



## 2022 GROUND RULE – COVID (Senior teams)



### For 2022 season – senior teams affected by COVID

1. Where the team has insufficient players available due to COVID (including government mandated isolation) and is unable to utilise other players within existing rules and is therefore in a position which deems the team will have to forfeit, the team will not receive the forfeit fine.
2. Where clubs have more than one team, they may apply to request a player to play more than one fixtured game in a round to avoid a forfeit situation i.e., to take them up to nine players only. Players approved under this rule must play in the outfield.
3. Players approved under this rule who play a second game within the same fixture round are then permitted to return to their originally nominated grade the following week with no minimum downward movement restriction.
4. Clubs that only have one team may request to borrow a player from another club from a team at the same grade or lower (who may also play more than one fixtured game in a round) to avoid a forfeit i.e., to bring the team up to nine players only. Players approved under this rule must play in the outfield and wear their parent club uniform.
5. A maximum of three players may be borrowed.
6. These requests need to be lodged by 4pm Friday for a Friday night game or 11am Saturday for a Saturday afternoon game to allow time for consideration.
7. These requests are to be lodged in writing to the President ([capornb@gmail.com](mailto:capornb@gmail.com)) and Registrar ([ddmsa@iinet.net.au](mailto:ddmsa@iinet.net.au)).
8. Clubs misusing this COVID ground rule may be sanctioned by the Association.
9. It is the club's responsibility to ensure players are cleared to return to training and playing.
10. Duties on bye weeks must still be done.
11. This rule may be reviewed as the season progresses and health directions change.