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Australian Representative Cap (ARC) - Trial Implementation for 2026

Following consultation with State Affiliates and Stakeholders, Dodgeball Australia has approved that the Australian Representative Cap (ARC) system for ADC 2026 will be a 12-month trial.

The ARC will be implemented as published, with caps applying across all divisions at ADCC 2026

Why A Trial?

Dodgeball Australia acknowledges feedback from affiliates (both privately and in group discussion) regarding the timing and potential impact. Rather than delay implementation indefinitely especially when some State Affiliates have already implemented it, we believe the most constructive path forward is implement, measure and evaluate based on real outcomes.

Post-ADCC Review

A formal review will be conducted following ADC 2026, examining competitive balance, team participation and stakeholder feedback. Review criteria will be published ahead of the tournament. State Affiliates will be invited to contribute as part of the review process.

The DA board will publish findings and confirm whether the ARC continues, is modified, or is discontinued for 2027.

Acknowledgements

Dodgeball Australia thanks all stakeholders who provided feedback. Your input has shaped this approach and the commitment to a formal review.

Chris White

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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.