

Travel Soccer Playing Up Policy

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The club will determine age groupings for play at the beginning of each year, based on the needs of the community. The dates used for age groupings will be consistent with the dates established by New York State West Youth Soccer Association.

For recreation play, players will be allowed to play outside their age grouping only with the permission of the Director of Recreational Programs.

For competitive programs, players will be allowed to play outside their age grouping only (a) within the guidelines of the league or tournament, and (b) with the permission of the board.

If a player designates that he wants to tryout for an older age group, he/she needs to notify the age appropriate coach and the older age group coach. If an older age group coach wants to have a younger player tryout for this team, he/she needs to notify the age appropriate coach of this request. All requests need to be made using the official club form for this purpose.

The player needs to tryout with the older age group and be evaluated by that coach. If the player is in the Top 25% of the players that would comprise the roster, then he/she has earned the chance to play up (pending board approval). If the player does not fall within the Top 25%, he/she will play at the age appropriate team. The player still needs to tryout with his/her age appropriate team.

If the player obtains a position on an older age group team in year one, then this player does not need to complete a Player Request Form in future years.

The board reserves the right to combine teams and/or have players play up when there aren't enough players in two age groups to field one team or any other special exception that is not covered above. Existing players are grand-fathered in.