



## **Club Policy - Borrowing Players from Other Teams**

At times, it is necessary to borrow players from another team when a number of players are missing due to injury, suspension or absence.

When borrowing players from another team, the coach (or their delegate such as team manager) must first make sure that each borrowed player is eligible to play based on the Central Coast Football Rules & Regulations. Information about player eligibility for teams other than their nominated team can be found at:

<https://ccfootball.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Rules-and-Regulations-2017.pdf>

Once it has been determined that the required players meet the CCF rules and regulations, the coach (or their delegate such as team manager) must contact the coach (or their delegate such as team manager) of the team where the player is registered for their approval to be released to play.

Once approval has been granted from the coach of the player's registered team, the coach (or their delegate such as team manager) should then contact the player and the player's parents (if under the age of 18) for their approval.

When all parties agree, including coach, parent and player, the player will be released to play for the other team.

When a dispute arises over the release of a player to another team, the aggrieved party should contact the Football Committee through the relevant Age Coordinator. When this occurs, a final decision will be made by the Football Chairman in consultation with the Age Coordinator.

In general, it is unreasonable to expect a player to fill in for another team if their own team will be negatively impacted by them doing so. However, there are other factors that could also be considered by the Football Committee when determining whether a player should fill in for another team, including:

- Total number of players available to play for each team
- Position of both teams in the competition, and the possible impact on the chances of either team reaching finals, finishing as competition premiers or being relegated.
- Opportunities for the development of players
- Impact on player welfare
- Impact on the short or long term success of the club