



## **AFL HUNTER CENTRAL COAST PLAYER MOVEMENT POLICY**

In order to minimise movement of players between clubs, the following policy has been developed to give clear direction to player movement between AFL Hunter Central Coast Clubs. The movement of players between AFL Hunter Central Coast Clubs is actively discouraged. It is the position of the AFL Hunter Central Coast Board that, for the purposes of a balanced and viable competition, players should remain at their club for the duration of their Junior career where possible. In addition, where possible, players should be registered at their local club.

All player movement must comply with the AFL National Transfer Policy. Players transferring from or to a club outside of AFL Hunter Central Coast need only meet the requirements of the AFL National Transfer Policy.

### **Who this policy applies to:**

- This policy is applicable to any player who has been registered within the previous 24 months with an AFL Hunter Central Coast Club who is seeking to move to another AFL Hunter Central Coast Club.
- If a player has not registered for a 24 month period, any move shall be automatically approved.

### **Applying for a move to another Club:**

- Players requesting to move to another AFL Hunter Central Coast Club will be required to complete a Player Movement request form in the form prescribed by AFL Hunter Central Coast. Player movement requests will not be considered unless they are in the prescribed form. Forms must be submitted & completed by the Parent/Guardian of the player.

### **Player Movement Rules:**

- Number of Player changes
  - A maximum of two player movements from Club A to Club B will be considered in a single age group in a season under this policy.
  - A maximum of three player movements in total from Club A to Club B will be considered across the Club in a season under this policy.
- Clubs not fielding a team
  - In the case of a player participating at a club on permit in the previous season, no player moves will be approved to that club in the following season, unless the original club provides confirmation in writing that they do not intend to field a team in that age group in the following season.

- Movement of address
  - Should a player move place of residence, and the new residence precludes that player from remaining at their previous club, proof of address is required with Player Movement application. (e.g. rates notice, utility bill, drivers licence of parent, student card, rental agreement etc)
- Exceptional Circumstances
  - AFL Hunter Central Coast may, in exceptional circumstances, approve Players to move Clubs outside of the above scenarios. Such grounds for exceptional circumstances must be disclosed to AFL Hunter Central Coast at the time of application and will be subject to further investigation by Football Operations staff.
- Solicitation of transfer
  - A club, its management, coaches, player, parents or any other person directly or indirectly involved in a club must not solicit a player registered with another club with a view to having a player move to another club. Clubs found guilty of engaging in this practice will be subject to sanction from AFL Hunter Central Coast. Clubs must make all stakeholders involved in their club that this practice is unacceptable.