

### **PLAYER CLEARANCES &**

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**DEFINITIONS:-**

**Transfer:-** An informal process whereby a player may participate for more than one Club during the course of the season. A player remains on both Clubs lists after a transfer takes place.

Example: A junior player who participates regularly for their local Club, who is then selected to play in the JG Craig Shield for a different Club, would be **transferred**. This allows that player to return to playing for their original Club once the competition finishes.

A senior player who participates regularly for their local Club, who then wishes to play Veterans for a different Club, would require to be transferred to that Club.

**Clearance:-** A formal process whereby a player permanently moves from one Club, to another. This requires the new Club to apply for the clearance, the original Club to approve the clearance, and the Association (within which the original Club participates) to also approve the clearance. A player will only appear on the new Club's list when a clearance has been granted.

Example: A player moves from their original Club, to a new Club which participates in a different Association (for a variety of reasons). The player has no intention of returning to the original Club and would like this move to be permanent. This player would require a clearance.

- **2.6.1** A player who is registered with a club in this Association and wishes to transfer to another club in the Association must obtain a clearance.
- **2.6.2** Applications for clearances must be in writing on the official Association form and submitted via the nominated player registration database.
- **2.6.3** A player seeking a clearance shall do so by having the application submitted on the Association's approved database system by the Club he is seeking the clearance to.

Once granted/refused the exit Club must enter their decision on the clearance section of the Association's approved database system within the scheduled timeframe.

- **2.6.4** Applications not acted on within 5 days of the notice being sent by email may result in the clearance automatically being granted by the Operations Manager
- 2.6.5 Separate clearance applications are required for senior, junior and veteran players.
- **2.6.6** All clearances duly completed are to be retained and secured by the Club. These forms are to be made available to the General Manager/Operations Manager upon request.

Clearances open on 1 July and close 31 December each calendar year. Any clearance application submitted prior to the closing date and subsequently granted shall be permitted.

**2.6.7** Clearances can only be refused by a Club based on the following:

The player is contracted: and/or

The player is indebted to the Club: and/or

The player is in possession of Club property that needs to be returned: and/or

The player wishes to withdraw their clearance application. The player must supply a written and signed letter advising the withdrawal of the clearance.

All clearances refused by a club shall be assessed by the General Manager and/or Operations Manager as to whether a valid case has been presented by the club to withhold the clearance. If it is determined a club has not presented a valid case to withhold a player's clearance, the player shall be automatically cleared.

A club shall have the right of appeal within seven (7) days to the Appeals Sub Committee of any such decision. Details supporting their appeal must be lodged in writing or electronically. An appeal bond will be required as per Administration Regulations Clause 2.2.

A player refused a clearance shall have the right of appeal within seven (7) days to the Appeals Sub Committee. Details supporting their appeal must be lodged in writing or electronically.



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- **2.6.8** Subject to the governing rules of the VMCU and other Associations all players incoming to the NMCA must secure a clearance from the exit Club. If a player is registered using the transfer system on the Association's approved database system they will be deemed ineligible and dealt with as in Administration Regulations Clause 2.21.9.
  - **2.6.8.1** Senior players, defined as those who have played first or second XI Premier or first or second XI Sub District cricket are subject to Administration Regulations Clause 2.6.8. However, Clubs are limited to registering only two new such Senior Players in any one season.
  - **2.6.8.2** A registered NMCA player may play with a District or Sub District Club on a game by game basis during the home and away season. However, each time a player returns to play with their NMCA Club, the Club must notify the Operations Manager. However, if after the first season the player continues at District/Sub District, the player will then be subject to the NMCA clearance rules to play in the NMCA.
- **2.6.9** In the event of a club disbanding prior to the closing date of clearances, players of that club must apply in writing to the association Board if they wish to play for another NMCA Club in the current season.

Players of a club disbanding after the closing date of clearances will be declined permission to play for another NMCA Club in the current season.



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#### 2.21 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- **2.21.1** Clubs shall register all new players on the approved registration form as supplied by the association to be eligible to play in any cricket match conducted by the Association.
- **2.21.2** Each player must be registered and entered onto the association approved Registration Database prior to taking part in the match. Mandatory details to be stored/recorded on the Database include; Full Name, Date of Birth, Full Address, Contact Number, and any other details as required by the association or higher governing body. The onus is on each Club to ensure that players are eligible and are correctly registered with the association.
- 2.21.3 Separate applications for registration are required for the Senior, Veterans and Junior Competitions.
- 2.21.4 Proof of identity shall accompany the registration form (i.e. copy of drivers licence, copy of extract of birth, copy of passport, and/or statutory declaration). It is a requirement that all players' details match that of proof of identity, i.e., no nicknames or abbreviated names.
- 2.21.5 The President and/or Secretary of the Club shall witness and complete the registration form.
- **2.21.6** All completed registration, permit and clearance forms are to be retained in a secure environment by the Club. These forms are to be made available to the General Manager/Operations Manager upon request. Incomplete Registration forms shall not be accepted by the Association.
- 2.21.7 Once a player registers with a club he is a playing member of that club.
- **2.21.8** Both the player and the club shall be held responsible for the action of any player already registered who signs another registration, and shall be dealt with as the General Manager may determine.
- **2.21.9** Any team who plays a person not registered in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Association shall not receive any points for the match or matches in which the non-registered player took part.
  - 2.21.9.1 The opposing team shall receive the maximum points scored in that grades round or rounds,
  - 2.21.9.2 The offending team shall be fined as per the Penalties/Fines Schedule (Administration Regulation Bylaw 2.17).
  - **2.21.9.3** Failing to pay the amount, the offending team shall be disqualified from further participation in the competition.
- 2.21.10 Should a registered player transfer from one club to another in this Association it is not necessary to register that player again, however a clearance must be obtained as per Administration Regulations Clause 2.6 of these Regulations.
- **2.21.11**The Board shall at any time have the power to inquire into or review any registration of any player and shall take whatever action they deem necessary.
- 2.21.12 Players may register up to completion of home-and-away matches.

#### If in any doubt about procedures please email the General Manager. nmca.generalmanager@gmail.com