

KARRATHA SOCCER ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Playing up & Borrowing Matrix

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1. Purpose

This appendix outlines the approved player movement (playing up and flexibility) rules for junior competitions. It supports player development while maintaining fair and balanced competition.

2. General Principles

- 2.1 Players are graded based on the age they turn in the current calendar year.
- 2.2 Movement between age groups must prioritise player safety, development, and fairness.
- 2.3 All player movement must be approved by the Club.

3. Playing Up Rules

- 3.1 Players may play one (1) age group higher than their registered age group.
- 3.2 Players may not play more than one (1) age group higher without written parent/guardian consent and Association approval.
- 3.3 A player's registered age group must take priority where fixtures clash.
- 3.4 Any player who plays more than eight (8) matches in a higher age group will no longer be eligible to play in their registered age group.
- 3.5 Clubs are responsible for ensuring player suitability for higher age groups.

4. Female Player Flexibility

- 4.1 Female players may:
 - a) Play in their designated girls competition; or
 - b) Play one (1) age group up; or
 - c) Play one (1) age group down in a mixed competition where appropriate.
- 4.2 Clubs must ensure placements are appropriate for safety and development.

5. Eligibility Matrix – Mixed Competitions

Player Age (Turning)	Default Competition	Eligible Play-Up Competition
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5	5UM	6UM
6	6UM	7UM
7	7UM	9UM (A or B)
8	9UM (A or B)	11UM (A or B)
9	9UM (A or B)	11UM (A or B)
10	11UM (A or B)	13UM
11	11UM (A or B)	13UM
12	13UM	15UM
13	13UM	15UM
14	15UM	18UM
15	15UM	18UM
16	18UM	Not applicable
17	18UM	Not applicable
18	18UM	Not applicable

6. Eligibility Matrix – Girls Competitions

Player Age (Turning)	Default Competition	Play-Up Option	Additional Eligibility
7	7UG	9UG	May play 7UM
8	9UG	12/14G	May play 9UM (A or B)
9	9UG	12/14G	May play 9UM (A or B)
10	12/14G (A or B)	16UG	May play 11UM (A or B)
11	12/14G (A or B)	16UG	May play 11UM (A or B) or 13UM
12	12/14G (A or B)	16UG	May play 13UM
13	12/14G (A or B)	16UG	May play 13UM
14	12/14G (A or B)	16UG	May play 13UM or 15UM
15	16UG	Not applicable	May play 15UM or 18UM
16	16UG	Not applicable	May play 18UM

7. Player Movement Between Teams

Clubs may adjust and move players between teams within the same age group and competition up to and including Round 3 of the season. From the commencement of Round 4 onwards, any movement of players between teams must receive prior approval from the KSA. Requests for player movement must be submitted to the KSA and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration factors including but not limited to team balance, player development, and competition integrity. Unapproved player movement may result in sanctions in accordance with the KSA Sanctions & Penalties Policy (Appendix D).

8. Club Responsibilities

8.1 Clubs must approve all player movement.

8.2 Clubs must monitor player welfare and workload.

8.3 The Association reserves the right to review player movement where required.

9. Interpretation

9.1 The Association Committee has authority to interpret this appendix.

9.2 This appendix must be read in conjunction with all competition by-laws.

10. Review

10.1 This appendix will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with competition structure and participation needs.