

APPENDIX 6 BUCS TEAM SELECTION GUIDE

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This document is a guide only and should be read in conjunction with BUCS REG 11 ('TEAM SELECTION AND TEAM SHEETS') and the relevant BUCS Sport Specific Regulations.

This aim of this guide is to aid in the interpretation and understanding of REG 11.1, specifically REG 11.1.2.2 ('Normality'). Through these regulations (and any relevant BUCS Sport Specific Regulations) selections of individuals can be restricted to safeguard against Playing Entities selecting individuals for a level below their ability in order to strengthen a lower ranked team.

As REG 11.1.2 states:

"Where a Playing Entity has more than one team in a Championships (for example Men's Football) it would be expected that when making team selections that their first team would always be the strongest team available to represent them, followed by the second team and so on, and that they are selecting teams on each day any of them has a fixture as if all their teams in the Championships are playing on that same day, at the same time, and in a match of equal importance, even if they are not.

Playing entities need to have reasonable flexibility in managing their team selections, and what may be considered a fair team selection is subjective and challenging to regulate, so the following restrictions shall be enforced to help support the principle of fair team selection:"

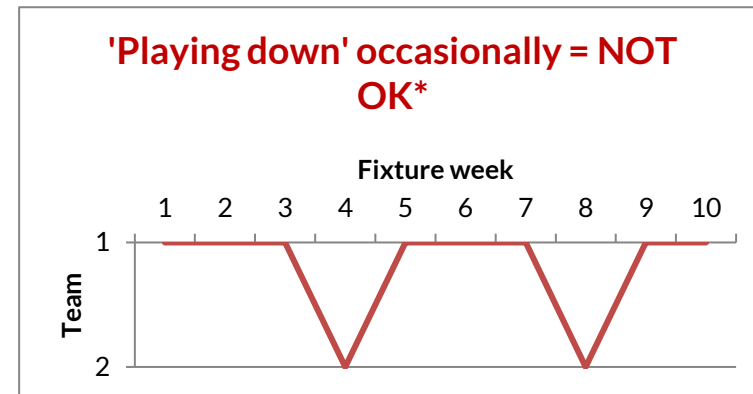
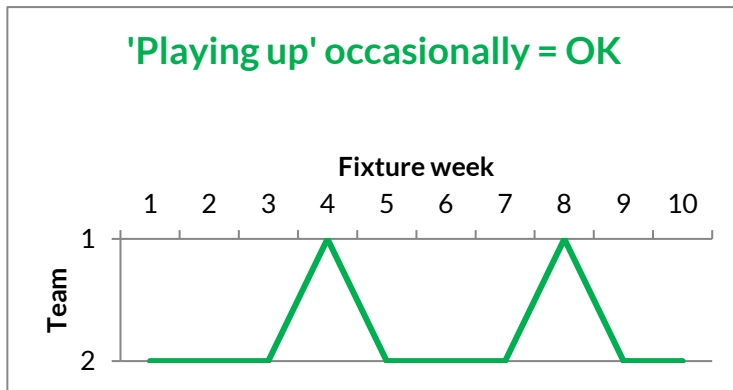
'Normality' – covered under REG 11.2.2.2 – is one of the restrictions in place that on an annual basis receives the most questions, so this guide contains some possible scenarios to assist institutions/Playing Entities with understanding the application of REG 11.1.2.2. This guide does not account for every scenario, or the circumstances which may surround them.

| When... | Can said individual compete for...? | |
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| | 1 st Team | 2 nd Team |
| <p>A Playing Entity's 1st Team has 10 league fixtures scheduled for the season. Individual A has been selected for the 1st Team in six league fixtures and one National Trophy knockout fixture to date. The 1st Team lost their knockout fixture, so they only have four league fixtures remaining.</p> <p>The Playing Entity's 2nd Team also has 10 league fixtures scheduled for the season and has completed four of these so far, so have six league fixtures remaining. They have also won their first two Conference Cup knockout fixtures and so have at least one more knockout fixture remaining.</p> | <p>Yes, but not any lower ranked teams.</p> | <p>No.</p> <p>Whilst the 2nd Team may have completed less fixtures to date and therefore have as many fixtures remaining as Individual A has represented the 1st Team for, Individual A has established normality in the 1st Team by representing them in six out of 10 (more than 50%) of their total league fixtures scheduled for the season. Individual A is therefore no longer eligible to be selected for any team below the 1st Team in any league, knockout competition or playoff fixtures for the remainder of that season, except in cases where other regulations provide an exemption.</p> <p><i>Please note: Exceptions may be possible in cases of 'Medical exemption' (REG 11.1.4) or where the relevant BUCS Sport Specific Regulations allow any variation.</i></p> |
| <p>A Playing Entity's 1st Team has 18 league fixtures scheduled for the season. Individual B has been selected for the 1st Team in eight league fixtures to date. Individual B did not represent the 1st Team for the last two fixtures due to being absent for the first one and 'dropped' to the 2nd Team for the second one. The 1st Team have eight league fixtures remaining and have not begun the National Championship knockout competition yet.</p> <p>The Playing Entity's 2nd Team has 14 league fixtures scheduled for the season and have completed eight of these so far, so have six league fixtures remaining. Player Y featured on the team sheet for the last one of these fixtures. The 2nd Team have also won their first National Trophy knockout fixture and so have at least one more knockout fixture remaining.</p> | <p>Yes.</p> | <p>Yes, as they have not yet established normality for the 1st Team having only been selected for eight out of their 18 league fixtures scheduled for the season.</p> <p>Should Individual B represent the 1st Team in two more league fixtures, then they will have established normality in the 1st Team by representing them in 10 out of 18 (more than 50%) of their total league fixtures scheduled for the season and at that point would no longer be eligible to be selected for any team below the 1st Team in any league, knockout competition or playoff fixtures for the remainder of that season, except in cases where other regulations provide an exemption.</p> <p>Their previous appearance for the 2nd Team was and regardless of future selections will continue to be within the regulations as they as an individual had not yet established normality whilst the Playing Entity worked out which team they, and Player Z who replaced them that week, should settle with based on their performances.</p> |

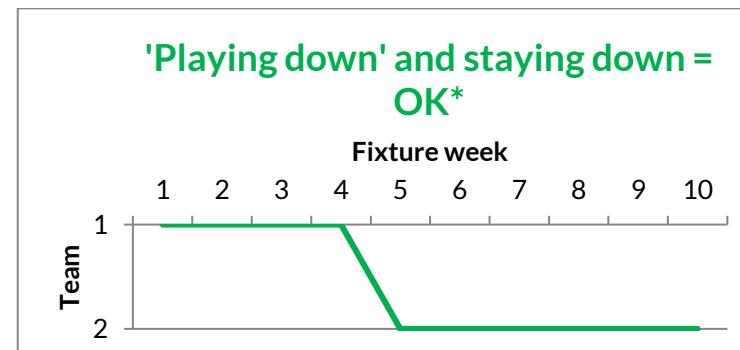
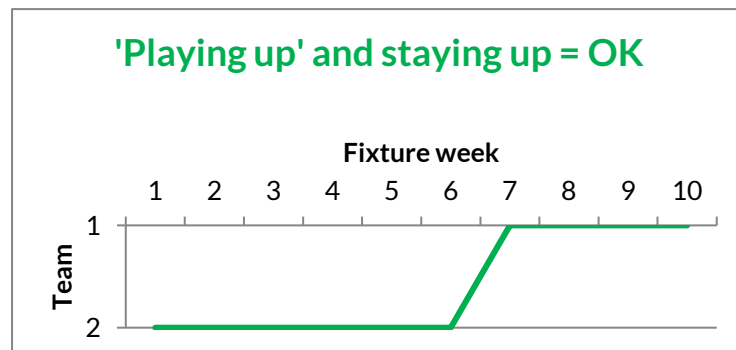
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| <p>A Playing Entity's 1st Team has six league fixtures scheduled for the season and have completed four of these so far, so have two league fixtures remaining. The 1st Team have also won their first National Trophy knockout fixture and so have at least one knockout fixture remaining. The Playing Entity's 2nd Team has 10 league fixtures scheduled for the season and have completed nine of these so far, so have one league fixture remaining. The 2nd Team have also won their first Conference Cup knockout fixture and so have at least one knockout fixture remaining.</p> <p>Individual C has, to date, been selected for the 1st Team in three league fixtures (50% of the 1st Team's total scheduled fixtures for the season) and for the 2nd Team in one league fixture which took place on the same day as the 1st Team's second league match which they did not get selected for. Individual C has not represented either team in a knockout fixture yet.</p> | <p>Yes.</p> | <p>Yes, as they have not yet established normality for the 1st Team having only been selected for three out of their six league fixtures scheduled for the season.</p> <p>Should Individual C represent the 1st Team in one more league fixture, then they will have established normality in the 1st Team by representing them in 4 out of 6 (more than 50%) of their total league fixtures scheduled for the season and at that point would no longer be eligible to be selected for any team below the 1st Team in any league, knockout competition or playoff fixtures for the remainder of that season, except in cases where other regulations provide an exemption</p> <p>Their previous appearance for the 2nd Team was and regardless of future selections will continue to be within the regulations as they as an individual had not yet established normality whilst the Playing Entity worked out which team they, and Player Y who replaced them that week, should settle with based on their performances.</p> <p><i>Please note: Exceptions may be possible in cases of 'Medical exemption' (REG 11.1.4) or where the relevant BUCS Sport Specific Regulations allow any variation.</i></p> |

| Can said individual compete for...? | | | |
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| When... | 1 st Team | 2 nd Team | 3 rd Team (or lower) |
| <p>A Playing Entity's 1st Team has 18 league fixtures scheduled for the season. Individual D has been selected for the 1st Team in three league fixtures to date, the last of these being their most recent selection.</p> <p>The Playing Entity's 2nd Team has 10 league fixtures scheduled for the season. Individual D has been selected for the 2nd Team in three league fixtures to date.</p> <p>The Playing Entity's 3rd Team has 10 league fixtures scheduled for the season. Individual D has been selected for the 3rd Team in one league fixture to date, their first selection of the season.</p> | <p>Yes.</p> | <p>Yes, as they have not yet established normality for the 1st Team having only been selected for three out of their 18 league fixtures scheduled for the season. Should Individual C represent the 1st Team in seven more league fixtures, then they will have established normality in the 1st Team by representing them in 10 out of 18 (more than 50%) of their total league fixtures scheduled for the season and at that point would no longer be eligible to be selected for any team below the 1st Team in any league, knockout competition or playoff fixtures for the remainder of that season, except in cases where other regulations provide an exemption</p> <p>Their previous appearances for the 2nd Team were and regardless of future selections will continue to be within the regulations as they as an individual had not yet established normality whilst the Playing Entity worked out which team they, and Player X who replaced them those weeks, should settle with based on their performances.</p> <p><i>Please note: Exceptions may be possible in cases of 'Medical exemption' (REG 11.1.4) or where the relevant BUCS Sport Specific Regulations allow any variation.</i></p> | <p>No.</p> <p>Under REG 11.1.2.2, Individual D's appearances for the 1st Team and 2nd Team are combined and counted against the 2nd Team's total league fixtures scheduled for the season. This results in Individual D establishing normality in the 2nd Team as the combined total is 6 out of 10 (more than 50%) of the 2nd Team's total league fixtures scheduled.</p> <p>Individual D is therefore no longer eligible to be selected for any team below the 2nd Team in any league, knockout competition or playoff fixtures for the remainder of that season, except in cases where other regulations provide an exemption.</p> <p>Their previous appearance for the 3rd Team was and regardless of future selections will continue to be within the regulations as they as an individual had not yet established normality, with the Playing Entity not having identified through trials just how good they were and promptly moving them up the teams when they realised.</p> <p><i>Please note: Exceptions may be possible in cases of 'Medical exemption' (REG 11.1.4) or where the relevant BUCS Sport Specific Regulations allow any variation.</i></p> |

Note: The below models are examples which, for simplicity, show the selections of an individual between two teams both of which have ten scheduled league fixtures and all these equally spread across ten fixture weeks.



*In week 8 the individual should not have been selected for the 2nd Team as by this point the individual had achieved normality for the 1st Team. At the time, in week 4 the individual had not established normality for the higher ranked team, so this selection was not a breach of REG 11.1.2.2 (Normality). They may, for example, in the previous weeks have been 'playing up' to cover for an absent player or have been 'dropped' based on their form but then later are needed by the 1st Team again due to another player going out injured.



*As long as the individual has not established normality for the higher ranked team, such as in this example.

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