

State Basketball League

Restricted Player Policy – current as at December 16, 2015

1. Player Eligibility

Each SBL team is able to have a maximum of two active players who are restricted players.

1.1 A restricted player is:

- A player who is a non-Australian or Oceania citizen, and/or is required under rules of FIBA to hold an annual Foreign Players Licence or
- Players who hold an Australian Permanent Residence Visa may apply to Basketball Australia to enable them to participate in the SBL as an unrestricted player or
- Players who do not hold Australian citizenship status but immigrated to Australia with their parents prior to their fifteenth (15th) birthday may apply to the SBL Commission to enable them to participate in the SBL as an unrestricted player. This only applies to the SBL competition.

1.2 At a point as determined by the SBL Commission, all players who are currently participating in the NBL/WNBL shall be classed into two different categories. These being:

- a. **Restricted:** a player who averaged greater than 25% of available court time in the NBL or a player who has averaged greater than 35% of available court time in the WNBL.
- b. **Unrestricted:** a player who averaged less than 25% of available court time in the NBL or a player who has averaged less than 35% of available court time in the WNBL.
- c. **Unrestricted:** a player who is in their rookie year in the NBL can return to their previous club. A rookie is a player who has not played more than 8 games in the NBL.
- d. **Unrestricted:** a player who has not played in the current NBL or the previous overseas league.

1.5 Any Australian player who last played in a Euroleague Team or any Division 1 competition in the following countries shall have the above apply:

Argentina	Greece	Serbia
Brazil	Hungary	Slovakia
Canada *	Israel	Spain
China	Italy	Slovenia
Croatia	Lithuania	Turkey
Czech Republic	Poland	USA *
France	Puerto Rica	
Germany	Russia	

* excluding College Programs

1.5.1 If minutes played could not be produced by any player who played in any of the above overseas leagues then the player would be treated as a restricted player.

1.6 The Basketball Australia Average Time on Court report shall be used to determine the status of NBL players. For players returning from an overseas league time on court shall be calculated from the season just completed. For the purpose of this rule all graduating players from AIS are exempt from any restriction and become eligible to participate as an unrestricted player provided that the player is returning directly from the AIS to the Club which released the player to the AIS.

1.6.1 The principles adopted in categorizing these players are as follows:-

- Any player that is a member of national senior squads as at 1st of July of the previous year shall be automatically a restricted player. A player deemed restricted by being a member of a national senior squad shall remain restricted until their National Federation announces a new national squad list. This means that a list can carry over a twelve month period.
- Players on injury waivers will not have games they were unavailable included in their calculations.
- Players must compete in a minimum of 4 games for this rule to apply.
- Players who have played more than 150 SBL games with the one club can play in the SBL for that club as an unrestricted player.

1.7 It should also be noted that all players contracted to NBL teams must adhere to Basketball Australia and SBL rules on player clearances.

1.8 Prior to any approach, either directly or indirectly, to any NBL player on the SBL restricted/unrestricted lists, permission must be sought to approach the player from the relevant NBL team to which the player is contracted.