



CHRSLLC Junior Player Age Group Policy

As one of the larger clubs within the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association (HKHDCA), CHRSLLC fields multiple teams across various age groups. Accordingly, we must consider the welfare, development, and participation of all registered players, as well as the logistical challenges of managing a large number of teams.

1. General Policy

To ensure fairness, safety, and balanced team composition, all junior players must register in the correct age group based on their age as of **midnight, 31st August** prior to the start of the playing season, as per HKHDCA competition rules.

Playing in an incorrect age group can:

- Disrupt team planning and structure both in the current and future seasons.
- Create physical mismatches due to differences in player size and strength.
- Affect the overall experience and safety of all players involved.

2. Registration and Enforcement

- Players registering in the incorrect age group without prior approval from the **Registrar and Executive Committee** may have their registration moved to the correct group. Parents/guardians will be notified of any such changes.
- If a player is suspected of falsifying their date of birth (DOB) in the PlayHQ system, they will not be permitted to play until a **committee member verifies original government-issued ID documents** confirming the correct DOB.

3. Exceptions and Special Circumstances

CHRSLLC may grant exemptions in certain cases. These must be approved by **both the Registrar and the Executive Committee**. Exemptions for *entire teams* to move age groups will **not** be considered. Individual exemptions may be considered for the following (but not limited to) reasons:

- Combining two age groups into a single team due to low numbers.
- Players in the same school grade requesting to play together.
- Players selected in HKHDCA representative (Rep) teams.

Please note: A player may only be approved to play a **maximum of one age group higher** than their eligible age group. This ensures the physical, emotional, and developmental safety of all junior players.

Even when all safety and welfare considerations are met, these requests will only be approved **subject to availability**—priority is always given to players registered in their correct age group.

4. Support for Inexperienced Players

CHRSLLC is committed to supporting players who are new to cricket. In some cases, it may be more appropriate for an inexperienced player to start in a lower age group for safety and confidence-building. The club will support applications for **temporary dispensation** from HKHDCA in such instances.