



## **PLAYER AGE POLICY - COMMUNITY CLUBS**

1. Players must be turning five (5) by the end of the calendar year in which they wish to register.
2. Players must play in their designated age group as determined by date of birth unless special circumstances apply. Special circumstances include:
  - a. The Club has insufficient players of the specified age for a team. In that circumstance, younger players from the year immediately below the age group may be included to field a team.
  - b. Players that have been identified and participated in State or National level competitions. In that circumstance, a younger player can play up into the next available age group.
  - c. Players who are suited to a lower age group due to their physical and/or social sense. In this circumstance, a written application accompanied by supporting medical or educational evidence should be considered by the Competition Administrator.
3. Open age male competitions may permit players turning 16 years or older in the year of competition to participate.
4. Open age female competitions may permit players turning 15 years or older in the year of competition to participate.
5. Written applications for exemption to these provisions must be forwarded to Competition Administrators for consideration by a Football Queensland approved assessor.
6. Where local competition rules require permission to play outside eligible age, complete prescribed form OEA-01.

## **COMPETITION RULES – COMMUNITY COMPETITIONS**

Competition Rules submitted to Football Queensland for approval should embrace the following guiding principles:

1. Each Competition Administrator should provide specific age restricted competition in their junior competitive age groups (Under 12-15) where registration numbers are sufficient.
2. Should a Competition Administrator have insufficient numbers of players/teams to conduct a competition in a particular age, they should seek relief from these conditions from Football Queensland with supporting evidence.
3. The integrity of the highest-level competition in each single age group should be maintained if registration numbers permit, with no combined age groups. Lower division leagues can have composite age teams.