# JUNIOR PLAYER PARTICIPATION IN SENIOR ADVANCED COMPETITIONS

Consent, Risk Acknowledgement and Club Endorsement

**IMPORTANT:** This form must be completed before a player under the age of 15 as of the 1st of January trains with or plays for the nominated Advanced Senior, Reserves, U23 or U20 team where Football Victoria approval is required. Completion does not guarantee eligibility or approval.

Form applies to the following competitions:

- NPLM + U23 + U20
- NPLW + U20
- VPLM + U23 + U20
- VPLW + Reserves

## 1. PLAYER AND PARTICIPATION DETAILS

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| **Player's full legal name** | **Date of birth** | **FA ID number** |
| **Club** | **Natural/correct age group** | **Current registered team** |
| **Season** | **Senior competition** | **Senior team/grade** |
| **Playing position(s)** | **Proposed start date** | **Approval requested until** |

## 2. CLUB ASSESSMENT AND PROPOSED SAFEGUARDS

The Club must assess whether participation is appropriate for this individual player, having regard to the player's age, physical and emotional maturity, technical ability, match demands, position, experience and welfare.

☐ The Club's appropriately qualified technical representative has observed and assessed the player.

☐ The Club considers the player to have the technical, physical and emotional readiness required for the nominated senior environment.

☐ The Club has discussed the proposed participation, foreseeable risks and available alternatives with the player and parent/guardian.

☐ The senior team's coaches and officials satisfy all applicable child-safeguarding, registration and Working with Children Check requirements.

☐ The player will remain subject to normal injury management, concussion protocols, load management and return-to-play requirements.

☐ The Club will monitor the player's welfare and may restrict or cease participation at any time if concerns arise.

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| **Club assessor's name and role** | **Assessment date** |
| **Specific limits/conditions (if any)** | **Review date/frequency** |

## 3. PLAYER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSENT

I confirm that the proposed move into the nominated senior competition has been explained to me in language I understand. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and speak privately with my parent/guardian or another trusted adult.

- ☐ I want to participate and understand that I can raise a concern or withdraw my assent without pressure or retaliation.
- ☐ I understand that senior football may involve greater speed, strength, physical contact, intensity and experience than junior football.
- ☐ I will promptly report injury, concussion symptoms, illness, unsafe conduct, bullying, harassment or any welfare concern to a trusted adult and the Club.

## 4. PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT AND RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am the player's parent or legal guardian and consent to the player's participation in the senior competition and team identified in this form, subject to Football Victoria's rules, any approval conditions and the Club's continuing assessment.

I understand that football is a contact sport and that participation in an older/senior competition may expose the player to increased physical, psychological and social demands. Risks may include collision, falls, musculoskeletal injury, concussion or other head injury, and interaction with adult participants. Serious injury can occur despite reasonable precautions.

- ☐ I have disclosed all known medical, health, injury, disability and wellbeing information relevant to safe participation, and will notify the Club of any material change.
- ☐ I have been able to ask questions and am satisfied with the Club's explanation of the proposed role, supervision, safeguards and alternatives.
- ☐ I authorise the Club to obtain first aid and urgent medical assistance for the player where reasonably necessary and agree to be contacted as soon as practicable.
- ☐ I understand this consent may be withdrawn in writing, but withdrawal does not alter any competition eligibility or disciplinary consequence already incurred.
- ☐ I understand this form does not exclude rights or liabilities that cannot lawfully be excluded and does not replace insurance terms, competition regulations or medical advice.

## 5. MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

**Relevant medical conditions/injuries/allergies**

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**Medication or management plan**

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**Emergency contact name and relationship**

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**Emergency contact phone**

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**Medical clearance attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not required**

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**Clearance date/practitioner (if applicable)**

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## 6. DECLARATIONS AND SIGNATURES

By signing, each person confirms that the information they have provided is true and complete to the best of their knowledge and that they understand the acknowledgements relevant to them.

### Player

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| **Player name** | **Player signature** | **Date** |

### Parent/legal guardian

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| **Name** | **Signature** | **Date** |

### Club

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| **Authorised representative name and position** | **Signature** | **Date** |

## 7. FOOTBALL VICTORIA DECISION - OFFICE USE ONLY

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| **Decision** ☐ **Approved** ☐ **Not approved** | **Approval expiry date** |
| _____ | _____ |
| **Conditions of approval** | **Reason if not approved** |
| _____ | _____ |
| **FV authorised officer** | **Signature and date** |
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**Administrative note:** The Club must retain this form securely, limit access to those who need it, and handle health and personal information in accordance with applicable privacy, safeguarding and records-management requirements.