



BRIGHTON BOMBERS

Brighton Districts & Old Scholars Football Club Inc.

Players Assisting Other Teams

There are a broad range of issues when requesting or needing the assistance of players outside his/her designated team.

The club's priority is to consider the welfare and fairness to all involved while building a strong junior to senior transition plan – the overarching goal being to retain players at the club.

All coaches will adhere to the following:

1. Is it required? i.e. does the higher team have enough players already? If a higher age team is short it is necessary to engage a lower aged team for support, and they in turn engage with the team below them.
2. It is required that the club (coaches in this instance) have the parent(s) consent for the player to play at the higher level.
3. Selection of players is based on more senior team's needs i.e. number of players, position required. Example: if ruck is injured/absent, selection is based firstly on as close to like for like replacement. If this is not possible then the next available player to be considered.
4. An existing team player at relevant team level will not be excluded to accommodate a junior player.
5. Coaches must collaboratively discuss any selection needs with each other and the relevant director(s) weekly on their team's last training night of that week.
6. "Playing up" should be positively and actively promoted by coaches of all grades for if and when an opportunity may present.
7. "Playing up" should ideally mean a player plays in their next available grade, with player(s) from that grade then moving up to next grade (etc.) to fill required minimum numbers. If no players are available to play up from the team immediately below, then 1 level further below can be considered subject to league rules and parent consent.
8. If a player elects of their own accord to play up – either to the next age group or further above (subject to league eligibility), they will receive coach and club support to do this on the basis of suitability to perform at that level. Again, this requires parental consent.
9. Should a player "play up" and wish to also play in their designated age group in the same round/weekend, this will be supported by all coaches and on proviso that in doing so, no other player is missing out on playing in the designated age level.