



## Oakdale Player Movement Policy

Player movement is permitted after placement has been accepted, up to the commencement of Round 4 of the season.

Any request for a review of a player's placement must be received by the Secretary in writing.

The discussions around player movement will be facilitated by the relevant age group coordinator.

The age group coordinator will facilitate observations of the player by independent observer/s for 2-3 games and trainings. Independent observers may include a grade selector, or an independent coach as nominated by the age group coordinator.

The observations will be carried out only on the player requested.

Feedback and recommendations from these observations will be provided to the relevant age group coordinator along with consultation with coaches.

If it is determined the player has been incorrectly placed, an investigation into whether there is opportunity for the player to move teams will occur, assessing players in equivalent positions for possible vacancy.

Factors which dictate whether an opportunity for movement exists include, but are not limited to:

- The player's preferred positions
- The general skill level and positional knowledge displayed by the player
- Team dynamics and the potential impact on both teams
- Player well-being
- The player's attitude and adherence to the Club's Code of Behaviour

Once a decision is confirmed, the relevant age group coordinator informs the committee, affected coaches, and the player in writing.

If movement has been deemed appropriate, a new team placement offer will be made.

If there is no opportunity for movement, or it is determined the player is appropriately placed, the player will be required to remain as originally placed. The well-being of a player who is not moved will continue to be observed by the age group coordinator for the following 2 to 3 weeks.

After the commencement of Round 4, player movement will only occur in the case of injury, illness or a player missing a significant portion of the season due to other unforeseen circumstances. If this is required, the relevant age group coordinator must be engaged immediately to reach recommendation and agreement to replace the player.

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