



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.



Playing up an Age Level Consent Form

1. Parent/Guardian Consent

I _____, being the parent/legal guardian of _____ (player's name), seek player exemption and provide consent, for my child to play up in the _____ age level in the 2019 season, with the _____ Club, during the 2019 Season.

2. Indemnity Clause

2.1 This consent is provided on the understanding that the AFL, AFL NSW/ACT, AFL Hunter Central Coast Inc. and the _____ Football Club will **not** be liable for **any** injury to my child (named above) or anybody else, as a result of their participation in the older playing age group. I also agree that in the event my child is injured, I will not bring any claim, legal or otherwise, against all of those parties identified above, in respect to that injury or damage.

2.2 Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the AFL, AFL NSW/ACT, AFL Hunter Central Coast Inc. and the _____ Football Club, as well as any of their officers, servants and agents from and against any liability or cost which all of those identified above incur, concerning any claim or action arising, directly or indirectly, from my child's participation in the activities.

2.3 I agree that the laws of NSW/ACT and By Laws of AFL Hunter Central Coast will apply.

2.4 I acknowledge that my child has the physical capacity and social maturity which enables them to compete adequately at the higher playing age level.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Legal Guardian)

Name: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Relationship to Player: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Once completed, this Application for Exemption is to be retained by AFL Hunter Central Coast, and respective Football Club for compliance purposes.