

Senior Competition Committee

RE: Criteria for consideration for juniors playing in senior games to be considered with Consent Form for such.

- **The most important question (BNSW) – is this in the best interests of the junior?** It is not to be done to benefit the team, to meet the needs of parents – it is only to be considered in the best interests of the child. Is the junior likely to take it all 'too personally' and be defeated and depressed by the 'pressure' to achieve? Parental input is important in this.

Age of the child: Competition Guidelines 2016 state:

1. *'A Grade Men* – A competition for experienced players normally requiring at least moderate skill and fitness levels. **Players under the age of 16 would not normally be considered eligible for this league.**
2. *B Grade Men* – A competition for experienced and novice players requiring minimal skill and moderate fitness levels. **Players under the age of 15 would not normally be considered eligible for this league.**
3. *Senior Women* - A competition for experienced and novice players requiring minimal skill and moderate fitness levels. **Players under the age of 15 would not normally be considered eligible for this league.**
4. That the team manager/ coach of the child's current team be asked for comment about 'readiness' or any issues which may need to be considered
5. An initial risk assessment is done by **a delegated member of the SCC, considering** this basic criteria re their individual abilities and physical development in communication with parent e.g. wearing of a mouth guard may be put in place immediately to cover the level of risk of injury to teeth. Assess the risk of injury and consider previous injuries and how recent and put in place risk management strategies – document on Risk Assessment form.
6. Consider the informed parental consent

Risk assessment, parental consent and Senior Competition Committee's recommendation to be sent/ given to lyn.mccormick@gmail.com as a delegated person on behalf of the Board. The recommendation and accompanying documents will be considered in a timely manner and the endorsement or not given to the delegate of the SCC.