

Age Group Policy - 2017

The Canterbury Junior Football Club observes and is bound by the Laws of the Yarra Junior Football League 2014 as published.

1. Age groups shall commence on the first of January of the current year.
2. For players born 01/01/2010 to 30/04/2010 who play up in U8s in their first year, the AFL & YJFL state that they must then continue to play in U8s again the following year to align those players with the correct age group year going forward.
3. A Player may not play more than 2 years out of his/her respective age group i.e. an Under 10 may not play in an U13 match.

Year of Birth	Age Group for 2017 Season
1 Jan 2009 to 30 April 2010	Under 8
2008	Under 9
2007	Under 10
2006	Under 11
2005	Under 12
2004	Under 13
2003	Under 14

CJFC Policy

It is Club policy that each player plays in the correct age group for their age. This policy is based on the following factors:

- It is non-discriminatory as it applies to all players
- It protects the health and safety of players
- It enables players to develop according to their age and physical capacity
- It provides clarity and certainty for players and parents

The Club recognises that some players (Player) may wish to play at an older team level for peer group or other reasons.

Parents may make application in writing to the Committee for consideration of a request for a Player to be exempted from this policy.

The Committee will assess a request on its merit but decisions concerning out-of-age arrangements are entirely at the discretion of the Committee. Consideration will be given to:

- The context of this policy
- Total age group registrations: The Club must ensure that a transfer to an older team level will not exclude players correctly allocated to the older age group in accordance with this policy and/or where the correct age team for the Player is not likely to be short of a full team as a result of the transfer to the older team level
- Older team numbers and grades: The Club in its discretion must ensure that there is a sufficient balance of players between teams at the same level and therefore cannot

guarantee that the Player wishing to play at the older team level will be playing within a nominated friendship group

- Advice of the Coaching Director

All out-of-age arrangements are for the immediate season ONLY - and Players will revert back to the correct age team for the following season.