WA Premier Cricket

Age Dispensation Request

WA Cricket - Cricket Operations Unit 2025-26 Season



Clubs must complete the following process in order to receive permission for an 'Underage Player' to play in a Senior Female Premier Cricket team for which they do not meet the Minimum Age requirements.

Please note that there will be no dispensations considered for bottom age entry into the Youth League U17 and Youth League U14 Competitions this season.

A series of criteria have been outlined below to ensure that a consistent and fair process for all requests can be applied.

- 1. Clubs to submit a Dispensation in the Player Movement Dispensation Form
- 2. Provide details and explain why the dispensation is needed (in the comments box).
 - Current team/s
 - Highest level of cricket played
 - o Circumstances as to why the Club needs the dispensation
 - o Estimated regularity of participation (one off, regular, weekly, etc.)
 - What is the demonstrated benefit to the player to which the dispensation is required?
- 3. The Cricket Operations Unit will receive the submission and liaise with the relevant WA Cricket High Performance staff to make a decision. The following measures will be discussed to assess the capability of the player:
 - 1. Player's current skill & ability
 - 2. Has the player demonstrated readiness for a higher grade (e.g. previous performances)?
 - 3. Does this allowance impact on the integrity of the competition, fairness to other teams
 - 4. Impact on a club to field a team (is there no other option than for a team to forfeit, therefore not bettering the players or the competition)
- 4. If approved, the player will be able to register for their desired team in PlayHQ, where the WA Cricket Operations Unit will manually approve this player into the team at the association level.

The dispensation must be submitted by Close of Business <u>Wednesday</u> prior to the required fixtured match for the dispensation to be considered. Any late dispensation applications will not be considered by the Cricket Operations Unit under any circumstance.

If an initial dispensation is <u>denied</u>, clubs are still able to re-apply if the club believes the player has met the requirements as outlined in the response.

A & B GRADE – approval will be considered for players 15 years of age. In exceptional circumstances, players 14 years of age may be considered.

*all ages are determined as of 31 August 2025.