



Players Requesting to Play Out of Age Group – Guidelines

At Sharks Basketball Club, all players must compete in their nominated age group first. Playing in a higher age group will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and by invitation only.

We recognize that some situations may require an exemption, but these requests must be carefully assessed to balance individual player development with the needs of the club and fairness across teams.

Request Process

- All requests must be submitted via email before team selection.
- After teams are finalised, movement opportunities will be extremely limited.
- Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Approval is not guaranteed.

Factors Considered

- **Skill Level & Physical Readiness** – Does the player demonstrate the ability to compete safely and effectively in a higher age group?
- **Team Balance & Availability** – Will moving a player up create issues in their current age group or lead to uneven team numbers?
- **Player Pathway & Long-Term Development** – Will this move benefit the player's overall basketball growth?
- **Social & Emotional Readiness** – Is the player prepared to handle the competitive and social challenges of an older group?
- **Coach & Club Recommendations** – Has the player's current or previous coach provided feedback supporting the request?
- **Competition Structure & Fairness** – Does the move comply with league rules and maintain fairness across teams?

While our mission is to support player development, we must also consider the greater needs of the club and competition structure. All decisions will be made in the best interest of both the player and the club.

To submit a request, please email geelongsharks@gmail.com before team selection.

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Sharks Junior Committee