Over-Age Players Policy

ESCA occasionally receives requests from schools to play over-aged players in its competitions, i.e. a player whose date of birth means that under normal circumstances he/she would be ineligible to play in line with the competitions' regulations.

These requests are often due to legitimate reasons why it would not be appropriate for a player to play in their correct age group and in exceptional ESCA will issue written confirmation of this in line with the procedure outlined below.

ESCA has set up a panel to consider these cases. This is made up of the following ESCA Officials:

- The Chairman
- The General Secretary
- The Treasurer

Any request to waive date of birth regulations should include the following. This should be sent to Dr Mark Fenton, General Secretary – escagensec@gmail.com

- A letter from the player's parent outlining their child's individual circumstances
- A letter from the player's school giving details of the player's ability
- A letter from the player's GP or any medical specialist, if relevant.
- A letter from any other agency as determined by the parent or school that is relevant to the case.

The Panel will consider cases received at any time and commits to making a decision in respect of these within 21 days of receipt of all required information.

Where a request to waive the date of birth regulation for a player is granted, ESCA will issue written confirmation to the school to confirm this. This letter should be submitted to any competition organiser to accompany any team sheet noting the player's age. Competition Organisers are asked to note that this information is confidential and should not be onwardly disseminated.

The request will be granted on a season-by-season basis. Any request for an extension for a following season should be received by 1st April. This is to be submitted by the parent and should also include a letter from the player's school with letters from other parties submitted as required.

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