# Appendix A – 2027 Youth Age Eligibility

Prior to the commencement of the 2024 season a review took place on age criteria parameters for competitions. Football Tasmania reviewed parameters set across other Member Federations. In turn, our age parameters have been set very broadly to provide clubs flexibility selecting players in teams. To allow for this, as in 2024, there will be no RAE applications accepted.

| Age Group | Eligible Male Birth Years | Eligible Female Birth Years |
|---|---|---|
| **10s** | 2017,2018 | 2017,2018 |
| **12s** | 2015,2016 | 2015,2016 |
| **13s** | 2014,2015,2016* | 2014,2015,2016* |
| **14s** | 2013,2014,2015* | 2013,2014,2015* |
| **Youth 13/14s** | 2013,2014,2015,2016* | 2013,2014,2015,2016* |
| **Youth 15/16s** | 2011,2012,2013,2014* | 2011,2012,2013,2014* |
| **15s** | 2012,2013,2014* | 2012,2013,2014* |
| **16s** | 2011,2012,2013* | 2011,2012,2013* |
| **17s** | 2010,2011,2012,2013* | 2010,2011,2012,2013* |
| **18s** | 2009,2010,2011,2012* | 2009,2010,2011,2012* |
| **21s** | 2006,2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012* | N/A |
| **Senior Football (NPL, WPL, Championship, League 1-4)** | 2011* | 2012* |

*Birth years with an asterisk require a "2027 Youth Player Exemption" to be completed and emailed to emma.brown@footballtasmania.com.au by cob Wednesday, prior to being mapped in DRIBL and approved to play. This form is accessible here: 2027 Youth Player Exemption Form.docx

Football Tasmania will be implementing an **exceptional circumstances exemption process**, where Club Technical Directors & Football Tasmania's Football Department believe that it is in the best interest of a player's development to play in a competition outside of the set criteria within the 2027 Age Eligibility Criteria. The criteria and process for such requests is referenced on the following page.

## Additional Information

- NPL 21s Competitions are allowed three (3) overage players each game. This is managed through DRIBL.
- Please note girls playing in boys' competition can play down one year. DRIBL will not allow this to happen, however by emailing emma.brown@footballtasmania.com.au before 12pm Fridays, this can happen ahead of the weekends matches.

## Exceptional Circumstances Exemption Process:

This can only be requested by Club Technical Directors for exemption requests outside of the set player age criteria referenced in Appendix A - 2027 Youth Age Eligibility.

**The following is the process for completing an assessment for a player to be considered:**

- A 2027 Exceptional Circumstances Exemption Form must be completed and emailed to playerdevelopment@footballtasmania.com.au (Please note, player assessments may take up to 10 working days to be completed)
- Once Assessment form is completed by Clubs, Football Tasmania's Football Department will complete an assessment on the individual and approve or decline based on this assessment.
- Approved Assessments will be then sent from the Football Department to Emma Brown, Competitions Coordinator for approval and completion in DRIBL and confirmation with club of completion and approval of assessment.
- Declined Assessments will be communicated directly from the Football Department to the Club requesting assessment.

**Key Criteria in Assessment:**

- For a player to be considered, they must be participating in the Football Tasmania Academy.
- Clubs will need to provide the parameters of why they are requesting assessment, and what they will do, to manage the player, if approved.
- The Players Physical & Mental Wellbeing.

**Additional Key Information on the process & Assessments:**

- If a player is denied advancement through the assessment process, they will be ineligible to complete another exemption within the same playing season.
- There is no opportunity to speed up process, the process from receipt of application for assessment to approval/decline of assessment is 10 working days.
- Reasoning will be provided if an assessment is declined.
- Only the Football Tasmania, Football Department key staff have the authority to approve an assessment.
- The 2027 Exceptional Circumstances Exemption Form is located on the FT website here: 2027 Exceptional Circumstances Youth Exemption Form.pdf