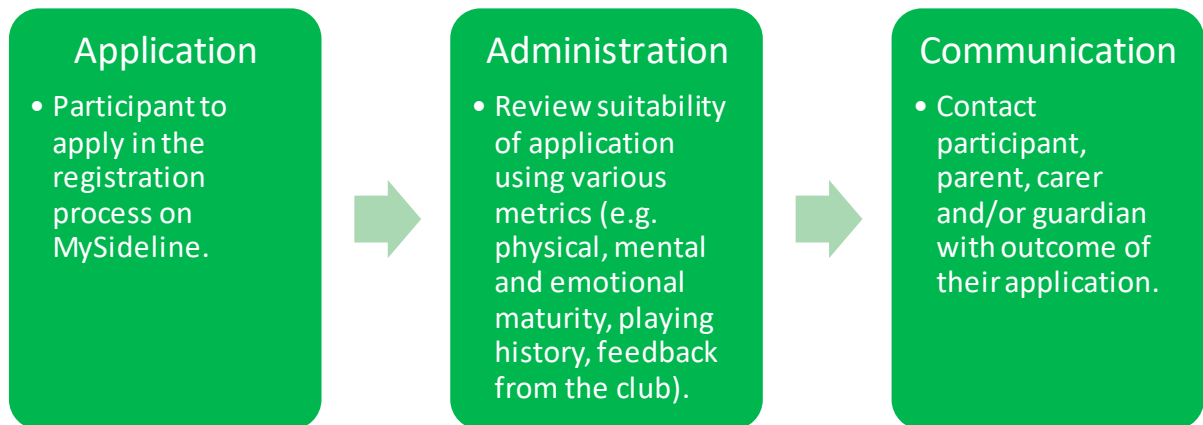


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1.0 Process Overview



2.0 Purpose

To further enhance the Rugby League experience for participants born in the second half of the calendar year, the game is excited to be offering the 18-Month Registration Window. It is designed to promote a more enjoyable environment for younger players who, for many reasons, may feel overly challenged in their calendar group by providing an opportunity for players who are born between July and December to register in the year level immediately below their calendar grouping.

The 18 Month Registration Window sets out to minimise the Relative Age and Maturation Effects in Rugby League as well as promoting a players ongoing participation and personal development.

PLEASE NOTE; The 18 Month Registration Window is not offered for players meeting the demands of their calendar group regardless of their DOB. The purpose of the 18 Month Registration Window is to improve the Rugby League experience for players who are being adversely impacted by the Relative Age and Maturation Effects.



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The provision is available to all Junior age groups and for players entering their first year of senior competition in regions where this occurs prior to eighteen (18) years of age.

3.0 Eligibility

All Junior players that are born in the second half of the calendar year (July 1 – 31 December) are eligible to apply for the 18-Month Registration Window. Only Senior players who are entering their first year of a senior competition, up to and including the year they turn nineteen (19) years of age and are born in the second half of the calendar year (July 1 – 31 December) shall be eligible to apply for the 18-Month Registration Window.

Considerations when identifying players eligible to apply for 18-month registration include, but are not limited to:

- Differences in physical, mental or emotional maturity relative to remainder of calendar group
- Feeling overly challenged in their calendar age group
- Unavailability of the applicant's calendar group
- New participant to the game of Rugby League
- Additional provisions may be provided in extenuating circumstances (including but not limited to medical reasons)

Successful applicants of the 18-Month Registration provision will forfeit the following:

- Consideration for Junior Representative teams
- Eligibility for 'portability' clearance to transfer to another competition
- Eligibility in a Restricted Weight Division outside their calendar group
- The right to participate in their calendar group unless under special circumstances (e.g. a team would forfeit without their involvement)

Please note; Females turning 13 years are unable to apply under the 18 Month Registration Window to play in an Under 12 Mixed Gender competition as per the [Mixed Gender Policy](#).

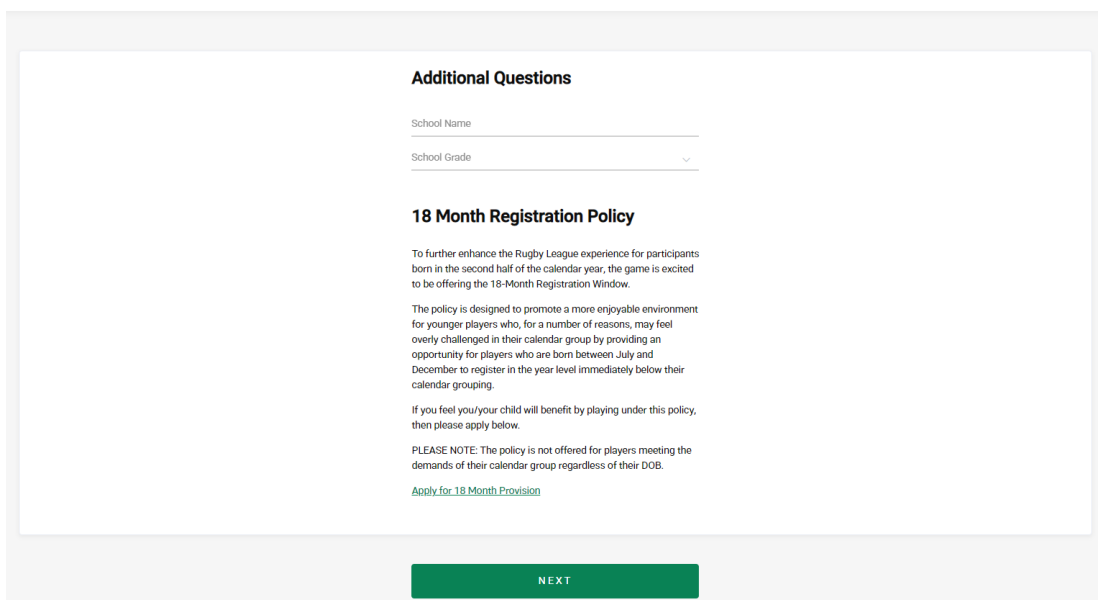


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4.0 The Application Process

The preferred method for applications is within the online registration process. Participants, along with their parent, carer or guardian, should indicate their intention to apply for the 18 Month Registration Window (see below).

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The screenshot shows a web form titled 'Additional Questions'. It contains two input fields: 'School Name' and 'School Grade'. Below these fields is a section titled '18 Month Registration Policy'. The text in this section explains the purpose of the policy, which is to provide an opportunity for younger players to play in a more enjoyable environment by allowing them to register in the year level immediately below their calendar grouping. It also includes a 'PLEASE NOTE' section stating that the policy is not offered for players meeting the demands of their calendar group regardless of their DOB. At the bottom of the policy section is a link that says 'Apply for 18 Month Provision'. Below the entire form is a green button labeled 'NEXT'.

If the 'Apply for 18 Month Provision' is selected, the applicant is prompted to enter an application reason and relevant details. The application will then be pending with the League administrator for approval.



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5.0 Administering the 18 Month Registration Window

Once a League receives applications, there should be a classification of each applicant. In cases where additional information is required, the weight and/or height of a player is in question, utilise the percentiles (appendix) as a guide only. This consideration should not be used in isolation but as part of a larger collection of supporting evidence such as a player's mental and emotional maturity, advice from the participant's club and/or previous medical conditions. All elements of the application should be considered when coming to a determination on the suitability of the applicant.

If the decision is quite clear, an individual from the League may determine whether to approve or decline the application. However, for more complex cases surrounding eligibility, it is strongly recommended that a committee be utilised to determine the suitability of these cases. Many Leagues may have existing committees that would be well suited to adjudicate on applications e.g. Competitions Committee.

Each applicant, whether approved or declined should be informed of the Leagues decision. Communicating with parents/carers regarding rulings on players deemed ineligible for 18-Month-Registration-Window is strongly recommended. It will provide parents a clear understanding of the reason behind the decision. Communicating with clubs regarding decisions where applicants are rejected after applying for the 18-Month-registration-Window is recommended to ensure clubs are aware of the specific reasoning behind the decision.

6.0 Modifying Decisions/Handling Disputes

An appeal process seeking to request a review of a player participating under the 18 Month Registration Window should be clearly communicated to Clubs. If a matter arises where a player who had previously been approved comes into question, it is the Leagues responsibility to review, utilising any further information provided to re-evaluate the application. Additional information on the application can allow for reversals or upholding of dispensation decisions. In



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these instances, the original committee used for approval may also be involved to assist in the review of any further information.

Supporting information to assist in the decision-making process as to whether the player who was previously admitted the 18-Month Registration provision shall remain in their nominated age group or be returned to their respective calendar age group includes, but is not limited to:

- The players height/weight, to assist in determining which percentile they fall in on the height/weight-for-age percentile scale
- Interviewing/gathering feedback from opposing coaches to the player in question
- Previous scorecards

In circumstances where previously approved applications are revoked, a change in the member's MySideline profile will need to be actioned. The determination of which age group the player should continue in shall be final. Should any situation or matter arise, not covered by these rules, the matter shall be referred to the Local League, State League or NRL for decision, which will be final.



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7.0 Appendix

Age Grade	WEIGHT 85th Percentile (kg)	
	MALE	FEMALE
Under 6	24.3	24.2
Under 7	27.4	27.5
Under 8	30.9	31.5
Under 9	34.9	36.1
Under 10	39.6	41.4
Under 11	45	47
Under 12	50.9	52.7
Under 13	57.1	57.7
Under 14	63.3	61.7
Under 15	69.1	64.5
Under 16	74.1	66.3
Under 17	78.1	67.5
Under 18	81	68.6

Age Grade	HEIGHT 85th Percentile (cm)	
	MALE	FEMALE
Under 6	120.9	120.5
Under 7	127.7	127.7
Under 8	134.2	134.1
Under 9	140.2	139.8
Under 10	145.8	145.3
Under 11	151.1	151.9
Under 12	157.2	159.1
Under 13	164.6	164.5
Under 14	172.3	167.3
Under 15	178	168.6
Under 16	181.2	169.3
Under 17	182.8	169.6
Under 18	183.6	169.8



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8.0 15 Month Window

Where there is a two-year age gap between age groups, a 15 Month Registration Window is available (e.g. Under 12, Under 14, Under 16) whereby players in the younger cohort of the age group born between Oct-Dec (e.g. player turning 13 in an U14 competition), will have the opportunity to apply to play in age group competition immediately below their calendar grouping. The following processes will remain the same as the 18 Month Process:

- Eligibility
- Administering the 18 Month Registration Window
- Modifying Decisions/Handling Disputes

The 15 Month Window application process will only be made available by paper submission (platforms such as Microsoft Forms are recommended). See over the page for an example Application Form.



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15 Month Registration Window Application Form

Full Name * _____

Email Address * _____

Participant/player name * _____

Participant/player date of birth * _____

Weight (kg) * _____

Height (cm) * _____

Club that the participant/player is registered with *

Group/League location * _____

Reasons for requesting 15 Month Registration Window *

- Calendar group not available

Please provide any additional supporting information

