



## 2.13 Playing Player Above Their Natural Age Group (Playing Up)

A player is naturally eligible to play in the competition which is named Under, and then the age that he is turning in the calendar year that the competition is being run.

i.e. A child born in the year 2000 can play Under 15s in 2015, as he will turn 15 in that calendar year. A child born in 2005 can play Under 10s in 2015 as he will turn 10 in that calendar year.

- A) A player **shall be allowed** to play in an age grade competition that is one year above the competition that he is naturally eligible to play in (player born in 2005 and registered in 2015 **CAN PLAY** in Under 10s and Under 11s).

All players who are playing up an age group must have a completed an authorised **PLAYING IN A HIGHER AGE GROUP CONSENT FORM** before taking the field.

- B) A player **shall not be allowed** to play in an age grade competition two years or more above the competition that he is naturally eligible to play.

For example, a player who is turning 14 during any calendar year is eligible to play in any Under 14 or Under 15 competition, but not an Under 16 competition.

Exemption to Rule B: The only exception to this rule being if there is no competition in the age group immediately above the player's natural age group then the player can be eligible to play in an age group two years above,

For example, a player turning 16 during any calendar year is eligible to play any any Under 16 or Under 18 competition providing there is no Under 17 competition.

A Club can apply to the NSWRL to have a player permitted to play two years above the age group that he is naturally eligible to play in under the following conditions:

- » The application must be made in writing to the District Junior League Board
- » The application must be signed by a Senior Club Coach (SCC) at a minimum
- » The application must be accompanied by written permission from the player's parents / guardians / carers
- » Once approved by the District Junior League Board the application should be forwarded to the NSWRL for final approval.

The decision of the NSWRL will be final and no appeal available to any decision made.

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**Reference Documents** Appendix 9.7 – NSWRL Playing in a Higher Age Group Consent Form



## 9.7 NSWRL Playing in a Higher Age Group Consent Form



# NSWRL PLAYING IN HIGHER AGE GROUP CONSENT FORM

### PARENT/GUARDIAN TO COMPLETE

I / We hereby give permission for my/our child

\_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to play with the  
 (insert full name)

\_\_\_\_\_ Under \_\_\_\_\_  
 (insert Club) (insert higher age division)

I/We are aware of the increased risk my child will be exposed to both physically and mentally by playing in a higher age division.

I/We are aware that my child is required to fulfil his obligations to his correct age division prior to competing in the higher age division.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### CLUB TO COMPLETE

On behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ JRLFC  
 (insert Club name)

I hereby give permission for \_\_\_\_\_  
 (insert player's name)

To play with the \_\_\_\_\_ Under \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware of and have explained the increased mental and physical risks of playing a higher age division to both the player and his parent/guardian.

Club Representative Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Representative Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### DISTRICT TO APPROVE

Junior League Secretary Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE JUNIOR LEAGUE SECRETARY FOR APPROVAL **PRIOR** TO THE PLAYER PLAYING IN A HIGHER AGE DIVISON