

MENTOR PLAYER POLICY

Intent

The purpose of mentor players is to allow a player to focus on their game by allowing a second game per week to be played for the same club to develop and act as a mentor to players in Premier 2, and allow them to play in the Premier 1 competition, as per their ability. Once Mentor Player status has been granted by the Competition Committee, these players may play Premier 2 and Premier 1.

Criteria for Development Player status

Specific criteria must be met to allow Mentor Player status to be approved. There may only be one (1) mentor player per club, per gender. Mentor Player status is applicable only for the season requested, and must be applied for on a season by season, case by case basis.

Required:

- The players must be an over the age of 20,
- They cannot be, in the view of the Competition Committee, in the top 7 players in the Premier one team,
- They cannot be Elite Players (i.e. in any current WNBL, SEABL, ABA, ACTAS rosters),
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Finals Eligibility

Mentor players, so long as they have qualified under the final's eligibility by-law, can be qualified for two final series (Premier 1 and Premier 2). Best efforts and endeavours will be made to avoid scheduling conflicts; however it is not the responsibility of the Competitions Committee to avoid clashing of finals schedules. Teams need to endeavour they play their Mentor player in the Premier 2 as a priority, and/or negotiate a change to the finals schedule during the appropriate time-frame as laid down by the Competitions Management. As the intent of mentor players is indeed in developing and enhancing the skills of the individual and others, there will be no restriction on finals eligibility.

Lodgement of Mentor Player status request

The appropriate form is required when the Club lodges there nominations, they also need to nominate the player requesting this status for approval by the Competition Committee. Subject to initial acceptance at nomination, all players are only allowed to play in Premier 1 or 2 until the decision by the Competition Committee has been communicated. It is expected the Competition Committee will formally approve or reject all Development Player status within 4 weeks of commencement of the competition.

All applications are on a case by case basis.

The Competition Operations Group decision is final.