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### **By Email**

#### **CHANGES TO THE UPWARD AND DOWNWARD PLAYER MOVEMENT**

This information pertains to **ALL CLUBS** fielding more than one team in the 2024 season.

A proposal was put forward and voted on and passed at the May meeting which updated the upward and downward player movement. It is important clubs read the changes carefully.

1. In reference to the cut-off dates, a player can move up after the cut off date and return to their nominated division the following week.
2. A player cannot move down from their nominated grade as of their cut-off date, this will result in a forfeit.
3. The 50% player ruling still applies. If a player i.e. from division 3 has played 7 games and then has played 7 games in division 2, that player will be locked in for finals in the higher grade.
4. Each club should monitor the 50% player movement to ensure that this does not happen.
5. The 50% player movement ***does not apply*** to players filling in for division 1.
6. **Division 1** – Player can only go and play 2 games when the second game is for division 1. This was the proposed ground rule change that was passed and players who have throughout the season played enough games to qualify (**5 games**) in the division 1 competition to qualify for finals are permitted to do so (***however no requests for opposite time slots will be entertained***).
7. When the finals commence players can no longer use the upward and downward player movement. If a player plays upwards in finals in a higher grade, then they are locked into that grade. (***Exception for division 1 where they can play finals for both if qualified***).
8. The cut-off date still applies to prevent teams from dropping players in the last 4 games to help lower graded teams qualify for finals. It is the downward movement we still need to keep in place to maintain the integrity of the competition.
9. The cut-off date given is the last time that the player can move **downwards** from their nominated grade.
10. Juniors playing in the senior competition must qualify **5** senior games to play finals and must comply to the senior cut-off dates.
11. The under 21 player rule still applies with the (***exception of division 1***) that no under 21 player can play finals.