

(Please read before completing the Application form on page three)

Applicants are to apply, requesting to loan from one Association to represent another Association.

Loan Players

An Association may have up to a maximum of THREE loan players for the purposes of competing at National Championships, or the Under 13 Regional Championships, provided that:

1. the loan players are from Associations that are within the same Zone; and
2. any such player has actively sought to gain a place in their home Association team but has failed to be selected or their home Association is not entering a team.

Approval where debts exist, Association or BBNZ property has not been returned or judicial matters are unresolved may be denied.

A temporary change to the Special Invitational Loan Player rule for Under 19 and Under 23 female teams only, will give the BBNZ Chief Executive the discretion to allow female loan players to come from one neighbouring zone (in addition to players from within the zone). The home Association of such players must approve, in writing the loan. All other existing criteria for Special Invitational Loan Players will apply.

Neighbouring zones are defined as Southern and Mainland; Capital and Central; Mid North and Northern. This rule is intended to help ensure women's spots get filled. It is not intended to be a permanent modification and will be reviewed after two years.

Process

Any such loan must have the written approval of the players home Association and the Association seeking to play them as a loan player. Confirmation of the agreement must be provided to BBNZ when team rosters are confirmed.

Each Association is responsible for the eligibility of its players at all times and will bear the consequences of any infractions of the Regulations governing Eligibility and Age of Players.

Associations are to manage all applications and can choose to use the provided form or generate their own form and process which must fit within the criteria outlined to deal with loans.

Application deadline(s) are at the discretion of the Zone.

Loan Player Appeal

Where a loan is not agreed between Associations, an appeal may be made by the player to the Chief Executive of BBNZ who will, in his sole and absolute discretion, determine the outcome of the appeal.

The Chief Executive of BBNZ may, on application, approve a loan where the home Association has denied a loan request but is not entering a team and there is, in the Chief Executive's sole opinion, no reasonable reason to deny the player the opportunity.

General Principles of Player Eligibility

To be entitled to participate in BBNZ competitions, a player must be a member of BBNZ, by virtue of being a member of an affiliated Association, and must observe the Constitution and Regulations of BBNZ.

A player can play basketball wherever they choose – in terms of club, league, social level basketball. However representative basketball is ‘representative’ and this regulation defines that eligibility.

Standard PLAYER Eligibility Rules

To be eligible to enter and participate in a BBNZ competition (excluding BBNZ School and Tertiary competition, the WBC or the NBL), a player must:

- a. be a New Zealand citizen, except that a player whose nationality is not New Zealand (a foreign player), may participate in BBNZ competitions provided that the player has been a resident in New Zealand 90 days before the commencement of the relevant competition;
- b. be living in New Zealand, except that where a player who is a New Zealand citizen and is otherwise eligible in all respects has recently returned from overseas, the player must have been in New Zealand for a minimum of 28 days before the commencement of the relevant competition. Such players are only eligible to play for the affiliated Association they were registered with prior to departing overseas. If the player intends to transfer to another Association upon returning from overseas, the 90 day rule will apply.

Exemption to the 28 day rule: Any player who meets the criteria for being a ‘full time’ student at an overseas tertiary institution will be exempt from the 28 day rule and is only eligible to play for the Affiliated Association they were registered with prior to departing overseas.

For all representative basketball, players may only represent the Association of his/her usual residence. If a player is a bona fide, full time student at a school or tertiary institution situated outside of the area of the affiliated Association, the player may choose to represent one of either:

- a. the affiliated Association in the area in which the school or tertiary institution is situated; or
- b. the affiliated Association in the area of his/her usual residence.

For the purposes of this clause, a player is a “full time” student at a tertiary institution, if he/she is enrolled in a minimum of four papers/courses for the year or attending classes at least four days per week, 26 weeks of the calendar year. Any player returning from overseas tertiary education will be exempt from the 28 day rule.

For the sake of clarity it is acceptable for Associations within a zone to enter a cooperative arrangement whereby they agree to enter a combined team or teams. In those instances the players can be drawn from the combined Association ‘areas’ and therefore no loan arrangement is necessary, but this does not change the Association the player is part of should the Associations choose, at a later date, to act alone.

Transition Clause

Any player who, at the time these regulations came into force (1 January 2015) is legitimately qualified to be eligible for an Association outside their ‘usual residence’ or where their ‘school is situated’, may continue to play for that Association until such time that they complete a transfer to another Association.

