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**Regulations relating to Player Eligibility and Registration of
Youth Players 2024-2025**

A. Youth Players (16 years to 18 years old)

- A1 To be eligible to play for a Club's Youth Team a Player must be:-
- A1.i At least 16 years old but no older than 18 years of age on 1st September 2024, that is a player must be born on or after 1st September 2006.
 - A1.ii Registered with the WRU as a playing member of that team, or
 - A1.iii Granted a permit by the Club for which he is registered as a Youth player
- A2 Players must register using the online registration system in order to be eligible to play for their respective Youth team or have written permission from the parent club.
- A3 If a player wishes to transfer to another Youth side and has been registered previously as a Junior, Youth or Senior player with:-
- A3.i A Club in Wales, the Club wishing to register the player must obtain the approval of the Club from which the player is transferring and lodge a completed transfer with the WRU via MyWRU or written permission. The completed transfer must be lodged and approved before the WRU is able to finalise the player's registration with this new Club.
 - A3.ii A Club in another Union, the Club wishing to register the player must obtain the approval of the Union from which the player is moving in accordance with World Rugby Regulations and lodge this approval with the WRU before the registration of the player is finalised.
- A4 If a player transfers after 31st January 2025, he will not be eligible to play for his new Club in National Youth League, National Knockout Competition matches.
- A5 A youth player who is registered by a Club after 31st January 2025, but is not transferring from another Club, will be eligible to play for that Club in National Youth League or Knockout Competition matches. That is a new player to the game or a player that was deregistered by his previous club on or before 11:59pm on January 31st, 2025.
- A6 When registered by a Club as a Youth player the player will not be eligible to play for a Senior team of that Club when he attains the age of 18 years unless he is registered by that Club as a senior player.
- A7 If a Club wishes a player who is registered with another Club to appear for it on permit it must obtain a permit from the player's Club using the online system via MyWRU or written permission before the match in which the player appears. If a player is registered with one Youth team in a Club, he may only play in a competitive fixture for the other Youth team in a Club if he is granted a permit. This permit must be lodged and approved with the WRU before the match in which the player plays.

- A8 No more than 4 players, including those players who are registered by WRU Regional Academies as “tracked players” and another Youth team in the same Club may appear on permit for a team in the National Youth League. A player who is registered only as a Senior player with a Club will not be eligible to play on permit for that Club’s Youth team, or the Youth team of another Club.
- A9 Regional Academy Manager’s will register players who designated as tracked players and these players will not be eligible to play for a Club in a National Youth League match or a National Youth League playoff match unless the Regional Academy Manager grants that Club a permit
- A10 Before a Club is accepted as a member of the National Youth Leagues, it must register with the WRU a minimum of 15 players. None of the players being so registered may transfer from another Club in Wales other than by mutual agreement. When a Club is accepted as a new member, it will serve a probationary period of three months. During this three-month probationary period no players may transfer into the probationary Club unless by mutual agreement of the two Clubs. The period of three months will be calculated from the date their first player is registered.
- A11 The maximum number of Youth players that a Club which runs one youth team may register at any time in the season is 30, except if prior permission to exceed this number to 35 is obtained from the Competitions & Regulatory Manager.
- A12 The maximum number of Youth players that a Club which runs two Youth teams, that both compete in the National Youth Leagues may register is 60 players, 30 players with each team, provided that those players graduate from the Club’s Junior Teams and have not transferred into the Club. A Club that runs two teams may not transfer in players from other Clubs unless there is mutual agreement.
- A13 A Club may transfer in from other Clubs no more than 3 players in a year, that is in the period before the start of the season (June 1st) and the season itself. All transfers are to be mutually agreed before being approved. A Club that runs 2 Youth teams may transfer more than 3 players from one team to another team in the Club but to be eligible to play in competitive matches for one team in the Club the player must be registered with that team. If a player has not played for the Club with which he is registered for at least 4 months he will be deemed to be a “free agent” and will not be counted as one of the three allowed transfers into a Club if he registers with another Club. This is on the provision that the elapsed time will be during the playing season which is August 1st to May 31st. Before he may register with a new Club the player must show to the satisfaction of the WRU’s Competitions & Regulatory Manager that he has not played for his previous Club for at least 4 months. Should a club look to transfer players in after reaching their 3-player limit they will have to have received confirmation from the club who the player is transferring from as well as notify them that they will be exceeding the transfer limit. Should this be agreed and the Competitions & Regulatory Manager be made aware then the transfer will be granted.
- A14 A player who is selected for a District or Regional squad should not be allowed to transfer during the season from the Club with which he was registered when first selected for the District or Regional squad to another Club unless that transfer is agreed by the Club with which he was registered when selected for the District or Regional squad and the transfer is supported by Regional Academy Manager.
- A15 During the course of a season a Club may de-register players if they are no longer available to play for a Club. The decision to de-register a player must come from the Club and not the player, with the exception of players who have been designated a “free agent” in line with A13 above.

