



FOREIGN BORN PLAYERS RULE INFORMATION & APPROVAL PROCESSES REQUIRED (NON-CURRENT AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS)

RESTRICTED PLAYERS (REFER TO RULE 5.1.1)

(a) For the purpose of determining Big V playing status the following two (2) criteria will define a restricted player, except where 5.1.2 applies;

CATEGORY A

A player who was born outside the Asia/Oceania region and is not an Australian citizen, Permanent Resident or Refugee (Refer Rule 5.1.3 (e) - requires approval from Basketball Australia)

CATEGORY B

A player who was born inside the Asia/Oceania region who averaged greater than 50% of available court time in the past NBL or WNBL season OR

A player who is an Australian citizen, Permanent Resident, Refugee or Asia/Oceania player and averaged greater than 50% of available court time in the past season with a division one (1) Club (As per below table or other as determined by Basketball Australia).

Argentina
Australia (NBL/WNBL)
Canada - excluding College Programs
China
Croatia
Czech Republic
France
Germany
Great Britain
Greece
Hungary
Israel
Italy
Lithuania
Poland
Puerto Rico
Russia
Serbia
Slovakia

Spain
Turkey
USA - excluding College programs
Yugoslavia

UNRESTRICTED FOREIGN BORN PLAYER STATUS (IF NOT CURRENT AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS) (REFER TO RULE 5.1.2)

- Permanent residents
- Asia/Oceania born players
- Players with Refugee status

Players in Senior Big V Championship do not require a FIBA Oceania License to participate. FIBA Oceania licenses are only required in the highest competition of the state NBL1.

AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP (REFER TO RULE 5.1.4)

A player who gains Australian citizenship through naturalisation must lodge certificate of Australian citizenship with Big V prior to participating in the league as a non-restricted player.

NUMBER OF RESTRICTED PLAYERS ALLOWABLE BY DIVISION (REFER TO RULE 4.1)

Restricted players are divided into two (2) categories to determine playing status.

Senior Championship teams can have a maximum of three (3) restricted players with no more than two (2) players from category A permitted;

Case Example- Senior Championship:

- 2 Restricted Category A players & 1 Restricted Category B player or;
- 1 Restricted Category A player & 2 Restricted Category B players or;



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- 3 Restricted Category B players or;
- 2 Restricted Category A players

All other senior divisions can have a maximum of two (2) restricted players with no more than one (1) player from either category A or B;

Case Example- All other senior divisions:

- 1 Restricted Category A player or;
- 1 Restricted Category B player or;
- 1 Restricted Category A & 1 Restricted Category B player

(c) Teams competing in the Victorian Youth Championship or Youth League divisions may not include restricted players, but are permitted to include unrestricted players (Refer to Rule 5.1.2)

- There is no cap on the number of unrestricted players a team may have.

for 2020 until they submit paperwork and gain approval notification from Basketball Australia to be deemed eligible for that competition year.

- Any Asia-Oceania born player and permanent resident player playing in Big V Victorian Youth Championship or youth league division (Known as player development stream) only will not require Basketball Australia approval. However this player will require Basketball Australia approval to be eligible to play in any Association Big V elite stream matches (Refer to Rule 5.1.2 (i))

FOREIGN BORN PLAYERS WHO REQUIRE BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA APPROVAL TO BE ELIGIBLE EACH YEAR

All players that are NOT a current Australian citizen will require necessary Basketball Australia approval to be eligible to play in any senior elite stream division match. (except Refugees)

This includes players:

- Born outside the Asia-Oceania region (Refer to Rule 5.1.1 (a))
- Asia-Oceania born (Refer to Rule 5.1.2 (e))
- Permanent resident players (Refer to Rule 5.1.2 (d))

Note - Basketball Australia approval is required each year of competition for these status players.

CASE EXAMPLE: A permanent resident player in 2019 submitted paperwork and received Basketball Australia approval to be eligible for the 2019 season. This player is NOT eligible



STEP BY STEP PROCESS FOR APPROVAL ELIGIBILITY

STEP ONE

GAIN BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA APPROVAL EACH YEAR

For any current foreign born (not current Australian citizen) players who are: (Refer to Rule 5.1)

- Born outside the Asia/Oceania region
- Asia/Oceania born
- Permanent Residents
- Refugees do not require Basketball Australia approval

Basketball Australia Information & Contacts

For further information and lodgement click on link to the Basketball Australia webpage: <https://australia.basketball/participate/immigration/>

Enquiries can be directed to Mark Quinn from Basketball Australia transfers@basketball.net.au

Please note that there are turnaround times on this with Basketball Australia in which Big V are not authorised to approve, and only Basketball Australia are powered to approve these.

STEP TWO

PLAYER REGISTERS ONLINE AND UPLOADS PROOF OF BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA APPROVAL NOTIFICATION

Once the player has gained Basketball Australia approval, they are now ready to submit their registration for approval by the league for the season.

The player will be required to upload their notification approval from Basketball Australia in their registration process as verification they have fulfilled this eligibility requirement as a player who is foreign born and who is not a current Australian Citizen.

All player registrations are pending approval from the league when first submitted, which is reliant on the verification proof of eligibility from Basketball Australia.