



LEICESTERSHIRE RUGBY

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Playing Down Out of Age Grade – FORM

Note: CB to be notified so that they can be identified on the CB Dispensation List. The fully completed form must be forwarded to agrchair@leicestershirerugbyunion.co.uk

15.4.3 U9s to U19s (inclusive) can only train and play down one age grade in exceptional circumstances (and subject to competition rules) if:

(a) the player is in a younger academic year at school than the player's academic birth year;

or

(b) the player's safety may be compromised due to their small stature in comparison to other players in the same age grade or due to a developmental or behavioural issue provided that in each case: an assessment is carried out. Best practice as to how to carry out an assessment is set out in the Guidance to the Age Grade Regulations

Please consider the Full RFU Guidelines on Age Grade Rugby before submitting this form

http://www.englandrugby.com/mm/Document/Governance/Regulations/01/30/34/88/RFU_Regulation_15_Neutral.pdf

The ultimate consideration must be for the welfare and safety of any young player, including opposition players.

Full Name	
RFU Reg No.	

Club/School:	
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Age:		Date of Birth:	
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Chronological Age Band :		Proposed Age Band:	
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Playing Position:	
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Clubs and Schools need to conduct appropriate assessments and should be clear to whom they delegate authority and who has the competence to assess players. Wherever possible, coaches

should hold an RFU coaching award. Clubs should use Level 2 coaches' current experience for making decisions.

The Leicestershire Rugby Union reserve the right to seek an additional assessment conducted by a nominated independent RFU Level 2 Coach prior to giving its consent for the young person to play in a lower age grade

The following areas must all be taken into consideration during the assessment.

1. The social and personal development of the young player:

2. The physical development of the individual in relation to the rest of the team:

3. The skill level of the individual:

4. The position that they are playing within a team:

5. The level that they are playing is appropriate:

6. The impact this will have on others in the team and opponents:

Period of Permission, including dates (e.g. one match, a series of matches, the season)
NB: Maximum period 1 season:

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Reason to play the player out of Age Grade: Not having a side in an Age Grade is not in itself a reason to play down an Age Grade:

Proposed by: (insert name of coach/teacher)	
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Role in relation to the player	
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Assessment carried out by:	
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Coaching Level Qualification:	
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Position held within the Club/School:	
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Parent/Guardian informed of the reason for this application of playing out of age grade is submitted and agree:	
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Declaration:

1. We certify that all the information on this form is correct and agree to play the above player out of age grade in line with the Age Grade Regulations.
2. We accept that the ultimate consideration must be for the welfare and safety of the player and those with whom he will be playing.
3. We confirm that there has and will be clear communication with all those involved in and affected by the decision.

_____ _____ _____
Age Grade Chairman Child Safeguarding Officer Assessor

Date: Date: Date:

CLUB:

Signature of Parent/Guardian or Head Teacher confirming 'informed consent' has been given/received and understood	
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Name:	Signature
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Date:
