



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE**

**RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION**

**PLAYING OUT OF AGE GRADE – MINI M IDI & YOUTH PLAYERS**  
(Regulation 15.3 to 15.6 refers)

**The RFU has stated that the decision to allow a youth year old to play out of age grade (including U17 at Adult level) lies with the person in the best position to assess all the relevant circumstances in accordance with the relevant Regulations and they must obtain permission from the player's parent, guardian or head teacher. Advice may be sought from CRC, RDO or CB Safeguarding team.**

Further advice and guidance can be obtained from David Wookey Tel: 01980 625018 or e-mail: [rugbyadmin@djawltd.com](mailto:rugbyadmin@djawltd.com)

Regulation 15 as issued can be confirm by visiting the webpage:

<http://www.englandrugby.com/governance/regulations/>

It is recommended that the form and assessment set out below are utilised to confirm the validity of allowing any player to play out of their respective age grade. A copy must be sent to David Wookey for approval/verification as appropriate. [rugbyadmin@djawltd.com](mailto:rugbyadmin@djawltd.com) or by post to 3 Westland Close, Amesbury, SP4 7QS,

## PLAYING OUT OF AGE GRADE APPLICATION FORM

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Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	RFU ID:
Age Grade:	Proposed Age Grade:
Playing Position:	

Please set out what the permission is to be granted for: (e.g Training, Friendly matches only, Full season playing etc)

Reason to play out of age grade:

Proposed by:	
Role in relation to Player	

### **Declaration:**

We certify that all the information on this form is correct and agree to play the above player out of age grade in accordance with RFU Regulations 15

Signature of Coach	Signature of Parent/Guardian or Head Teacher
Date	Date

It is a requirement of RFU Regulation 15 and of Dorset and Wilts RFU that this form is duly completed and signed and retained as a record of consent.

For playing UP in accordance with RFU Regulation15, this form does not require verification by D&W RFU

**D&W Assessment form for playing out of age grade – referenced from Guidelines to Regulation 15**

**1. Social and Personal Development of the player**

You should consider the following: Maturity, Confidence, ability to relate to others of the proposed playing age grade, Academic year, date of birth in relation to 1 September, SEN, coach-ability, courage of play, Tenacity.

**Justification**

**2. Physical development in relation to rest of team**

You should consider the following: Physical size, in relation to current and proposed age grade, Strength and power in relation to other players. Any physical or mental disability should be noted here.

**Justification**

<b>3. Skill level (Playing up)</b>		
<p>Not appropriate for playing down as this is a coaching issue.</p>	<p>You should consider whether the players skill level is well above correct age grade, provide examples of impact on current age grade</p>	<p><b>Justification</b></p>
<b>4. Playing Position of player (Playing up)</b>		
<p>Note: Playing position should not be fixed below U15. This would not be a reason for playing down in isolation</p>	<p>You should consider if a pack player at U13/14 is too strong for current age grade as this could be dangerous. For a back this would need exceptional reasons backed up by RDO or RDO delegated person.</p>	<p><b>Justification</b></p>

<b>5. Level of playing</b>	
Summary of points above should be placed here. Paint a pen picture	<b>Justification</b>

<b>6. Impact on others in team and opposition</b>	
You should consider the following: Does age grade become overloaded, will it affect numbers of player in proposed age grade. Will it prevent other players getting sufficient game time.	<b>Justification</b>