



APPLICATION FOR A SENIOR OR MASTERS PLAYER TO PARTICIPATE IN A DIFFERENT GENDER CATEGORY

SECTION 1 - PLAYER INFORMATION

APPLICANT'S NAME:

GENDER:

HEIGHT (cm):

WEIGHT (kg):

DATE OF BIRTH (dd/mm/yyyy):

CLUB:

PLAYING POSITION:

NUMBER OF YEARS OF PLAYING RUGBY:

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PLAYED RUGBY IN A DIFFERENT GENDER CATEGORY:

THIS REQUEST IS FOR: SENIOR RUGBY MASTERS RUGBY

REASONS FOR REQUEST (e.g. no competitions available for my gender, great distance to travel to participate in competitions for my gender):

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:

RUGBY ONTARIO USE ONLY:	APPROVED	NOT APPROVED
DATE:	SIGNATURE:	

**SECTION 2 – ASSESSING COACH INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT**

NAME:

DATE:

HIGHEST COACHING QUALIFICATION LEVEL:

NCCP NUMBER:

WORLD RUGBY ONLINE COURSES COMPLETED:

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|-------------------------|-----|----|
| • RUGBY READY           | YES | NO |
| • CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT | YES | NO |

The above coaching qualifications **MUST ALL** be fully met in order for this application to be valid for the purpose of assessing an exemption for the players to participate in competitions in a different gender category. The coach is to assess the player against the following four criteria using the factors for consideration listed in Appendix A of this form as guidance. If the answer is no to any of them, then the player shall not be considered capable of competing safely with players in the proposed different gender category.

CRITERIA	EXPLANATION	ASSESSMENT
Physical Development	Does the player’s physical status allow both the applicant and all other players to compete safely in the requested age and gender category?	YES      NO
Skill Level	Is the player’s skill level comparable with other players in the requested age and gender category?	YES      NO
Experience Level	Does the player have similar experience levels to compete with other players at a comparable standard of competition in the requested age and gender category?	YES      NO
Competition Standard	Is the standard of competition in the requested age and gender category suitable to allow both the applicant and all other players to complete safely?	YES      NO

This is to attest that the player’s physical development, skill level and experience are such that the players is capable of competing safely with players in the requested different gender category. I have explained to the player that they will be competing with and against players of a different gender and this may involve increased risk.



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COACH'S SIGNATURE:

### SECTION 3: APPLICANT WAIVER

This is to confirm that:

- I am the applicant
- I fully understand and accept the risks associated with competing with and against players of a different gender who may be stronger and/or more physically developed.
- I fully understand that any approval provided only applies to Senior and Masters Rugby (over 35 age grade) competitions sanctioned by Rugby Ontario and Rugby Canada.
- I fully understand that any approval provided is only valid for 12 months after which time another application must be made.
- I fully understand that I must register as a Senior or Masters Rugby player category in the Rugby Canada National registration system.
- I have sought the opinion of a physician or sports medicine specialist and they have indicated that I am physically capable of participating in the requested level of competition. I am satisfied with this medical assessment.
- The assessing coach has explained to my satisfaction that in his/her opinion, my physical status, skill level and experience is at a level that I am capable of competing safely on a different gender team, even though my physical status, skill level and experience may differ from that of the players I will play with or against
- I may request the approval to be revoked at any time

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

DATE:

All applications must be submitted to the Rugby Ontario office via email to [edigiulio@rugbyontario.com](mailto:edigiulio@rugbyontario.com)  
Before the applicant can play in the requested different gender category, written confirmation approving the application must be received from Rugby Ontario.

## **APPENDIX A**

The minimum qualification required by a coach to provide a risk assessment of the applicant is a current:

- NCCP Competition Introduction (Level 2) certificate; and
- World Rugby - Rugby Ready certificate; and
- World Rugby - Concussion Management for the General Public Certificate; and
- Coach registration with Rugby Canada.

In conducting any assessment, the coach should take the following common factors into consideration:

- What is the player's physical status (e.g. height, weight, build) when measured against potential playing colleagues on the mixed gender team?
- Is the player physically equipped to compete on an equal basis with players in the competition?
- Will the player's skill level place them on an equal basis with eligible players on the mixed gender team?
- Is the competition at a level in which the player can compete safely?

In addition to the above considerations, if the player's position is in the front row of the scrum (prop or hooker), then the coach must also consider:

- How many years of front row experience does the player have?
- Was he/she a front row player during the previous season?
- If the player missed a game through injury in the previous season, what was the nature of the injury?
- What coaching qualifications does the player's current coach have?
- Has the player received any specialist front row coaching in the last 2 years?
- If so, what type of coaching was received and who provided it?
- What are the coaching qualifications and experience of the specialist coach?