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Reserves & Forfeits Policy

Please be advised that RLWSC has a policy that where ever possible we will field a team to play scheduled games as per the draw. For this reason we also have a policy of assisting teams who are short of players by encouraging players in more junior or lower graded teams to play up for a higher graded team wherever possible. This is good experience for the player, assists the team that is short of players and encourages a sense of Club camaraderie.

Any requests for players should be referred to the coach of the team from which the players are being borrowed and should not involve direct requests to players themselves. This is important as the coach needs to be sure that loaning a player will not leave the player's usual team short and will allow the coach to reorganize their team to cover for the absent player. Players should not be loaned if this action will result in the player's original team being required to play short. If due to the timing of games, the player is able to play for both teams, the player's coach should still be notified as a courtesy. This includes where the team lending the player has a bye. The team contact list will be available to assist communication between teams & includes details of training times.

You should also all remember that if a player plays up in a higher division 5 times they are locked in at that higher level (i.e. they can only play up 4 times during the season without being locked in) and that there are rules around the number of players that are allowed to play up in any one game. The maximum number of players that may be brought up into a higher graded or older team for any given match shall be (rule 5.2.11):

- for under 8 and 9 age groups 2
- for under 10 and 11 age groups 3
- for all other age groups and competitions 4

Reserves should be entered on the match sheet with their regular Age/Division beside their name (rule 2.1.3).

Also please note players cannot play for another RLWSC team in the same Age Group and Division (i.e. where we have 2 or more teams in the same division) (rule 5.2.2.1).

Further the Club recognises that where a team cannot field the minimum number of players required it may be forced to forfeit however considers that **where the minimum number of players (or more) are available to play teams should play scheduled games as per the draw**. While this can be hard for players it is good experience and ensures that both the players on our team and the opposing team do not miss out unnecessarily. In short it is the responsibility of each team to field a team wherever possible. As a reminder the minimum number of players actually registered in the team required to field a team is as follows:

- 11 a-side teams (u12 – all age) minimum 7 players registered in the team
- 9 a-side teams (u10 & u11) minimum 6 players registered in the team
- 7 a-side teams (u8 & u9) minimum of 5 players registered in the team

Forfeits need to be notified to the Competition Secretary by Wednesday evening

(Competition_secretary@rlwsc.com.au), so they can meet CDSFA's deadline of Thursday. For Saturday games, they need to be advised by Tuesday evening. Failure to provide adequate notice results in the club incurring fines from CDSFA as well as having to pay the full amount of referee fees.