



This Reckoner is to be used as a guide when assessing players participating above their age group.

2026 PLAYER ASSESSMENT READY RECKONER

Year Born	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	D3	DIV 2	DIV 1	O35		
2021	OK	PP	PP	S.S.F. COMPETITION ONLY															
2020	NO	OK	PP															PP	
2019		NO	OK															PP	PP
2018			NO															OK	PP
2017				NO	OK	PP	PP	S.S.F. COMPETITION ONLY											
2016				NO	OK	PP	PP											CA	
2015					NO	OK	PP											PP	CA
2014						NO	OK											PP	PP
2013							NO	OK	PP	PP	CA								
2012								NO	OK	PP	PP	CA							
2011									NO	OK	PP	PP	CA	CA	CA				
2010											NO	OK	PP	PP	PP	PP			
2009												NO	OK	PP	PP	PP			
2008													NO	OK	OK	OK		NO	
2007																		NO	
1991																	YES		

LEGEND:-

PP	PARENTAL PERMISSION REQUIRED - Must have answered the Question during Player Registration online	YES	Turning 35 in the playing year
OK	ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AGE		
NO	IN-ELIGIBLE - CANNOT PLAY IN THIS AGE Without Technical Directors Assessment	SSF ONLY	MiniRoos COMPETITION ONLY
CA	AWFA Approved C Licence coaches Assessment Required Form 18 (AWFA FORM 11 to be submitted)		

Players must register in the age division as determined by their year of Birth



ALBURY/WODONGA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION GUIDELINES FOR PLAYING IN A TEAM ABOVE YOUR OWN AGE GROUP

The AWFA recommended age limit to play in a team above a player's own age is - TWO (2) YEARS.

The approval to allow a player to play more than two (2) years above their age must only ever be considered when there is good reason why a player is unable to play in their own age Division. A reason may be that there is no team available to cater for their age or their strength, stamina and physique is so advanced that there may be a duty of care issue in relation to the safety of other players in their own age group.

A request to play more than two (2) years above their age for reasons such as playing with their siblings or friends or on a different day or because they just want to, is not considered a suitable enough reason.

Approval to play more than two (2) years above:

Where a player wishes to play more than two (2) years above their own age, then approval is at the discretion of AWFA EC subject to an assessment of the player by an accredited club coach based on the player's strength, stamina and physique.

What determines the stipulated age of the team?

The age of the team is determined by the name of the team.

- U15 is the 15's. – therefore anyone 13 or 14 is generally considered suitable to play in that age team without assessment but must have Parent Permission. Anyone 12 years old or younger must be assessed.
- All Age – The common minimum age of All Age players is 18+ years, therefore when applying the two (2) year guidelines, anyone under 16 years old must be assessed. AWFA may not accept some applications from players under 16 years as these players maybe considered too young both physically and mentally.

Who conducts the Assessment?

This is a decision for the Association. The AWFA requires that Clubs use suitably qualified persons (such as accredited coaches) to conduct assessments or often it may be the coach of the team (in which the player wants to play) who assesses the player.

As well as assessing the player on their **strength, stamina and physique**, the risks associated with playing with and against players more than two (2) years above their age should be considered as well as the mental effect of playing at this level.

The final approval to permit a player to play more than two (2) years above is a decision by Albury Wodonga Football Association Executive Committee with ample consideration given to duty of care of the player.

PLAYING ABOVE AGE CONSENT FORM - MUST BE COMPLETED

Where a person is applying to play more than two (2) years above their age, Parental or Legal Guardian permission must be obtained using the Playing Above Age Consent Form. The Consent Form must be completed and signed off by the relevant club and AWFA prior to the player being approved to play in the older age team. The Consent form is available on the AWFA website listed under About AWFA in the Administrative Forms menu.

Accepting the responsibility of approving players

If the Club does not want to accept the responsibility of assessing and approving players then they have the option of declining such applications and/or inserting a rule in their Regulations which prevents players from applying to play more than two (2) years above their own age. The Association cannot transfer the responsibility of assessment or approval to any other organisation or individual, it is a risk management and duty of care decision applicable to their own membership which the association is responsible for.

At the discretion of the EC, women may be allowed to play in Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 Men's competition. The prime consideration in granting such discretion being for player development. Applications are on the basis of one season and must be re-applied for annually if applicable. If approved the AWFA Secretary shall inform all clubs of the approved exemption.

Why isn't there a strict Policy on this?

The reason that there is not a strict policy on this is because in some areas there may not be teams available in all age groups and allowing a player to play more than two (2) years up may often be the only way a player can get to play.

When determining their eligibility to play in a higher age Division, Use the following link:

[Current Year Reckoner](#)