

MINIMUM AGE EXEMPTION APPLICATION

SENIOR CRICKET - 2026/27 SEASON

IMPORTANT: Submission does not guarantee approval. The player must not be selected in or participate in an MCA senior cricket match until the club has received written approval from the MCA Match Committee. Approval is specific to the player, club, grade and period stated in the decision.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted to MCA no later than three (3) business days before the player's intended first fixture in the requested senior grade. Submission by this deadline does not guarantee that an assessment or decision will be completed before that fixture.

Purpose

This form is required where a club seeks approval for a player who has not reached the minimum age for the nominated MCA senior grade. It records the evidence, consent, readiness, safeguarding arrangements and MCA decision for that exemption.

Minimum age requirements

Senior grade	Minimum age at date of match	When this form is required
1st or 2nd Grade	15 years	Player is under 15
3rd or 4th Grade	14 years	Player is under 14

An exemption is grade-specific. Approval for one grade does not automatically authorise participation in another or higher grade, another club, or a later season.

1 PLAYER DETAILS

PLAYER'S FULL LEGAL NAME		DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YYYY)
AGE AT PROPOSED FIRST SENIOR MATCH	CLUB	
CURRENT JUNIOR TEAM / COMPETITION		PLAYHQ PARTICIPANT ID (IF KNOWN)
REPRESENTATIVE / SCHOOL CRICKET EXPERIENCE		

2 EXEMPTION REQUESTED

REQUESTED SENIOR GRADE - TICK ONE ☐ 1st Grade ☐ 2nd Grade ☐ 3rd Grade ☐ 4th Grade	
COMPETITION / FORMAT	PROPOSED FIRST MATCH DATE
REQUESTED APPROVAL PERIOD ☐ One match only ☐ Specified period ☐ Remainder of 2026/27 season	
IF ONE MATCH OR SPECIFIED PERIOD - DATE(S) From: _____ To: _____	
PRIMARY PLAYING ROLE ☐ Batter ☐ Wicketkeeper ☐ Pace bowler ☐ Spin bowler ☐ All-rounder	

3 REASON AND SUPPORTING CRICKET EVIDENCE

Explain why the exemption is requested and provide evidence that the player is capable of participating safely and effectively in the nominated grade. Attach supporting material where useful (for example, recent statistics, representative selections or coach reports).

4 CLUB COACH READINESS ASSESSMENT

The Club Coach must consider every area below. Tick the box only when the factor has been considered and the coach believes the player is ready for the nominated grade. Any concern, qualification or control must be explained.

Tick	Assessment area	Comments, evidence or required controls
☐	Cricket skill, technique and match awareness	
☐	Ability to safely face the likely pace and standard of senior bowling	
☐	Ability to field safely in likely positions and respond to senior hitting	
☐	Physical size, strength, coordination, endurance and fatigue management	
☐	Emotional maturity, confidence and capacity to respond to pressure or setbacks	
☐	Readiness to participate appropriately in an adult team environment	
☐	Bowling workload and total cricket commitments, where applicable	
☐	Current junior, school, representative and other sport commitments	
☐	Suitability of the requested senior grade and proposed role	
☐	Known injury, health or welfare considerations have been appropriately managed	

Coach's overall assessment and evidence

CLUB COACH DECLARATION: I have personally assessed the player and considered their cricket ability together with their physical, emotional and mental readiness. I support this application for the nominated grade, subject to the information and controls recorded above.		
CLUB COACH NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE

5 SENIOR TEAM ENDORSEMENT

I have been informed of the player's age and support the application for the nominated grade. I understand that the player is under 18 and that appropriate conduct, supervision, professional boundaries and safeguarding requirements apply at training, matches, travel and team activities.

SENIOR COACH / CAPTAIN NAME		POSITION
SIGNATURE	DATE	NOMINATED GRADE

6 CLUB CHILD SAFETY CONFIRMATION

The Club Child Safety Officer or authorised committee representative confirms that the club has considered and will maintain the following arrangements:

☐ Appropriate active supervision at training and matches ☐ Parent/guardian included in electronic team communications ☐ No one-to-one adult communication with the player ☐ Safe and age-appropriate changeroom arrangements	☐ Senior team officials and players are aware the player is under 18 ☐ Safe travel and responsible-adult arrangements ☐ Clear process for the player or parent to raise welfare concerns ☐ Applicable Blue Card, first-aid and emergency obligations are met
RESPONSIBLE ADULT / SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENT	
CHILD SAFETY OFFICER / AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE	DATE

7 PARENT / GUARDIAN CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- ☐ I confirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the player named in this application.
- ☐ I understand that senior cricket involves participation with and against adult players and may involve increased physical demands, faster play and exposure to an adult sporting environment.
- ☐ I have discussed the proposed participation with my child. I believe they are comfortable being considered for the nominated grade and I consent to the club and MCA assessing their suitability.
- ☐ I understand that approval may be limited to a particular grade, match or period; may include conditions; does not guarantee selection; and may be reviewed, varied, suspended or withdrawn by MCA where safety, welfare, readiness, workload or suitability concerns arise.
- ☐ I consent to MCA, the club and relevant cricket personnel using the information in this form only as reasonably required to assess, administer and monitor this application.

PARENT / GUARDIAN FULL NAME		RELATIONSHIP TO PLAYER
MOBILE	EMAIL	
RESPONSIBLE ADULT EXPECTED TO ATTEND MATCHES / TRAINING (IF DIFFERENT)		
PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE		DATE

8 PLAYER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PLAYER STATEMENT: I have discussed playing senior cricket with my parent/guardian and club coach. I understand that senior cricket is an adult competition. I have had the opportunity to ask questions, and I am comfortable being considered for the nominated grade. I know I should tell a trusted adult if I feel unsafe, uncomfortable or not ready.		
PLAYER NAME	PLAYER SIGNATURE	DATE

9 CLUB DECLARATION

On behalf of the club, I certify that the information in this application is accurate and complete; the club supports the application; the required people have been consulted; and the club will comply with the MCA Rules, safeguarding obligations and any conditions imposed. The club understands that the player remains ineligible for the nominated senior grade until written MCA approval is received.

AUTHORISED CLUB OFFICIAL NAME		CLUB POSITION
SIGNATURE	DATE	CLUB

10 CLUB SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

☐ All player and exemption details completed ☐ Supporting cricket evidence attached where relevant ☐ Club Coach assessment and declaration completed ☐ Senior Coach/Captain endorsement completed	☐ Child Safety confirmation completed ☐ Parent/Guardian consent completed ☐ Player acknowledgement completed ☐ Club declaration completed
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Submit the completed form and attachments to: sportsops@harrupark.com.au. Applications must be submitted to MCA no later than three (3) business days before the player's intended first fixture in the requested senior grade. Submission by this deadline does not guarantee that an assessment or decision will be completed before that fixture.

JUNIOR CRICKET PRIORITY: Unless otherwise approved by MCA, an exemption does not remove the player's junior cricket commitments. The club must continue to support appropriate junior development opportunities and manage the player's total cricket workload.

11 APPLICATION ADMINISTRATION

DATE RECEIVED	RECEIVED BY
APPLICATION COMPLETE ☐ Yes ☐ No	PRIOR EXEMPTION / CONDITIONS CHECKED ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable
MISSING INFORMATION / FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED 	

12 MCA NOMINATED PLAYER ASSESSOR

ASSESSOR NAME	POSITION / RELEVANT QUALIFICATION
ASSESSMENT DATE	ASSESSMENT METHOD ☐ Match observation ☐ Training ☐ Evidence review ☐ Other
ASSESSOR RECOMMENDATION ☐ Recommended ☐ Recommended subject to conditions ☐ Not recommended	
GRADE ASSESSED / RECOMMENDED ☐ 1st Grade ☐ 2nd Grade ☐ 3rd Grade ☐ 4th Grade	

Assessment reasoning, evidence and recommended conditions

ASSESSOR SIGNATURE 	DATE
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13 MCA MATCH COMMITTEE DECISION

DECISION: ☐ APPROVED ☐ APPROVED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS ☐ NOT APPROVED	
APPROVED CLUB	APPROVED GRADE - TICK ONE ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th

APPROVAL PERIOD ☐ One match - date: _____ ☐ From: _____ To: _____
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Conditions of approval (write 'Nil' if none)

Decision reasons / notes

SCOPE AND REVIEW: This decision applies only to the player, club, grade and period recorded above. It does not authorise participation in another or higher grade, another club or a later season. MCA may review, vary, suspend or withdraw the exemption if concerns arise about the player's safety, welfare, readiness, workload, conduct or suitability, or if information relevant to the decision changes.

DECISION DATE

AUTHORISED MATCH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE _____	SIGNATURE _____	DATE _____
WRITTEN DECISION SENT TO CLUB Date: _____ By: _____		

Governing documents

Participation remains subject to the MCA Senior Cricket Rules, Regulations and Playing Conditions 2026/27; Australian Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People and Looking After Our Kids Code of Behaviour; Queensland Cricket safeguarding and Blue Card requirements; applicable helmet, bowling workload and player-safety requirements; and any conditions imposed by the MCA Match Committee.