



Playing in Age Group Policy

Roy's Football

Roy's Footy is a Development Program (not a competition) for kids in the 5-7 age groups. The program is an extension of NAB AFL Auskick, where participants play game-based activities leading into modified (non-contact) AFL matches.

As this is a program, not a competition AFLQ will not accept playing up or down consent forms.

All participants must be born within the age groups of 1/1/2011 - 31/12/2013 for the 2018 season.

<u>Birth Year</u>	<u>Date Range</u>	<u>Eligible Age Group/s</u>
2013	01 Jan to 31 Dec	Auskick / Roy's
2012	01 Jan to 31 Dec	Auskick / Roy's
2011	01 Jul to 31 Dec	Auskick / Roy's
	01 Jan to 30 Jun	Auskick / Roy's / Under 8's
2010	01 Jan to 31 Dec	Auskick / Under 8's

Juniors – Under 8 -11 (Boys and Girls)

All players are to sign-on within the age group appropriate to their age. MJAFc strongly advocates for all players playing in their appropriate age group.

Players may only subsequently play in an older age group (maximum of one age group greater than that appropriate to their age) with the written permission of the MJAFc Junior Football Co-ordinator or President.

No player can play up an age group if it results in a player in the older age group missing out on a game of football.

If players are willing to play two age groups up, then permission is needed from the AFLQBJ. (See AFLQBJ website for permission forms). MJAFc do not envisage that players playing two age groups up will occur.

On match days, players may play up one age group without permission of the MJAFc Junior Football Co-ordinator or President only if there are insufficient numbers in the older age group on a particular day.

Every effort should be made to ensure that all players have the opportunity to play as much football as possible in relation to:

- The number of games played in a season.
- The on field playing time each week. Every effort should be made to ensure each player plays at least 3 quarters per game.

- Opportunity to be involved in the game while on the field. Players must be rotated through differing positions to expand their knowledge of the game and positional play.
- All players must be on the field prior to half time and preferably by the beginning of the second quarter to ensure as close to 3 quarters of game time per player.
- In order to assist in this approach, team managers for these age groups may keep records of the interchange at the commencement of each quarter to assist coaches.

The Sibling Rule

If due to logistical issues players are unable to participate in their selected grade – eg:

- Children at different venues
- Pooled transport arrangements

Coaches are obliged to resolve these issues in direct consultation with the parents.

The final decision will however rest with the coach.

Youth Under 12 - Under 16 Boys and Under 13-17 Girls

The AFLQ has strict rules regarding players playing up or down in Youth.

Please note applications for Youth Football (under 12-17) will only be considered on medical/health grounds (medical certificate required with application). Or if players are born in October, November or December of the year above the age group they wish to play in i.e. player turning 17 wishing to play in Under 16 competition. (See AFLQ Brisbane Juniors website for the appropriate forms).

Consideration based on being born in October – December will be on a case by case basis by the Youth Football Sub-Committee. Factors such as numbers in the both age groups will be considered, as will the Coaches of the respective teams input.

Representative players are not eligible to play down an age group.

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