

APPENDIX 9 – AFL National Age Dispensation Application Form

Part A – Player details			
Player First Name		Player Surname	
Player D.O.B.		Club Name	
Years playing AFL		Age Groups played in	

Part B – Dispensation requirements to be met		
<p>The Club is to read and acknowledge that it understands the following requirements which apply to an application for Age Dispensation to play down a Grade, as set out in Section 4 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook.</p>	<p>An application for dispensation to play down a Grade may only be made on the basis of a disability or physical size considerations.</p>	
	<p>Any application on the basis of a disability must be supported by a current medical certificate from a medical specialist appropriately qualified in the area of practice relevant to the disability. The certificate is to detail the nature of the Player's disability, describe how the disability impacts the Player's capacity to participate in an age group commensurate to their age and state any other reasons for supporting the application for dispensation which directly relate to the dispensation being sought.</p>	
	<p>An application on the basis of physical size considerations must be supported by a current medical certificate confirming that the player's Body Mass Index ('BMI') is below the 5th percentile for the player's age or the player's height is below the 5th percentile for the player's age.</p>	
	<p>The application under either ground must also detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The effect of the Player's disability or physical size considerations on their capacity to effectively participate in Australian Football, in particular, their capacity to participate against the oldest Players in their age group; (ii) How it is proposed that the approval of age dispensation will support the Player to overcome any barriers to their effective participation in Australian Football arising from their disability or physical size considerations; (iii) The availability of other assistance to the Player to enable them to effectively participate in Australian Football; (iv) How the participation of the Player in a lower age group will not adversely impact the safety and welfare of the Player and those Players in that lower age group. 	
Club Acknowledgement	<p>We have read understand the above requirements and confirm that this application is made in accordance with these requirements.</p>	

Part C – Dispensation Request			
Ground for Application (select one)	Application on the basis of a disability		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Application on the basis of physical size considerations (BMI below the 5 th percentile or height below the 5 th percentile)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Player's applicable age group (e.g. U13)		Age group requested (e.g. U12)	
<p>Club Submission in Support of the Application</p> <p>Provide any additional background information that is relevant to the application. Provide any information that helps address each of the</p>			

matters raised in the "Dispensation Requirements to be Met".			
Medical Certificate Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical Specialist name and speciality. If reports from more than one medical specialist attached, list each name and speciality.	
Other Supporting Documents Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide a brief summary of any other supporting document attached (e.g. a letter from the Player's parents / guardian)	

Parent / Guardian 1 Name		Signature		Date	
Parent / Guardian 2 Name		Signature		Date	
Club Contact Name		Signature		Date	
Club Contact Email				Phone	

Controlling Body Determination	
Dispensation to play in the requested age group is approved, subject to any conditions specified below	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dispensation to play in the requested age group is not approved, for reasons specified	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conditions / Reasons	
Date of Decision	