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1. In the case of a junior athlete (any athlete under the age of 18), any adult/coach/club member may only begin conversations about athlete transfers with the Junior athlete's parent/guardian. Adult/coach/club members may only approach Junior Athletes to ask for parent/guardian contact information to begin such conversations.
2. An athlete wishing to transfer must submit an [ATHLETE TRANSFER APPLICATION FORM](#)
3. Athlete or guardian must complete the \$75 athlete transfer fee. [PAY HERE](#).
4. The Player will receive an email confirmation outlining their transfer request once the application and payment have been completed.
5. If a player is unfinancial with VSA, their outgoing club or any other VA Affiliate the transfer will be put on hold until this is resolved.
6. The Club will be informed of the athlete's application to transfer (via email). The club has three (3) business days to respond from the time VSA staff send the email to dispute the transfer. If there is no dispute or if VSA does not hear back within this timeframe the transfer will be approved.
7. An Athlete transfer is only approved when the applicant receives an email from the VSA Competitions Lead outlining the approval to their new club.

TERMS of TRANSFER

Once the athlete or guardian has submitted the transfer application, this cannot be cancelled or withdrawn.

An athlete **MUST NOT** play for their new club until written approval is received. If a player plays without transferring, the club they play for will be subject to the illegitimate player penalties in schedule one of the 2025 SAVL (and) SAVL Juniors Rules and Regulations.

All SAVL Senior athlete transfers must be completed by round/weekend 7.

Any athlete that has taken the court for a club in the relevant season **CANNOT** transfer to a new club within that same season.

Only one transfer is permitted during a calendar year.

Please find below the SAVL Rules and Regulations pertaining to Athlete Transfers.

5. Athlete Transfers

5.1 All athletes participating in the SAVL Seniors shall be registered as competing on behalf of the Club which the athlete's SAVL Seniors team represents.

5.2 Any athlete registered with a Club must obtain VSA's written approval before the athlete may compete for a different Club. This is called an athlete transfer.

5.3 All athletes competing in the SAVL Seniors shall be required to confirm they have not first played in a different Federation of Origin (internationally).

5.4 An athlete from a Federation of Origin other than Australia must first obtain an International Transfer Clearance and pay such transfer fees as may be required before playing any SAVL Seniors round.

5.5 No athlete transfer will be accepted if that athlete has already participated in one or more rounds in the current season for their registered Club.

5.6 All athlete transfers must be completed by round 7.

5.7 VSA may refuse to give an athlete its written consent to a transfer if the relevant athlete is financially indebted to the Club (as previously notified to VSA), VSA, or any VA affiliate.

5.8 If a current or past athlete is unfinancial with the former Club after an athlete transfer, it is the responsibility of the former Club (President or Treasurer) to notify VSA within 3 working days of this status. The athlete's membership will then be placed under review, and that athlete will be ineligible to participate in any VSA competition until resolved.

5.9 All athlete transfer requests require up to two clear working days to process. Where completion is required under clause 5.6, the athlete transfer application and payment of \$75 must occur at least two clear working days before the athlete intends to compete in any SAVL round.

5.10 If an athlete competes for a Club in any SAVL Senior division but is registered as competing for a different Club, the athlete will be regarded as an Illegitimate Participant. Therefore, penalties set out in Schedule 1 apply.

5.11 Only one Transfer is permitted per athlete per SAVL Seniors season.

5.12 The written consent required by clause 5 shall be in the form as prescribed on the VSA website and shall be lodged online with VSA together with the fee prescribed in Schedule 1.

5.13 VSA must notify the athlete and Clubs involved of the outcome of the requested transfer within two working days from lodgement.

5.14 In the case of a junior athlete (any athlete under the age of 18), an adult/coach/club member may have conversations about athlete transfers in the presence of or with the Junior athlete's parent/guardian. Adult/coach/club members may only approach Junior Athletes to ask for parent/guardian contact information to begin such conversations.