



2012 - Player Age Policy

As per advice from Football Queensland Memo 10-11, the FQ Board has resolved:

To rescind the Player age policy as of 1/1/2012 and requires Competition Administrators (CA's) to include player eligibility in Competition Rules.

Football Queensland has advised Competition rules must include the following provisions:

- Players must be turning 5 by the end of the calendar in which they wish to register. This replaces the previous requirement for players to have attained 5 years before registration.
- Players must play in their designated age group as determined by date of birth unless exceptional circumstances apply. Exceptional circumstances are defined as identified players who participate at State or National level competitions.
- Each CA are required to provide a top tier Division 1 competition in every designated junior competitive age group U12 – U15 (There are to be no combined age groups for the Division 1 competition). Variation will be considered by FQ on application.
- Where combined age groups are required for lower divisions, applications will be considered by FQ.

SUNSHINE COAST FOOTBALL PROPOSED AGE REQUIREMENTS / RESTRICTIONS – JUNIORS 2012 TO MEET THE ABOVE FQ DIRECTIVE

Subsequent to the advice from FQ, the following requirements / restrictions will replace any previous Age Policy or Competition Rules.

Clubs should make every effort to place junior players in their age appropriate teams. Under no circumstances should clubs promote "playing up" as an appropriate development strategy to young players or their parents/guardians. In all cases the club must forward a request letter and parental/guardian approval must be obtained before a player is considered to be allowed to "play up". Clubs should familiarise themselves with the age restrictions/requirements before the season commences and ensure that all coaches are aware of them when selecting teams.

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JUNIOR COMPETITIVE PLAYERS ONLY – UNDER 12 – UNDER 15

Division Two / One Division only in an age group

Application for relief from the current Player Age Policy has been sort and amended as below with regard to playing up one chronological age group into Division Two competitions or competitions where only one division exists:

- Players playing one chronological age group out of their age division into **Division Two** competitions are required to submit a PA01 form only before taking the field – no other supporting documentation is required
- Players playing one chronological age group out of their age divisions where **only one division** exists to play up into i.e. Under 17 Girls are required to submit a PA01 form only before taking the field – no other supporting documentation is required

No player may participate outside their age group into Division Two competitions without submitting a PA01 form to the SCF Office.

Division One

Application for relief from the current Player Age Policy to play up one chronological age group into **first division** competitions has been granted and all applications must be forwarded to the SCF Zone Office for review by the Regional Development Officer – email to office@sunshinecoastfootball.com.au

- Players must seek approval from the Regional Development Officer for all requests to play up one chronological age group into **Division One** competitions. All requests must come via the club with a supporting club letter and a PA01 application from signed by the parent / guardian. Applications will be accepted on a player by player basis only and no requests will be accepted directly from a parent / guardian.

No player may participate outside their age group into Division One competitions without prior written approval from the Regional Development Officer and may play up one chronological age group only, no further extension of the playing up age groups may be sort.

The correct procedure for division one requests is to send all applications for the Regional Development Officer, Scott Grimshaw, direct to: office@sunshinecoastfootball.com.au Requests with correct documentation (as outlined above) from your club must be received on **this email address only to ensure the application is processed in a timely manner.**

NB: A PA01 form can be found on our website and is an Application for Permission to Participate at different age level.

For completeness the following movement is allowed on application and approval from the Regional Development Officer:

Boys – with PA01 form completed and held in SCF Office

Under 12 can play into Under 13 (2)

Under 13 can play into Under 14 (2)

Under 14 can play into Under 15 (2)

Under 15 can play into Under 17 (2)

Girls – with PA01 form completed and held in SCF Office

Under 12/13 Girls can play into Under 15 Girls (2)

Under 14/15 Girls can play into Under 17

Boys – with PA01 form and approval from the Regional Development Officer

Under 12 can play into Under 13 (1) & (2)

Under 13 can play into Under 14 (1) & (2)

Under 14 can play into Under 15 (1) & (2)

Under 15 can play into Under 17 (1) & (2)

Girls with PA01 form and approval from the Regional Development Officer

Under 12/13 Girls can play into Under 15(1) & (2)

All other competition rules apply regarding movement of players across divisions and teams.

Sunshine Coast Football encourages all players to play in their designated age group as determined by date of birth. Current exceptions to the original player age group are in place for the 2012 transition year only.

For clarification all Players playing into Division 1 are to remain in their designated age group unless approval has been received from the Regional Development Officer via the correct procedure.

SMALL SIDED FOOTBALL

Age Groups for 2012 for Small Sided Football are as below:

Under 6 – 2006 & 2007

Under 7 – 2005

Under 8 – 2004

Under 9 – 2003

Under 10 – 2002

Under 11 – 2001

Playing up one age group within a format may only be requested where numbers do not allow them to play within their own age group. Clubs must provide evidence with their applications to support the request.

Where combined age groups are required for insufficient playing numbers, players will only be approved into combined age groups where they do not conflict with the current SSF playing formats:

Format / Groupings must be U6 & U7, U8 & U9, U10 & U11

- There are no changes to the below rulings

JUNIOR PLAYERS PLAYING UP INTO SENIOR COMPETITIONS

In all cases of playing up parental / guardian approval must be obtained before a player is considered to be allowed to “play up”. Football Queensland form PA01 must be completed and forwarded to the SCF Office.

For purposes of the player age policy all players are classified as “juniors” until they attain the age of eighteen years.

MALE

Players who are Under 17 and older – (YOB 1995) may play freely into any Senior competition. No players younger than this age group may take the field in senior competitions.

FEMALE

Players who are Under 16 and older – (YOB 1996) may play in any Sunshine Coast Football Senior competition. No players younger than this age group may take the field in senior competitions.

Players who are Under 17 (YOB 1995) may take the field for the SCF Brisbane Premier Sapphire and Diamond league teams (subject to FBI competition rules). No other players younger than this age group is eligible to take part in these competitions except members of the Under 16 JPL squad who may be used on a non-permanent basis (YOB 1996 only) in these teams.