



North Gippsland Football Netball League

Under 18 Competition

Overage Special Permit Guidelines



The primary consideration of the Overage Special Permit, is to allow an overage player who has a medical condition/disability or is under-developed in skill or size to participate in the NGFNL Under 18 competition rather than discontinue playing due to a lack of confidence in playing at a level that appears to be above their capability.

The secondary consideration of the Overage Special Permit is to assist clubs to field a team where they have insufficient numbers.

Eligibility

1. The player must turn 19 years of age during the calendar year of the season that he is requesting to play in.
2. Each Club is limited to a maximum of 6 players utilising this Overage Special Permit.
3. Each Club is limited to using only enough Overage Special Permit Players to bring their available squad to select from to 24. Where a normal U18 player is made inactive due to long term injury or unavailability then an Overage Special Permit Player can be utilised as a temporary replacement to bring the available squad up to 24 players.
4. Players wishing to play under this Overage Special Permit arrangement will not be granted an Overage Special Permit if they have a history of being guilty of a serious reportable offence ie, kicking, spitting, & Striking.
5. Players wishing to play under this Overage Special Permit arrangement will not be granted an Overage Special Permit if they have a playing record showing they have played a Senior (Firsts) game for the NGFNL or any other competition. If there are exceptional circumstances in this category they must be outlined in this application
6. Games played in a Reserves competition are acceptable and does not revoke the Overage Special Permit.

Application

Clubs must apply for consideration of an Overage Special Permit in writing, using the NGFNL Application for Overage Special Permit Form, listing the following:

1. Club's name.
2. Player's full name.
3. Player's date of birth.
4. Details of medical condition/disability, supported by a medical certificate, if applicable.
5. Player's size (height and weight) and skill level.
6. A detailed history of player's playing history including any Senior (Firsts) games.
7. A detailed history of any guilty reportable offences.
8. Club numbers in that grade.
9. If a club, or player, feel that there are exceptional circumstances why a player does not meet the eligibility criteria, they can ask the NGFNL Board to consider an application based on the exceptional circumstances. In this situation, the full details of the exceptional circumstances must be included in the Application Form.

10. Applications, which must be signed by the club President or Secretary, must be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the player playing for the first time.
11. The player must be registered by 30 June.

Monitoring

1. The Overage Special Permit player is to be identified with SP next to his name on the official team sheet.
2. The NGFNL Administrator will maintain an up to date list of all approved, and rejected, applications.
3. The NGFNL Administrator will provide an up to date list to the NGFNL Board and all clubs.
4. The NGFNL Administrator will monitor Overage Special Permit players on a weekly basis to ensure they do not breach the Overage Special Permit Guidelines and will advise clubs/players if such a breach occurs and of the cancellation of the Overage Special Permit.
5. A player granted an Overage Special Permit on medical/disability grounds cannot play Reserves football without a medical clearance in the current season or play a Senior or Reserves match in future years without a medical clearance.

Cancellation of the Overage Special Permit

A player's Overage Special Permit will be cancelled immediately under the following circumstances:

1. The player plays a Senior (Firsts) game for his club during the current season.
2. The player is found guilty of a reportable offence during the season or of abusing umpires, officials or spectators.
3. The player is viewed as acting in an over physical way towards other players.
4. The player is viewed as being of a higher standard and is having a significant impact on the outcome of a game.
5. The player's Club uses Overage Special Permit players in preference to any eligible U18 player/s.

Approval

Under all circumstances the NGFNL Board has the final say in regard to approval process and/or the revoking Overage Special Permits in accordance with the NGFNL Overage Special Permit Guidelines.