

SHOALHAVEN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Junior Player Movement Policy



This policy applies to Junior players wanting to play up or down an age group in Shoalhaven Basketball Association (SBA) Junior Domestic Competitions, Representative Competitions or who want to play in a Senior Domestic Competition.

To Request any of the above a *Junior Player Movement Request* form must be completed and provided to SBA. The form can be accessed by contacting SBA via email at enquiries@shoalhavenbasketball.com.au or through [SBA's Policies & Docs page](#).

Upon completion, the form can be handed into the SBA office or returned via the above enquiries email to be reviewed by the SBA Board or the Competition and Member Manager.

1. Junior Players playing up or down an age group in the Junior Domestic Competitions

- a. The SBA process is as follows:
 - i. The parent or guardian of the player needs to complete the *Junior Player Movement Request* form and return it to the SBA office in person or via email to enquiries@shoalhavenbasketball.com.au
 - ii. The SBA Board or Competition and Member Manager will review the information provided and may take the following steps to gain a better understanding of the player's experience, skill, and ability.
 - Request a meeting with a parent or guardian of the player.
 - Contact the player's coach/s for further feedback. This could be either a representative and/or a domestic coach.
 - Depending on the circumstances, experience and ability of the player, an assessment of the player may be required.
 - iii. The parent or guardian of the player will be informed of the decision. If approval is granted, this will include the validity and review date of the decision.
- b. If approval is granted, the player is to continue to play in the Junior Competition at their age level unless they receive a specific exemption to only play in the higher age group.
- c. Players will only be permitted to play in Division 1 of the older age group (if there are two or more divisions).
- d. The player will be required to pay full-season fees for the first competition and 50% of the season fees for the second competition.

2. Junior Players playing in a higher age group in the Junior Representative Competition

- a. The SBA process is as follows:
 - i. The parent or guardian of the player needs to complete the *Junior Player Movement Request* form and return it to the SBA office in person or via email to enquiries@shoalhavenbasketball.com.au.
 - ii. The SBA Representative Advisory Sub-Committee will review the information and provide a recommendation to the Board, which will make the final decision. The Sub-Committee or Board may also take the following steps to gain a better understanding of the player's experience, skill, and ability.
 - Request a meeting with a parent or guardian of the player.
 - Contact the player's coach/s for further feedback. This could be either a rep and/or a domestic coach.

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- Depending on the circumstances, experience and ability of the player, a physical assessment of the player may or may not be necessary.
- iii. The parent or guardian of the player will be informed of the decision, how long it is valid for and when it is due to be reviewed.
- b. If approval is granted by the Board, the player may be required to play in the Junior representative team of their age level as well.
- c. The player may be required to pay additional representative levies.
- d. BNSW Spalding Waratah Junior League By-Law 30.5. states:

A player moving up more than one age group must have written permission from either their parent or guardian.

- i. *The association may be requested to provide Basketball NSW with evidence that this has been discussed and approved by either the Board or Representative Committee.*
- ii. *A player can play up to a maximum of two (2) age groups.*

3. Junior Players playing in an SBA Senior Domestic Competition

- a. For Players aged 17 years old or younger at the time the request is made, the SBA process is as follows:
 - i. The parent or guardian of the player needs to complete the Junior Player Movement Request form and return it to the SBA office in person or via email to enquiries@shoalhavenbasketball.com.au.
- b. The SBA Board or Competition and Member Manager will review the information provided and may take the following steps to gain a better understanding of the player's experience, skill, and ability.
 - i. Request a meeting with a parent or guardian of the player.
 - ii. Contact the player's coach/s for further feedback. This could be either a rep and/or a domestic coach.
 - iii. Depending on the circumstances, experience and ability of the player, a physical assessment of the player may be necessary.
 - iv. The parent or guardian of the player will be informed of the decision. If approval is granted, this will include the validity and review date of the decision.
- c. There is a limit of two (2) players under the age of 1 per senior team.
 - i. An exemption may be given to a U16 or U18 representative team that has been approved to play in a Senior competition by the Board.
 - ii. An exemption may be given to a team that has been approved to play in a Senior competition by the Board or Competition and Member Manager.
- d. Junior players will not be permitted to play in an SBA Senior Competition at the expense of playing in an appropriate SBA Junior Competition. This means that all junior players granted permission to play in an SBA Senior Competition are required to play in the appropriate SBA Junior Competition for their age unless they have received an exemption from the SBA Board or Competition and Member Manager to only play in the SBA Senior Competition. An exemption can be requested by completing the Junior Player Movement Request form.

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- e. All Junior players granted permission to play in an SBA Senior Competition are required to play a minimum of 50% of games in each term that comprises the appropriate SBA Junior Competition for their age. This means, for example, a junior player must play 50% of games in Term 2 and 50% of games in Term 3 to meet the requirement of playing 50% of games for the Winter Competition.
 - i. If a junior player does not meet the 50% rule requirement, permission to play in the relevant SBA Senior Competition may be revoked.
- f. The player will be required to pay both SBA Junior and Senior Competition season fees. The player will be required to pay full-season fees for the Junior competition and 50% of the Senior season fees.
- g. In the case of a junior player exempt from playing in their age group and only playing in the senior competition:
 - i. Players requesting an exemption to play outside their age group (either up or down) must submit their request prior to Muster. Exemption requests may not be approved once teams have been organised, as this disrupts the balance of the domestic competition. By registering for a competition, players are committing to participate for the entire season.
 - ii. The player will be required to pay Full Senior Season fees by contacting the SBA office.
 - iii. If the player is selected for the SBA representative basketball for their age group, they will be required to play domestic basketball in their age group as well.
 - iv. Players requesting an exemption may be asked to provide supporting documentation to validate their request. This may include a letter from their employer or tutor, which should also include a contact number for verification.
- h. If a player is approved to play in two teams and there is any clash in games between the teams, the player will be required to play with the team for their age.
- i. In the case of U16 and U18 SBA Junior Representative teams, the relevant representative coach may seek permission for a team to compete in an SBA Senior Competition by emailing enquiries@shoalhavenbasketball.com.au. If the team is approved, the parents of the players will be required to complete the Junior Player Movement Request form.
- j. Players who seek approval from SBA must note that SBA reserves the right to include further terms and conditions to the approval. The player's parents/guardians will be made aware of these when they are notified of approval.
- k. SBA reserves the right to reconsider, at any time, its decision to grant a junior player permission to play in an age group that is different from their appropriate Competition according to their date of birth.

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