the team for the post-grading period of that season. A team with an increased number of representative players will be subject to the revised minimum grading. A team with a decreased number of representative players may request a lower grade within the above during the course of grading reviews.
  - e. If, during the course of a junior domestic season, a player becomes a representative player, and in doing so, causes a club to no longer comply with the grading rules above, the club must alert the competition governing body within 5 working days of becoming aware of same, and present the matter for consideration and determination at the next scheduled delegates meeting.
  - f. Within A grade, there are no limits to the number of representative players within a team.
  - g. The prior concept of 'homegrown' no longer has any relevance to representative player counts.
  - h. Upon receipt of the nominations above, the governing committee of the competition may, at its discretion, combine grades in the interests of grade viability. For example, if low numbers of nominations are received in each, Girls B and C grades may be combined, causing teams of only one rep player to be graded in the same 'BC' competition as teams of two rep players. It remains with competition administration to determine the number and structure of competition finals.
  - i. For visibility of appropriateness of grades, where team numbers demand, a competition comprising teams of same nomination level shall be named with grade and number (ie. Not 'A Reserve' or B or even C). For example, in the instance where 15 teams nominate for A grade and competition administration determines three finals series will apply, the competition shall be named A123, combining A1, A2 and A3. Further, where fewer final series are planned, and the grade has a large number of nominated teams, the grade may simply comprise E1, E2, E3, E4 as separate competitions.
3. Declaration of representative status
- a. For the purposes of player registration, a club must:
    - i. Provide the means of registration so that each player must declare representative status
    - ii. Keep a record of all declarations
    - iii. Notify the competition administration within five days of becoming aware of a change in a player's rep status.
  - b. For the purposes of player registration, a player must:
    - i. Declare representative status
    - ii. In the event that a player has been deemed to not be a representative player, but subsequently becomes a rep player, alert the club of any commencement of representative basketball within 5 working days of that status change occurring.
  - c. For the purposes of team registration to competition, a club must:

- i. In the first instance, provide, or cause to be provided, a list of all teams, a count of representative players registered to that team, and a count of players within a team that have been cleared to the club within the preceding 12 month period.
    - ii. When called upon by the competition administrators (typically before the commencement of competition each season), provide, or cause to be provided, details of all players registered to each team, the representative status of each player, the clearance date of any players within a team that have been cleared to play with the club. Declarable clearances are limited to the history of available clearances on the association's registration systems (ie. Not extending back to the time of paper-only clearances)
  - d. In the event of the competition administration becoming aware of any failure to accurately declare representative status per the above:
    - i. If by a player, the administration, at its discretion, may impose one or more of immediate cessation of involvement, a penalty of \$20 per game payable to the Association, and team forfeiture of games played.
    - ii. If by a club, the administration, at its discretion, may impose one or more of immediate cessation of involvement of the player, a penalty of \$50 per game payable by the club to the Association, and team forfeiture of games played.
    - iii. If by a club over multiple occurrences, the administration, at its discretion, may deregister the player, the team and/or the club.
4. Player clearances
- a. For the purposes of a player moving between clubs:
    - i. A team may have only one registered player who has been cleared to the club within the prior six months.
    - ii. A team may have only two registered players who have been cleared to the club within the prior twelve months.
    - iii. A team may have any number of registered players who have been cleared to the club for more than twelve months.
    - iv. The above rules amount to the principle that any given team may only gain one cleared player each season.
    - v. A team with multiple rep players is not constrained in gaining a further player, as long as the rules above are complied with and the grading of the team meets grading rules.
  - b. For the purposes of multiple players moving between clubs:
    - i. A club must bring to the governing committee a submission to register any team that comprises more than one cleared player per season.
    - ii. The governing committee, at its discretion, may allow that team to register, request that players are distributed amongst other teams within the club, or refuse registration of that team.
    - iii. In the event that a team comprising more than one cleared player per season is permitted registration, that team shall not be permitted any further cleared players until the elapsed time from the most recent clearance date is more than twelve months.
  - c. The clearance period for playing within any season shall be deemed 'closed' at close of business hours on the last business day before the season's grading review meeting.

*By way of example, as said meeting is usually scheduled upon a Monday, this means a closure to clearances on the preceding Friday. Clearances may be lodged at any time thereafter for the subsequent season.*

- d. The association will impose a processing fee of \$20 for each clearance, payable by the player.
- 5. Lateral entries – temporary or permanent
  - a. Any representative player not currently registered as a player may register with a club and team in the junior domestic competition, provided that:
    - i. Their inclusion to the team and the team’s grade of participation complies with the grading rules.
  - b. Any representative player not currently registered as a player may fill-in for a team for up to two games prior to registering with the club provided that:
    - i. Their inclusion to the team and the team’s grade of participation complies with the grading rules.
- 6. Playing “out of age”
  - a. Any representative player participating in an older age group than allowed under eligibility bylaws:
    - i. Is still deemed a rep player
    - ii. Must not play in any team that would then cause that team to exceed the allowable number of rep players for teams in that grade.
    - iii. Must not play in a team that would then cause the limits of number of cleared players to be exceeded.