



PLAYER FILL IN POLICY

Purpose:

To ensure there are sufficient player numbers to field a team on game day.

- The HSNC team coach (or team manager in the event of no coach) is responsible for organising a fill in player.
- The HSNC coach or team manager requesting the fill in is responsible for ensuring the details of the fill in player are correctly listed on the score sheet. Failure to do so will result in a breach of MENA By-Laws and premiership points deducted.

Guidelines 9s to 17s:

- The HSNC team coach (or manager in the event of no coach) is responsible for organising a fill in player and must consult with the coach from the fill in's team to ensure the player will be able to cope playing up. The coach / team manager is not to directly ask the player, rather their coach (or team manager in the event if no coach) should coordinate the request.
- In the event of unforeseen circumstances (injured player when a team has 7, players delayed from taking the court) it is reasonable to ask a player from a lower section on the spot to fill in for the game or until a player arrives. Details must be included on the sheet and the fill in player's coach advised.
- A player filling in can occur when a 9 to 17s team has **less than 7 players**
or
If a player is injured and may not be able to play a full game, a fill in player can be requested and take to the court if the injured player can not complete the game. In this event, a fill in player should not start on the court. (Please advise the President or Coaches Coordinator if a fill in is required for this reason)
- A fill in player should not take to the court when there are sufficient players to field a team.
- A fill in player must be sourced from a lower grade / age group.
- With regard to U/9 players, they can move across all U/9 teams if required to fill in
- The coach must ensure the fill in player has not played more three games (across all teams) in a season.
- Should there be an ongoing team player shortage (due to injury / holidays) the coach should advise the Coaches Coordinator.
- For an 15/U players to fill in for an Open team, permission must be received from the competition box. Permission may be given on the day, however the competition box must be notified as they will want to watch the player in court prior to giving approval.
- When seeking a fill in player, the opportunity should be provided to lower graded players in the same age group initially (if there is not a time clash) or a lower age, starting at an

appropriate graded team. The opportunity needs to be rotated around where possible. If unclear, seek clarification from the President / Executive.

- When securing a fill in player for 17/U through to 11/U please use the google form link to advise the club and track the number of times a player has filled in. The coach/team manager requesting the fill in is responsible for completing the form.

<https://forms.gle/1qBdDMbuMNxc5ctX6>

Guidelines OPEN

- Fill in players may be used to field a team of 7 or more.
- Fill in players, not registered with Holy Spirit Netball Club, must show evidence of Netball Victoria Membership or a day pass.
- An external fill in player is permitted to play 3 times. Upon their 4th game they are required to register with the club and pay the full season fees.