

Annual Playing Up Approval Form

Eligible players aged under 18 years, wishing to “play up” into a higher age grade or higher division within an age grade, than they are registered in, must lodge an Annual Playing Up Approval Form for each and every grade or division.

The fully completed form must be lodged with the Association prior to the first game in the specific grade or division, bearing the approval of the parent or guardian, coach, manager and a club office bearer. This can be faxed or emailed to the office before the game.

In granting approval to “play up”, the player must recognise that their first responsibility is to their own team. If there is a conflict in scheduling, then the player must play in their own team.

Players under the age of 13 years will not be approved to play in **any grade** where adults will be playing.

The reasons for this are:-

- The IHQ “duty of care” to ensure that the nominated parties are all of the opinion that the player has the ability to compete proficiently and *safely* at the proposed level
- Commonwealth law prevents players 12 years and under playing in games with adults.
- The administrative needs to ensure that all those involved are aware that the player will be committed to play for more than one team, and that they accept the logistical implications of this
- To place a check on any inadvertent displacement of an existing player in the proposed team, who as an accepted financial member of the team, must be given the first right to that place in the team.