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To: Queensland Community Clubs
From: Football Queensland
Subject: 2026 Community Dispensation
Date: January 19, 2026

Dear Clubs

Football Queensland is pleased to provide guidance on the Permanent Dispensation process for Community Statewide Competitions. This process allows players to participate outside their designated age group for a season-long or competition-wide period, in accordance with Football Queensland's 2026 Statewide Rules of Competition.

While the dispensation process remains largely unchanged, there have been some minor amendments regarding what is considered auto-approved and what requires written approval from the FQ Competitions team. Clubs are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with these updates, which can be found in the [2026 Statewide Rules of Competition](#).

Important Information

- Applications must be submitted prior to participation outside the player's designated age group.
- Approval is granted solely by Football Queensland and applies for the entire season or competition. Football Queensland's decision is final and not subject to any appeal or review.
- Clubs are responsible for ensuring that all players requiring dispensation have an approved request before fielding them in competitions outside their designated age group.
- **Changes have been made to the auto-approved criteria.** We encourage clubs to review the 2026 Statewide Rules of Competition carefully to avoid potential sanctions and breaches of player eligibility.

Requests will only be considered when submitted using the [2026 Community Dispensation Form](#).

For any further enquiries, please contact the FQ Competitions team via the following email addresses:

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