



WESTERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE 2025 UNDER 18's OVER-AGE PLAYER POLICY

The intention of the Under 18's Over-Age Player Policy is to give players who are born in the first half of the year 2006 the opportunity and experience to participate in Under 18's football for season 2025.

The WFNL believes that the participation and enjoyment that players experience in Under 18's football is important in developing social networks as well as improving physical and mental health. A positive experience in Under 18's football is also seen as vital for Member Club's to continue to provide a pathway for the players and help retain those players in future years.

Furthermore, the intention of the Under 18's Over-Age Player Policy is to assist a Club facing difficulties fielding an Under 18's side each week still applies.

The Under 18's Over-Age Player Policy for season 2025 is as follows:

- a Member Club may select and play an additional registered player or players in a WFNL Home & Away or Finals match who are born on or between the 1st January 2006 and 30th June 2006 in the Under 18's competition.
- Any Over-Age player who plays in an Under 18 match without the WFNL's express prior approval will be treated as a non-permitted player
- The WFNL reserves the right to refuse permission to any proposed Under 18 Over-Age player as it considers appropriate to protect the integrity of the Under 18 competitions and to ensure the intent of this Over-Age Player Policy is observed. There is no right of appeal against any refusal.
- Finals eligibility for an Under 18 Over-Age player in season 2025 is pursuant to the Under 18 finals eligibility requirements for that season.
- The League will monitor the implementation of this Under 18 Over-Age Player Policy throughout the season and reserves the right to change the Under 18 Over-Age Player Policy for any reason and at any time as it considers fit.
- For the avoidance of doubt, any Member Club which is found to have breached this Over-Age Player Policy will be subject to the penalties such as fines, forfeit of matches or loss of points.
- Over-Age Policy is only applicable to Under 18 Competitions run by the WFNL.

CONSIDERATIONS

Whilst the League may approve an Over-Age player at their discretion in line with the 2025 Under 18's Over-Age Player Policy, to establish consistency, the League will factor in the below considerations;

- A Member Club may have a shortage of players for their Under 18's team.
- Any player who has played more than three (3) Senior football matches prior to 2025 will not be granted a permit.
- Any player has previously played one (1) match in the COATES Talent League will not be granted a permit.
- The application for an Over-Age permit for a player must be made prior to the player playing their first match.

