AGE GROUP LIMITATIONS:
MOVING FROM EDUCATION TO EXECUTION.

- A REMINDER - U13, U15, U17 and U19 Sanctioned Events have a four-year participation window, i.e., players must be turning either 9, 10, 11 or 12 to participate in Under 13 events.
- Senior Events (including Internationals) will be restricted to players turning 15 or older.
- National Events will have the same restrictions except for Under 13s where players must be turning 10, 11 or 12 (a three-year participation window).
- I.A Bylaws already reflect minimum age for Senior Competition and the penalties that will incur if an U15 player plays (match defaulted).

GUIDELINES FOR AGES OF PARTICIPATION

A reminder that all sanctioned events have the following ages for participation, which must be included in Prospectuses and will need to be checked by the BNZ Events Team.

- Under 13s – Players who turn 9, 10, 11, 12 in the year of competition. National events to be 10, 11, 12 only.
- Under 15s – Players who turn 11, 12, 13, 14 in the year of competition.
- Under 17s – Players who turn 13, 14, 15, 16 in the year of competition.
- Under 19s – Players who turn 15, 16, 17, 18 in the year of competition.
- Seniors – Players who turn 15 or older in the year of competition.

Badminton New Zealand has an exemption process in place so that Associations can apply in exceptional circumstances for a player to compete above their eligible age.

AGE GROUP EXEMPTION PROCESS

- The request must be submitted by Associations no later than 7 days prior to the Event Entries closing through the following form https://badminton.org.nz/events/age-dispensation/
- Requests will not be considered if received directly from parents or players.
- Upon receipt of the form, Badminton New Zealand Balance is Better Lead - Donna Trow will engage in conversations with the Association and relevant Badminton New Zealand

staff members before reaching a final decision. Note that it is intended that this process is collaborative, however a high bar for approval will be required.