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**DISPENSATION
POLICY**



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ADVANCED COMPETITIONS

PURPOSE

To provide all stakeholders with a clear and concise process for dispensation requests submitted for participation within FV's Competitions.

This policy enables Clubs to submit a request for a player(s) to be granted exemption by FV to participate in competitions that they would ordinarily be ineligible to participate in.

To ensure all requests receive consideration in conjunction with the objective of the policy, FV has formed a dispensation committee that includes representatives from all relevant departments including but not limited to the competitions, technical, diversity and inclusion, and registrations department. The purpose of the committee is to provide relevant expertise in evaluating each request.

FV at its sole discretion may amend any part of the dispensation policy as required from time to time. All decisions under this policy are at the sole discretion of FV, are final and are not capable of appeal.

The Policy is applicable to all FV Metropolitan Competitions and the below FV Regional Competitions:

- FV Geelong
- FV Gippsland
- FV Greater Ballarat
- FV Greater Bendigo
- FV Latrobe Valley
- FV Shepparton
- FV South-West
- FV Sunraysia

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DISPENSATION PROCESS

STEP 1 –

The Club Technical Director must complete the appropriate JotForm.

All relevant documents must be provided from medical professionals as well as the evaluation template to be completed by the Technical Director.



STEP 2 –

FV High Performance Staff to assess application of potential LD Players working closely with the Club/Technical Directors.

FV High Performance Staff to conduct assessment involving measurement taking and player profiling based on previous playing history, recommendations from staff, and/or any other criteria in which the FV High Performance Staff deem necessary.



STEP 3 –

Outcome of the dispensation request sent to the Club representative.

FV will aim to provide the Club with communication regarding the request within 14 working days of submission.

**Please Note: 9:00am Wednesday 14 January 2026 is 14 days prior to roster submission deadline and therefore no LD will be reviewed post this date.*

ADVANCED COMEPTITIONS – LATE DEVELOPERS

In 2026 Football Victoria will continue to apply the Late Developers Dispensation (LD) for the Junior Boys and Girls Advanced Competitions (BVYPL 1, BYVPL 2, BYSL 1 S/E, BYSL 1 N/W and GVVPL).

Clubs **will not** be granted a LD roll over from the 2025 season into 2026, all Clubs must reapply through the application process. Players will only be considered if they fit the appropriate maturation category.

The Club Technical Director must evaluate the player and outline the reason behind applying for LD based on documentation included in application form.

Any Clubs that wish to submit a player for Late Developers assessment **must** apply via the required [JotForm](#) in accordance with the application process.

The Biological Maturation & Late Developers **will only** apply to the following age groups:

Junior Boys Advanced Competitions – Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, Under 16 and Under 18

Girls Victorian Youth Premier League – Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17

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There are no Late Developers Dispensations for players in any Under 23s or Under 20s Advanced Competitions (NPLM, NPLW, VPLM 1 and VPLM 2)

LATE DEVELOPERS – POLICY

Further information regarding the Late Developers Dispensation can be found within the Late Developers Dispensation Policy below:

FV Late Developers Dispensation Information

This document further details eligibility requirements, player assessment process, application conditions and registration information.

PLAYERS ASSESSED AS LATE DEVELOPERS:

Any player that is assessed as a "late developer" will be given approval to play down an age grade at their club provided that the club has a position(s) available in the team that the player is seeking to register with.

Players Assessed as "on time developers" or "early developers"

Any player that is assessed as an "on-time developer" or "early developer" will NOT be permitted to play down an age grade at their club.

2014 BORN PLAYER DISPENSATION

In 2026 Football Victoria (FV) will continue to support the 2014 Born Players Dispensation in the Advanced Junior Structure. This will apply for the following age groups:

- Advanced Junior Boys - U14

This document outlines the requirements and guidelines for clubs wishing to register a player in accordance with the regulation allowance for 2014 Born Players Dispensation.

To be considered for 2014 Born Players Dispensation players must be born in 2014 and must display advanced body/ball control, game intelligence and fit the appropriate maturation category.

APPLICATION CONDITIONS

1. Advanced Junior Boys Clubs can have a maximum of three (3) 2014 Born Players in the Under 14s age group only.
*For the avoidance of doubt FV approved 2014 Born Players cannot participate in any other Advanced Junior Boys age groups (U15, U16, U17) or in any Community Competition age groups.

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2. FV Technical Staff will conduct a practical assessment if deemed necessary.
*Regional Only - In exceptional circumstances FV may request player footage to review if it is deemed necessary.
3. No applications will be considered during the Advanced Junior Boys competition season or during mid-season transfer window.
4. The decision of the FV Technical Staff & Advanced Competitions Staff will be final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

PROCESS

Any club that wishes to submit a player for 2014 Born Player Dispensation status assessment needs to apply via the [JotForm](#) link in accordance with the application process.

Club Technical Directors (TD) are required to;

1. Complete [JotForm](#) (2014 Born Player Dispensation JotForm Application) FV 2014 Player Dispensation Application Form
 - When completing this [JotForm](#) the Club TD will be required to complete the relevant evaluation template, outlining their reason behind applying for 2014 Born Player Dispensation based on documentation included in application form;
 - Supporting documentation from a Medical Professional (i.e.: Doctor/ Physio) confirming players height and weight is to be included in the application form;
2. [JotForm](#) must be completed prior to cut-off date 11:59pm Friday 24 November 2025.
 - Any late applications submitted by Clubs post 11:59pm Friday 24th November 2025 and prior to 9:00am Tuesday 16 January 2024 will be charged a \$150.00 non-refundable fee per application (the fee will be charged regardless of if the application is approved or declined).
*Please Note: 9:00am Tuesday 16 January 2024 is 14 days prior to roster submission deadline and therefore no RAE/LM will be reviewed post this date.
 - For A-League Clubs [JotForm](#) must be complete no less than seven (7) working days prior to roster submission deadline 11:59pm Monday 4th November 2024.
*Please Note: FV will not accept any submissions from A-League clubs post 11:59pm Monday 30 October 2023.

2014 Born Player Dispensation Submissions	Clubs	Dates	Fee
JotForm Due Date	A-League Clubs	11:59pm – Monday 20 th October 2025	N/A
JotForm Due Date	Advanced Junior Clubs	11:59pm – Friday 24 th October 2025	N/A
FV Practical Assessment	Advanced Junior Clubs	TBC	N/A

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Late Submission Period	Advanced Junior Clubs	9:00am Sunday 1 December 2025 – 9:00am Thursday 16 January 2025 *For clarity purposes any dispensation submissions between the above dates will incur a late submission fee per application.	\$150.00 Non- refundable fee per application (the fee will be charged regardless of if the application is approved or declined)
No Further Submissions	Advanced Junior Clubs	Post 9:00am – Thursday 16 January 2025	N/A

3. FV Technical Staff to assess applications of potential 2014 Born Player Dispensations working closely with the Club / Technical Directors.
4. The assessment could be in the form of an organised trial, based on previous playing history, recommendations from staff, previous playing observations and/ or any other criteria in which the FV Technical Staff deem necessary.
5. FV may conduct 2014 Born Player Dispensations practical assessments for relevant players.
6. FV to communicate outcome of assessment within fourteen (14) working days.

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Registration

1. Registration as a 2014 Born Player is only possible if FV has granted 2014 Born Player Dispensation to a player.
2. Clubs are limited to the number of approved 2014 Born Player Dispensation in accordance with the following quota:

Advanced Junior Boys Clubs can have a maximum of three (3) **2014 Born Players in the Under 14s age group only.**

**For the avoidance of doubt FV approved 2014 Born Players cannot participate in any other Advanced Junior Boys age groups (U15, U16, U17) or in any Community Competition age groups.*

3. Any FV approved 2014 Born Players must be included on the U14 Advanced Junior Boys Player Roster (i.e. Maximum 20 players for Advanced Junior Boys:17 players + 3 2014 Born players).

Advanced Junior Boys Roster Sizes & Age Eligibility

Age Groups	Minimum Roster Size	Maximum Roster Size	Year of Birth Age Eligibility	2014 Born Player
U14	16	20	2012 & 2013	2014

Summary

FV at its sole discretion may amend any part of the dispensation policy as required from time to time. In implementing 2014 Born Player Dispensation, FV will work closely with clubs to ensure development principles and the promotion and emphasis on technical ability will be maintained. We will continue to strive for the best possible standard of play and opportunities for players to play at the highest level.

SENIOR ADVANCED COMPETITIONS AGE DISPENSATION

An above age dispensation may be granted to allow a player to play in an Advanced Competition (NPLM, NPLW, VPLM 1, VPLM 2, VPLW including Under 23's and Under 20's as well as Advanced Juniors) more than four (4) years above their age group.

A player does not need a dispensation if they are competing in NPLM, NPLW, VPLM 1, VPLM 2 or VPLW if they are 15 years of age prior to 1 January 2026.

The Club must provide FV with the following documentation in support of their application for an above age dispensation.

- a signed letter from the player's Club president supporting the application
- a signed letter from the player's Club Technical Director supporting the application
- a letter from the parent/guardian of the player supporting the application
- a letter from the players medical practitioner supporting the application

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GENDER DISPENSATION

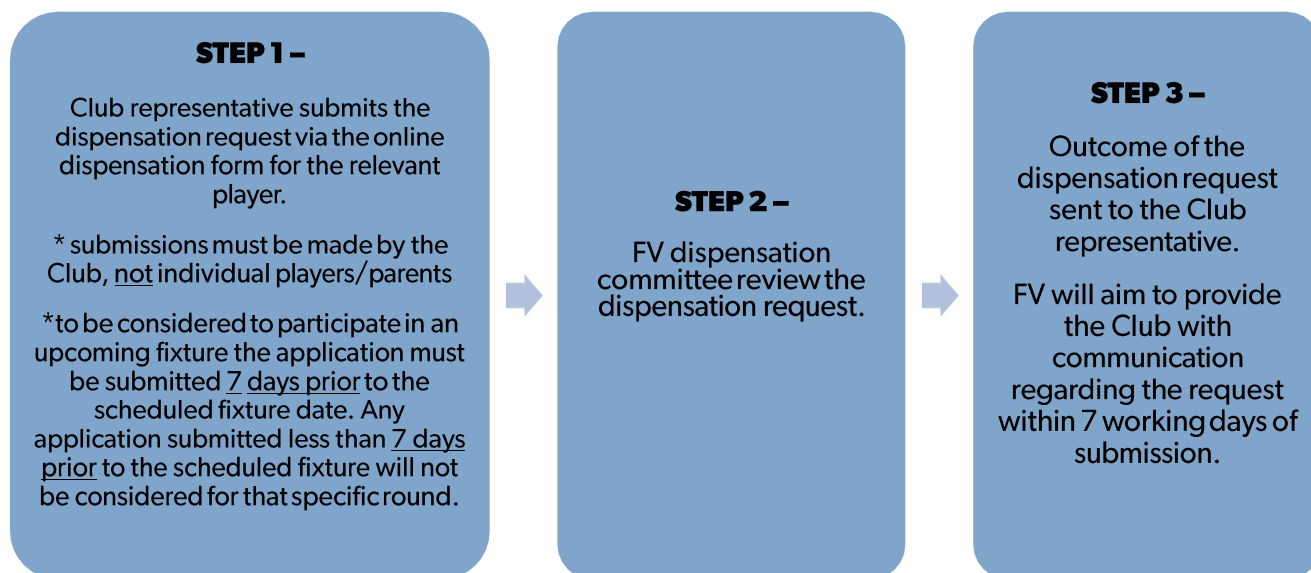
- Players who identify as female are permitted to participate in Advanced Junior Boys competitions up until Under 16 boys. The player must turn 16 or below during the 2026 calendar year and may play in their equivalent age group of male competitions without the prior approval of FV.

Players who have affirmed their gender identity by transitioning to a gender that is different to their sex assigned at birth or are in the act of transitioning/affirming via gender affirming practices; or are non-binary people, are eligible to nominate to play in a competition of their choosing conducted for their affirmed gender and not sex assigned at birth, unless it gives cause to a risk to themselves or others as determined by FV/FA.

Note: FV may request supporting documentation as part of any application under these guidelines.

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*Any Club that requests to submit further supporting documentation or information after the outcome of the request has been determined will incur a 're-review' administrative fee of \$75 charged to the Club's account

DETERMINING A DISPENSATION APPLICATION

There are a range of various factors FV consider when determining the outcome of a dispensation application. A number of these factors may include and are not limited to:

- Maintaining the integrity of FV competitions
- Playing history of the player
- Alternate reasonable opportunities for the player to participate at the Club in an age eligible age group
- Alternate reasonable opportunities for the player to participate at a Club within reasonable age brackets in an age eligible age group
- The total number of requests received for a particular team in a particular age group at the Club does not exceed more than 3 players.
 - e.g. maximum of 3 x U16's players requested to play in U15B's
- Supporting documentation from the national body - FA
- Supporting documentation from a certified medical practitioner
- The Club being able to provide the player with the assistance needed to prepare the player to play in an age eligible age group the following year
- Dispensation history of the player
- The submission being made in line with the stipulations surrounding the

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relevant dispensation category

- The wellbeing and safety of all participants
- Applicable laws, including but not limited to the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic)
- Any other relevant circumstance or relevant supporting documentation

SUBMITTING A DISPENSATION APPLICATION

All dispensation requests must be submitted by the Club on behalf of the relevant player. Submissions from individual parents/guardians/players will not be accepted.

To be considered to participate in an upcoming fixture the application must be submitted 7 days prior to the scheduled fixture date. Any application submitted less than 7 days prior to the scheduled fixture will not be considered for that specific round.

To submit a dispensation application the Club's Technical Director must fill out the Online Dispensation Application Form below:

FV Competitions Dispensation Request Form

Please ensure that prior to submitting a dispensation request you are equipped with the following.

- FA ID number - to progress through the process the player must have an FA ID number. Please contact the registrations department via registrations@footballvictoria.com.au for any queries regarding a player's FA ID number;
- all relevant information required to be submitted; and any relevant documentation as per the below regulations

It is important to note that Clubs submit dispensation application requests in accordance with this policy, however approval is not assumed, nor should the Clubs anticipate approval prior to the dispensation request being considered and determined by FV through the defined process.

Should the dispensation request be approved – the approval is only applicable for the competition season relevant to the year in which the request is made and the provided approval letter by FV must be readily available on match day.

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TRANSGENDER, NON-BINARY AND INTERSEX

Everyone has a right to participate in football regardless of their gender identity, sexual orientation, and intersex status. These are protected characteristics under the law. The below guidelines and policy points relate to the inclusion of trans and gender diverse athletes, as well as athletes with intersex variations. A full policy related to the community guidelines and policy on the inclusion of trans and gender diverse athletes will be released by FV, which will provide detailed information for participants, clubs and leagues. FV wishes to reinforce FV's commitment to diversity and inclusion within football and has a strict no-tolerance approach to transphobia.

For purposes of clarity, the following terminology is explained:

- Transgender: A person with a gender identity that is different from the gender/ sex assigned at birth
- Transgender man: someone with a male gender identity who was assigned female at birth.
- Transgender woman: someone with a female gender identity who was assigned male at birth.
- Cisgender: a non-transgender person, who identifies as the assigned gender at birth.
- Non-binary: Some people do not identify as exclusively female or male. As their gender identity is outside the female/ male binary, they are often referred to as 'non-binary'.
- Transition/Affirmation: The legal steps a transgender person takes to affirm their gender identity.
- Intersex: The status of having a genetic, physical, or hormonal feature(s) that are not easily identified as being:
 - Neither wholly female or male
 - A combination of female and male
 - Neither female or male
 - A person with an intersex variation may identify as man, woman, neither or both.

MINIROOS (UNDER 6-11)

MINIROOS MIXED & GIRLS (UNDER 6 – 11)

Clubs are to nominate teams into MiniRoos age eligible competitions or nominate for teams to be in MiniRoos competitions in line with their development and skill levels.

		CATEGORY		
		KANGAROOS (Strong Skills)	WALLABIES (Develop Skills)	JOEYS (Learn Skills)
AGE	U8	Born in 2016, have played U7 MiniRoos & have a strong grasp of football skills or are born 2014 and beginning in football.	Born in 2016, played U7 MiniRoos & are beginning to develop their football skills , or born in 2014 and have no previous football experience.	Born in 2016, are first year Players with no or little previous experience in MiniRoos.
	U9	Players born in 2015, who have played two years of MiniRoos and have a strong grasp of football skills , or are born in 2013 and are beginning to develop their football skills.	Born in 2015, have played 1-2 years of MiniRoos and are beginning to develop their football skills , or born in 2013 & have no previous experience in MiniRoos.	Born in 2015, are first year Players with no or little previous experience in MiniRoos.
	U10	Born in 2014, have played 3 years of MiniRoos and have a strong grasp of football skills , or are born in 2012 and are beginning to develop their football skills.	Born in 2014, have played 1-3 years of MiniRoos and are beginning to develop their football skills , or are born in 2012 and have no previous experience in MiniRoos.	Born in 2014, are first year Players with no or little previous experience in MiniRoos.
	U11	Born in 2013, have played 4 years of MiniRoos and have a strong grasp of football skills .	Born in 2013, played 1 – 4 years of MiniRoos and are beginning to develop their football skills .	Born in 2013, are first year Players with no or little previous experience in MiniRoos.

MiniRoos Players can move freely between age groups (Under 7 to Under 11) and league categories (Joeys, Wallabies and Kangaroos). If the Player is unable to participate in their rightful age group, it is preferable that participants play down one (1), or no more than two (2), age groups based on their current stage of development.

MINIROOS (UNDER 6-11)

FV do not require dispensation requests to be submitted for any player who is age eligible to participate in the MiniRoos competition (ages between 6 and 11 years old).

Note: Dispensation for this level of competition is only required to be submitted for players that wish to play in MiniRoos competitions however are not age eligible for Under 11's. This is specific to a player who is turning 12 during the respective calendar year and is not age eligible for the Under 11 MiniRoos competition.

The following dispensation categories are available for the MiniRoos level of competition.

MEDICAL DISPENSATION

FV recognises that it may be necessary in some circumstances to provide dispensation for an individual to play in an FV competition a maximum of one (1) year below their age due to a physical disability, mental disorder or physical size development consideration as identified and diagnosed by a certified medical practitioner.

A certified medical practitioner is a medical specialist who has attained the appropriate qualifications and accreditations to practise and includes both sports physicians and paediatricians.

The Club must provide FV with the following documentation in support of their application for medical dispensation.

- a supporting letter from the players parent (s) or guardian
- current (within 12 months of the application unless evidencing a chronic condition) medical evidence to support the application from the players medical specialist detailing the need for dispensation; and
- any other information the club wishes to submit in support of the application.

FIRST YEAR DISPENSATION

A first-year dispensation may be granted to a player who has not previously been registered with FA or FV. This form of dispensation is to allow an individual to play in an FV competition for which the usual eligible age is a maximum of one (1) year below the player's age and is only valid for one competition season. Dispensation is only granted for players to play down one age group. Requests to play down two (2) or more age groups are not permitted. This dispensation cannot be reapplied for the following competition season or any other season following the player's first season participating in an FA or FV competition.

FV may in its sole discretion refuse to grant a dispensation request under this regulation in circumstances where the player in question has played football in school or other competitions not administered by FV or FA. FV may seek further information from the Club in question before deciding under this regulation and the Club must submit that information as part of the dispensation request.

A first-year dispensation may be refused or revoked by FV acting in its sole discretion if FV later discovers that the Club did not provide relevant and/or requested information without a reasonable excuse.

MINIROOS (UNDER 6-11)

PLAY FOOTBALL DISPENSATION

A play football dispensation may only be granted in exceptional circumstances where there are no reasonable alternatives available to the player and in the opinion of FV, it benefits the interests of one or more of the following to allow the dispensation:

- i. the Player;
- ii. the Team;
- iii. the Club;
- iv. the League in which the Team participates;
- v. football in Victoria in general.

Play football dispensation is only granted for players to play down one age group. Requests to play down two (2) or more age groups are not permitted.

If granted, the play football dispensation is a one year 'bridging dispensation' to allow the Club to take reasonable steps to prepare the player to play in their rightful age group the following season. It is envisaged that this dispensation will not be required for the following year.

JUNIOR BOYS / MIXED (UNDER 12-18)

JUNIOR GIRLS (UNDER 12 – UNDER 17/18)

JUNIOR BOYS / MIXED (UNDER 12- 18) & JUNIOR GIRLS (UNDER 12 – U17/18)

MEDICAL DISPENSATION

FV recognises that it may be necessary in some circumstances to provide dispensation for an individual to play in an FV competition a maximum of one (1) year below their age due to a physical disability, mental disorder or physical size development consideration as identified and diagnosed by a certified medical practitioner.

A certified medical practitioner is a medical specialist who has attained the appropriate qualifications and accreditations to practise (includes sports physicians & paediatricians).

The Club must provide FV with the following documentation in support of their application for medical dispensation.

- a supporting letter from the players parent (s) or guardian
- current (within 12 months of the application unless evidencing a chronic condition) medical evidence to support the application from the players medical specialist detailing the need for dispensation; and
- any other information the club wishes to submit in support of the application.

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A first-year dispensation may be granted to a player who has not previously been registered with FA or FV. This form of dispensation is to allow an individual to play in an FV competition for which the usual eligible age is a maximum of one (1) year below the player's age and is only valid for one competition season. Dispensation is only granted for players to play down one age group. Requests to play down two (2) or more age groups are not permitted. This dispensation cannot be reapplied for the following competition season or any other season following the player's first season participating in an FA or FV competition.

FV may in its sole discretion refuse to grant a dispensation request under this regulation in circumstances where the player in question has played football in school or other competitions not administered by FV or FA. FV may seek further information from the Club in question before deciding under this regulation and the Club must submit that information as part of the dispensation request.

A first-year dispensation may be refused or revoked by FV acting in its sole discretion if FV later discovers that the Club did not provide relevant and/or requested information without a reasonable excuse.

ABOVE AGE DISPENSATION

An above age dispensation may be granted to allow a player to play in a competition more than four (4) years above their age group.

The Club must provide FV with the following documentation in support of their application for an above age dispensation.

- a signed letter from the player's Club president supporting the application
- a signed letter from the player's Club Technical Director supporting the application

JUNIOR BOYS / MIXED (UNDER 12-18)

JUNIOR GIRLS (UNDER 12 – UNDER 17/18)

- a signed letter of consent from the player's parent (s) or guardian supporting the application
- a document listing general medical details of the player by a medical professional including height and weight; and
- any further information requested by FV.

GENDER DISPENSATION

Under the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act, it is unlawful to discriminate on the ground of sex or gender identity up until the age of 12 years. Players over 12 years old may be treated differently in certain circumstances, including in relation to aspects of strength, stamina or physique, to maintain elite pathways and to foster participation. Football Victoria allows players to play in gendered competition of their choosing under the following guidelines:

- Players who identify as non-binary, transgender or intersex are permitted to participate in the competition of their choice, up to the age of U16.
- Players who identify as male are permitted to play in female competitions up until Under 12 girls. The player must turn 12 or below during the 2026 calendar year and may play in their equivalent age group of female competitions without the prior approval of FV.
- Players who identify as female are permitted to participate in mixed competitions up until Under 16 boys. The player must turn 16 or below during the 2026 calendar year and may play in their equivalent age group of male competitions without the prior approval of FV.

Players who have affirmed their gender identity by transitioning to a gender that is different to their sex assigned at birth or are in the act of transitioning/affirming via gender affirming practices; or are non-binary people, are eligible to nominate to play in a competition of their choosing conducted for their affirmed gender and not sex assigned at birth, unless it gives cause to a risk to themselves or others as determined by FV/FA.

Note: FV may request supporting documentation as part of any application under these guidelines.

PLAY FOOTBALL DISPENSATION

A play football dispensation may only be granted in exceptional circumstances where there are no reasonable alternatives available to the player and in the opinion of FV, it benefits the interests of one or more of the following to allow the dispensation:

- i. the player;
- ii. the Team;
- iii. the Club;
- iv. the League in which the Team participates;
- v. football in Victoria in general.

Play football dispensation is only granted for players to play down one age group. Requests to play down two (2) or more age groups are not permitted.

If granted, the play football dispensation is a one year 'bridging dispensation' to allow the Club to take reasonable steps to prepare the player to play in their rightful age group the following season. It is envisaged that this dispensation will not be required for the following

JUNIOR BOYS / MIXED (UNDER 12-18)

JUNIOR GIRLS (UNDER 12 – UNDER 17/18)

year.

FINALS/PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY EXEMPTION DISPENSATION

A finals/playoff eligibility exemption dispensation may be granted to allow a player that has played less than five (5) Regular Season Competition Fixtures to qualify for finals/playoff fixtures.

FV will only consider dispensation in exceptional circumstances and where a Club/Team can establish it is unable to field a team for a final due to insufficient player numbers as a result of unavailability (including injury). Any Club wishing to apply for a finals/playoff eligibility exemption dispensation must apply to FV:

- in writing
- at least five (5) working days before the final is due to take place
- setting out the grounds on which it requests a dispensation to be granted
- with evidence to support player unavailability; and
- providing FV with any further information required and/or requested.

TEAM TIED EXEMPTION DISPENSATION

A Club may apply for a dispensation to allow a player that is team tied back in their original team in exceptional circumstances. This dispensation is given on a case-by-case basis. The Club must provide to FV the following information via email:

- Player name and FFA ID
- Reason why the player must be moved into their original team.
- If reason is squad injuries in the player's original team, resulting in the team having below the number required to play fixtures, the club must provide evidence of injuries sustained by the squad members.
- Provide any further information requested by FV.

SENIOR WOMEN'S

STATE LEAGUE WOMEN'S / WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN / REGIONAL SENIOR WOMEN'S

SENIOR WOMENS AGE DISPENSATION

A senior women's age dispensation may be granted in relation to a player who is under the age of 14 years old as of 1 January in the year of that relevant competition season and is requesting to play in a Senior Women's Competition.

The Club must provide FV with the following documentation in support of their application for senior women's age dispensation.

- a signed letter from the player's Club president supporting the application
- a signed letter from the player's Club Technical Director supporting the application
- a signed letter of consent from the players parent or guardian supporting the application
- a document listing general medical details of the player by a medical professional including height and weight; and
- any further information requested by FV.

GENDER DISPENSATION

Players who have affirmed their gender identity by transitioning/affirming to a gender that is different to their sex assigned at birth; are in the act of transitioning via gender affirming practices; are eligible to nominate to play in a competition of their choosing conducted for their affirmed gender and not sex assigned at birth, unless it gives cause to a risk to themselves or others as determined by FV.

Note: FV may request supporting documentation as part of any application under these guidelines.

SIX (6) MATCH DISPENSATION (SLW)

A six-match dispensation may be granted to enable a player to play more than six (6) Competition Fixtures for a team in a lower division in the State League Women's (SLW) due to another players long-term injury or illness.

The Club must provide supporting documentation from a medical practitioner indicating a player's long-term injury or illness as part of this application.

FINALS/PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY EXEMPTION DISPENSATION

A finals/playoff eligibility exemption dispensation may be granted to allow a player that has played less than five (5) Regular Season Competition Fixtures in either the Seniors or Reserves competition for that relevant competition season to qualify to play in finals/playoff fixtures.

FV will only consider dispensation in exceptional circumstances and where a Club/Team can establish it is unable to field a team for a final due to insufficient player numbers as a result of unavailability (including injury). Any Club wishing to apply for a finals/playoff eligibility exemption dispensation must apply to FV:

SENIOR WOMEN'S

- in writing;
- at least five (5) working days before the final is due to take place;
- setting out the grounds on which it requests a dispensation be granted;
- with evidence to support player unavailability; and
- providing FV with any further information required and/or requested.

SENIOR MEN'S

STATE LEAGUE MEN'S / MEN'S METROPOLITAN / REGIONAL SENIOR MEN'S SENIOR MEN'S AGE DISPENSATION

A senior men's age dispensation may be granted in relation to a player who is under the age of 15 years old as of 1 January in the year of that relevant competition season and is requesting to play in a Senior Men's Competition.

The Club must provide FV with the following documentation in support of their application for a senior men's age dispensation:

- a signed letter from the player's Club president supporting the application;
- a signed letter from the player's Club Technical Director supporting the application;
- a signed letter of consent from the player's parent or guardian supporting the application;
- a document listing general medical details of the player by a medical professional including height and weight; and
- any further information requested by FV.

GENDER DISPENSATION

Players who have affirmed their gender identity by transitioning/affirming to a gender that is different to their sex assigned at birth; are in the act of transitioning via gender affirming practices; are eligible to nominate to play in a competition of their choosing conducted for their affirmed gender and not sex assigned at birth, unless it gives cause to a risk to themselves or others as determined by FV.

Note: FV may request supporting documentation as part of any application under these guidelines.

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MEN'S METROPOLITAN / GEELONG SENIOR MENS / LATROBE VALLEY SENIOR MENS / SOUTH-WEST MEN'S DIVISION

METROPOLITAN MASTERS

MEN'S AGE DISPENSATION

An age dispensation may be granted in relation to a player who turns the age of 35 within the calendar year for that relevant competition season and is requesting to play in Metropolitan Masters Competitions.

WOMEN'S AGE DISPENSATION

An age dispensation may be granted in relation to a player who turns the age of 30 within the calendar year for that relevant competition season and is requesting to play in Metropolitan Masters Competitions.

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OTHER FV COMPETITIONS

For further information on other FV Competitions please see contacts details below.

FUTSAL COMPETITIONS: futsal@footballvictoria.com.au

GOFOOTBALL COMPETITIONS: info@gofootball.com.au

ALL ABILITIES COMPETITIONS: Selin.Arpaci@footballvictoria.com.au

CONTACT US

If you have any further questions regarding the dispensation application process or Competitions Dispensations more generally, please contact FV via competitions@footballvictoria.com.au.