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For Parents and Players

Junior Registration – New Rule for players moving Clubs.

For 2022, there is a new rule which has been introduced to restrict the number of players who are **intending to move clubs**. These players are defined as **“movement players”**. This rule has been developed in consultation with member clubs to ensure better competition integrity, particularly in the higher divisions whilst also allowing the formation of teams when two or three clubs need to pool their player resources together through approved dispensation.

What is a Movement Player? This is any player who in their last ‘outdoor’ season with Football South Coast was at another Club to the one they are applying to register with.

Which age Groups? This will be applied to the age groups 11 through to 16 inclusive.

What is the Restriction? A team can only register a maximum of three movement players with a further restriction that two of these movement players can come from the same team.

Are there any exemptions? A Club can apply to Football South Coast for dispensation and in their application must provide reasons why they request the dispensation. The Junior Council will review the application and determine if dispensation will be applied.

Does the restriction apply if I have never played football with FSC? No

Does the restriction apply if I am a returning representative player who played for a club in say 2019? If you return to the club that you played for in 2019 then the restriction does not apply, however if you applying to another club then the restriction applies.

Does the restriction apply if my last game was in say 2018? If you return to the club that you played for in 2018 then the restriction does not apply, however if you are applying to another club then the restriction applies.

Does the restriction apply if my last game was in say 2018 and I seek to re-register to the same club?
No

What happens if a Club has too many movement players registered in a team and does not have dispensation? If a Club breaches this rule, then there are a range of penalties which may be applied depending on the circumstances. In some cases, this could be simply fixing team allocations, or deregistration of extra movement players, or applying competition points penalties and/or, no invitations to participate in FNSW competitions or other tournaments.

The competition rules can be found on the FSC website, and this specific rule is found under H3.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the Club you are intending to register with.