



## REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION TO PLAY BELOW HIS/HER AGE GROUP IN LITTLE LEAGUE, INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE, JUNIOR LEAGUE & SENIOR LEAGUE

Each application is considered individually based on the information supplied by the parent. A player seeking dispensation to play below his/her age group (one year below only) should not be construed as being automatic.

Please refer to the Regulation for Birth Date cut-offs. Dispensation will not be considered to:

- Play in an age group for which a player is too young.
- Play in an age group older than which a player is age eligible.
- Play in an age group for which a player is more than one year too old.
- Players because it's their first year into a grade lower than Junior League.

Where an application is being made to play outside a player's age group, approval can only be granted by the authorized officer (DA or LLI) if the application meets one of the criteria below:

1. The player suffers from a physical disability resulting in the player being unable to adequately compete in their own age division. The request must be supported by a letter from a medical professional.
2. The player is significantly smaller in size than his/her peers. Height and weight measurements, along with a comparison to the average height or weight for the individual's age, must be provided in detail.

**League Age 13 Player dispensation to play outside the age group can only be approved by LLI / Williamsport.**

**To play down in BIG LEAGUE, please email [competitions@baseballwa.asn.au](mailto:competitions@baseballwa.asn.au) for approval.**

Applications for dispensation for a player to participate one age level below the player's natural age level are to be submitted by the *Club* to their local league Charter for approval. The Dispensation Approval must be sent to the BWA Operations Support Manager (OSM) Caroline Adamson. Email: [support@baseballwa.asn.au](mailto:support@baseballwa.asn.au).

A league requesting a player dispensation must do so via the following method:

- Club have the Parent (NOT CLUB or CHARTER) fill in the dispensation form.
- Club to send the dispensation request to the Charter.
- The local League Charter Committee votes on whether to request the waiver from LLWA/LLI.
- If the local league Charter Committee votes to request the waiver, the local League, President or Secretary sends in the dispensation completed form to [support@baseballwa.asn.au](mailto:support@baseballwa.asn.au).
- **Players who are league Age 12** must use the "Little League Regulation V(a) Waiver request form. The local league, league President writes a letter (or email) detailing the reason why and also attach the dispensation Regulation V(a) form and forwards it to [support@baseballwa.asn.au](mailto:support@baseballwa.asn.au) who will present the application to the District Administrator.
- For Intermediate / Junior / Senior League / Machine Pitch, and Minors LL, the State DA will Approve or Deny the dispensation, and this will go no further.
- **For Player League Age 13 requesting a dispensation to play down in LL Majors:**
  - The dispensation form is to be submitted to the LLWA District Administrator (LLWA DA).
  - IF approved by the LLWA DA, the LLWA DA signs and forwards all documents to the Australian LL District Administrator (Baseball Australia).
  - The Australian LL District Administrator will present the situation to the Charter Committee (LLI) for action.
  - The Charter Committee (LLI) will inform the Australian LL District Administrator of its decision, and the Australian LL District Administrator will inform the LLWA DA of the decision.
  - The LLWA DA will advise the local league Charter and Parent of the decision.
  - Keep in mind this process may take up to 1 month.

Please ensure that your parent and the club are informed.

- That a player once granted dispensation cannot play in any other grade.
- A League Age 12 player dispensation to play down in LL minors Player Pitch **cannot pitch for the rest of the season** and cannot apply for an All-Star State Championship team.