



## NZTFI Age Grade Eligibility Policy

### Policy

This NZTFI policy outlines the criteria for participant eligibility within age grades at all NZTFI tournaments and events.

This incorporates Junior, Youth, Open, Senior and Masters Age Group Divisions. This policy supersedes all previous Age Grade Eligibility Policies and is effective from 12th April 2020.

### Juniors & Youth Age Grades

A player participating in a Junior or Youth Age Grade Team must be **under** the age, or younger by 31<sup>st</sup> December of the first year of the split - year season (i.e. for the 2020 - 21 season, the eligibility date will be 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020).

### Masters Age Grades

A player participating in a Masters Age Grade Team must be **of the** age, or **over** the age, by 31<sup>st</sup> December of the second year of the split - year season (i.e. for the 2020 - 21 season, the eligibility date will be 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021).

Eg. You can be 29 years old in 2020 and play at Nationals in March 2020 in the Over 30s grade and turn 30 in December 2020.

### Policy Application

1. This policy is to be applied in all affiliated competitions, any NZTFI sanctioned event or tournament and any affiliated representative team.
2. Players attending a NZTFI tournament will be required to provide proof of their age through the production of a photo driver's licence, passport or birth certificate.

### Request for Policy Dispensation

1. Any changes to the administration of this policy by any module, region, heritage nation affiliated to NZTFI must be requested, in writing, through the NZTFI Board.
2. This request must clearly outline the reasons for the submission and must be supported by the module, region, heritage nation associations.
3. Any decision to move away from this policy will be decided by the National Development Officer of the NZTFI in consultation with the NZTFI Tournament Manager and Tournament Panel.
4. All outcomes of these decisions will be advised to the module, region, contingent in writing, through the NZTFI Board.