



# NTJFA | NTFA - PERMIT POLICY 2026



## Purpose

This policy sets out the requirements for registered players of the Northern Tasmanian Junior Football Association (NTJFA) and the Northern Tasmanian Football Association (NTFA) to participate in NTFA competitions under a permit arrangement.

## Rationale:

Developed jointly by the NTJFA and NTFA, this permit policy aims to manage player movement between competitions while prioritising the individual interests and wellbeing of each player. It is intended to support the development of younger players by providing opportunities to enhance their football skills in a structured and supportive environment, involving collaboration between parents, coaches, and clubs.

A single, combined game limit applies across both NTJFA and NTFA competitions. Participation under this permit requires the agreement of the player, their parent or guardian, their club(s), both team coaches, and approval from both the NTJFA and NTFA.

Note: This policy is not intended for NTJFA players to serve as short-term replacements in NTFA teams with low player numbers.

## Permits:

PlayHQ has a Permit Interchange Agreement that allows a player to register with the NTJFA and the ability to also play with the NTFA without dual registration. The Permit Interchange Agreement must be confirmed by both Associations before implementation in PlayHQ.

### Game Permit:

- a) allows a Player to play a single Match for a Club (other than their Source Club); and
- b) requires Source Club approval via the Competition Management Platform.

### Season Permit:

- a) allows a Player to play more than a single Match for a Club for a season (other than their Source Club); and
- b) requires Source Club approval via the Competition Management Platform.



### **Permit Structure:**

- Capped at a maximum of 22 games per season across NTJFA and NTFA home and away competitions, including representative football, and Devils Academy games, but excluding finals (NTJFA and NTFA)
- Only one NTJFA or NTFA game is permitted per calendar day.
- Participation is subject to the NTFA minimum age, as outlined in the National Community Football Policy Handbook.
- Requests for exemptions to exceed the 22-game cap may be submitted to the NTFA and NTJFA, with decisions made jointly based on merit.
- This policy does not apply to School Football.
- Best practice in adhering to this policy is the participation in one match per weekend, or if playing multiple matches the length of playing time does not exceed to length of a single match.

### **Policy Compliance:**

Clubs are responsible for ensuring the maximum of 22 games is not exceeded in the season. The NTJFA and/or NTFA reserve the right to audit compliance at any time.

Monitoring and audits will be conducted by each association Competition Manager throughout the season to ensure adherence to this policy.

Any breach of this policy may result in penalties including disqualification of games, loss of premiership points, rescinding of a permit or loss of all club permits, and fines in accordance with the NTJFA and NTFA By-Laws.

### **Review:**

The NTJFA and NTFA will review this policy at the completion of the 2026 season.