



**To: All District Associations**  
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**Subject: State Championship By-Laws re Age Guidelines & Criteria**

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Following the change to the age divisions for State Championships, the SQI Board has amended By-Law 13.15.9 Age Guidelines and Criteria, specifically By-Law 13.15.9.2.

This amendment is reverting to the age guidelines and criteria applicable in 2009 when the age division State Championships were Under 14, Under 16 and Under 19.

#### 13.15.9 Age Guidelines and Criteria

13.15.9.2 Players must meet the age guidelines and criteria as described below to be eligible to participate in the Underage State Championships:

- a) *Under 14 State Championships*  
Only players 11, 12 & 13 years of age, as at 31 December in year of Championship, are permitted to compete in the Under 14 Championships.
- b) *Under 16 State Championships*  
Only players 13, 14 & 15 years of age, as at 31 December in year of Championship, are permitted to compete in the Under 16 Championships.
- c) *Under 18 State Championships*  
Only players 15, 16 & 17 years of age, as at 31 December in year of Championship, are permitted to compete in the Under 18 Championships.

District Associations are to consider the following criteria when selecting the youngest eligibly aged players in their representative teams (ie 11 year olds in the U14 State Championships, 13 year olds in the Under 16 State Championships and 15 year olds in the Under 18 State Championships). This is to ensure that the player can effectively compete in the relevant championship:

- The maturity level of the player
- The physical strength of the player
- The skill level of the player
- The positions to be played
- The players level of game knowledge

Note: The parent/guardian of a player Under 18 years of age must sign the Championship Release Form, in addition to the District Associations Secretaries, in order for an underage player to participate on Championship Release to another District Association.

It is noted that, as a result of the change in age divisions, further amendments will need to be made to other sections of the State Championship By-Laws and Ground Rules. These will be advised as soon as decisions are made.