



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) In accordance with the Australian Football Match Policy, Junior Players must be a minimum of seven (7) years of age by 31 July in New South Wales and 30 April in the Australian Capital Territory in the year of the relevant season in order to be eligible to be registered.
- (b) Players must be eligible to play in the specific age group of the relevant Competition as of 1 January in the year of the relevant season.
- (c) 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 other Junior Age Competitions – two (2) years below the relevant age group (i.e. a Player turning thirteen (13) years of age after 1 January is eligible to play in an Under 15's Competition).
- (d) Subject to Regulation 4.7(a), a Player may seek to play in Competitions outside the minimum ages outlined above via written application to the League submitted by the Player's Club accompanied by written consent of the Player's parent or guardian using the Parent Consent Form prescribed by AFL NSW/ACT. Any such approval may only be granted by the League in exceptional circumstances and in accordance with the relevant considerations in the Australian Football Match Policy.

Please Note: Where a player participates in a match without Parental Consent AND Approval from the League, the Player concerned will be deemed ineligible and applicable penalties will be applied.



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 2020 season, with the _____ Club, during the 2020 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.