

# Rules for Borrowing Players in the IAB Cadets League

Player-borrowing is solely intended to prevent forfeits. It is not intended to improve team quality or raise the number of spare players for a game. Teams should encourage their own players to play every game before resorting to borrowing.

Here are the rules for borrowing players:

1. Cadets teams may borrow registered players to enable them to reach 9 players for a game, but not more. If a team already has 9 (or more) players of its own who are able to play in a given game, it may not borrow other players for that game. If it has available 8 of its own players, it may borrow only one. If 7, then two, etc.

Note: According to the IAB Cadets rules, a team may play a game with only 8 players. A borrowed player may be the 8<sup>th</sup> player that allows the team to participate in a game – there is no requirement to reach 9 players.

3. Borrowed players may come from Cadets or Juveniles teams. They must be officially registered with one such team.

4. A player who is/was on the roster of a Juniors team in 2017, even if his age would permit him to play in the Cadets league, may not play in any Cadets game and is not eligible for borrowing.

5. A borrowed player's play during the game is restricted in the following ways:

- He may not play pitcher, catcher or shortstop
- He must bat in the last hitting position in the lineup
- If there are two or more borrowed players, they must bat at the bottom of the lineup (8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, for example, in the case of two borrowed players)

6. The coach of the team that is using one or more borrowed players should inform the coach of the opposing team before the start of the game.

7. The coach of the borrowing team should clarify and receive agreement from the coach of the team of the borrowed player before approaching the player.