

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	RUGBY SERVICES
Lead Policy Title:	REPRESENTATIVE JUNIOR / YOUTH PLAYERS POLICY
Date last modified:	April 2024

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

This policy applies only to Junior / YOUTH Grades in the RUSA competitions (U18 and below).

The following provides clarity on players being available for Representative Selection, and potential impact to Club teams.

Any Junior / YOUTH player who is selected in a State Team Squad will be deemed to be an ambassador of the Union and of its values and beliefs, and must comply with such further rules and conditions governing their conduct as may be set down from time to time by RUSA.

RUSA may, at any time, inform a Player that they are no longer eligible to participate in the State Team Squad or that they are no longer a selected Player in the State Team Squad. Players who are financially indebted to RUSA are ineligible for selection.

1. Representative Players (Junior / YOUTH Age Grades):

STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1.1	All Clubs are required to make their Players available for selection in any Junior/ Youth State (or other) representative team selected by RUSA, or as approved by RUSA.	Competition Manager
1.2	During Minor Rounds, any Junior / Youth player unable to play for their club due to state, provincial or other representative commitments required under the auspices of RUSA (or as approved by RUSA), they will have been deemed to have played a match for the most senior team (applicable to their age grade) in their club during the relevant period for which they were unable to play due to those commitments.	Competition Manager
1.3	All Junior / Youth players will be ineligible to represent their Club in any Match within five (5) days before any Match played by a representative team selected from the State Team Squad unless specifically noticed to the contrary by RUSA.	Competition Manager
1.4	If any team has three (3) or more Junior / Youth players absent and unavailable to play a scheduled Match (including a Finals Match) due to selection in a representative team approved by RUSA, the Club may apply to the Competition Manager and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) During Minor Rounds – the Competition Manager will reschedule the match to be played at a date, time and location determined by the Competition Manager; or if the match cannot be rescheduled, the match will be deemed to have been played and to have resulted in a nil all draw with Competition Points awarded accordingly b) During Finals – the match will be rescheduled to be played at a date, time and location determined by the Competition Manager. 	Club/ Competition Manager

Other Information:

A player who is selected in a State Team Squad may receive material benefits by way of clothing, playing equipment, meals, travel subsidies and the like from RUSA but the selection of a Player and their participation in a State Team Squad is on a voluntary basis and there will be no employment, partnership or agency relationship created between such a Player and RUSA and such a Player is not entitled to receive any employee benefits or entitlements through RUSA.