



FREMANTLE NETBALL ASSOCIATION

PERMIT POLICY FINALS

A) INTENT OF POLICY

The policy is to ensure that:

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

B) HOW POLICY WORKS

This policy creates rules around permit player eligibility and the application process for permit player approval. It applies to all Clubs submitting requests for permit players during the finals rounds of the FNA winter season.

C) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. A player must be a registered player for the current season to be eligible for finals.
2. To be eligible to participate in final rounds matches all players must have played in at least three matches with their Club during the season, with these qualifying matches being played on separate dates;
3. A player who has been replaced by a permit player for a specific match is no longer an eligible player for that match.
4. 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;
5. 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;
6. Final round fixtures – a player from a higher grade/division cannot play in a lower team/division without the permission of the Permit Committee and only then in the event of extreme circumstances.

D) THE POLICY

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 of the same Club to play in the finals.
2. The application must be on the FNA Finals Permit Application form and include the following details:
 - a. Grade requesting permit for and position this team finished on ladder;
 - b. Number of registered players in this team;
 - c. Position of player(s) required for this team permit;
 - d. Name(s) of registered player(s) from this team who are unavailable for the final;
 - e. Reasons why a permit player is required (reasons can include injury or illness to a registered player in the team, work commitments, etc.).
 - f. Details of the permit player (the applicant) i.e. name and date of birth;
 - g. Grade this player is registered in and position their team finished on ladder;
 - h. Whether this player will be playing in their own team final;
 - i. Whether this player has been a:
 - WA Netball League player, or;
 - FNA Rep Team player (e.g. Association Champs, Metro League), or;
 - School Sport WA interstate netball team player;in the last three years.
 - j. Whether this player has been a Netball WA State Team player.



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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 would likely be declined for a permit because the player is likely of a higher playing standard than the team);
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 the commencement of the game, noting that a permit player must have received approval prior to taking the court;
8. All Permit Application(s) must be submitted by the Club Permit Officer;
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.

E) PENALTY

1. If a team plays an ineligible player, the penalty shall be the loss of that game by a forfeit;

F) 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 intends to take the court, even if they may only be able to play for a quarter, then no permit will be issued for an additional player.
2. The number of permits issued for a team will only be equal to the number of registered players the team has had registered with for the season. For example, if there are nine registered players in a team and two cannot take the court, then two permits may be issued. No permit will be issued to replace a player who is registered in a team but is not eligible for finals.
3. If a team has only seven 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 of Netball as published by World Netball (formerly the International Netball Federation).
5. It is the preference of FNA that a permit player should not be used in such a way that an existing member of the team is caused an unfair loss of court time.