



Transferring Between Teams Within the Club

Introduction

As the Club grows there may be years in which there are more than one team per age group. This will be a clear sign that the Club is developing and where possible, it should be encouraged.

Context

It should be noted that there is often significant emotional and time investment by coaches in their teams and it should also be recognised that coaches have played significant roles in developing individual players and their teams.

Process

Transferring between teams is to be discouraged and may only take place after the end of the season and before 1 August preceding the new season. This will allow the Coach of the team losing the player to source a replacement.

Transferring between teams during the season may only to be allowed in exceptional circumstances such as family breakdown or as a strategy to improve behaviour after the Stage 2 Disciplinary meeting. It must be:

- Requested in writing and by representation to the full committee
- Approved by the whole committee at the next scheduled meeting
- Subject to the League's regulations & dates on transfers

Integrity of the Process

A coach must not approach a player in the other team "to tap them up." To do this will undermine the Trust that must exist between volunteer coaches. This will be seen as a breach of the Club's Code of Conduct and may result in disciplinary action being taken. Coaches should also discourage parents from advocating or agitating for a transfer. If they are approached by parents on this matter, they must refer parents back to the process and inform senior committee members of the conversation.

