



Application for Exemption to Age Group Regulation

AFL NSW/ACT Regulations state criteria for players to participate in an age group that is higher than their chronological age. For players to be eligible to participate, the following process must be followed for exemption to be considered.

4.7 Eligibility of Minors or Juniors

- (a) Players must be eligible for to play in the specific age group of the relevant Competition as of 1 January in the year of the relevant season.
- (b) The minimum age for Players to participate in a Competition is as follows:
 - i. Senior/Open Grade Competitions – sixteen (16) years of age;
 - ii. Under 18's and 19's Competitions – sixteen (16) years of age;
 - iii. Under 17's Competitions – fifteen (15) years of age; and
 - iv. All Junior age Competitions – two (2) years below the relevant age group (i.e. thirteen (13) years of age for an Under 15's Competition).
- (c) Subject to clause 4.7(d) below, a Player may seek to play in Competitions outside the minimum ages outlined above via written application submitted by the Player's Club accompanied by written consent of the Player's parent or guardian. Any such approval may only be granted by the League in accordance with the relevant considerations in the Australian Football Match Policy.
- (d) In accordance with the Australian Football Match Policy, Junior Players must be a minimum of seven (7) years of age by 31 July in the year of the relevant season to be eligible for registration.

4.8 Players wishing to play up Higher Age Groups

- (a) If a Player wishes to play in a team where the team's True Age is four (4) years or more, higher than the Player's True Age as recognised by their date of birth, then special dispensation must be obtained from the League only in exceptional circumstances. The application for such special dispensation is subject to compliance with Regulation 4.8(b) below.
- (b) Adequate notice is required for any request pursuant to Regulations 4.8(a), as this will require consultation with Club Officials and written consent of the Player's parent or guardian is required in accordance with the relevant considerations in the Australian Football Match Policy. The parents or guardians are to complete the Parental Consent Form as prescribed by AFL NSW/ ACT.



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As The Parent/Guardian of <i>(players full name)</i>	
DOB:	
As a Registered participant of:	Junior AFC
And eligible to play in the:	Age Group,
I request permission for him/her to participate in the	Competition in the
AFL Hunter Coast Season <i>(Year)</i>	
I understand that my child is still covered by the AFL Hunter Coast player insurance policy. As the Parent/Guardian, I accept full responsibility for the child playing in the nominated higher age group.	
Print Name:	
Sign:	
Date:	