

2017 Dispensation information sheet

In order for clubs to be able to register players and enter teams in some competitions, dispensations of players to play in grades below or above their age may be required and are accounted for in competition regulations.

There are three different types of dispensation which can be applied for by clubs, which for the 2017 season, will have the following set procedures and timings:

Individual PLAYER dispensation (entire season) This is required when a player(s) is being requested to play in a grade below their current age or more than one year above their age grade. Requests relating to players playing more than one year above their current age grade will require approval from Jason Batty – AFF Football Development Manager.

Timing: Clubs must apply for this type of dispensation either when team entries are completed or before 12pm Monday 6th March 2017 or before the player takes the field for the first time for that team during the season.

Individual player dispensation (one-off game or period of games) Required when a player(s) is being requested to play in a grade more than one year above their current age or a youth player wishing to play senior football. These requests will require approval from Jason Batty – AFF Football Development Manager.

Timing: Clubs must apply for dispensations prior to 12pm on the Monday before the given competition match in order to have the request processed for that weekend's match. Requests received after 12pm on Fridays will be deferred to the following week.

TEAM dispensation (entire team or large numbers of players within a team to play up) Where a club wishes to play a whole team up a grade, or has a team which requires a high proportion of players from a younger age group, this will require approval from Jason Batty – AFF Football Development Manager. Instances where this is required are:

- more than five younger players in a 7-a-side competition
- more than six younger players in a 9-a-side competition
- more than seven younger players in an 11-a-side competition

Timing: Clubs must apply for Team dispensation on completion of youth competition entry forms by 12pm on Monday 7th March 2017.

AFF response timings: AFF will respond to all dispensation requests as soon as possible after the request has been lodged or by 5pm on the Friday before the match concerned in most instances.

Notes:

- Only dispensation requests for players seeking to play up more than one year above their age grade will be considered for Metropolitan Leagues.
- The following limits apply concerning the numbers of dispensed players allowed per team:

Boys		Girls	
11-a-side	2 players	11-a-side	3 players
9-a-side	2 players	9-a-side	3 players
7-a-side	1 player	7-a-side	2 players

Applying for dispensations

Should you need to apply for a dispensation under any of the above circumstances, please have your club representative fully complete the appropriate dispensation form and send to AFF Competitions Department, AFFcompetitions@aucklandfootball.org.nz before the deadlines mentioned above.