

50/50 PLAYING RULE

Australian/Non Australian

All BC Footy teams will adhere to the following Playing rule that will be enforced at all times by the BC AFL.

On official game days teams will comprise of a team made up of 16 – 18 players on the field of which 50% will be Non Australian players.

Non Australian players can consist of:

1. All players not born in Australia
2. Australian rugby players who have never played AFL before in Australia
3. Australians over the age of 40 will be classed as non Australians

Note:

-If the 50% quota of total players is met by (1). Then both (2) & (3) will be considered Australians. If the 50% quota is met by (1) and (2) combined, then (3) will be considered Australian.

-Number of Non Australians comprised from (2) and or (3) cannot exceed in total the number qualified under (1).

-Total number of non Australian players can exceed the 50% total of players on a team.

-Coach/officials of the playing teams must agree before the start of a game who the opposing teams have nominated as Non Australian players.

-Non Australian players must display red or yellow tape on their right arms during a game.

Penalty

- First offence – loss of possession of ball in game & one goal.
- Second offence (same game) – loss of total score and possible league action.
- Third offence (same game or future game) – League action & possible coach/team official suspension.

*official count can be called by a team's captain or coach

Rule Amendment for 2009

During the course of the 2009 season, the 50/50 rule will be amended as follows:

- 1) Games between the Cougars, Eagles and Saints will see the 50/50 rule revised to a 60/40 or 11 Australians and 7 Non Australians on the field during play.
- 2) It will be at the Harps team discretion to relax the rule to the above on game day. If the rule is not relaxed by the Harps to the opposing team the 50/50 rule will stand for the duration of that game.
- 3) All teams will adhere to the 50/50 rule when playing against the North Delta Lions. If possible teams will adhere to Rule #1 as above, with all non Australians when playing against the North Delta team.