



The Seaway Valley Soccer Club "Play-Up" Policy



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Play-up

The SVSC determines a player's soccer age by the year in which they are born and requires players to participate in the correct age appropriate division unless special permission is granted by the SVSC Board.

There are situations where the SVSC will consider Play-up requests. This policy describes the process to be used by the requesting player / parent and the criteria that the SVSC will apply. Playing-up is an exception only used under the criteria outlined below. All Playing-up exceptions are determined by the SVSC Board.

Play-up Request Process

To request a Play-up evaluation, the player / parent must submit an SVSC Age Division Exception Form to the Program Director after tryouts and before January 1st each year. The SVSC Board will review the request and if the request is "considered" an evaluation of the player will be scheduled by the Program Director.

The Program Director will perform the evaluation with an Assigned Designate. The player must clearly demonstrate that they rank within the top 50% of the players at the requested level. Since it may be difficult to do a fully comparable evaluation; the Program Director and Assigned Designate will use their discretion.

After the evaluation, the Program Director and Assigned Designate will provide a recommendation to the SVSC Board. The SVSC Board is the final arbiter in deciding if a player may Play-up and will notify the player / parent of the decision.

Under no circumstance will a "Play-Up" be approved if the player is more than one year younger than the age bracket requested.

Evaluation Criteria

The Club, Program Director and Assigned Designate will consider the following factors when determining if a "play up" request should be considered and approved:

1. Exceptionally Skilled Player - Level of play significantly exceeds peer group

A player who fits this criterion must dominate play in more than one phase i.e. striking and passing; defending and challenging; defending and striking, etc. Though parents or coaches may often feel that a player is dominant because the player is the best on the team, the exceptionally skilled criteria apply to the player in relation to the entire division and most other children of his or her age.



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2. Physical Ability and Above Average Size

If a player is exceedingly big for his or her age group and has above average soccer skills, the Coach may recommend a Play-up request to the player / parent – particularly if there is some risk that the physical play of the player may pose a danger to smaller “of age” players.

3. Overall Benefit to the Club

If there is an overall benefit to the club for moving a player up, the board may approve it. For example, if the older division needs to fill a coaching vacancy, but the ability of a parent to take on the coaching position is contingent on his or her child moving up, the club may approve it. In unusual situations, the club may request that a grouping of players move up due to overall numbers balancing across divisions. If this is to occur, an overall approval by the board is required.



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Seaway Valley Soccer Club Age Division Exception Form			
Date			
Player's Name		Parent or Guardian	
Home Phone Number		Alt. Phone Number	
Email Address			
Player's Date of Birth		Division Applying To	
Prior Soccer Experience			
Reason For Requesting The Exception			
Volunteer Commitment Information			