



APPENDIX 6 BUCS PLAYER MOVEMENT GUIDE

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This document is A GUIDE ONLY and should be read in conjunction with BUCS REG 7 ('TEAM SELECTION AND TEAM SHEETS') and the relevant BUCS Sport Specific Regulations.

This aim of this guide is to provide assistance in the interpretation of REG 7.1 and REG 7.2. Player movement is restricted in order to safeguard against institutions moving players down from a higher team in order to gain an unfair advantage when playing lower ranked teams.

The key consideration for establishing an individual's normality and identifying for which team(s) they might be eligible is: Have they featured for more than 50% of the higher ranked team's league fixtures? E.g. If they have featured on the team sheet for 6 out of 10 league fixtures for the 1st team, then they are not eligible to play for any lower ranked team for the remainder of the season, regardless of how many fixtures the lower ranked team may have remaining. Please note: Exceptions may be possible in cases of 'Medical exemption' (REG 7.1.5) or where the relevant BUCS Sport Specific Regulations allow any variation.

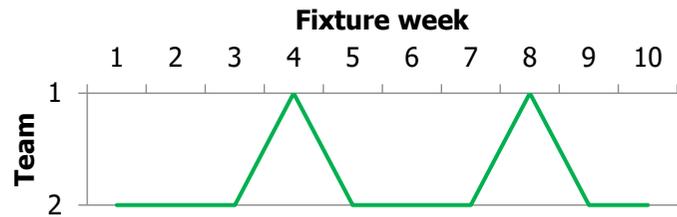
The following pages contain some possible scenarios to assist institutions with understanding the application of REG 7.1 and REG 7.2. This guide does not account for every scenario, or the particular circumstances which may surround them. There will be eventualities which cannot be anticipated.

Institutions are reminded that teams must always be picked as if all teams were playing on the same day (REG 7.1.4).

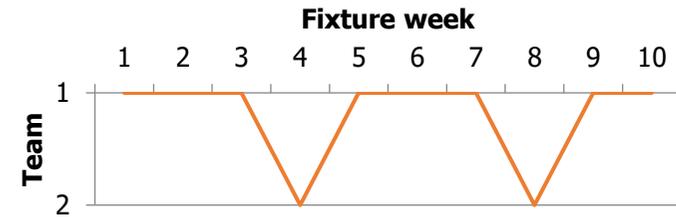
If BUCS suspects foul play or the manipulation of regulations with regards to player movement, team sheets may be requested throughout the season in order to 'track' the movement of particular teams and players. Sanctions for contravention of the player movement regulations may be imposed retrospectively.

When...	Can said player compete for...?	
	1 st Team	2 nd Team
<p>An institution's 1st team has 10 league fixtures for the season. Player X has been listed on team sheet for the 1st team in 6 league fixtures and 1 Trophy knockout fixture to date. The 1st team lost their knockout fixture, so they only have 4 league fixtures remaining.</p> <p>The institution's 2nd team also had 10 league fixtures for the season and has played 4 of these so far, so have 6 league fixtures remaining. They have also won their first 2 Conference Cup knockout fixtures and so have at least 1 more knockout fixture remaining.</p>	<p>Yes, as they have established majority in this team.</p>	<p>No. Whilst the 2nd team may have played less fixtures to date and therefore have as many fixtures remaining as Player X has represented the 1st team for, Player X has established majority in the 1st team by representing them in 6 out of 10 of their league fixtures and therefore cannot play for any lower team. Sanctions would be imposed for any such contravention.</p> <p><i>Please note: Exceptions may be possible in cases of 'Medical exemption' (REG 7.1.5) or where the relevant BUCS Sport Specific Regulations allow any variation.</i></p>
<p>An institution's 1st team has 18 league fixtures for the season. Player Y has been listed on the team sheet for the 1st team in 8 league fixtures to date. Player Y did not represent the 1st team for the last 2 fixtures due to being absent for the first 1 and 'dropped' to the 2nd team for the latter 1. The 1st team have 8 league fixtures remaining and have not begun the Championship knockout competition yet.</p> <p>The institution's 2nd team had 14 league fixtures for the season and has played 8 of these so far, so have 6 league fixtures remaining. Player Y featured on the team sheet for the last 1 of these fixtures. The 2nd team have also won their first Trophy knockout fixture and so have at least 1 more knockout fixture remaining.</p>	<p>Yes, as they have not yet established a majority and also 'playing up' is always allowed.</p>	<p>Yes, as they have not yet established majority for the 1st team at this stage. Should Player Y represent the 1st team in 2 more league fixtures, then they would become ineligible to represent the 2nd team.</p> <p><i>Please note: Exceptions may be possible in cases of 'Medical exemption' (REG 7.1.5) or where the relevant BUCS Sport Specific Regulations allow any variation.</i></p>
<p>An institution's 1st team had 6 league fixtures for the season and has played 4 of these so far, so have 2 league fixtures remaining. The 1st team have also won their first Trophy knockout fixture and so have at least 1 knockout fixture remaining. The institution's 2nd team had 10 league fixtures for the season and has played 9 of these so far, so have 1 league fixture remaining. The 2nd team have also won their first Conference Cup knockout fixture and so have at least 1 knockout fixture remaining.</p> <p>Player Z has, to date, been listed on the team sheet for the 1st team in 3 league fixtures (50% of the 1st team's total for the season) and for the 2nd team in 1 league fixture which took place on the same day as the 1st team's second league match which they did not play in. Player Z has not represented either team in a knockout fixture yet.</p>	<p>Yes, as they have not yet established a majority and also 'playing up' is always allowed.</p>	<p>Yes, as they have not yet established majority for the 1st team at this stage. Should Player Y represent the 1st team in 1 more league fixture, then they would become ineligible to represent the 2nd team in their final league fixture.</p> <p>Their previous appearance for the 2nd team was also within the regulations as they as an individual had not yet established majority whilst the institution worked out which team they, and Player A who replaced them that week, should settle with.</p> <p><i>Please note: Exceptions may be possible in cases of 'Medical exemption' (REG 7.1.5) or where the relevant BUCS Sport Specific Regulations allow any variation.</i></p>
<p>Please note: Knockout fixtures are not counted in establishing majority/normality, but players must comply with REG 7.1 and REG 7.2 for team selection.</p>		

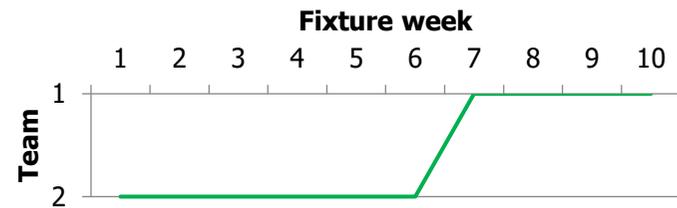
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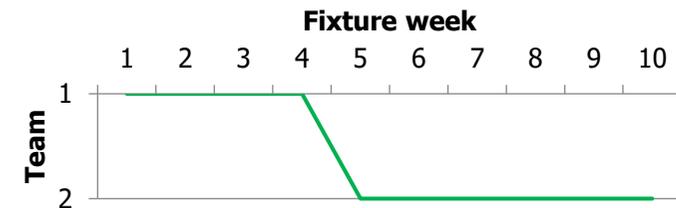
Playing down occasionally = NOT OK



Playing up and staying up = OK



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*As long as the individual has not established majority for the higher ranked team.

If you're unsure about player movement, a nominated Athletic Union representative should call the BUCS office in advance of the fixture for more specific advice!

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