

# PLAYING OUT OF AGE GRADE

**In Youth Rugby, the decision to allow a young person to play out of age grade or a 17 year old to play adult rugby, or an U19 to play down to Colts lies with the person in the best position to assess all the relevant circumstances in accordance with the relevant Regulations.**

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

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Chronological Age Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Age Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If adult rugby state "ADULT")

Playing Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Note: Players aged 17 years old are not permitted to play or train in adult rugby in the front row)*

Please set out what the permission is granted for e.g Training, match etc:

## **All training and matches**

Period of Permission, including dates (e.g. one match, a series of matches, the season)  
*(Note: maximum period is 1 season)*

## **1 season**

Reason to play the player out of Age Grade:

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Role in relation to the player: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert name of Coach, must be L2 or above)

## **Declaration:**

1. We accept that the ultimate consideration must be for the welfare and safety of the player and those with whom he will be playing.
2. We confirm that there has and will be clear communication with all those involved in and affected by the decision.
3. We have taken into consideration the following aspects when making the decision:
  - The physical development of the individual and his playing colleagues
  - The mental and emotional maturity of the individual and his playing colleagues
  - The skill level and experience of the individual
  - The individual's playing position in the team
  - The competitive standard of the particular match and playing conditions
4. 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 Regulation 15 (Age Grade Rugby).

Proposer (assessing L2 coach) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Club Safeguarding Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor *(for 17yr old playing adult rugby)* \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_