



## Playing up Policy

The Kedron Districts Junior Football Club overwhelmingly encourages players to play in their age group. We believe AFL Queensland's strategy of aligning player age cutoffs with school age cutoffs produces good long term participation outcomes for players.

The club has no objection to players 'having a run' at a higher age group as needed during the season as long as they are not doing so at the expense of an age qualified player (section 5.10.1 of the AFL Queensland State Rules and Regulations <https://www.aflq.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-AFLQ-State-Youth-Rules-Regulations-FINAL.pdf> ), both coaches agree it will not harm the development of the player, and their current coach believes the player is fulfilling our Kedron values of Teamwork, Respect, Effort, and Fun (<https://www.kedronlionsjuniors.com.au/kedronpurposevisionvalues> ).

Playing up will be assessed on each occasion a player is needed to fill a space in an older age group and previous instances of playing up will not constitute automatic selection in the older team. The club and involved coaches will endeavour to share around this opportunity with all appropriately skilled players.

For those players that wish to play up a single age group permanently, approval may be granted at the Clubs discretion under the following conditions.

1. The team in the higher age group has space for an underage player, and would not be displacing a player who is age appropriate (section 5.10.1 of the AFL Queensland State Rules and Regulations)
2. Moving a player up an age group would not make their age-appropriate team unviable due to lack of numbers.
3. In accordance with Section 5.10.3 of the AFL Queensland State Rules and Regulations 'The decision is to be made after discussions between the club, coaches, player involved, his/her parent/s or guardian/s and is to be made solely based on what is best for that player.' in conjunction with what is required from a club perspective.

For those players that wish to play up a single age group permanently, please complete the Kedron JAFJ Playing Up Application Form [https://57a2c9dc-0356-469c-97bc-a1b6cf9f0760.usrfiles.com/ugd/57a2c9\\_a34a5ab1130c4d33951dfc1b0477e331.pdf](https://57a2c9dc-0356-469c-97bc-a1b6cf9f0760.usrfiles.com/ugd/57a2c9_a34a5ab1130c4d33951dfc1b0477e331.pdf) and return this to the Club Secretary.

For those players that wish to play up two age groups or more, in accordance with Section 5.10.2 of the AFL Queensland Rules and Regulations families will need to also submit a 'Playing up consent form' available at <https://www.aflq.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/AFLQJ-16-Playing-Up-Consent.pdf>



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Decisions on permanent player movement will only be made once the club can reasonably estimate team numbers for the season. In practice this means the decision will be made either after the closure of registrations for both teams involved, or three weeks before the commencement of the competition. Players are welcome to train in the higher age group during pre-season as long as permission has been granted by the relevant coach. Choosing to train with a higher age group should be in addition to training with your own age team and team does not guarantee a player will be granted a permanent spot in that team.

History of playing up in previous years will not constitute automatic playing up an age group for subsequent seasons. Eligibility will be reassessed each season and granted as appropriate.