



## Club Culture Policy

Broome Netball Association (BNA) is committed to a safe, inclusive, and fair competition where all players can participate, develop, and enjoy netball. The **Club Culture Policy (CCP)** ensures player movement between teams and divisions is managed fairly, prioritising wellbeing, development, and integrity, while fostering a respectful and supportive environment for all.

### Prioritising Your Own Club Players first- Juniors

All Players must not play within another Team that is equal or lower than the one in which they are registered.

Clubs must prioritise the use of their own registered players when filling vacancies from within junior teams under the “Play Up” Rule (Section 13.1 of the 2026 Handbook), whether for a one-off match or any period throughout BNA’s Competition.

Where a Club seeks to use a player from another Club, they must first confirm that no eligible players are available within their own Club. Any available players from the lower division (regardless of skill level or preferred playing position) must be offered the opportunity before a player from another Club is considered.

A Cross-club player must provide on each occasion “Proof of Clearance” from their registered Club (either text message or email) before being eligible to take the court for the requesting team in the higher division.

If an available Club player is overlooked, or a cross-club player is used without following this process, including where “Proof of Clearance” has not been obtained—that player will be deemed **ineligible**, and [Sanctions](#) apply.

### Play-up – Senior Players

All Players must not play in a Team that is equal to or lower than the one in which they are registered.

If a player is believed to be incorrectly graded and a Club wishes them to **play in a lower division (“Pass Down”)**, a written application must be submitted to BNA for review before the player’s third game.

Senior players may **Play-up** into a Higher Division within their own Club only; Seniors may not play across Clubs.

When two or more Senior Divisions are combined into an **Open Grade**. Players are eligible to **Play-up** into a team in a higher division than they are registered to, while still adhering to the **Club Culture Policy**.

**Example:** In a combined Open Grade of Division 1–2, a Division 2 registered player, may play into the Division 1 team. A Division 1 player may **not** play into the Division 2 team. A Division 2 registered player may **not** play in another Division 2 team within the same club or across club.

The following conditions apply:

- A player may **Play-up to three (3) games** into a higher division.
- From the **fourth (4th) game onward**, the player becomes a permanent member of **the higher division**.
- Once permanent, the player cannot return to the lower division for the remainder of the season.
- Games played under Single Game Voucher or Casual Fill-In Voucher (**SGV or CFV**) prior to Club registration count toward this total.



## Junior Players Playing Up

Junior players must participate in their correct age division based on year of birth for the entire season, without exception. Their safety, wellbeing and development must be prioritised when considering playing-up into a higher division. Skipping age groups or “jumping years” is not allowed. Whilst abiding by the expectations of the above “**Prioritising Your Own Club Players First**”.

Any Junior player wishing to apply for an exemption to the “jumping years” rule, must apply in writing to BNA with your parent/guardian and Clubs support. This will require assessment by BNA and the Association Development Officer/s (ADO) and they will advise accordingly. The player will be deemed ineligible if they take to the court without first obtaining this approval.

## Senior Teams Using Junior Players

Senior teams that are short of players may use **16 & Under junior players**, provided the decision aligns with this guideline above “**Prioritising Your Own Club Players first**”. Or any 16/U’s team if your Club does not have a 16/U team in the current BNA Competition.

## Finals Eligibility

During the Finals Series, clubs may bring up:

- A qualified registered financial player from a **lower division within the same Club**, or
- An **eligible 16/U junior player** that has played **at least three (3) games** for that same Senior team during the current BNA competition.

## Match Records

All players competing in a higher division must be recorded on the official scorecard before the game begins.

The notation “**PU**” (**Playing Up**) must be listed next to their name before the game begins.

These records will be used by BNA to confirm eligibility.

Failure to comply with these guidelines or competition rules will result in [Sanctions](#).

## Club Responsibilities

Clubs must ensure that:

- Coaches, managers and officials understand these guidelines
- Player movements between teams are managed fairly
- Junior player welfare and development are prioritised
- Teams comply with the **BNA Competition Handbook and Junior Fair Play policies**

## Spirit of the Rule

All clubs are expected to apply this policy in its entirety. Any attempt to manipulate player movement, grading, or eligibility in a manner that undermines fair competition, player development, or the intent of this policy, will be reviewed by BNA.

BNA reserves the right to investigate and make determinations on any matter not explicitly covered within this policy to ensure the **integrity, fairness and culture of the competition** is upheld.