



Waverley Hockey Club – Junior Age Group Policy

Purpose Ensure and maintain that all hockey players are playing at an appropriate level. Waverley will endeavor, where possible, to provide players with the opportunity to play in the highest grade for their skill level.

1. Definitions

‘Carer’

The parent, guardian, family member or friend who is responsible for the player during the period immediately before, during and after the player is a Carer.

2. Procedure

If a junior player, or their carer, would like to a junior player be considered to play out of their age group the following process will be followed.

- a) The junior player’s carer must put their request in writing to the Junior Unit Committee Chair at juniorpresident@waverleyhc.org.au.
- b) The relevant coach, Junior Unit Age Group Co-ordinator and the Junior Unit Committee Chair will form a panel to review the application. They may, at their discretion, involve the relevant coaches and the Hockey Director.
- c) The panel will consider the following elements to do with the playe
 - a. Age – applications for players to play up an age group will only be considered for those players who are “top age” in the age group below, no applications will be considered where a player is bottom age or bottom-bottom age in that lower age group. The only exception to this is where there is no team available for the lower aged players.
 - b. Fitness – including aerobic capacity, strength, speed, anareobic capacity,
 - c. Safety
 - d. Commitment
 - e. Hockey skills
 - f. Attitude



- g. Capacity to improve
- h. Playing form at training and games
- i. Composition of the relevant teams, including numbers, skill level and gender of the players and tactical and strategic consideration
- j. In considering these factors the panel may meet with the player's carer's to discuss the situation

3. Notification

A representative of the panel will notify, in person or by email, the player's carer as soon as practically possible once the decision has been made.

Notification of an outcome regarding playing out of age group cannot be given without having a carer present for players under the age of 18 years.

Once a decision has been made the panel is able to move the player back to their original age group in the future based on new information.