



2025-2026 PEL Athlete Age Exemption Request and Waiver

This waiver is for those athletes that wish to “play up” or “play down” 1 year of age from the Provincial Elite League Development (PEL Development) and Open (PEL Open) categories.

The Undersigned consent to allow the athlete listed below to play up or play down for 1 year of age, therefore for athletes:

- born in 2016 (boys & girls) to play up in the PEL Development League
- born in 2011 (boys & girls) to play down in the PEL Development League
- born in 2012 (boys & girls) to play up in PEL Open

Acknowledge of risks:

- For athletes playing up: All parties agree to accept all responsibility and associated risks of the athlete playing with athletes who may be stronger and more physically developed than the athlete. The Undersigned confirm that the player has an appropriate understanding of the physical attributes required of, and the risks to players, playing up one age level and that the player has the requisite skills and experience to play at this higher level.
- For athletes playing down: All parties agree to accept all responsibility and associated risks of the athlete playing with athletes who will be younger than them and less physically developed than the athlete. The Undersigned confirm that the player has an appropriate understanding of the physical attributes he may have, and the risks he can be for other younger players, and will act in consequence to preserve the safety of all participants.

Acknowledge of athletes skills' requirements:

All parties agree that the criteria for allowing a player to play-up or play down will be based on: 1) the evaluation of the player's skill and ability to contribute to the older/younger team; 2) the player's emotional and physical maturity level compared to the older/younger team's players; 3) the physical size and number of players at each level. An athlete requesting to play up must be projected to be a skilled player on the older team; An athlete requesting to play down must be projected to be safe for the younger player in the category.

For further confirmation of the athlete's abilities, the waiver will need to be signed by the athlete's *parent or guardian* AND the athlete's *Club Coach*.

Athletes Full Name: _____

Athlete's Full Birthdate: _____

Provincial Elite League category where the athletes wish to play (Circle/underline the correct category):

PEL Development

PEL Open

Reasoning for the exemption:

Additional comments:

Parent/Legal Guardian: Name / Date / Signature

Club Coach: Name / Date / Signature

WPS Decision:

Approved

Denied

WPS: Name / Position / Date / Signature
