

# OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE



## GENERAL INFORMATION\*

Lead Area:	Rugby Operations
Lead Procedure Title:	Junior Player of State Interest
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## APPLICATION OF THIS PROCEDURE

- This procedure is to be followed if a Junior Player of State Interest requests to play Senior Rugby at the highest grade available despite being Under 18 years of age.
- This procedure is aimed at dealing with the process of identified players that show an ability to comfortably play in the Highest Grade competition due to their demonstration at State Representative Competition and previous involvement in Pathway Programs.

## STEP BY STEP PROCESS

- The procedure for a Junior Player of State Interest is as follows:

Step	Description of action	Responsible
1	If a junior player has aspirations to represent South Australia at the open age group and has consistently represented South Australia through the pathway programs they may want to apply to be considered a Junior Player of State Interest (JPOSI). This will allow the player to continue to develop by regularly playing Club Rugby at a higher level. They are required to initiate the process by submitting the JPOSI Assessment Form.	Player
2	The applicant must be endorsed by the head Coach from their Club	Club
3	The applicant for a Junior Player of State Interest (JPOSI) must be assessed by the State Rep Coaching Coordinator against the criteria of physical development, skill level and experience contained in the Assessment Form.	State Rep Coaching Coordinator
4	The JPOSI application needs to be endorsed by the appropriate personnel at SA Rugby being (two of three) the Game Development and Education Manager, State Coaching Coordinator or the Pathway Coordinator; who will assess the player in a game.	GDEM, State Rep Coach Coord, Pathway Coord
5.	Once the form has been signed off by both the State Representative Coaching Coordinator and the Union it will then be approved or denied for that player to play predominantly in First Grade.	Union

## OTHER INFORMATION

- This Player must have completed an Exception to play Senior Rugby form
- JPOSI players are deemed to have current potential to represent South Australia at Open Age Group level or equivalent.

## RELATED POLICY / PROCEDURES

- Exception to Play Senior Rugby Policy (ARU)
- Exception to Play Senior Rugby Policy (SA-25)

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY YOU TO FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE

- JPOSI Assessment Form

\* This procedure has the effect of a Rule under the Competition Rules issued by the Union and terms used in this procedure and defined in the Competition Rules have the same meaning in this procedure and the rule of interpretation set out in the Competition Rules also apply to this procedure.