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# Memo

**To:** All Clubs  
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TO ALL CLUBS

Dear President

There will be some significant changes to the age requirements for junior players written into the Rules of Competition (ROC) for the 2012 Season. These changes replace the current age policy which will now be withdrawn. Clubs should ensure that these rules are circulated to all players, parents and coaches before teams are formulated for the new season. This is an early advice of the changes so that clubs can take them into account as they plan for 2012. The full Rules of Competition will be circulated to clubs within the next seven days.

## AGE REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS JUNIOR RULES OF COMPETITION 2012

### ***From Football Queensland Memo 10/11***

*Players must play in their designated age group as determined by date of birth unless exceptional circumstances apply. Exceptional circumstances are defined as identified players who participate at State or National level competitions.*

### PREAMBLE

Subsequent to the above advice from FQ, the following requirements/restrictions will form part of the Football Brisbane Junior ROC for 2012. They replace any previous Age Policy or ROC.

Clubs should make every effort to place junior players in their age appropriate teams. Whilst Football Brisbane recognises there will be times when composite teams have to be fielded, this should only be done as a last resort. Under no circumstances should clubs promote “playing up” as an appropriate development strategy to young players or their parents/guardians. In all cases parental/guardian approval must be obtained before a player is considered to be allowed to ‘play up”. Clubs should familiarise themselves with the age restrictions/requirements before the season commences and ensure that all coaches are aware of them when selecting teams. Any club in doubt as to the meaning of these rules should contact Football Brisbane for clarification.





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## **BOYS**

### **All BJJ, ALL U/17, ALL DIVISION 1 AND U/12 DIVISION 1 COMPETITIONS**

Players must attain the appropriate age for the competition they wish to play in during the Year of Competition.

U/17	Born 1995 or 1996
U/15	Born 1997
U/14	Born 1998
U/13	Born 1999
U/12	Born 2000

Players will not be permitted to play up into these competitions unless they qualify for and have been granted "Special Circumstances" status.

### **U/15 U/14 U/13 DIVISION 2 AND BELOW U/12 DIVISION 2 AND BELOW**

Players are permitted to play one year up into these competitions, subject to the 'composite team' rules, with parental/guardian approval.

#### **Composite Team Definition**

Where clubs have to combine age groups in Lower Divisions the following restrictions apply.

The majority of players should come from the older age level. Where this is not the case application should be made to Football Brisbane for permission to vary this rule. Football Brisbane's decision on any such application will be final.

Football Brisbane reserves the right to withdraw from competition any team found in breach of these rules.

## **GIRLS**

Football Brisbane recognises that, because of numbers, the "girls only" competition requires special consideration. Accordingly there are minor variations to the age requirements/restrictions for "girls only" competitions.

### **U/17**

As for Boys, although girls may play one year up into this competition, with parental/guardian consent and upon application to, and approval from Football Brisbane. Football Brisbane's decision on all applications will be final.

### **U/12 to U/15 inclusive**

Girls may play one year up into these competitions with parental/guardian approval.

### **SSF**

Playing up in SSF will only be permitted within the following bands U/6 to 7, U/8 to 9, U/10 to 11  
Players who have not attained the age of 5 years must not be played beyond U/6 SSF





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## JUNIOR PLAYERS IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS

All players are classified as 'junior' players until they attain the age of eighteen years.

### MALE

Players that have attained the age of 17 years may play freely into any Senior Competition. Players that have attained the age of 16 years may apply for "Special Circumstances" status to play into U/19 only, or into All Senior Football (Excepting Metro Divisions where players must have attained the age of 17 to be allowed to play).

### FEMALE

Players who have attained the age of 17 years may play freely into all Senior Football. Players who have attained the age of 16 years may play into the SEQ Diamond or FB Sapphire Leagues with parental/guardian approval.

Players who have attained the age of 15 may apply, with parental approval, for "Special Circumstances" status to play into the SEQ Diamond or Football Brisbane Sapphire Leagues.

Players must have attained the age of 17 years to play into any FB Womens League Competition i.e. Division 1 and below.

## EXEMPTION FOR 2012 ONLY FOR 2011 U/18 PLAYERS

Players who played 7 or more times in an U/18 Competition in 2011 and who will attain the age of 17 in 2012 will be permitted, with parental/guardian approval, to play in the U/19 Competition.

### NOTE

Football Brisbane will issue a guide to applying for exemptions under the 'exceptional circumstances' clause following the conclusion of discussions with Football Queensland on the process to be followed.

Michael Bailey  
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