



Little League WESTERN AUSTRALIA



REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION TO PLAY BELOW HIS/HER AGE GROUP TO PLAY IN LITTLE 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 Age Limitations and Birth Date cut-offs. There will be no dispensation given to play in a division for which a player is too young.

Player dispensation to play outside the age group can only be approved by LLI / Williamsport and considered exceptional based on player welfare.

For BIG LEAGUE dispensations, please email competitions@baseballwa.asn.au for approval.

Playing down Machine Pitch / Minors or Major Little League / Junior League / Senior League:

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. If the dispensation is not approved, then the Charter keeps the form for its own records.

Please keep in mind that this dispensation process may take up to 1 month.

A league wishing to apply for a waiver of a rule or regulation must do so via the following method:

- Have the Parent fill in the dispensation form.
- The local League Charter Committee votes on whether to request the waiver.
- If the local league Charter Committee votes to request the waiver, the local league President writes a letter (or email), detailing the request and attaches the dispensation form, and forwards it to Baseball WA who will pass it on to the District Administrator. Email to: support@baseballwa.asn.au
- For Senior League-League Age 15, Machine Pitch, and Minors LL, the State DA will Approve or Deny the dispensation, and this will go no further.
- For Little League Majors and above, the District Administrator includes his/her written opinion and forwards all documents to the Regional Director (Baseball Australia).
- The Regional Director will present the situation to the Charter Committee (LLI) for action.
- The Charter Committee (LLI) will inform the Regional Director of its decision, and the Regional Director will inform the District Administrator who will advise Baseball WA of the decision.
- Baseball WA will advise the local league Charter and Parent of the decision.

Players who are league Age 12 must use the Baseball Australia "Little League Regulation V (a) Waiver request form for 12-Year-Old Participation in Minor Division" and send it to support@baseballwa.asn.au. The OSM will present the application to the WA District Administrator.

Applications to include:

- Little League WA Dispensation Application / Consent Form to be filled in by the Parent or Legal Guardian.
- Information to include any other factors that may influence the decision for dispensation

Please be aware and make your parent & coaches aware that a player once granted dispensation cannot play in any other grade.