

Easi-Guide 2 Designated Substitute 'DS' for Openage/Overage Competitions

- Each affiliate may select up to Two DS players per team from an equally or lower ranked team, to play in an equally or higher ranked team as a substitute in both regular rounds and finals series.
- DS player may not enter the field of play during the first fifteen (15) minutes of the match unless they are substituting for an injured player.
- DS must be clearly identified on the team sheet of the higher ranked team with the initials "DS".
- Designated Substitute(s) must be identified to the umpires before the start of play.

Example

Player A has played Rounds 1 & 2 in **B grade**.
Player A wants to play Round 3 in **B Grade** and as a **DS in A Grade**.
Player A must indicate on the team sheet of the **A Grade** team that he is a DS player; and he must sit on the bench for the first 15minutes of the match.

- After the conclusion of 66% of the matches of the Regular Season, a player cannot be a DS in a higher ranked team in which the player has played the majority of games for the season.

Example

Player B has played 12 matches in Women's **A Grade**
Player B wants to play Round 13 in Women's **B Grade** and as a DS in **A Grade**.
This is illegal as Player B has played the majority of matches in the higher grade – **A Grade**.
* Player B will have to now play as a full player in either **B Grade or A Grade**, as no longer eligible to substitute

- Any contravention of this rule shall result in the DS being an ineligible player in the second or later fixtured match in the same round regardless of the grade. The penalty for playing an ineligible player shall be forfeit of the match.

Example (refer to example above)

Player B played Round 13 in the **B Grade** team at 12.30pm on Saturday; she then took the field after 15min in a **A Grade** match at 3.30pm.
Player B becomes an ineligible player in the **A Grade** match.

- All matches played as a DS in terms of this rule shall be included as part of a player's playing record for the season. The player's playing record will be used to determine the player's eligibility in the application of these By Laws
- Matches played as a DS in terms of this rule shall be included for the purposes of determining the eligibility of those players to participate in Finals Matches.

Example

Player C has played 20 matches throughout the season (8 x **A Grade**, plus 3 x DS in **A Grade**, 9 x **B Grade**)
Player C is eligible to play finals in **A Grade** or in a higher grade
If Player C plays **A Grade** in a Semi-Final's match; he is also eligible to play finals for his club as a DS player in any grade **higher** than **A Grade**.

Please see **CVHA By Law 18.4.1** for further information regarding finals eligibility.

If at any stage you have any queries regarding the designated substitute rule, please contact your club or CVHA as penalties will apply.

This document should be used as a guide only. Please read in conjunction with CVHA By Laws