BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

Overage Player Policy 2011

In Season 2011 clubs have the provision to apply to the BFNL Board for 3 players to be considered as overage player in Under 18's.

This Overage exemption is to be implemented for the purpose of allowing overage players (players who meet the BFNL Overage Player criteria) to play in the Under 18's to allow their Club the opportunity to field a team.

It is the discretion of the BFNL Board to reject nominations and/or exceptions.

Any player accepted for overage status will be assessed in the areas outlined below and on their ability to influence the result on any given day.
Factors to be taken into account include:

1. Ability to influence a game:
   - Gross Motor Skills
   - Coordination
   - Speed and Agility

2. General Football Skills
   - Marking
   - Kicking
   - Ball Handling

3. Ability to influence others:
   - Conduct -Plays in accordance with VCFL, BFNL & Club Codes of Conduct
   - Behaviour - Does not display an aggressive nature towards other players (strict adherence to this behaviour Code of Conduct will be enforced)

Players must not exceed 19 years of age on January 1, 2011.

Nominated players must have played with the club in the previous season. For players who do not fit this criteria, special application must be made to the BFNL Board for consideration to play.

Nominated Players must be advised prior to the start of the season, and all overage players must be highlighted on the team sheet with an (*). All overage players' names will be forwarded to all other clubs prior to the season's commencement and are ineligible for any league awards or representative opportunities.
Overage exempt players would be eligible to play finals providing that they meet the normal BFNL finals criteria, and have been assessed and authorised for an exemption.

All Eligible age registered players must be selected before an "overage" exempt player.

All Overage players **will** be accessed by a BFNL Board representative as to their ability and if there is any doubt as to their ability being of an adequate standard their exemption will be revoked.

Any overage player may and are encouraged to play a **maximum** of three games in the appropriate higher grade, where numbers allow.

Club secretary & the player must sign the application form to acknowledge the requirements of an overage player prior to being granted permission to play as an overage player.

Under no circumstances are opposition clubs or members to approach any player or official of another club with complaints in any capacity in relation to overage players. Any complaints or requests for a player standard review are to be made in writing to the CEO of the Bendigo FNL

All reviews will be conducted by an independent assessment person/people appointed by the Bendigo Football Netball League Board

Clubs will not be made aware of any review until after the review has been completed.

The outcome of any review will be completed and all parties notified of any outcome in writing through the club secretary.

The club making the complaint will be notified of the outcome only but no correspondence will be forwarded relating to the process or recommendations made by the investigating assessment person/people.

No review request will be considered after 30th June 2011 and any review finding must be completed and reported to clubs concerned by 31st July 2011.

The league will not be held responsible for any decision and any complaints (made by parents or others).

A fine of $500 will be applied by the Bendigo Football Netball League for any frivolous nomination found by the independent assessment person/people.

Overage Player Application 2011

In Season 2011 clubs have the provision to apply to the BFNL for players to be considered as an overage player in the Under 18's competition.

It is incumbent on all persons associated with this application to be aware of the conditions contained in the trial policy relating to the use of overage players in the BFNL under 18 competition for season 2011.

Some conditions include, but not limited to:
The player must be under 19 years of age on January 1, 2011, the nominated player must have played with the club in season 2010, overage players cannot be used if at least 20 underage players are available for selection and only a maximum of 3 overage players may be used per team per game. (unless specific exemption for up to 5 players is granted by the BFNL Board)

NOTE:
The names of any players applying for overage status must be submitted to the league **by the 7st April 2011**. All overage players' names will be forwarded to all other clubs by the Friday 8th April 2011 and these players will be ineligible for any league awards or representative opportunities. **Any overage players must be listed on the team sheet with an asterix (*).**

The following player wishes to be considered for overage status in order to participate in the under 17 competition for season 2011:

Player:…….

Club:……

D.O.B. …….. Age: ….……years……months (as at January 1st 2011)

Height …….. Weight ……..

Reason for nomination for Overage Permission

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…… (if more space required please use the back of this form)

We the undersigned acknowledge and agree that the nominated player will be monitored by an independent panel. If, at any stage, he is deemed to not qualify for overage status (i.e. too strong, too rough, of an average standard etc), the Bendigo Football Netball League may request that the player cease playing in the Underage competition immediately.

Signed: ……..(Club Secretary) Date: ……./……./2011

Signed: ……..(Player) Date: ……./……./2011

BFNL Assessment		
Approved	☐	Signed ……
Not Approved	☐	Date ……./……./2011