Player Transfer Process

Player Transfer Requests

All Player Transfers are required to be submitted through the online Player Transfer Request form no later than the **1st of September**, prior to the summer season. All transfers are subject to approval from the Championship Manager & CCSC.

- Players who intend to play for a different Association and do not satisfy 3.1.1 dot point 3 must have an approved player transfer.
- For a Player Transfer to be considered it must have adequate information and reasoning within the Player Transfer Request form.
- Associations will only be allowed to accept one (1) Player Transfer per Age Group per 12 month period.
- Junior Players will only be eligible for one (1) transfer throughout their junior career.

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The Player Transfer process has been established to maintain the integrity of the SA Country Championships while providing a clear pathway for players seeking to represent a different Association.

Step 1 – Determine if a Transfer is Required
A Player Transfer is required if a player wishes to represent a different Association from the one they represented at their most recent SA Country Championships and does not meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Rule 3.1.1.

If a player's circumstances are covered under the Player Exemption provisions Rule 3.1.5, a Player Exemption Request must be submitted instead of a Player Transfer Request.

Step 2 – Submit a Player Transfer Request
The Association that the player wishes to transfer to must complete the online Player Transfer Request Form no later than 1 September, prior to the Summer representative season.

The application must include:

- Player details.
- Current and requested Association.
- Reason for the transfer request.
- Supporting information or documentation.

Incomplete applications or applications that do not provide sufficient reasoning may not be considered.

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Step 3 – Assessment
The Championship Manager and Country Championships Sub-Committee (CCSC) will assess each application individually.

The Championship Manager will contact the current home Association to confirm details and gather additional information.

When assessing a request, the following may be considered:
- The purpose and integrity of the SA Country Championships.
- The player's eligibility history.
- The reason for the requested transfer.
- The impact on both Associations.
- Any exceptional circumstances provided by the applicant.

Approval of a transfer is not automatic.

Step 4 – Notification
Both Associations involved will be notified in writing immediately following the determination of the Player Transfer Request.
Approved transfers apply only to the Association and Championship specified in the approval unless otherwise stated.

Transfer Limits
The following restrictions apply:
- An Association may only receive one (1) approved Player Transfer per age group and gender within a 12-month period.
- A junior player is only eligible for one (1) Player Transfer during their entire junior representative career.

Failure to Obtain Approval
Players who represent an Association without an approved Player Transfer where one is required will be deemed ineligible.

Penalties may include:
- Forfeiture of matches in which the player participated.
- Team disqualification from the Championship.
- Any additional sanctions determined by the Championship Manager or CCSC.

Player Transfer - Examples

Example 1 – Player Transfer Required
A player represented Association A at the 2026 U18 or Junior Country Championships. In 2027, the player wishes to represent Association B and does not meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Rule 3.1.1.

Interpretation
- The player must submit an online Player Transfer Request and receive approval before being eligible to represent Association B.

Example 2 – Transfer Request Not Approved
A player submits a transfer request stating only that they "want to play with friends."

Interpretation
- As insufficient reasoning has been provided, the Championship Manager and CCSC may decline the request.

Example 3 – Transfer Request Not Approved
A player submits a transfer request stating that they "want to move due to disagreements with the coach or Association" with no supporting documentation of grievance process completed.

Interpretation
- As insufficient reasoning and documentation has been provided, the Championship Manager and CCSC may decline the request.

Example 4 – One Transfer Per Age Group
Association B is granted a transfer for an U16 Boys player in 2026.

Interpretation
- Association B cannot receive approval for another U16 Boys transfer until the 12 month period has elapsed.
- Transfers in other age groups may still be considered.

Example 5 – One Junior Career Transfer
A player transfers from Association A to Association B while playing U14s. The transfer is approved and used.

Interpretation
- The player cannot apply for another transfer during the remainder of their junior playing career, regardless of age group.

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Example 6 – Failure to Submit a Transfer Request
A player who previously represented Association A plays for Association B without submitting a Player Transfer Request.

Interpretation
- If the player is found to be ineligible, the team may forfeit affected matches and could face further penalties, including disqualification from the Championship.

Example 7 – New Player to Country Championships
A player has never previously represented an Association at the U18 or Junior Country Championships.

Interpretation
- The player lives closest to Association C and is encouraged to represent Association C.
- However, if they seek to represent another Association, the eligibility requirements and transfer provisions will apply.

Example 8 – Change of Residence
A player represented Association A but subsequently relocates and now permanently resides within Association B's catchment area.

Interpretation
- The player submits a Player Exemption Request outlining the change in residence and supporting evidence.
- The Championship Manager and CCSC may consider the Exemption based on the circumstances provided.

Forms

PLAYER TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

PLAYER EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM

SOUTH AUSTRALIA COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS