



Dual Club Playing Policy

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DEFINITIONS

DCPP – Dual Club Playing Procedure

FSC – Football South Coast

JC – Junior Council Club

WC – Women's Council Club

MC – Men's Council Club

HISTORY

In 2009, Football NSW granted permission for the reintroduction of a 'Dual Registration Policy' now called a Dual Club Playing Procedure (DCPP) between

- the Illawarra Junior Football Association and the Illawarra Womens Football Association and
- the Illawarra Junior Football Association and the Illawarra Football Association.

Under unification, FNSW granted permission for the policy to continue between clubs within Councils under FSC.

IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective from 19 April, 2023 and replaces the DCPP version 3.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the DCPP is to enable junior players registered within their JC to be eligible to play with their respective MC or WC affiliated club only.

DCPP will only be permitted between **one** JC and **one** MC for boys and **one** JC and **one** WC for girls.

Any MC or WC wishing to participate in this scheme must ensure that any person with the responsibility of working with youth under the age of 18 is:

- (i) Registered in My Football Club and
- (ii) Obtained a Working With Children Check as per the NSW Legislation and FNSW policy

APPLICATIONS FOR CLUBS:

Same Club Name

All clubs in FSC that operate under the same name are granted automatic DCPP Registration status upon written application to FSC. e.g. Woonona Womens Football Club and Woonona Junior Football Club, Fernhill Football Club and Fernhill Junior Football Club. This application must be on a club letterhead and signed by the President or Secretary of both clubs making the application.

The application will remain current for each season unless FSC is advised in writing from one club that it wishes to withdraw from the DCPP.



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Different Club Name

All MC or WC clubs in FSC applying for DCPD Registration Status between two clubs that are not the same club name as per example above, must apply to FSC in writing, requesting permission to affiliate with that JC. This application must be signed by the President or Secretary of both clubs making the application. e.g. Shellharbour City Womens Football Club and Oak Flats Junior Football Club, Wests Illawarra Football Club and Unanderra Junior Football Club etc. To assist the application being accepted by FSC, the MC or WC must attach evidence of support and relationship to the JC. An example of evidence would be a document which details a yearly Junior Development program and/or sponsorship agreement from the MC or WC to the JC signed by both clubs.

The approval will remain current for each season unless FSC is advised by writing from one club that it wishes to withdraw from the DCPD.

DCPD REGISTRATION WITH MC OR WC

The DCPD for a player in the JC and the MC or WC will be under the following conditions:

- (a) The player must register with the JC only.
- (b) The JC player must be turning 16+ in the current competition year to play in a MC match.
- (c) The JC player must be turning 16+ in the current competition year to play in a Junior U18 match.
- (d) The JC player must be turning 16+ in the current competition year to play in a WC match.
- (e) No MC or WC registered player will be eligible to play in the Junior Council competition.
- (f) No player shall play in an MC or WC football match in preference to playing in JC matches.
- (g) The junior player must:
 - (i) Have an Assessment by a Senior Coaching Certificate (or higher qualification) to ascertain suitability to play in the MC or WC competition
 - (ii) Have the endorsement of the JC (President / Secretary)
 - (iii) Have the endorsement of the MC or WC (President / Secretary)
 - (iv) Have the endorsement of the player's parent / guardian.

The Form **FSC - 021** must be emailed to the FSC Office by the previous working day before the first match in which the player participates otherwise the player will be ineligible to play.

- (h) The DCPD registration is to be in force ONLY for the current season.
- (i) The MC or WC Club will need to record the player in Dribl and ensure any documentation from FSC as communicated by the Competition Coordinator at the start of the season, is provided to the opposition and/or referee before the match.
- (j) Players sent off or under suspension by accumulation of yellow cards (cautions) shall be ineligible to compete in either Council until the suspension is completed.



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- (k) Normal Council rules will apply for clubs found guilty of playing suspended players. It is the club's responsibility to make sure that a player is eligible to play.
- (l) Football NSW Insurance cover as per the policy will apply to players injured in either association matches or training. Players always must comply and conform with the respective Competition when playing in MC or WC Competitions. This includes the number of borrowed players permitted in a match, the number of times a player can be borrowed and the eligibility for finals.