



## AUSTRALIAN HANDBALL FEDERATION

### PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS FOR NATIONALS EVENTS (YOUTH, JUNIORS AND SENIORS)

This policy relates to 'nationals' events where States are participating as teams. It currently does not address the Club-team based Australian competition events for Beach and Indoor Handball.

1. Only Members (i.e. players/officials) formally registered with their State or Territory Association shall be eligible to represent that State or Territory in matches organised by or held under the governance of the Australian Handball Federation (HA).
2. A member may only represent one member State/Territory at any one time.
3. No members on Transit or Visitor visas (for tourism or business visitor purposes) for periods of less than three months will be eligible to participate in HA governed competition. Members holding student visas and longer-term work visas are eligible, subject to the published selection policies of their relevant individual State/Territory affiliated body who may require longer time periods of up to one year.
4. A team fielding an ineligible member or members will be penalised by the forfeit of the match (and the specific competition penalties associated with that) regardless of the outcome of the match.
5. Where possible States/Territories are required to support the development of Australian handball through balancing participation opportunities for local resident players and national squad members in relation to international non-permanent participants. Larger States are encouraged to develop their own policies to facilitate this.
6. Participation of all States is encouraged at Nationals' events and State teams with excess players are asked to select in time to release players if numbers are needed in order for other States to participate. In the event of a State being unable to field a team for a Nationals' event (e.g. due to insufficient player availability) and/or in a situation where National squad players who have participated in the selection process (or sought a valid exemption) are not selected in representative teams, a pool of eligible players can be created. Participating States are requested to consider players from this pool in preference to players who have not participated in their own State's processes. The pool should be created with sufficient time to inform team selection in other States.



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### TRANSFERS – PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS (Permanent and temporary transfers)

Players and officials moving residence during a registration period may seek a permanent transfer. Handball Australia also supports the participation of all Member States/Territories at national and Australian Club events and acknowledges that for some events, States may need to supplement their numbers with players from other States in order to attend. HA has provision for temporary transfers for the duration of the competition in some situations.

1. Prospective players must seek the support of their current States/Territories to assist and firstly fulfill any local requirements. Any receiving States must honour the policies of the current/providing State/Territory in order to facilitate release.
2. The process to follow for a player/official seeking to transfer between States clubs is as per the following.
  1. A written request is to be provided by the player/official to the Handball Australia member registrar/treasurer ([treasurer@handballaustralia.org.au](mailto:treasurer@handballaustralia.org.au)), explaining the reasons for transfer and the dates of the transfer (if temporary). This is to be cc'ed to both the player's current State/Territory and the player's proposed receiving State/Territory.
  2. The current State/Territory is to formally authorise the transfer in writing if they agree, noting that the player:
    - is not financially in debt to their State and/or State Club
    - is not currently sanctioned or under any disciplinary action
  3. Handball Australia must confirm the player/official's registration and advise of any additional outstanding debts/sanctions, such as with national teams or other if relevant.
  4. The proposed State/Territory is to formally accept the transfer in writing.
  5. HA is to notify the player and all States of the outcome of the application.
3. In the event that all criteria are not satisfactorily completed, if required, the request is referred to the HA Board or it's delegated Committee for consideration of the application.