



TITLE: Playing Up Policy	EFFECTIVE DATE: 03-01-2009
	REV. LEVEL: 1
	APPLICABILITY: ALL DYSC PLAYERS

1. PURPOSE

It is the interest of DYSC to properly develop the individual soccer player and that includes playing at a level that is commensurate with their skill regardless of age.

2. POLICY

1. A player may be allowed to play up one age group if it can be demonstrated that both the player and the team will benefit from the player playing outside their age group. The team that the player would have played for in their assigned age group must not become significantly affected in a negative manner as a result of the player playing out of their age group.
2. The decision to allow players to play outside their age group will be considered on a case by case basis and will involve the Director of Coaching, Age Group Coordinators and prior and current coaches of the player. The final decision will be made by the Director of Coaching.
3. A request to play up a level can be made by parents verbally or in writing, to the Director of Coaching.
4. If a family has siblings who are close in age, the parents may make a request to the Director of Coaching that the younger sibling be “moved up” so as to be assigned to the same team as the older sibling. If the move will not negatively affect the quality of the soccer experience for all players involved, including the older and younger teams, this move will be considered. The player must have the ability to perform for the older team based on past soccer experience.
5. Exceptions to this policy, if after exhausting all alternatives, there are still not enough players in a particular age group, then the Director of Coaching and the Age Group Coordinators, at their discretion may move players up to the next level based on the following:
 - a. The players are able to compete at the “upper” level based on past soccer experience.
 - b. The parents wish for the player to be moved to the new level.
 - c. The move will not negatively impact any of the players or teams involved in the process from a soccer or social standpoint.
 - d. An evaluation is obtained from the previous season’s coach.