



Policy & Procedure: SDNA Representative Player Movement

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1. Policy Objectives

The objectives for this Policy are to ensure that we maintain a transparent process for player movement across teams.

2. Player Movements During & Across Seasons

- a. All players must accept that their continued position in a representative team is subject to various factors, including:
 - Their own match and training performance
 - Their adherence to the Player Code of Behaviour
 - Movement of other players
 - Injuries, illnesses and school commitments
 - The specific needs of their team.
- b. Coaches are required to respond positively to player movements throughout the season. Good communication between coaches and a willingness to 'help out' when needed is expected.
- c. The Executive of the SDNA Representative Sub-committee will be responsible for approving player movements during season.
- d. If a player has been requested to play up a level (as a fill-in for a period of less than 3 weeks or on an ad-hoc basis), this will be done in consultation between the player, the relevant coaches and the player's parent(s).
- e. If a player has been requested to move up permanently to a new team, this will be done in consultation between the player, coach, the player's parent(s) and the executive of the SDNA Representative Sub-committee. It is an expectation that the player will move teams if requested.
- f. If a player is moving to a lower team during the season then this must be done in consultation between the player and their parents, the coach and the SDNA Wellbeing Officer.
- g. If a player is moving down between seasons because of their development, it is expected that the player has received feedback on their development during the season, and a discussion or a well worded email to parents is required (sent by a member of the Executive of the SDNA Representative Sub-committee).



- If a player is moving down between seasons because stronger players have trialed and the player has received positive feedback on their development during the season, a discussion by the coach and the player's parent must be had. A member of the Executive of the SDNA Rep Sub-committee should be present during this discussion and a plan for the best way to advise the player is to be developed.

3. Responsibility matrix

Activity	Team Coach	SDNA Representative Sub Committee Executive *
Player movement during season	Influences	√
Player return from injury or absence during season	Influences	√

√ = The person/group responsible for this task.

* = This Rep Sub Committee Executive is a smaller group of the Sub Committee, which includes the SDNA Head Coach, the player Wellbeing Officer, the Rep Sub Committee Chair, and the Coach Rep.