



PERMIT POLICY FINALS

INTENT OF POLICY

The policy is to ensure that

1. Teams playing finals have sufficient players to compete in games;
2. The standard of a team playing in the finals is not improved by “permit player/s”.

A) HOW POLICY WORKS

It is essential that the Policy is understood at all levels of the Association, i.e.

1. Clubs
2. Coaches
3. Players (and parents)

B) BACKGROUND

1. To be eligible to participate in final rounds matches all players must have played at least three times with their Club during the season with these qualifying matches being played on separate dates;
2. Final round fixtures – should a player have played games during the season in more than one grade/division, the grade/division in which the most games have been played will be deemed to be the team the player is registered in for the purpose of finals;
3. Final round fixtures – should a player have played an equal number of games in more than one grade/division, the higher grade/division will be deemed to be the team the player is registered in for the purpose of finals;
4. Final round fixtures – a player from a higher grade/division cannot play in a lower team/division without the sanction of the Permit Committee and only then in the event of extreme circumstances.

C) PERMIT APPLICATION/S

1. A team that is eligible to play in the finals may apply to the FNA Permits Committee to bring up a “permit player” from a lower division to play in the finals.
2. The application must be on the FNA Finals Permit Application form and include the following details:
 - i. Grade requesting permit for and position this team finished on ladder;
 - ii. Number of registered players in this team;
 - iii. Position of player/s required for this team permit;
 - iv. Name/s of registered player/s from this team who are unavailable for the final;
 - v. Reasons why a permit player is required (reasons can include injury or illness to a registered player in the team, work commitments, etc.).
 - vi. Details of the permit player (the applicant) i.e. name and date of birth;
 - vii. Grade this player is registered in and position her team finished on ladder;
 - viii. Will this player be playing in own team final;
 - ix. Has this player been a
 - WA Netball League player;
 - A FNA Rep Team player;
 - A State School girl player or
 - Play for any Netball WA Rep. Team

In the last five years

3. It must be indicated on the permit application the permit date/final required;
4. The applicant “permit player” must not be of a higher playing standard than the registered players in the team requiring the permit player (e.g. a JB7 team requesting a permit player from JC1 grade);

5. An individual application form is required for each permit player, for each final date;
6. Applications on the "Permit Application" form must be received at least 5 days prior to the game;
7. In cases of emergency, applications on the "Permit Application" form will be accepted up to two hours prior to the commencement of the game;
8. All Permit Application(s) must be submitted by the Club Permit Officer and signed by this Club Official;
9. Clubs will be advised the outcome of their Permit Application as soon as practical;
10. The Permit Approval will be attached to the score card by the office and the name of the player being replaced will be struck through on the team list.

D) PENALTY

1. Should a player play up without Permit approval the penalty shall be the loss of that game by a forfeit;
2. Should a player from a higher grade/division play in a lower grade/division without Permit approval the penalty shall be loss of that game by a forfeit.
3. Should the registered team player that has been replaced by a permit player remain on the scorecard (the name on the original team list should have a line drawn through it) or participate in the match the penalty shall be loss of that game by forfeit.

E) GUIDELINES and INTERPRETATION FOR PERMITS AND PERMIT PLAYERS

1. Permits will only be issued if a registered player(s) in a team cannot take the court on the finals day(s). If a registered player can take the court, even if they may only be able to play for a quarter, then they are considered to be able to take the court and no permit will be issued.
2. The number of permits issued for a team will only be equal to the number of registered players the team has played with for the majority of the season. For example, if there are 9 registered players in a team and 2 cannot take the court, then 2 permits may be issued. No permit will be issued to replace a player who is registered in a team but has not played for the majority of the season.
3. If a team has only 7 registered players a permit for an eighth player may be applied for and will be considered.
4. Permit players are to be treated as a regular member of a team. All substitutions shall be in accordance with the current official Rules for Netball 2018 Edition as published by International Netball Federation.