



2026 EFNL Age Dispensation Application to Play Down

This Application form is established in accordance with Clause 4.1(b)(i) of the *National Community Football Policy Handbook*. The Application is to be used by a Club seeking approval from the Controlling Body for a Player to play in a lower Grade for which the Player is no longer age eligible. The Application can only be based on one of the grounds specified in Part A. All Parts of this Application form are to be completed.

PART A APPLICATION GROUNDS

This application is made on the following Grounds (Please select all that apply)	Medical	☐	IMPORTANT: See the medical evidence requirements for each Ground in Part D
	Physical Size Considerations (Height/Weight)	☐	
	Developmental Considerations (Skill Level)	☐	
Player's Actual Grade (e.g. U12)		Grade Seeking Approval For (e.g. U11)	

PART B PLAYER DETAILS

Player First Name		Player Surname					
Player D.O.B.		Player Club					
How many years has the Player played AFL?		Grades/Age Group Played in Past 3 Seasons.	2025				
			2024				
			2023				
Has the Player played any representative football in the past 3 years?				Yes	☐	No	☐
Has the Player been part of a football talent Academy in the past 3 years?				Yes	☐	No	☐
Has the Player finished in the top 5 in a Club or League <i>Best & Fairest</i> in the past 3 years?				Yes	☐	No	☐
Please outline over the past 3 seasons where the player finished in the club best and fairest, and how many EFNL league best and fairest votes the player has polled.	Club Best and Fairest Placing		EFNL League Best and Fairest Votes				
	2025		2025				
	2024		2024				
	2023		2023				

Please detail the reasons impacting the player's capacity to effectively participate in their actual age group.	
What reasonable adjustments has the club looked to implement to overcome any of the effects identified and that might have allowed the player to play in their actual age group? Why were these adjustments not successful?	
How would allowing the player to play in the lower age group support the player to overcome any barriers to their effective participation in Australian Football?	
Detail the availability of any other assistance to the player that will enable them to effectively participate in Australian Football.	
Detail how the participation of the player in a lower age group will not adversely impact the safety of other players in that lower age group, including the youngest players (who may be as much as 4 years younger) and smallest of those players.	
Provide any additional background information that is relevant to the application.	

PART D PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

GROUND ONE - DISABILITY/MEDICAL	Disability means a disability as defined in the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) (Cth) or in any similar state-based legislation applicable to a particular Controlling Body including those disabilities listed in Appendix 4 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook. An Application under this ground MUST be supported by a current medical certificate / report from a medical specialist appropriately qualified in the area of practice relevant to the disability. The medical certificate / report is to: (i) confirm the nature of the Player's disability; and (ii) describe how this disability impacts the Player's capacity to effectively participate in football in the Grade commensurate to their age.
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GROUND TWO - PHYSICAL SIZE CONSIDERATIONS	An Application under this ground MUST be supported by a current medical certificate / report confirming: (i) the player's Body Mass Index ('BMI') measurements (weight divided by height) and that this is below the 5th percentile for the player's age; OR (ii) the player's Height measurement and that this is below the 5th percentile for the player's age. The measurements of BMI or height must be taken within three months of the Application.
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GROUND THREE - DEVELOPMENTAL	By ticking this box, I confirm that this player does not have the adequate skill level to compete in their own age group. This would therefore mean that this play should not: - Poll votes in the EFNL League Best and Fairest - Finish Top 12 in the club best and fairest - Finish in the top 10 in the EFNL League Goal Kicking By ticking this box I also understand that at any point during the 2025 season, if the player shows the ability to be more than competitive in the age group they have been permitted down to play in that the permit will be rescinded immediately, and the player will be required to participate in their own age group.	☐
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PART E DECLARATION & SIGNATORIES

DECLARATION	In signing this Application, each person acknowledges that <i>the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge</i>			
Parent / Guardian 1 Name		Signature		Date
Club Contact Name		Signature		Date