



Hockey Albury Wodonga Under 16s Competition 2023

In the interest of player participation and not club performance HAW junior competitions have reverted to the pre CoVid age groups. This change has been employed to maintain teams, players and interest in the junior age groups.

Junior age groups for the 2023 HAW season will be:

- Under 12s born 2011 or after
- Under 14s born 2009 or 2010
- Under 16 born 2007 or 2008*

*Players born in 2006 that fall into the following categories may apply for a permit to play in this age group:

- New to sport and not able to play seniors
- Player with experience, playing senior hockey (excluding Capital League). Needed to ensure team has numbers to field a side.
- Player listed as a Capital League development player. Has not played in a previous Capital League season and has not played more than 5 games in Capital League in the current year. (see below)

Any child that is born after the specified dates can play in that age group also. For example, if you are born in 2009 (by age group this child is an U14 player), then you can also play in the U16 competition, providing you have parental permission.

In the spirit and intent,

- Junior asterisk and hash rules still apply to players as per the Association rules.
- Clubs are encouraged to ensure priority of team spots be given to players who are playing in the junior age group that they belong to and then, if required, fill the available playing spots with younger players.

Capital League players

Players born in 2006 that are classified as a Capital League player for the 2023 season are not eligible to play U16's as an overage player. The definition of a Capital League player is someone who:

- Is named in the HAW Spitfires squad of 16
- Has played more than 5 games for the HAW Spitfires in CL1
- Has played more than 5 games with any other Capital League 1 side or a Premier League side in 2022.