



KNA 2026 - Winter Comp Borrowing Guidelines

All enquiries are to be directed to the Grading Committee

Guidelines are found on the KNA website and attached to the scoreboard each week.

PENALTIES will apply from WEEK 1

Guidelines Applying to ALL Players and Competitions

- A registered player of a team can NOT be displaced by a borrowed player
- A player may be borrowed any number of times throughout the season
- All borrowed players must sign the score sheet, noting their registered team, prior to taking the court
- A **NON-Registered** player must not take the court, penalties will apply
- A maximum of 2 (two) **Representative players from within your own club** can be borrowed per game during the regular season and only **1 (one) for the final's series**
- The borrowed player **MUST** play in the borrowing team's bib
- Borrowed players can wear their own uniform

BORROWING Guidelines for each DIVISION

- Large Clubs (21 teams or more) in the **TOP Grade** of each division are **NOT PERMITTED** to borrow across the grade or from other clubs. That is **A1, CADET 1, INTERMEDIATE 1, 12A, 11A and 10A**
- Small Clubs (20 teams or less) in the **TOP Grade** of each division **ARE PERMITTED** to borrow across the grade. That is **A1, CADET 1, INTERMEDIATE 1, 12A, 11A and 10A**
- **ALL OTHER Grades** - Borrowing **IS PERMITTED**, across the grade and from other clubs provided it falls within the Borrowing Guidelines

SENIOR GRADES - may borrow from any lower grade in this order

A1-2; Cadet 1; **A3;** Cadet 2; **A4; B1; B2;** Cadet 3; **B3;** Cadet 4; **B4;** Cadet 5, Cadet 6

Players aged **14 years** as of 31st December 2026, are **NOT** permitted to play in any Senior teams.

Players aged **15 years** as of 31st December 2026 **CAN** be borrowed into Senior teams with approval from the borrowed player's club.

For players **registered in both CADETS and SENIORS** - approval for their borrowing will be based on the higher registered grade on the Senior Grades Order of Borrowing

CADET GRADES

If your team is:	You can borrow from:
Cadet 1	Cadet 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; Intermediate 1; 2; 3; 4; 5
Cadet 2	Across grade; Cadet 3; 4; 5; 6; Intermediate 1; 2; 3; 4; 5
Cadet 3	Across grade; Cadet 4; 5; 6; Intermediate 2; 3; 4; 5
Cadet 4	Across grade; Cadet 5; 6; Intermediate 3; 4; 5
Cadet 5	Across grade; Cadet 6; Intermediate 4; 5
Cadet 6	Across grade; Intermediate 5

Players aged **12 years** are **NOT** permitted to play in any Cadet teams.

Players aged **13 years** as of 31st December 2026, **CAN** be borrowed into Cadet teams with approval from the borrowed player's club and player's parent.

Players **registered in both CADETS and SENIORS** - approval for their borrowing will be based on the higher registered grade on the Senior Grades Order of Borrowing

INTERMEDIATE GRADES

If your team is:	You can borrow from:
Intermediate 1	Intermediate 2; 3; 4; 5; 12A; 12B; 12C; 12D
Intermediate 2	Across grade; Intermediate 3; 4; 5; 12A; 12B; 12C; 12D
Intermediate 3	Across grade; Intermediate 4; 5; 12B; 12C; 12D
Intermediate 4	Across grade; Intermediate 5; 12B; 12C; 12D
Intermediate 5	Across grade; 12C; 12D

Players aged **11 years** or under as of 31st December 2026, are **NOT** permitted to play in Intermediate teams
 Players aged **12 years** as of 31st December 2025, **CAN** be borrowed into Intermediate teams

AGED GRADES

If your team is:	You can borrow from:
12A	12B; 12C; 12D; 11A; 11B; 11C
12B	Across grade 12C; 12D; 11A; 11B; 11C
12C	Across grade; 12D; 11B; 11C
12D	Across grade; 11C
Players aged 10 or under as of 31st December 2026 are <u>NOT</u> permitted to play in 12 years grade	

11A	11B; 11C; 10A; 10B; 10C; 10D
11B	Across grade; 11C; 10A; 10B; 10C; 10D
11C	Across grade; 10B; 10C; 10D
Players aged 9 or under as of 31st December 2026 are <u>NOT</u> permitted to play in 11 years grade	

10A	10B; 10C; 10D; 9A; 9B; 9C
10B	Across grade; 10C; 10D; 9A; 9B; 9C
10C	Across grade; 10D; 9B; 9C
10D	Across grade; 9C
Players aged 8 or under as of 31st December 2026 are <u>NOT</u> permitted to play in 10 years grade	

9A	Across grade; 9B; 9C; NSG players turning 8 years in 2026
9B	Across grade; 9C; NSG players turning 8 years in 2026
9C	Across grade; NSG players turning 8 years in 2026
Players aged 7 or under as of 31st December 2026 are <u>NOT</u> permitted to play in 9 years grade	

NSG LOFBERG Grades

Only players registered in a **NSG team playing at Lofberg** are eligible for borrowing into NSG teams

If your team is:	You can borrow from:
NSG 8 teams	Across grade; players 7 and 8 year olds as of 31 st December 2026
	Players aged 5 and 6 as of 31st December 2026, are <u>NOT</u> to be borrowed into 7/8 years or 8-year grades <u>under any circumstances</u>

NSG 7/8 teams	Across grade; players 7 and 8 year olds as of 31 st December 2026
	Players aged 5 and 6 as of 31 st December 2026, are <u>NOT to be borrowed</u> into 7/8 years or 8-year grades <u>under any circumstances</u>
NSG 6/7 teams	Across grade; players 5, 6 and 7 year olds as of 31 st December 2026
	Players aged 8 as of 31 st Dec 2026, are <u>NOT to be borrowed</u> into 6/7year grades <u>under any circumstances</u>

Requests to Borrow Outside the Guidelines

- A player requesting a borrowing exemption may NOT take the court prior to approval being granted by KNA Grading Convenor / Committee or a KNA Executive member
- Any requests for exemption to borrow outside the Borrowing Guidelines, need to be submitted via email to the KNA Grading Convenor at knagrad@kna.com.au the day prior to play
- Approval to borrow on the day of play must be done via email to the KNA Grading Convenor or a KNA Executive member who will liaise with the Grading Committee. Approval must be recorded on the score sheet
- Penalties **WILL** apply if borrowing outside of these guidelines. Refer Bylaws 21(a)

Borrowing for the Finals Series

Players may only **represent ONE team on Grand Final Day**, except for a player who is registered in both a Cadet & Opens team.

For the final's series, provided a player is borrowed within the KNA Borrowing Guidelines

- Players do NOT need to play in a team to qualify
- Players do NOT need to be transferred into a team to play

Representative Players:

- A maximum of 1 (one) **Representative players** can be borrowed for the final's series from your own club.
- During final series games a maximum of **1 (one)representative player may be borrowed (within the rep points policy)**

Borrowing from another club:

- During the finals series all teams must have grading approval to borrow from another club
- The borrowing club must confirm players name, club and registered grade with the Grading Convenor and KNA Registrar in writing prior to play
- The borrowing club must provide details of these on the score sheet

Forfeits

Under existing competition rules and Bylaws 21(a)-(f), penalties may apply following a team forfeit.

Late Registration of New Players

All late registrations (after 17th March 2026) must have KNA Grading Committee approval prior to their online registration. Online **club** registrations **MUST** be completed **48 hours** prior to playing.

The grading committee, when assessing a player's late registration, will take into consideration the following:

- a player wishing to register in a team 2 grades below their previous playing grade
- a player requesting to play in a team 2 years above their age as of 31st December
- a player wishing to register in a team where the late registration equates to 5 or more returning players from the previous season
- a player's representative history