



Berkhamsted Raiders Community Football Club

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Code on Dual Registration of Players

What is dual registration?

Every youth player participating in competitive leagues completes a registration form for that league. Usually, a player completes one registration form for the league in which his team competes. But a player may be registered for teams (and clubs) in different leagues. Thus, a Raiders player may be registered for a Raiders Red team in the Watford Friendly League and for a Raiders White team in the West Herts Youth League.

There are some instances where players register for different clubs in different leagues. Thus a player may register for Club A in the Watford Friendly League and for Club B in the West Herts Youth League.

Raiders policy on dual registration with other clubs

It is Raiders policy that playing members DO NOT register for Raiders and for another club without explicit permission from Raiders Committee. There must be convincing arguments to support such dual registration. If a player is found to have registered for another Club without prior permission, his or her membership of Raiders will be terminated.

When is dual registration appropriate?

As a club, Raiders runs up to six teams in any age group, enabling us to provide playing opportunities for children of all abilities. Within each age group, teams are graded and players are allocated to squads on the basis of ability appropriate to the playing level.

Given the number of teams within an age group, we try to avoid placing two or more Raiders teams in the same division of a league. We may therefore enter teams in other leagues such as Watford and Bucks youth leagues. A player is selected for one Raiders team but may also be dual registered for another, higher level, Raiders team in another league.

A player may be dual registered for a higher level team. A player may NOT be dual registered for a lower level team without prior approval from the AGC and the Raiders Committee. The AGC or a Raiders Committee member must submit the request to the Committee for approval.

Raiders managers MUST NOT dual register strong A and B team players for the lower teams with the purpose of bringing them in to strengthen a side for a "big game". They should not displace or reduce the playing time of existing core squad members.

An example of dual registration

The U16 age group for 2012/13 is a good example of how this operates. The U16s have an A, B and a C team. The A team plays in Division 2 of Watford, the B team in West Herts Division 1 (only one division) and the C team in the fourth (bottom) division of Bucks. Within each of these teams several players are dual registered for other teams. We do this for several reasons:

1. It means we can provide the maximum number of playing opportunities for the players and avoid having to rest too many players from week to week.
2. It means we can field a full team if one team is hit by injuries or absences.
3. It provides some flexibility to move players up from squad to another as the season progresses and as players develop.

The players who are dual registered are the stronger players within a team who can play up a level if the need arises. So, for example in the U16 B team, there are several players who are dual registered for the Watford (A) side. These players put in appearances for the A team to cover for absence or injury. A team players ARE NOT registered for the lower, B and C teams.