

PLAYER AGE PERMIT POLICY

Purpose

The primary objective of this policy is to encourage balanced competition while fostering the development of young players. This policy provides guidelines for allowing players to compete in lower age groups in specific circumstances.

Scope

The guidelines apply to competitions administered by SACA through an MOU for a Centralised Administration Service who have adopted this policy.

Definitions

For the purpose of these guidelines and unless the context otherwise requires:

“Competition Administrator” means the SACA staff member appointed to provide competition administration service to the association.

“SACA Competition Experience Team” are the broader staff responsible for supporting community associations.

“Permit Committee” refers to persons appointed by the Association for this purpose, or where that function has been delegated by the Association to the SACA Competition Experience Team.

Responsibility

The “SACA Competition Experience Team” is responsible for the administration of this policy.

The appointed “Permit Committee” shall be responsible for the review and determination of applications made in accordance with this policy.

Policy

All players must be selected to their correct team, based on their playing age on the 1st September at the commencement of the playing season.

Clubs may apply to the SACA Competition Experience team on behalf of a registered player to seek approval for the player to compete in a lower age group than their eligibility would ordinarily permit.

Player Age Permits will only be considered where reasonable evidence has been provided to support that the player meets one or more of the following criteria.

- Medical reason
- Personal or family reason
- Physical or skill development
- Other reason at the discretion of the Association and/or SACA Competition Experience team

Procedure

The request for any permit shall be based on:

- Child's ability in the sport
- Batting Runs
- Wickets Taken
- Batting Style
- Bowling Style

The relevant permit application form provided by the SACA Competition Experience team must be filled in fully to be eligible for consideration of receiving a permit. The form will seek the following information:

- Club Requesting Permit
- Person Requesting Permit
- Player Name
- Player Date Of Birth
- Age Group In 2023/2024
- Age Group Request To Play In 2024/25
- How Many Years Has The Player Played Cricket?
- Primary Skill; Bat/Bowl/All Rounder:
- Season Stats 2023/24 (Grade, Matches, Runs, Wickets)

The Permit Committee can refuse any player they think would make the game unsafe or unfair.

SACA Competition Experience team or the relevant Association does not have to publish any players that have gained permits. This is due to privacy.

The Permit Committee has the power to rescind any registration or permit that has been approved.

Conditions & Review

Players approved to compete in a lower age group must adhere to all other by-laws and playing conditions relating to that age group, including any restrictions on bowling spells and batting retirements.

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The permit form must be submitted to competitions@saca.com.au by 5:00pm on the Wednesday prior to the game commencing.