

## 2009 / 2010 TOURNAMENT RULE CHANGES

Further to our initial release on the 2009/2010 rule changes, we have encountered various calls/queries on the Age Group change and have decided to formulate the following explanation/scenario:

Under the previous rules, a player turning 12, 14 or 16 in 2010 would have been entitled to stay in the u12,u14 or u16 age group for the entire duration of the 2010 calendar year.

The effect of the new age group rules causes those players turning 12, 14 or 16 in 2010 to move to their next age group on their birth day. It is important to remember that we are still referring to age group as **UNDER 12** etc and not **12 & UNDER**

### For example:

1. Johnnie is turning 12 on the 27 March 2010, he will be entitled to enter the under 12 age group for any tournament that **ends before 27 March 2010** (this means he is currently 11). Any tournaments ending on or after 27 March 2010, Johnnie will have to enter under 14 age-group (because he is now 12 years old)

Any birthday can be “plugged into” the above scenario to determine your age eligibility/age group

2. Leon is turning 14 on 20 December 2009, he will be entitled to enter the Boland Keyhealth Series (13 – 17 December) event in the under 14 age group. Leon will have to enter the under 16 age group for the Western Province Keyhealth event (18 – 22 December) (because the end date is on or after his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday).

There will be a follow-on document explaining the impact and procedures relating to Nike, Mini Series Masters, Junior Interprovincial and the new ranking points structure.