## **Age Classification Exemption Criteria**

## **Overlying Principles**

- What's in the best interest of the child
- Playing within the appropriate age classification is the best possible scenario
- Is an exemption required for a child to have a opportunity to play within their community
- Is an exemption required for a team to operate (would not allowing the exemption take away the opportunity for other athletes to participate)

## Criteria For Consideration

- Is there an athlete who is at an age that is one year different from their grade level for whatever reason (late birthday, held back a grade, moved up a grade, etc...)
- Is a small community with only one association or club trying to find enough numbers to form a team
- What impact does the change in age classification have on the Rules of the game and recommended season format (# of games, 3v3 vs 4v4 vs 5v5, travel vs local) that the participant would now be playing at
- Does an association/club attempt to run a team at that age classification
- What opportunities exist within a athletes community to participate in the appropriate age classification

