



LOCAL TRANSFER AND PERMIT POLICY

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V1.4	12/12/2023	Addition of Clauses stating that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and Representative Players must return to their previous seasons Club; • Division 2 and lower players can apply to transfer to a Division 1 team; • if the Club a Development/Representative Player played for the previous season does not field a team, they may transfer to another Club 	Adam Fairley
V1.5	12/01/2024	Addition of Clauses stating that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • permits are allowed pursuant to the NSW Community Rugby League Policies and Procedures Manual • Sunday players can transfer to Saturday teams if their Club does not offer Saturday Rugby League 	Adam Fairley
V1.6	18/01/2024	Changes made following consultation with Parramatta Pathways	Adam Fairley
V1.7	31/01/2024	Addition of Transfer Quotas – Development Competitions Release of Policy as approved at 30/01/2024 PJRL Board Meeting.	Adam Fairley
V1.8	14/02/2024	The Maximum number of Representative Players per team was increased to 5, to bring this Policy in line with the NSWRL Player Transfer Policy – Community Rugby League	Adam Fairley
V1.9	06/03/2024	Pursuant to the NSWRL Player Transfer Policy – Community Rugby League, Local Leagues will be able to apply the policy to Development Competitions and/or Under 18 competitions, the PJRL decided to apply from Under 9s and above (2.26). Internal Bulk Transfer of Players – terminology changed to state that it relates to players who have aged out of a Club (2.24). Non-Contracted players who have never played in the PJRL are allowed to register for a PJRL Club if they are registered with another representative Club until the end of the current representative season (2.19). It is necessary for players aged 5, 6, 7 and 10 to play in their natural age group (2.31)	Adam Fairley



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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Parramatta Junior Rugby League (PJRL) needs to ensure that talented players remain at and are attracted to its affiliated Clubs and Competitions to foster, promote and propagate the game of Rugby League throughout and within the Parramatta National Rugby League (PNRL) District.
- 1.2 Players who are members of PJRL affiliated Clubs are provided with Development Squad and Representative Team Pathways through the PNRL.
- 1.3 Players that play in the PJRL are expected to trial for Parramatta Eels Development Squads and Representative Teams until such time as they are released by Parramatta Pathways.
- 1.4 Development Squads and Representative Team participants are given specialised coaching and learn training techniques to improve their skills and build their chances of progressing to higher grades of rugby league.
- 1.5 The PJRL has an expectation that the players who are members of affiliated Clubs apply the PNRL values of Accountable, All-In, United & Respect.
- 1.6 A Policy is required to complement the NSWRL Player Transfer Policy – Community Rugby League with respect to:
 - a) Development Player Quotas in Teams
 - b) Representative Player Quotas in Teams
 - c) Players who played in the PJRL who trialled for the Parramatta Eels, were not selected and played for another Junior Representative Club
 - d) Players who played in the PJRL who trialled for the Parramatta Eels and were offered a position and declined and chose to trial for another Junior Representative Club and played for that Club
 - e) Players who played in the PJRL who chose to not trial for the Parramatta Eels and trialled and played for another Junior Representative Club
 - f) Players who previously played in the PJRL and played for another Junior Representative Club and wish to return to the PJRL
- 1.7 Additional clauses may be added to the Policy to further clarify the likelihood of certain player transfers.
- 1.8 The Policy also covers Permits from one Club to another and the transfer of full teams from Sunday Clubs to Saturday Clubs if their Club does not offer teams in Saturday Competitions.



2. POLICY

The Local Transfer and Permit Policy relates to:

Male – any player registering for an Under 17s or younger team, however Representative Quotas apply up to Under 19s.

Female – any player registering for an Under 16s or younger team, however Representative Quotas apply up to Under 18s.

Development Player Quotas in Teams

- 2.1 Development Players must return to the Club they played for the previous year.
- 2.2 Notwithstanding Clause 2.1, Division 2, 3 and 4 Players may request a clearance to another Club to play Division 1 with the permission of the Head of Elite Pathways.
- 2.3 Notwithstanding Clause 2.1, if the Club a Development Player played for in the previous season is not fielding a team, they may request a clearance to another Club.
- 2.4 The NSWRL Player Transfer Policy – Community Rugby League will determine the number of players that can transfer into a team.
- 2.5 If a Team is permitted to transfer players into its squad, it may transfer additional Development Players into their squad pursuant to the below table:

Age	Maximum Development Squad Members	Maximum Representative Team Members	Maximum Total Combined Development Squad and Representative Players
U13, U14, U15	6	NA	6
U16, U17, U18, U19	6	5	6 combined

Notwithstanding that the Development Player and Representative Player Quota and combined total may increase at the discretion of the PJRL in consultation with Parramatta Eels Pathways should there be less than five (5) PJRL Division 1 teams in an individual age group.

Representative Quotas in Teams

- 2.6 Representative Players must return to the Club they played for the previous year.
- 2.7 Notwithstanding Clause 2.6, Division 2, 3 and 4 Players may request a clearance to another Club to play 1st Division with the permission of the Head of Elite Pathways.
- 2.8 Notwithstanding Clause 2.6, if the Club a Representative Player played for in the previous season is not fielding a team, they may request a clearance to another Club.



- 2.9 The NSWRL Player Transfer Policy – Community Rugby League will determine the number of players that can transfer into a team.
- 2.10 A player who is playing up a year in Representative Football may transfer up a year at the same Club regardless of Representative Quotas.

For example: A player played U15s for Guildford in 2023, they are selected in the Harold Matthews squad in 2024 and are going to register to play a year up. They may transfer to the Under 17s Guildford team regardless of representative quotas.

- 2.11 If a Team is permitted to transfer players into its squad, it may transfer additional Representative Players into their squad pursuant to the below table:

Age	Maximum Development Squad Members	Maximum Representative Team Members	Maximum Total Combined Development Squad and Representative Players
U13, U14, U15	6	NA	6
U16, U17, U18, U19	6	5	6 combined

Notwithstanding that the Development Player and Representative Player Quota and combined total may increase at the discretion of the PJRL in consultation with Parramatta Eels Pathways should there be less than five (5) PJRL Division 1 teams in an individual age group.

Players who played in the PJRL who trialled for the Parramatta Eels, were not selected and played for another Junior Representative Club

- 2.12 Players who played in the PJRL who trialled for the Parramatta Eels and were not selected and then trialled for another Junior Representative Club and were selected and played for that Club are permitted to return to the PJRL and return to the Club that they played for in the previous season.

Players who played in the PJRL who trialled for the Parramatta Eels and were offered a position and declined and chose to trial for another Junior Representative Club and played for that Club

- 2.13 Players who played in the PJRL who trialled for the Parramatta Eels and were offered a position and declined and chose to trial for another Junior Representative Club and played for that Club are not permitted to play for a PJRL affiliated Club in the next season.

For example: a player played U16s for a PJRL affiliated Club in 2023, they trialled for the Parramatta Eels and were offered a position, they also trialled for North Sydney and were selected and chose to play Harold Matthews for North Sydney, they are not permitted to play for a PJRL affiliated Club in 2024.



Players who played in the PJRL who chose to not trial for the Parramatta Eels and played for another Junior Representative Club

- 2.14 Players who played in the PJRL who were offered a position to trial and chose to not trial for the Parramatta Eels and trialled for another Junior Representative Club and were selected and played for that Club are not permitted to play for a PJRL affiliated Club in the next season.

For example: a player played for a PJRL affiliated Club, they were selected to trial and choose not to trial for Parramatta and solely trialled for North Sydney and were selected for their 2024 Harold Matthews Squad, they are not permitted to play for a PJRL affiliated Club in 2024.

- 2.15 Notwithstanding Clause 2.14, Players that receive consent from Parramatta Pathways to trial elsewhere are permitted to trial and play for other Junior Representative Clubs and return to the PJRL Club that they played for in the previous season.

- 2.16 Players who played in the PJRL and were not selected to trial for the Parramatta Eels and trialled for another Junior Representative Club and were selected and played for that Club are permitted to return to the PJRL Club that they played for in the previous season.

Players who previously played in the PJRL and played for another Club and wish to return to the PJRL

- 2.17 Players who previously played for PJRL affiliated Club and in the previous season solely trialled and played for another Junior Representative Club who wish to return to the PJRL may do so if they:

- a) Are selected in a Parramatta Eels Development or Representative Squad
- b) Are not contracted to another Junior Representative Club and they did not play in the PJRL in the preceding 12 months (it is a Club's responsibility to prove that a player they are registering is not contracted to another Junior Representative Club)

For example: an U16s Parramatta Eels Development Player played for a PJRL affiliated Club in 2022, they solely trialled for the 2023 North Sydney Harold Matthews Team and were selected, they were not permitted to play for a PJRL affiliated Club in 2023. They are no longer contracted to North Sydney or any other Junior Representative Club, therefore they may return to a PJRL affiliated Club in 2024 and may transfer to any eligible team in line with this Policy.

Players who are playing for other Junior Representative Clubs

- 2.18 A player who has never played in the PJRL and is currently contracted to another Junior Representative Club is not permitted to register for a PJRL affiliated Club

For example: a player played Under 15 Division 1 for the Forestville Ferrets in 2023 and is contracted to Manly through their U16s Development Squad, they are not eligible to transfer to Hills Bulls to play in the Under 16 Division 1 competition.

- 2.19 A player who has never played in the PJRL and is **not** contracted to another Junior Representative Club is permitted to register for a PJRL affiliated Club



For example: in 2023 they played for Dundas Shamrocks and in 2024 they play Harold Matthews for Balmain Tigers but are not contracted to the Balmain Tigers beyond the 2024 Harold Matthews season.

Players Returning to the PJRL (U13s to U16s)

- 2.20 A player who previously played in the PJRL and was transferred to another Junior League may return to the PJRL pursuant to the NSWRL Player Transfer Policy – Community Rugby League.
- 2.21 Players who do not qualify under the player transfer permissions (i.e. wanting to transfer to a Division 1 Grand Final Team) may apply to the NSWRL for a Transfer Review.

Division 1 Grand Final Teams Transfer Permissions

- 2.22 The PJRL or the NSWRL may refuse to grant Registration Permission in competitive football age groups (10+), where the Player has been registered in a Division 1 team or a team in a higher age group within any NSWRL Competition (this includes competitions with only one Division) at any time within the previous 18 months, and where the Club which the Player intends Registering to play for qualified for the Division 1 Grand Final in that players current or correct age group in the previous season.

For example: Wentworthville & Cabramatta played in the Under 14 Division 1 Grand Final, a player played Under 14 Division 1 for Liverpool Catholic Club in the previous season, they will not be eligible to transfer to Wentworthville or Cabramatta in the Under 15 Division 1 competition.

Permits

- 2.23 Players may permit from one Club to another pursuant to the NSW Community Rugby League Policies & Procedures Manual.

Internal Bulk Transfer of Players

- 2.24 If a number of players who have aged out of a Club that played on Sunday in the previous season is wanting to switch to Saturday in the upcoming season and their previous Club does not offer Saturday as an option, there is no limit on how many players can transfer from the Sunday Club to a Saturday Club.

For example: The North West Hurricanes fielded a Sunday Opens Team (U11-U12) in 2023 and they do not offer a Saturday Under 13s option in 2024, there is no limit on how many players from North West Hurricanes can transfer to the same Club.

If a Club is not affiliated from one season to another, then the players from the non-affiliated Club are free to transfer to a PJRL affiliated Club. Such transfers will not affect a Clubs' allowable quota of transfers pursuant to the NSWRL Player Transfer Policy – Community Rugby League and this Policy.

For example: if a Club is allowed 4 internal transfers, they can register unlimited players from a Club that is not affiliated from one season to another and 4 players from other PJRL Clubs.

Transfer Quotas – Development Competitions

- 2.25 There are no transfer quotas for players aged 5 to 8 that are playing in their natural age group.



The following applies to players, playing Under 9s or Under 10s:

- 2.26 The total number of players that can transfer from one PJRL Club to another PJRL Club in Development Competitions is 2 per team.
- 2.27 The total number of players that can transfer from one external Club to a PJRL Club in Development Competitions is 2 per team.
- 2.28 The total number of players that can transfer from PJRL Clubs to another PJRL Club in Development Competitions is 4 per team.
- 2.29 The total number of players that can transfer from external Clubs to a PJRL Club in Development Competitions is 4 per team.

Playing in a Higher Age Group

- 2.30 Due to the changes to the rules of the game and the mandated implementation of the Player Development Framework, it will be necessary (outside of Exceptional Circumstances), for players aged 5, 6, 7 and 10 to play in their natural age group.
- 2.31 If a player pursuant to Clause 2.31 has an exceptional circumstance, parents are to contact their Club representative to assist them in completing an Exceptional Circumstance Application.
- 2.32 If players do play up in other age groups, it will be compulsory for them to play in Development Competitions in line with the PDF going forward (i.e. if a 9yo plays U10s in 2024, when they are 12 in 2027, they will have to play in their natural age group, they cannot circumvent the Player Development Framework)