

# PLAYER ADVANCEMENT POLICY

Applies from January 1st, 2014



**FOOTBALL FEDERATION**  
**TASMANIA**

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## **1. RATIONALE**

Football Federation Tasmania is committed to the safe development of players, particularly in the youth and junior age groups. The Federation is also strongly supportive of FFA's vision for the game in Australia and is obligated to the adoption of the principles, structures and recommendations contained in the National Football Curriculum (v2), the National Building Blocks and the National Competition Review.

In line with the three documents listed above and specifically related to the adoption of the 5 Core Outcomes of the National Competition Review and the Building Blocks designated in the Curriculum, Football Federation Tasmania will require, as from January 2014, that all players registered with any FFT affiliated club, association or organization, who participate in football competitions conducted in the State of Tasmania, meet strict guidelines related to age groups and the associated levels of competition.

The development of players in a structured and logical manner is a high priority for Football Federation Australia and its affiliated Federations. The current inconsistencies in quality and approach to Youth Development in Australia are due to factors such as the diversity and self interest of clubs and the limited knowledge, experience and skills of coaches. At present, many players are missing essential years in the youth development areas because clubs and coaches believe that the best way to develop players is to push them into the senior levels of the game early. This is not only developmentally dangerous – the correct environment for establishing appropriate perception, decision and execution is lost – but also physically and socially challenging for youth players in an adult environment.

The Federation is also acutely aware of the population base, player-pool size and the regional diversity of the State. Whilst acknowledging that there are some specific challenges faced but clubs across the State in regard to fielding teams, the promotion of youth players to senior teams to fill numbers, under the guise of 'player development', is not considered acceptable.

## **2. SCOPE**

This Policy shall apply to all Associations, Clubs and Schools that are affiliated to Football Federation Australia through Football Federation Tasmania and whose competition schedules (seasonal or tournaments) are directly administered by Football Federation Tasmania or internally administered by the organization.

### **3. PHASES OF DEVELOPMENT**

#### **3.1. DISCOVERY PHASE**

The age groups that form a part of the Discovery Phase of Development are U5 to U8. Coaching and training at this age is firmly based on players discovering the game through play and game-based activities.

Competition formats are set out under the MiniRoos Participation Guidelines.

#### **3.2. SKILL ACQUISITION PHASE**

The age groups that form a part of the Skill Acquisition Phase fall into two categories.

- 3.2.1.** For players who on January 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition are either 11 or 12 years of age.

Competition for players in this category shall be conducted under 11-a-side football regulations. These are the U12 and U13 age groups.

- 3.2.2.** For players who on January 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition are 10, 9, 8 or 7 years of age.

Competition formats for these age categories are set out under the MiniRoos Participation Guidelines.

Associations, schools and other bodies affiliated with Football Federation Tasmania **must** conduct matches for the development of players under the specific conditions set down for the defined age groups in these Phases of football development.

#### **3.3. GAME TRAINING PHASE**

- 3.3.1.** In Southern Tasmania, the following competitions are considered to be within the Game Training Phase.

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
U14	U15
U16	

- 3.3.2.** In North and North-Western Tasmania, the following competitions are considered to be within the Game Training Phase.

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
U14	U15
U16	

## 3.4. PERFORMANCE PHASE

**3.4.1.** In Southern Tasmania, the following competitions are considered to form the Performance Phase.

Male

U18

U20

All Southern Men's Leagues

SPL

Victory League

Female

U17

SWPR & Sthn Women's Leagues

SWPL

**3.4.2.** In Northern Tasmania, the following competitions are considered to form the Performance Phase.

Male

U18

Northern League 2

NPL

Victory League

Female

NWPL

## **4. ADVANCEMENT OF PLAYERS**

It is the desire of the National Technical Department of Football Federation Australia that football is developed and learned in the correct environment. The environment includes factors related, but not limited, to social development, physicality of competition, off field care and management and particularly level of coach expertise. Players will gain the most appropriate level of development when all factors that are a part of the footballer's growth are catered for and monitored appropriately.

Players sometimes experience inappropriate 'pushing' from parents, coaches and clubs, telling the player they are 'talented'. As these judgments of talent are being made at such an early age, often by people without sufficient knowledge, experience or understanding of the developmental stages of player development, the Federation has adopted a strong position on the need to ensure all youth players receive the most appropriate development in the game by remaining in the specific developmental phase for the correct period of time.

The early advancement of a player from the Game Training Phase, where approved, should only be for the purpose of providing for the player a competition level that appropriately challenges the player's developmental needs. The Competition level shall be determined by the Technical Director of FFT in conjunction with the player's club TD.

Training should remain developmentally focused, there should not a focus on conditioning (a major consideration with senior football), other than core and joint stabilization, and there should be an adjustment to the amount of playing time for the youth player to prevent overuse injuries. In previous years many youth players have been moved to senior teams where the focus is firmly set on winning matches and where high emphasis is placed on physical conditioning. The development of technical skill and tactical awareness has been prioritized at a far lower level than is now required. Only when the Technical Director of FFT is firmly convinced that the development environment will remain in tact for the youth player will an application for player advancement be approved. The conditions of application are listed below.

## 5. CONDITIONS FOR PLAYER ADVANCEMENT

All Youth players are considered to be in either the Skill Acquisition or Game Training Phase of their football development. All youth players in these Phases **MUST** be initially nominated in their correct age group at the commencement of each season.

### 5.1. FFA/FFT Identified Player Programs

All players accepted into approved development programs, particularly those administered by Football Federation Tasmania on behalf of Football Federation Australia, specifically the National Training Centre (NTC) and Skilleroos Programs, shall be approved to play at competition levels that meet the developmental requirements of the individuals in these Programs as decided upon by the Technical Department of Football Federation Tasmania.

### 5.2. Advancement within the Game Training Phase

Clubs wishing to advance an individual player from one team within the Game Training Phase to a team at a higher level within the Game Training Phase must complete all sections of **Appendix 1 Advancement within the Game Training Phase** and submit the request to the Technical Director of Football Federation Tasmania. Approval by the FFT TD must be received before the player is permitted to play at the higher level.

### 5.3. Advancement beyond the Game Training Phase

#### 5.3.1. Players who have turned 16 years of age

Where the player has already reached the age of 16 years, or the player's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday falls prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> of that playing season, the player may play Performance Phase football without restriction.

#### 5.3.2. Players who have turned 15 years of age

Applications for the advancement of a Game Training Phase player to Performance Phase football **will not be considered UNLESS** the player has been coached in the Game Training Phase with an Advanced Accredited Coach.

i.e

##### a. CLUB

The player has reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and has completed a minimum of two full playing seasons in the

Game Training Phase with a coach holding a minimum  
Advanced C (Youth) Licence;

or

b. REPRESENTATIVE

The player has reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and has  
completed a minimum of two full years in a recognized FFT  
fulltime development program;

and

The coach of the team to which advancement is being made  
holds the mandated coaching accreditation (see FFT  
Coaching Accreditation Standards 2014-2017).

All applications made under section 5.3 must be on the  
approved forms set out in **Appendix 2 Advancement to  
Performance Phase Football.**

**5.3.3. Application for Players less than 15 years of age**

No application for the advancement of a player less than 15  
years of age to a level outside of the Game Training Phase will  
be considered.

**5.4. No team at the club**

Where a club is unable to provide a competition environment within the  
Game Training Phase for a player under the age of 15 years at their club,  
the player, with the assistance of the club, should be referred to other  
local clubs for that playing season. Communication between clubs to  
assist players in finding appropriate playing environments is advised.  
Assistance from the State Technical Director should also be sought in  
these circumstances.

**5.5. Players in the Skill Acquisition Phase**

Applications for the advancement of a player from the Skill Acquisition  
Phase but whose competition environment is 11-a-side football (i.e in the  
Under 12 age group), to the first competition level in the Game Training  
Phase, **shall not be considered** unless the coach of the team to which  
advancement is sought holds, as a minimum, a Skill Trainer certificate,  
however the Advanced C Youth Licence is preferred as their level of  
accreditation and the player has completed a minimum of one year of 11-  
a-side football in the Skill Acquisition Phase.



Application for advancement under section 5.5 must be on the correct form as set out in **Appendix 3 Advancement to Game Training Level**.

## **5.6. Players in MiniRoos Football Competition**

No player, who is a registered player at the MiniRoos level of competition (U5 – U11) shall be permitted to play in any officially conducted, regular season competition that is 11-a-side football based.

All MiniRoos players should remain in their designated competition age group.

## **5.7. Advancement of U11 for tournament play**

Application for players of the under 11 age group to play 11-a-side football within their designated region in any tournament style competition must be submitted to the respective regional Technical Director on the approved form set out in **Appendix 4 Advancement of Junior Player to 11-a-side Tournament** and approved by the State Technical Director no less than two weeks prior to the tournament for which permission is sought. Such permission must be obtained for each and every tournament in which the player is to play. Advancement **shall not be considered** unless the coach of the team to which advancement is sought holds, as a minimum, a Skill Trainer certificate, however the Advanced C Youth Licence is preferred as their level of accreditation.

Regional Associations, as a recommended practice, should not permit the use of players under the age of 11 years to participate in 11-a-side football.

## 6. **MONITORING AND PENALTIES**

### 6.1. Competition team sheets will be monitored by Football Federation Tasmania.

Where an organization (club, school or Association) is found to have breached the Player Age Policy, the Competition Manager of Football Federation Tasmania shall inform State's Technical Director who shall contact the organization's nominated person (TD, Head Teacher) to advise of the breach. It shall be the responsibility of this person to follow up the matter internally and ensure that no subsequent breach occurs.

### 6.2. Where the same player is found to be in breach of this Policy on subsequent occasions, the notification of the breach shall again be communicated along with a notice of points deduction. 3 points shall be deducted from the team for which the ineligible player competed regardless of the match result.

### 6.3. Where an organization is found to have breached the Player Age Policy on multiple occasions, the State Technical Director shall require a meeting with the designated organization representative to be held and an explanation of the breaches be presented. Furthermore, the organization shall be required to provide suitable evidence that further breaches shall not occur. Based upon the information provided the State Technical Director may recommend that the Federation impose further sanctions which may include, but are not limited to:

- the deduction of points from the team for which the player competes;
- the deduction of points from the organization's senior team in the gender in which the player participates;
- the suspension of the player from competition for a period of time (but not exceeding 2 matches);
- the imposition of a monetary fine to a maximum of \$500 for each offence.

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## **APPENDIX 1 Advancement within the Game Training Phase**

This form is to be used where a club wishes to apply for the advancement of a player from one team within the Game Training Phase of development to another team within that same phase.

All sections of this application must be completed and sent to the Technical Director at Football Federation Tasmania for approval prior to the player's participation at the requested level.

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### **Section 1. Player Details**

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_

FFA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

To which age group is the player currently assigned? \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Section 2. Parent Consent**

On behalf of my child, I wish to make application for him / her to participate at the nominated level of competition. In making this application, I acknowledge my child will be assessed against guidelines to compete at this level of competition. I acknowledge that any decision made by Football Federation Tasmania in respect of this application is final and binding.

I also agree to indemnify and keep indemnified Football Federation Tasmania of any legal proceedings in the event of injury in playing in the nominated level of competition without consent from Football Federation Tasmania and that Football Federation Tasmania would be within its right to cancel the player's registration and insurance cover.

### **Parent / Guardian**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Original copies of all forms are to be retained by Football Federation Tasmania for future reference purposes. All information the document is strictly confidential and is only to be used by Football Federation Tasmania to assist in their decision making process.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section 3. Club Details**

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Club Technical Director \_\_\_\_\_

Club TD signature \_\_\_\_\_

Club Technical Director's Contact details

e: \_\_\_\_\_

ph: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section 4. Coach Details**

Name of the coach of the team to which the player is currently assigned:

\_\_\_\_\_

Coach's current accreditation (please tick the correct licence)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No accreditation          | <input type="checkbox"/> Grassroots Certificate    | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill Training Certificate    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game Training Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Certificate        | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Licence           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Certificate   | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Diploma       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Youth C Licence  | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Senior C Licence | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced B Licence            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced A Licence        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Diploma               | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L1       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L2   | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L3   | <input type="checkbox"/> Football Conditioning Licence |

Name of the coach of the team to which the player is seeking advancement:

\_\_\_\_\_

Coach's current accreditation (please tick the correct licence)

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No accreditation | <input type="checkbox"/> Grassroots Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill Training Certificate |
|---|---|---|

Original copies of all forms are to be retained by Football Federation Tasmania for future reference purposes. All information the document is strictly confidential and is only to be used by Football Federation Tasmania to assist in their decision making process.

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game Training Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Certificate        | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Licence           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Certificate   | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Diploma       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Youth C Licence  | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Senior C Licence | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced B Licence            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced A Licence        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Diploma               | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L1       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L2   | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L3   | <input type="checkbox"/> Football Conditioning Licence |

## **Section 5. Application Details**

To which competition level is application for advancement sought? \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for seeking advancement (please tick the appropriate box)

- The player's technical abilities and tactical knowledge will be enhanced by working with the nominated coach.
- The opportunities for game time are limited in the current squad because of the number of players. Please detail

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Please detail the training plan for this player:

Training nights \_\_\_\_\_

Venue \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Evidence

Representative

Year 20\_\_                      Program\_\_\_\_\_

Year 20\_\_                      Program\_\_\_\_\_



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## **APPENDIX 2 Advancement to Performance Phase Football**

This form is to be used where a club wishes to apply for the advancement of a player from the Game Training Phase of development to Performance Phase Football. The specific criteria that must be met before advancement will be considered are set out in section 5.3.

All sections of this application must be completed and sent to the Technical Director at Football Federation Tasmania for approval prior to the player's participation at the requested level.

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### **Section 1. Player Details**

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_

FFA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Section 2. Parent Consent**

On behalf of my child, I wish to make application for him / her to participate at the nominated level of competition. In making this application, I acknowledge my child will be assessed against guidelines to compete at this level of competition. I acknowledge that any decision made by Football Federation Tasmania in respect of this application is final and binding.

I also agree to indemnify and keep indemnified Football Federation Tasmania of any legal proceedings in the event of injury in playing in the nominated level of competition without consent from Football Federation Tasmania and that Football Federation Tasmania would be within its right to cancel the player's registration and insurance cover.

### **Parent / Guardian**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Section 3. Club Details**

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Club Technical Director \_\_\_\_\_

Club TD signature \_\_\_\_\_

Club Technical Director's Contact details

e: \_\_\_\_\_

ph: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Section 4. Coach Details**

Name of the coach of the team to which the player is currently assigned:

\_\_\_\_\_

Coach's current accreditation (please tick the correct licence)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No accreditation          | <input type="checkbox"/> Grassroots Certificate    | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill Training Certificate    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game Training Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Certificate        | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Licence           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Certificate   | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Diploma       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Youth C Licence  | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Senior C Licence | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced B Licence            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced A Licence        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Diploma               | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L1       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L2   | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L3   | <input type="checkbox"/> Football Conditioning Licence |

Name of the coach of the team to which the player is seeking advancement:

\_\_\_\_\_

Coach's current accreditation (please tick the correct licence)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No accreditation          | <input type="checkbox"/> Grassroots Certificate    | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill Training Certificate    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game Training Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Certificate        | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Licence           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Certificate   | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Diploma       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Youth C Licence  | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Senior C Licence | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced B Licence            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced A Licence        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Diploma               | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L1       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L2   | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L3   | <input type="checkbox"/> Football Conditioning Licence |



## Section 5. Application Details

To which competition is application for advancement sought?

### Southern Tasmania

Male

U18

Female

Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

### North & North Western Tasmania

Male

U18

Female

NWPL

Reasons for seeking advancement (please tick the appropriate box)

The player's technical abilities and tactical knowledge will be enhanced by working with the nominated coach.

The opportunities for game time are limited in the current squad because of the number of players. Please detail

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Please detail the training plan for this player:

Training nights \_\_\_\_\_

Venue \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_



## Supporting Evidence

### Game Training Phase Teams

In the previous two seasons, which teams has the player represented?

Year 20\_\_ Club\_\_\_\_\_ Age Group\_\_\_\_\_

Year 20\_\_ Club\_\_\_\_\_ Age Group\_\_\_\_\_

### Representative

Year 20\_\_ Program\_\_\_\_\_

Year 20\_\_ Program\_\_\_\_\_

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## **APPENDIX 3 Advancement to Game Training Phase**

This form is to be used where a club wishes to apply for the advancement of a player from the Skill Acquisition Phase of development and who is in the Under 12 or Under 13 age groups to the first level of competition in the Game Training Phase. Levels of Competition are detailed in Section 3 of the Player Advancement Policy.

All sections of this application must be completed and sent to the Technical Director at Football Federation Tasmania for approval prior to the player's participation at the requested level.

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### **Section 1. Player Details**

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_

FFA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Section 2. Parent Consent**

On behalf of my child, I wish to make application for him / her to participate at the nominated level of competition. In making this application, I acknowledge my child will be assessed against guidelines to compete at this level of competition. I acknowledge that any decision made by Football Federation Tasmania in respect of this application is final and binding.

I also agree to indemnify and keep indemnified Football Federation Tasmania of any legal proceedings in the event of injury in playing in the nominated level of competition without consent from Football Federation Tasmania and that Football Federation Tasmania would be within its right to cancel the player's registration and insurance cover.

### **Parent / Guardian**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Section 3. Club Details**

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Club Technical Director \_\_\_\_\_

Club TD signature \_\_\_\_\_

Club Technical Director's Contact details

e: \_\_\_\_\_

ph: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Section 4. Coach Details**

Name of the coach of the team to which the player is currently assigned:

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Coach's current accreditation (please tick the correct licence)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No accreditation          | <input type="checkbox"/> Grassroots Certificate    | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill Training Certificate    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game Training Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Certificate        | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Licence           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Certificate   | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Diploma       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Youth C Licence  | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Senior C Licence | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced B Licence            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced A Licence        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Diploma               | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L1       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L2   | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L3   | <input type="checkbox"/> Football Conditioning Licence |

Name of the coach of the team to which the player is seeking advancement:

\_\_\_\_\_

Coach's current accreditation (please tick the correct licence)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No accreditation          | <input type="checkbox"/> Grassroots Certificate    | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill Training Certificate    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game Training Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Certificate        | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Licence           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Certificate   | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Diploma       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Youth C Licence  | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Senior C Licence | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced B Licence            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced A Licence        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Diploma               | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L1       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L2   | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L3   | <input type="checkbox"/> Football Conditioning Licence |

## **Section 5. Application Details**

To which competition is application for advancement sought?

(Please tick the correct competition)

### Southern Tasmania

#### Male

U13 (if established)

U14

#### Female

U15

### North & North Western Tasmania

#### Male

U14

#### Female

U15

Reasons for seeking advancement (please tick the appropriate box)

The player's technical abilities and tactical knowledge will be enhanced by working with the nominated coach.

The opportunities for game learning are limited in the current squad because of the number of players. Please detail

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Please detail the training plan for this player:

Training nights \_\_\_\_\_

Venue \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Evidence

### Representative

Regional \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_



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## **APPENDIX 4 Advancement of Junior Player for an 11-a-side Tournament**

This form is to be used where an Association wishes to apply for the advancement of a player from the Skill Acquisition Phase of development and who regularly plays MiniRoos Football to an 11-a-side Association U12 team to compete in a tournament officially recognized by FFA or FFT.

All sections of this application must be completed and sent to the Technical Director at Football Federation Tasmania for approval prior to the player's participation at the requested level.

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### **Section 1. Player Details**

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_

FFA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Section 2. Parent Consent**

On behalf of my child, I wish to make application for him / her to participate at the nominated level of competition. In making this application, I acknowledge my child will be assessed against guidelines to compete at this level of competition. I acknowledge that any decision made by Football Federation Tasmania in respect of this application is final and binding.

I also agree to indemnify and keep indemnified Football Federation Tasmania of any legal proceedings in the event of injury in playing in the nominated level of competition without consent from Football Federation Tasmania and that Football Federation Tasmania would be within its right to cancel the player's registration and insurance cover.

### **Parent / Guardian**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Section 3. Association Details**

Name of Association \_\_\_\_\_

Association Technical Director \_\_\_\_\_

Association TD signature \_\_\_\_\_

Association Technical Director's contact details

e: \_\_\_\_\_

ph: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section 4. Coach Details**

Name of the coach of the team to which the player is seeking advancement:

\_\_\_\_\_

Coach's current accreditation (please tick the correct licence)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No accreditation          | <input type="checkbox"/> Grassroots Certificate    | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill Training Certificate    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game Training Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Certificate        | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Licence           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Certificate   | <input type="checkbox"/> Goalkeeping Diploma       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Youth C Licence  | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Senior C Licence | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced B Licence            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced A Licence        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Diploma               | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L1       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L2   | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Goalkeeping L3   | <input type="checkbox"/> Football Conditioning Licence |





## **Section 5. Application Details**

Application for the player to participate in the regional Under 12 competition because:  
(please tick the appropriate box)

The player's technical abilities and tactical knowledge will be enhanced by working with the nominated coach.

The opportunities for game learning are limited in the current squad because of the number of players. Please detail

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## **APPENDIX 5    Decision of State Technical Director**

### Decision of the State Technical Director

Advancement of the player \_\_\_\_\_ (player's name)  
to the requested team within the Game Training Phase of development is

- Approved
- Rejected. The application does not meet the required criteria for advancement and the development of the player will not be enhanced by participating in the competition level requested.
- Advancement of the player is pending and will be determined once an agreed plan of progression has been reached between the State TD and the parties concerned.

Name of State TD \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of this decision shall be sent to the Technical Director of the club or Association making the application on behalf of the player within 7 days of the receipt of the application.



## **APPENDIX 6 Definitions**

### **FFA**

Football Federation Australia (FFA) is the governing body of football in Australia and is a member of Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the international governing body for football. Information regarding FIFA is available at [www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com)

### **FFT**

Football Federation Tasmania (FFT) is the governing body of football in the State of Tasmania and is a member of Football Federation Australia.

### **The National Football Curriculum**

FFA's documented plan for player and coach development

### **Building Blocks**

FFA's guide to the stages of player development

### **National Competitions Review (NCR)**

FFA's review of all aspects of competitions conducted by FFA, the Member Federations and State League clubs around Australia at Youth League, State League and Hyundai A-League level.

### **Discovery Phase**

The Phase of player development, nominally 4 years of age to 7 years of age, where the focus is on players discovering their (im)possibilities and building a love for the game. There is no formal coaching rather organised, fun football activities.

### **Skill Acquisition Phase**

The Phase of player development, nominally between the ages of 9 years and 13 years of age, where the focus is on the development of the 4 Core Skills of Striking the Ball, First Touch, Running with the Ball & 1 v 1.

### **Game Training Phase**

The Phase of player development, nominally between the ages of 13 years and 16 years of age, where the focus is on preparing the players for senior football by teaching them to apply the functional game skills in a team setting using the 1-4-3-3 as the preferred formation as well as developing tactical awareness, perception and decision-making through a game related approach to training.

## **Performance Phase**

The Phase of player development, nominally between the ages of 17 years of age and older, where the focus is on preparing teams for a competition environment where winning becomes the main objective. Training is based on solving football problems, based on match analysis. Football Conditioning becomes a key element of the program.

## **State Technical Director**

The person employed by Football Federation Tasmania to oversee the technical development of the game within Tasmania in line with the policies, procedures and philosophy of Football Federation Australia.

## **Club Technical Director**

The person appointed by a club, affiliated with FFT, to oversee the implementation of the technical aspects of a club's football program in line with the policies, procedures and directives set by FFA and FFT.

## **Association Technical Director**

The person appointed by a Regional Association, affiliated with FFT, to oversee the implementation of the technical aspects of the Association's football program in line with the policies, procedures and directives set by FFA and FFT.

## **Coach**

The person appointed (employed) by a Federation, club, team or Association to undertake educational, player development and team preparation duties appropriate to the developmental phase of the player or teams for which responsibility is assigned and to manage the training and competition environment for players to ensure that the age and development stage appropriate outcomes are realized.

## **Player**

A person participating in the game of football with any club, Association or Federation.

## **Parent/Guardian**

The person who is legally responsible for another person.