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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

Q: Why has rule 9G been changed?

A: Consistent feedback received and ongoing in season dispensation requests from clubs within the Karratha Basketball Association for players to play in a second team (in addition to their usual team) and be approved as 'eligible' for finals, required urgent By-Law rule review.

Q: Why has this rule only been reviewed now, given the 25/26 season is nearly finished?

A: Because there are approximately 10 outstanding dispensation requests active and the KBA Committee was reluctant to work through them individually if a rule change solution could be approved to ensure fairness and consistency be applied to both general round games and finals games for our entire membership base.

Q: What is the new 9G rule?

A: For finals games, club teams who are short may draw players from the division or age below providing the 'fill in' player complies with the approved 'fill in' table rules to make a maximum of 6 players. Registered players are permitted to 'fill in' for a maximum of 1 finals game only. Each breach will result in a forfeit.

Q: When does this rule come into effect.

A: As of Tuesday 17 February 2026, the by-laws table and 'fill in' table will be updated accordingly.

Q: Does this rule change affect any other existing rules in the by-laws?

A: No, existing rules remain unchanged.

Q: How does this rule impact the 'fill in' rules for the general rounds during the season?

A: As above, the 9G rule change **does not** affect any other existing rules. For example, rule 1E remains the same in regard to clubs seeking 'fill in' players for **general round games**.

Q: Why is the 9G rule only specific to finals?

A: The KBA committee have received significant feedback from clubs stating that it is unreasonable that dispensation requests for a 6th or subsequent player to be brought in to provide a bench player for finals games have historically been rejected. Rejecting these previous dispensation requests has seen some instances where teams are forced to play some minutes in a finals game with less than 5 players on the court.

This 9G rule change has been approved as an option to manage an unplanned exception, within the spirit of the game, aligning to our association values.

Q: Can my club still submit a dispensation request for a player to be approved to play in two teams because we have lost players due to leaving town or season ending injury?

A: No. Rule 1E and 9G (new) now provides a clear outcome that clubs can manage internally to ensure a team has the ability to bring a 'fill in' player(s) up for both general round games and finals games as needed.



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Q: This has disadvantaged our club/team with players leaving as we will need to rotate 'fill ins' each week to comply each week, not to mention the extra admin challenges it will create. Why are clubs now responsible for managing this themselves?

A: We acknowledge the challenges a club/team faces with losing players and the admin challenges with the logistics of rotating fill in players. That being said, this decision provides a clear pathway for the onus on this process to be managed by the clubs, similar to other rules within the by-laws. For example, rule 8F (junior playing seniors), whereby feedback received from clubs prior to this current season commencing resulted in said rule change.

Q: Does this mean a person can play a finals game on an Occasional Game Voucher as per rule 1H??

A: No. Rule 9G clearly states that it must be a **registered** player to 'fill in'.

Q: Do I have to bring a 'fill in' up for finals if I only have 5 players?

A: No. It is an option available to the club/team should they choose to use it. However, 9C states that a team must have at least 5 players to start a finals game.

Q: Why is the new rule 9G for one (1) finals game only? This will disadvantage us because we want to have the same player 'fill up' in that team for continuity.

A: One (1) game was determined on the basis that the 'fill up' player requirement is an exception that should be managed on a game-by-game basis, not for the remainder of the season. This ensures that the intent of the rule change is upheld whilst providing suitable options for the impacted team requiring a 'fill in'.

Q: If we can't have a player approved to play in two teams, can we source new players to register and seek dispensation for them to be approved to play finals if they don't play enough games to qualify for finals?

A: Yes a dispensation request can be submitted, refer to current rule 9B.

Q: What happens when all of our eligible registered players exhaust their 'fill up' games allowance during general round games and we have no other option?

A: You can apply for dispensation under rule 1E and the KBA committee will review your request accordingly.

Q: What happens when all of our eligible registered players exhaust their 'fill up' games allowance during finals and we have no other option?

A: It is unlikely this scenario will occur. If it did, you can apply for dispensation citing rule 9G and the KBA committee will review your request accordingly.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please reach out to your Club Development Officer Cynara Brown via clubsmanagement@karrathabasketball.com.au or any one of your KBA committee members.

Kind regards,

Karratha Basketball Association Committee