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Objective

To ensure the long-term sustainability and success of the National Teams, ADCC and State Leagues by promoting competitive balance, discouraging super-teams, and incentivising clubs to develop new talent rather than consolidating existing representative players.

The ARC System

Effective for the 2026 ADCC tournament cycle, all competing clubs/teams must adhere to the Australian Representative Cap (ARC) to participate in the Australian Dodgeball Championships Clubs event.

1. Definition of a Representative Player

A player is classified as a Rep Player for the 2026 season based on their **2025 selection**. A player's Rep status is **Ball-Type Specific** (e.g., a Foam Rep is not necessarily a Cloth Rep unless they were selected for both).

A player is considered a Rep Player if they were selected in 2025 for any of the following:

- a) Cloth Divisions
 - i) A State **First Team** in any State;
 - ii) A National Squad.
- b) Foam Divisions
 - i) A State **First Team** in any State;
 - ii) A State **Second Team** in New South Wales or Victoria (Second Teams from all other States do not qualify);
 - iii) A National Squad.

Note: "National Squad" refers to squads (from Australia or any other nation) selected to compete at the 2024 World Dodgeball Championships and/or the 2025 Asian Dodgeball Championships. Selection in both State and National Squads counts as a single Rep status.

2. The 2026 Caps

A club/team's roster may only contain up to the maximum number of Rep Players in the relevant divisions listed below. The cap applies to the **entire roster**, not just players on court.

Division	Max Rep Players per Team	
Mixed Cloth	4	<i>Max 2 Male / Max 2 Female</i>
Mixed Foam	4	<i>Max 2 Male / Max 2 Female</i>
Gendered Foam	4	<i>Total across the roster</i>
Gendered Cloth	3	<i>Total across the roster</i>

3. State League Alignment

As state leagues serve as the qualifying pathway for ADCC, Dodgeball Australia strongly encourages all state affiliates to adopt these caps for their 2026 local seasons. This prevents roster disruption for teams/clubs qualifying for ADCC.

4. Annual Policy Review

Dodgeball Australia will conduct a formal review of the ARC System at the conclusion of each ADCC tournament. Changes to the cap numbers or player definitions may be implemented for the following season based on participation data, skill disparity, and the overall growth of the sport.

Future cycles (post-2026) may move toward a two-year "unified" representative cycle to capture both World and Continental event participants.