REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER RULE
(*MDBA BY LAW 9*. Summer 25/26)

Representative Points System (Representative Rule)

9.1 Any junior domestic teams U8-U16 with representative level (VJBL) players are required to comply with a points system based on the level/grade of competition each player competes in. Refer to By Law 9.18 in regards to the representative rule for U18s.

9.2 This points system applies to all players irrespective of which association they are registered at.

9.3 There is no restriction as to how many representative players per team as long as each team complies with the points system, being a total of 12 points allowed for a domestic team. Refer By Law 9.13.

9.4 If using a fill-in player, this players points count towards the overall team points for the season, therefore if a team is sitting on 12 points, they can only use a fill in player with 0-point value.

9.5 A team cannot deduct points from their team points due to a player not playing a game. Exception can be given in special circumstances for injury or absence for a period of no less than 4 consecutive weeks. This can only be approved by MDBA Management prior to the fill in player commencing.

9.6 When the injured/absent player is ready to return to play, the fill-in player can no longer play with this team for the rest of the season. This includes finals, even if the fill in qualified, as their team points would be over the cap.

9.7 Clubs and independent teams must ensure that each team meets the representative rule by the close of team registrations each season.

9.8 Any changes during the season to the team with respect to the participation of representative players, will require completion of the approved online form and final approval from MDBA, prior to the player commencing.

9.9 Criteria for points allocation is that the player's status at the start of the winter domestic competition remains in place until the end of the subsequent summer season, including finals.

9.10 The representative season is deemed to include all of the break that follows it, up to the commencement of the next representative season.

9.11 If a player quits representative basketball during a domestic season, this includes quitting in the middle of a representative season or in the break that follows that season, the player will hold these points until the end of that representative season.

9.12 Where a player who has only been playing domestic basketball, commences playing representative basketball in the middle of a domestic season, no points will apply for the remainder of that domestic season. Points will apply to that player if the player continues domestic and representative the following season.

9.13 The total points per team is 12

Individual player points are based on level of competition that player is registered in and competes in, as follows:

- Big V = 4 points
- Victorian Championship (VC) - VJL 1 = 4 points
- VJL 2 – VJL 5 = 3 points
- VJL 6 – VJL 10 = 2 points

9.14 Players that elect to play in an older age group in domestic will carry their points with them.

9.15 If a player is competing in a higher representative level, for example an U14 representative player that is registered in an U16 representative team, will carry their U16 points with them for domestic.

9.16 If a representative player withdraws from the team during grading their points will be deducted from the total team points.

9.17 If a representative player withdraws from a domestic team after grading has been completed their points will remain with the team for the remainder of the season.

9.18 The points-based system does not apply to U18 domestic teams. U18 teams with representative level (VJBL) players can have a maximum of 2 Big V, VC or VJL 1 players in any one team. U16 representative players that play in U18 domestic will carry over their status to the higher age group.

9.19 Penalties for this breach of the representative rule point system, will be recorded as a forfeit for the offending team and the team will be awarded a loss of twelve (12) premiership points.