

WAFC / SWJFL SEASON ADMINISTRATION 9. YEAR GROUPS PLAY DOWN/UP REGULATIONS

A player will play in whatever year they are in at school. If a player is older than the normal age for their school year, and wishes to play in their school year, they are NOT classed as play downs – they are AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED.

Anyone that is in the Year above (ie a Year 8 students wishing to play in a Year 7 team) are classed as a play down & need to apply for an official play down request form, and approved by the SWJFL.

A player may be eligible to play up a maximum of one year group only. In a combined age group, only the senior aged players can apply to go up to the next age bracket and such players must still be approved by the SWJFL.

RULES

1. TALENT

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| a. | Players must be assessed in terms of their talent to play the game. Does their talent potentially give their team an unfair advantage? |
| b. | In a play up situation the opportunity for continued player development needs to be considered. |

2. PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

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| a. | Players should not be of a physical stature that gives them an unfair advantage at the level and/or puts other players at risk in contact situations. |
| b. | In a play up situation, players must be of a physical stature that allows them to compete safely at the level |

3. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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| a. | The social implications on individuals need to be considered in the approvals process. This is particularly important when a player is looking to move into a combined age group. |
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4. ATTITUDES

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| a. | Players must be known for playing fairly 'in the spirit of the game' |
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5. TEAM NUMBERS

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| a. | Total numbers of registered players in the team that a player is looking to move into must be considered in the approval process. |
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6. TEAM STRENGTH

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| a. | Team history, particularly the ladder position achieved in the previous season and the current strength of the team need to be considered in the approval process. |
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Please note that the maximum number of play downs that can be present on the field at one time is **three**. This must be managed by the Coach and Team Manager of the team at all times during a game.

SWJFL will provide a list of approved Play Ups & Play Downs to each Club President prior to the season commencing, which should be distributed to all Team Managers.

