



**FOOTBALL FEDERATION
TASMANIA**

PLAYER AGE POLICY

and

**PLAYER ASSESSMENT PROCESS
December 2012**

PLAYER AGE POLICY

Football Federation Tasmania requires that all matches/fixture competitions are to be regulated to players' age groups. To provide uniformity throughout the State and to ensure that the league operations address sound Risk Management practices which will be achieved by compliance with the following rules.

1. MINIMUM AGE

The minimum age of any registered player eligible to participate in any match/fixture or associated activity shall be turning five (5) years during the playing season/year.

2. AGE GROUPS

Players shall be registered in the correct single designated age group e.g.: under 10 or 11 etc. Eligibility for each age group shall be determined by the player's age on 1st January of the year for which he /she is registering. The cut-off date shall be midnight on the 31st December of that year. This is in accordance with Federation International Football Association (FIFA) regulations.

An example is an Under 10 program shall primarily contain players who are 9 years of age at the cut-off date and who will have their 10th birthday during the season/year.

3. LOWEST AGE GROUP

The lowest age group recognized by Football Federation Tasmania is Under 6, which shall include all players who are attaining the ages of 5 years, or 6 years by date of birth during the playing season/year.

FFT acknowledge that some Junior Associations facilitate Under 5 OSSF fixtures for appropriately aged participants.

4. MAXIMUM AGE GROUP SPANS

4.1. The maximum age group spans provided in FFT competitions is 2 years. In the circumstance where the most appropriate age group is not available then players should gravitate to the next most appropriate age.

For example: A player turning 13 years of age during the playing season/year (Chronologically eligible to play U13's) will be automatically authorised to play in the U14's.

See also clause 6, Special Circumstances

5. FOOTBALL FEDERATION TASMANIA AUTHORISATION.

Football Federation Tasmania will not grant permission for the player to participate at the higher age level.

See also clause 6, Special Circumstances

6. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

6.1. Below an Age Group

6.1.1. Under special circumstances, evaluated and assured by Football Federation Tasmania to be consistent with Duty of Care and Risk Management requirements, permission for a small number of older age players to participate at an age level one (1) year below their ages by date of birth may be granted. Such players shall be dispersed among existing teams with no more than two (2) such players in any one (1) team. (An older age team shall not be permitted to participate in a younger age competition).

6.1.2. This eligibility shall be restricted to disadvantaged players where alternative avenues for participation are not available. Individuals in each category above are required to participate in an assessment process including a written application.

6.2. Senior Competitions

The following rules apply for the purpose of Players participating in Senior Competitions.

6.2.1. Players attaining the age of 16

Players having attained the chronological age of 16 (they have had their 16th birthday) can play senior football without assessment.

6.2.2. Players NOT attaining the age of 16

Will **NOT** be permitted to play in the Victory League.

6.2.3. Players attaining the age of 15

Players having attained the chronological age of 15 (they have had their 15th birthday) are automatically authorised to play in the following competitions, should they desire:

Male

Southern Premier League U18's
Northern Premier League U18's

Female

Southern Premier League U17's
Southern Premier League Reserves

6.2.4. Players having attained the chronological age of 15 (they have had their 15th birthday) may apply to be assessed to play senior football (above U18's) in line with the Player Age Policy and Player Assessment Process.

6.2.5. Special consideration will be applied in cases where limited or minimal competition options are available to the player applying to be assessed.

6.3. Players will be assessed to play senior football at a particular club. Should the player transfer to another club the player will need to apply for reassessment.

6.4. Players who were assessed and approved to play senior football prior to season 2013 are required to be reassessed in line with the current Player Age Policy and Player Assessment Process.

7. ASSESSMENTS.

The assessment criteria of a player's capacity to compete safely at an extended higher age level as authorised by Football Federation Tasmania shall be set by Football Federation Tasmania in consultation with the Technical Director and Game Development Manager. Assessors shall make recommendations to Football Federation Tasmania.

The assessor appointed by Football Federation Tasmania shall conduct the assessment of the player and club according to the assessment criteria (See also Clause 8.).

Any appointed Assessor shall minimally hold an AFC/FFA Advanced B Licence accreditation and shall be independent of the Club to which the player in question is registered. It is FFT's preferred option to have the player's technical assessment in an appropriate football environment as deemed by FFT.

8.PLAYER ASSESSMENT CRITERIA.

There are several areas that an Assessor will examine when considering player's potential for playing senior football.

These are, but not limited to:

1/ Does the club meet the required coach accreditation guidelines

It is mandatory that the coach of the team for which the player being assessed will play, holds the appropriate minimum coaching accreditation, as specified by FFT.

2/ Playing history

A detailed summary of the player's club, regional, state or NTC representation is provided in order to support the player assessment.

3/ Review of player Competency report

A detailed report on the player's technical abilities must be provided utilising the attached Player Competency Report.

4/ Practical assessment of player by FFT Technical staff

A practical assessment which considers the technical, tactical, physical and mental capabilities of the player.



Application for PLAYER ASSESSMENT

SECTION

A

PLAYER: _____

REGISTRATION NO. _____

D.O.B.: _____

CLUB: _____

ELIGIBLE COMPETITION: _____

AVAILABLE COMPETITION: _____

REQUESTED COMPETITION: _____

On behalf of my child, I wish to make application for him / her to participate at the nominated level of competition. In making this application, I acknowledge my child will be assessed against guidelines to compete at this level of competition. I acknowledge that any decision made by Football Federation Tasmania in respect of this application is final and binding.

I also agree to indemnify and keep indemnified Football Federation Tasmania of any legal proceedings in the event of injury in playing in the nominated level of competition without consent from Football Federation Tasmania and that Football Federation Tasmania would be within its right to cancel the player's registration and insurance cover.

Parent / Guardian

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Club Declaration

On behalf of the abovementioned club, I acknowledge that the club and the player meet the required criteria to be considered for assessment:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Position in Club: _____ President / Secretary

Section A is to be completed and made available to the FFT Technical Director and Game Development Manager a minimum of seven(7) days prior to an assessment being conducted.



Application for PLAYER ASSESSMENT

Section

A.1

1/ What FFA recognised coaching accreditation does the coach of the team which the player being assessed has requested to move to hold?

- AFC/FFA A Advanced Coach
- AFC/FFA B Advanced Coach
- AFC/FFA C Advanced Coach
- None of the above. Details:

2/ Provide and detail the player's history below?

2.1.Club: _____

2.2.Regional: _____

2.3.State: _____

2.4.NTC: _____

2.5.Other: _____

3/ Player competency report has been provided and supports the application?

- YES (Name of Club representative providing the report:....., Coach Accreditation :.....)
- NO



PLAYER ASSESSMENT ASSESSOR'S RECOMMENDATION

To be completed by the appointed assessor and the form returned to FFT Technical Director

Section

B

Section A and A.1 are complete and correct, therefore, I have been requested to assess the above players suitability to participate in _____ competition.

After considering the application material, the player against the Assessment Guidelines, including witnessing the player **performing in activities at their current level**, it is my considered opinion that the player:

insufficient information provided in order to complete the assessment

is not competent to perform at the level that has been requested.

Reason: _____

is not competent to perform at the level that has been requested, however; is competent to perform at a maximum of _____ level of competition.

is competent to perform at the level that has been requested.

My reasoning is that:

Assessor:

Position _____

Full Name: _____

Signed: _____ Dated ____ / ____ / ____



PLAYER ASSESSMENT FINAL DECISION

Section

C

The final decision of the above named player's application is that:

insufficient information provided in order to complete the assessment

approval is not granted to participate in the requested competition.

Reason: _____

approval is not granted to participate in the requested competition, however;
approval is granted to participate in the _____ Competition.

approval is granted to participate in the requested competition.

On behalf of Football Federation Tasmania:

Position Technical Director and Game Development Manager

Full Name: Kurt Reynolds

Signed: _____ Dated ____ / ____ / ____