

OPERATIONAL POLICY



GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	RUGBY SERVICES
Lead Policy Title:	CO-JOINED TEAMS/PLAYERS POLICY & PROCEDURE
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

The underpinning philosophy of this policy is to support the growth and development of any co-joined Teams, including the ability for players to play at/for more than 1 Club in the same Competition.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

This policy and procedure should be read in conjunction with the Rugby Australia Club Administration Help Resources and Guides - <https://australia.rugby/participate/rugby-administration/club-administration/resource-library>

STEPS FOR CO-JOINED CLUBS and/or PLAYERS

STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	Players registered in accordance with Rugby Australia protocol (via Rugby Xplorer) have the ability to play for a club other than the Club they first registered with in that year, following the Rugby Xplorer approvals process	Player
2	Refer to the User Guide "Registration Clearances self-help guide" available on the Club Administration Help and Resource Page	Club / Player
3	Summary process is: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Player attempts registration for their 2nd Club/Competition2. Player selects "Clearance Request" when attempting to register3. Player, "From Club", "To Club" and "Association" will receive notification for clearance request4. From Club and Association (RUSA) need to provide clearance in Rugby Xplorer Administration Portal5. Once outcomes are determined, all are notified and player can then register for the "To Club" Note: Player will be visible and able to be selected for both Clubs	Player / From Club / To Club / RUSA

OTHER INFORMATION

A player only needs to complete a Clearance for the period they are registered to another Club. For clarity, a player who has registered for a "weekly" or "monthly" period will be able to register for another Club without Clearance once their weekly or monthly registration period has expired.

At the end of the Competition Year (1 October to 30 September annually), all players are considered "Free Agents", and can register for any Domestic Club without a clearance process.

Finals Eligibility applies to players in co-joined Teams. See the Finals Eligibility policy for more information.

* This procedure has the effect of a Rule under the Competition Rules issued by the Union and terms used in this procedure and defined in the Competition Rules have the same meaning in this procedure and the rule of interpretation set out in the Competition Rules also apply to this procedure.