



Rules and guidelines for player movement between Football SA and CSL divisions

Definitions:

“CSL” means the Collegiate Soccer League

“CSL team” means an amateur team participating in the CSL

“Football SA Competition(s)” means all senior men’s competitions administered by FFA and also includes reference to NPL competitions and State League 1 or 2 competitions (or equivalent) in any Australian State or Territory

“NPL” means the National Premier League

“Participates” means that the player played in the game. If a player is named as a substitute but did not play in the game, the player is not deemed to have participated.

“Reserve team” means a team participating in the NPL reserves, State League 1 reserves or State League 2 reserves

“Senior team” means a team participating in the NPL, State League 1 or State League 2

“U18 team” means a team participating in the NPL under 18s, State League 1 under 18s or State League 2 under 18s

Rules & Guidelines:

1. A player who plays in a Senior team match is not permitted to play their next match in a CSL team. Such a player must play a Reserve team or U18 team match before they are eligible to play in a CSL team.
2. A player who has played in a Senior team or a Reserve team and is dropped to a CSL team within the same season is only eligible to play for a CSL team competing in divisions 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B or 3C of the CSL.
3. A maximum of three (3) players on any given round may move from a Reserve team to a CSL team for their club, subject to compliance with all other rules stated herein.

4. If a player participates in the number of games as outlined below (or more) in one season (whether for one club or cumulatively for two or more clubs), the player is not permitted to play in any further CSL games for the remainder of the season.
 - National Premier League – Five (5) matches;
 - State League 1 and 2 – Seven (7) matches
 - Reserve team - Twelve (12) matches
 - Combination of Senior team and Reserve team – Twelve (12) matches
 - U18's unlimited (but must fulfil all other prerequisites)
5. A player that participates in a Senior team or Reserve team on any given weekend is not permitted to play in the CSL on the same weekend.
6. Notwithstanding rules 3, 4 and 5, a goalkeeper who plays in a Reserve team or Under 18 team is permitted to play in a CSL match on the same day as a goalkeeper or reserve goalkeeper. However, under that scenario, a Reserve team goalkeeper will be included in the three (3) players referred to in Rule 3 and the notification requirements under Rule 7 will also be applicable.
7. A club must notify the CSL Executive Committee and Football SA no later than 5pm the day before the CSL match(es) of the names and registration numbers of those players that are moving between Football SA and CSL Competition in accordance with Rules 3,4 and 5.
8. Notwithstanding rule 4, if a Senior team or Reserve team player has not played any CSL matches on or before 30 June, they are ineligible to play in the CSL for the remainder of the season. No such restriction applies in respect of U18 team players who have not played any Senior team or Reserve team games that season.
9. The 3 player limit referred to in Rule 3 also applies to mid-week CSL matches. Where a player has been dropped from the Reserve team to a CSL team for a mid-week CSL match, those players will still be considered Reserve team players the following weekend. In other words, a club cannot drop 3 Reserve team players to a CSL team for a mid-week match and then select those 3 players plus an additional 3 Reserve team players for following weekend's CSL matches.
10. The 3 player limit referred to in Rule 3 also applies to any CSL matches played after the Reserve team's last game of the season (league or finals). In other words, only 3 players per week who played in the Reserve team's last game of the season will be eligible to play in any subsequent CSL matches that season. Subject to rules 3 and 4, it does not have to be the same 3 players from the Reserve team's last game who play in each remaining CSL week that season.
11. A player who has participated in the Football Australia Cup for a Senior team, Reserve team or U18 team is not eligible to play in any subsequent CSL Cup matches that season.
12. A player who is suspended from playing in a Senior team, Reserve team or U18 team match is also suspended from playing in a CSL team for the duration of the suspension, and vice versa. This applies in respect of suspensions for both red card offences or an accumulation of yellow card offences.

13. Yellow cards received by a player in Senior team, Reserve team or U18 team matches do not count towards a player's yellow card tally in the CSL, and vice versa.
14. There is no restriction upon players being promoted from a CSL team to a Senior team or Reserve team.
15. A club may apply for an exemption from any of the above rules where they believe exceptional circumstances exist to warrant doing so. An application must be made to the CSL Executive Committee no later than 48 hours prior to the CSL matches for which an exemption is sought, explaining the grounds upon which an exemption is sought. The CSL Executive Committee (possibly in conjunction with Football SA) shall then decide whether or not to grant an exemption in their sole and absolute discretion.

*Any player that participates must be registered on Playfootball with their team prior to participating in any fixture.