



North Gippsland Football Netball League

Under 18 Football Competition

Overage Special Permit Guidelines 2022

The four (4) primary considerations of the Overage Special Permit (OSP), to allow an overage player to participate in the NGFNL Under 18 Competition will be as follows:

- (a) has a medical condition or disability
- (b) has under-developed game skills
- (c) is not ready for senior football due to physical size such as height weight ratio's
- (d) lacks the necessary confidence to play at a level which is above their capability.

The Board will no longer apply any secondary consideration of the NGFNL Overage Special Permit based upon assisting clubs to field a team where they have insufficient numbers. Nor will the Board apply any weight or consideration to loss of playing opportunity due to COVID impacts.

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 2 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.
4. All Overage Special Permit players will be assessed by the Board and/or a Board appointed delegate between round 1-6
5. At the conclusion of round 6 and before the commencement of round 7 the league will advise all clubs a list of any Overage Special Permit player revocations.
6. NO OSP applications will be considered by the Board after the completion of round 6
7. 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 such as Striking, kicking or spitting.
8. Players wishing to play under this Overage Special Permit NGNFL Policy **will not be granted** an Overage Special Permit if they have a playing record showing they have played a Senior game of football for the NGFNL or any other competition. **Games played in our Reserves competition will now also trigger the revocation of 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 ensuring NO Senior (Firsts) games played.
7. The league will cross check the history of any guilty reportable offences.
8. Club to advise playing 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 must be signed by the club President or Secretary as evidence they endorse the club submission and the intent of the leagues OSP policy.
11. OSP applications must carry the applicant's signature as endorsement the information being provided is true and correct
12. Overage Special Permits must be submitted to the leagues Administration at least 48 hours prior to the player playing for the first time.
13. The player must be registered by 30 June and/or before his first game played.

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 a current list of all OSP's (approvals, and those that may have been rejected).
3. The NGFNL Administrator will provide a weekly up to date to the NGFNL Board. Any club seeking this information should write to the NGFNL Administration and this information will be shared transparently.
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 any such a breach occurs. Concurrently the Board will review and consider the cancellation of the Overage Special Permit.
5. Any player granted an Overage Special Permit on medical/disability grounds cannot play Reserves or Senior football without written medical clearance in the playing season for which the permit has been granted. However should this happen any OSP will be subsequently revoked.

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/Seconds grade of football for his club during the current season.
2. The player is found guilty of a reportable offence during the season or for 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 and/or cancellation of any Overage Special Permit in accordance with the NGFNL Overage Special Permit Guidelines.

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