

**NORTHERN FOOTBALL  
NETBALL LEAGUE  
INCORPORATED**



**SCHEDULE 35:  
UNDER-18/UNDER-19  
DEVELOPMENT PLAYER  
POLICY**

**Adopted  
December 2019**

### Under-18/Under 19 Development Player Policy

The NFNL is permitting up to a maximum of 5 overage players to play in the under-19 male and the under-18 female competitions. This permit may be assessed on the following conditions;

- Male Dispensation (19 ½ - 20 years old)
  - For an U/19 ½ competition in **2023**, the age shall be extended back to 1<sup>st</sup> January, **2022**, thus allowing the player to be 20 on January 1, **2023**.  
***Any player born prior to January 1 2003, would not be eligible to be reviewed under the policy (in which the player would be over 20 years of age)***
- Female Dispensation (18 – 19 years old)
  - For an U/18 competition in **2023**, the age shall be extended back to 1<sup>st</sup> January, **2022**, thus allowing the player to be 19 on January 1, **2023**.  
***Any player born prior to January 1 2004, would not be eligible to be reviewed under the policy (in which the player would be over 19 years of age)***
- The player has not played AFL in an affiliated competition
- The player has not played AFL in an affiliated competition in the previous 3 years.
- A players history will assist in the review
  - Club and/or League Best and Fairest award winners will not be granted an exemption.
  - Representative Players will not be granted an exemption.
  - Players who have played reserves or senior games may not be granted an exemption.
  - Players tribunal/behaviour history will be assessed (yellow/red cards and suspensions)

If a player who has received dispensation at any time plays in reserves or seniors' competition (including as a 23<sup>rd</sup> player), their dispensation may be removed.

If a player who has received dispensation at any time receives a red/yellow card their dispensation may be removed.

If circumstances change dispensation may be removed at any stage.

The Application must be made to the NFNL (Football Operations Manager) in writing by the club outlining the rationale of the request.

**Player Details**

Name:.....

Date of Birth:..... Age group player is requesting to play in:.....

Reason for dispensation request:

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Please advise the players playing history over the past 5 years (include club, competition and number of games played)?

- 1. ....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....
- 4. ....
- 5. ....

Does the player have any tribunal or yellow/red card history (if applicable include date, offence/charge, weeks suspended, card colour):

- 1. ....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....
- 4. ....

Has the player ever played in a representative team? Yes/No

Club Representatives Name:.....

Club Representatives Role:.....