



OUT OF AGE POLICY

The Preston Bullants Junior Football Club believes that young people should play with others of their own age. It is the policy of the Club that players must seek registration in the team appropriate to their age. For reasons of equity, safety and personal development the Club insists that players participate in the correct team.

- While sympathetic to the wishes of some children to be placed in teams with their friends, the overall goals of the Club are best served by playing with children of similar ages.
- PBJFC will try to satisfy requests from individual parents and children, however, club and team goals are our first priority. The club views children playing with children from other schools and backgrounds as an excellent opportunity to make new friends.

It is only in exceptional circumstances that a player may be permitted to play outside of his/her age group. This includes players seeking to:

- Play (up) above age group (club permission required, refer form below)
- Play (down) below age group (YJFL special dispensation required, refer *YJFL Special Consideration Form.*)

Permission to play (up) above age group

It is only in exceptional circumstances where a compelling case is put by the player's guardian/parents, that the Club may permit a person to play out of age, above the appropriate age group, by one year only.

In making its decision, the Club will have regard for the skills and physical development of an individual, the number of players in the teams involved and whether the person has previously played at the higher level.

Any decision by the Club to permit a person to play out of age in a year is for that year only.

The Club may not give approval in circumstances where the viability of a team may be compromised.

Where approval for a child to play out of age is sought, parents/guardians will be required to complete and sign the *Permission to play (up) above age group Form* acknowledging their consent.



Permission to play (up) above age group Form

I request that my child be permitted to play in the under _____ team for the _____ season.

Player name: _____

Player Date of birth: _____

My child should be permitted to play above the appropriate age group because:

I understand that Club policy is for young people to play in the appropriate age group.

I agree to indemnify the Club committee, team coach and officials from any action should the Club agree to permit my child to play out of age.

I understand that the Club may not approve this request.

I acknowledge that any approval to play out of age is for the current season only.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Name (please print): _____

Date: ____/____/20____.

(PBJFC Committee use only)

Approved Not approved

Coach notified

Parent/player notified