



PLAYER EVALUATION PROCESS

To aid in the placement of players to teams, Orono Thunder Soccer Club (OTSC) has a robust player evaluation process. The purpose of the player evaluation process is to maximize player development and ensure assignment to an appropriate team. New players will be evaluated at Tryouts. The player evaluation process for returning players focuses on four factors:

- Tryouts
- Team Coach's Final Evaluation of In Season Performance
- Master Coach Evaluation
- Attendance Record, beginning at team's first practice

Tryouts. Players must attend Tryouts. Players are evaluated by qualified coaches from either outside the community or from within the club that coach at a different age group. At tryouts, players are evaluated on their tactical ability, technical ability and physical ability.

The Team Coach's Final Evaluation of In Season Performance. Each team coach completes an evaluation at the end of the season that ranks players and provides an opportunity for the coach to explain the ranking. This evaluation is given to the Director of Coaching ("DOC") at the end of the season.

Master Coach Evaluation. During the spring season, a master coach will review all players in their age group to provide consistent player evaluation over a longer period.

Attendance Record. Players are evaluated on their attendance at practice and games, starting at the team's first practice. Players will have the opportunity to be excused from practice by contacting the team manager or coach prior to practice. Players who miss practice without prior notice will be marked absent for that date. As players move to higher levels of play, the commitment from players must increase. At OTSC, we believe that players should play multiple sports, but strongly believe that players that want a roster spot on a higher level team must demonstrate an interest in maintaining and/or improving their ability by utilizing some of the club's winter training. A player placed on a lower team will have a higher potential of improving and of moving up if they attend more winter training.

Note on Goalkeeper Player Evaluation. Goalkeepers will be evaluated by a qualified Goalkeeper Coach at Tryouts. U9-U11 goalkeepers will be evaluated in game situations during their age group Tryout. U12+ goalkeepers will be evaluated on technical skills in a dedicated goalkeeper session and in game situations during their age group Tryout. To be considered for placement on top teams U12+ Goalkeepers must attend both Tryout sessions.