

# BFNL Age Dispensation Policy

## Purpose

This policy outlines the process for Age Dispensation for Ballarat Football Netball League (BFNL) Football competitions.

## Scope

This policy applies to all Clubs within the Ballarat Football Netball League (BFNL) when they are applying for dispensation on behalf of a registered player.

**Process** *(in part with Section 4 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook)*

### 1. Application Process

A player may apply for dispensation to play in a Competition age group below their applicable age group on the basis of a Disability or for Physical Size Considerations by submitting an application through their Club. Special consideration will be given to players applying for dispensation to the Under 16 and Under 18.5 competitions.

### 2. Application for Dispensation

An application for Dispensation must be:

- (i) in the form of the [AFL National Dispensation Application Form](#).
- (ii) Submitted via the Player's Club to the BFNL
- (iii) Supported by written consent from the Player's parent or guardian where the player is an Underage Player

### 3. Assessment of an Application

**Following its assessment of an application for dispensation, the BFNL may:**

- (i) Approve the application;
- (ii) Refuse the application;
- (iii) Request additional information from the Club and, following its assessment of such additional information, either approve or refuse the application.

### 4. Effect of an Approved Application

- (i) A Player who has received dispensation approval (Permitted Player) will be allocated to the next lowest Competition age group.
- (ii) If, following receipt of dispensation approval, a Permitted Player plays in a Competition age group other than the



Competition age group originally approved, the dispensation approval will be automatically withdrawn.

- (iii) A dispensation approval applies for the season in which the dispensation approval is granted.
- (iv) A dispensation approval is only finalised when the Club President signs the approval form to confirm agreement with the terms and conditions.
- (v) The BFNL may revoke a dispensation approval at any time provided that reasons for such revocation are provided to the Permitted Player's Club.

## 5. Appeals

A decision by the BFNL under Section 3 of this policy may be appealed in accordance with Section 26 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook.

