



# Age Eligibility Exemption Application

Water polo is a physical contact sport and junior athletes in particular can vary significantly in size and strength while they are growing.

Therefore, as part of Water Polo Victoria's commitment to providing a Safe Sport Framework for our junior players, age range restrictions apply to all age group competitions in Victoria

Water Polo Victoria recognises that some athletes may be able to play in higher age groups and that both the competition and individual would benefit from them doing so.

Water Polo Victoria will accept these athletes where a junior athlete's parent, coach and club endorse that the athlete is capable of playing in a higher age group and acknowledge the risks involved.

This endorsement is valid for one year and can be withdrawn at any stage during the competition. Where an endorsement is withdrawn, the athlete must be withdrawn from the competition.

<b>PLAYER NAME</b>		<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	
<b>COMPETITION</b>		<b>CLUB</b>	

<p><b>PLAYER</b> – Playing against older athletes can be difficult and I understand that if I do not feel comfortable, I can choose not to play at any time.</p>	<p>Signature: .....</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Date:        /        /</p>
<p><b>PARENT</b> – I request an exemption for (<i>insert player name</i>)</p> <p>I understand water polo is a physical contact sport and playing at a higher age group can pose safety risks to my child. I agree to withdraw my child if I do not think they can safely compete in the higher age group.</p>	<p>Signature: .....</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Date:        /        /</p>
<p><b>COACH</b> - I request an exemption for (<i>insert player name</i>)</p> <p>I believe this athlete can safely compete at the higher age group and I agree to withdraw my athlete if I think they can no longer safely compete.</p>	<p>Signature: .....</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Date:        /        /</p>
<p><b>PRESIDENT/COMMITTEE</b> - I request an exemption for (<i>insert player name</i>)</p> <p>I believe this athlete can safely compete at the higher age group and I agree to withdraw my athlete if I think they can no longer safely compete.</p>	<p>Signature: .....</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Position:</p> <p>Date:        /        /</p>