



PLAY-UP POLICY & PROCEDURE

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The purpose of this policy and procedure is to establish a process for ASE to identify players that, during the course of soccer development, may need to play with older players. This policy and procedure applies to all ASE players and shall be implemented by Director of Soccer Operations.

Play-up Policies

- All players must register for their natural age group
- Only registered players in good standing with the Club may request to play up
- Play up requests must be submitted to the Program Coordinator (Recreational and Development) or DoS yearly regardless of previous placements
- Parent/player submitted play up requests must be submitted to DoS PRIOR to tryouts.
- Any player that has not been assigned to a roster spot, prior to the date of tryouts for their natural age group (regardless of “why”), is required to attend the tryout for their natural age group
- Play up evaluations by the Technical Council can be initiated at any time during the season
- Evaluation teams are formed by the DoS and must include a minimum of two independent evaluators
- All decisions, regarding the placement of players, are final and made by the DoS
- This policy does not affect teams that were intentionally formed to cover more than one natural age group (Example: high school teams are typically formed to cover two or more age groups)
- This policy does not affect the ASE Player Movement Policy.
- Guest playing in accordance with the Player Movement Policy should also be considered in lieu of playing up
- As a result of registration numbers, the Technical Council may seek volunteers to play-up in order to complete a team roster; however, this is only used in rare occasions to field a team
- Playing up will be denied if it results in the folding of another ASE team.

Player Play-Up Procedure

Recreational Program parents may request to play up once a year in accordance with the steps below:

1. Player registers for their natural age group
2. Player submits play up request to the Recreational Program Coordinator
3. Recreational Program Coordinator requests an evaluation team to evaluate the player against both the current age group and the potential play-up age group
4. Evaluation team provides a written recommendation to the Manager of Player Development with an emphasis on the player’s individual soccer development
5. DoS makes a final decision regarding the placement



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Developmental and Competitive Program parents/players may request to play up once a year in accordance with the steps below:

1. Player registers for their natural age group
2. Player/Parent submits play up request to the Development Program Coordinator (9-10) or DoS (11-18)
3. Player attends tryout and is evaluated by Tryout Evaluators
4. Technical Council shall decide placement of all play-ups
5. Tryout Results are posted and all placements are final
6. Player accepts/denies the roster spot

Head Coaches and members of the Technical Council may request a play up evaluation at any time after tryouts in accordance with the steps below:

1. Head Coach or member of Technical Council requests play up evaluation
2. DoS forms an evaluation team
3. Player is evaluated against both the current age group/team and the potential play-up age group/team
4. Evaluation team shall discuss the player's placement and provide a written recommendation to the Technical Council with an emphasis on that player's individual soccer development.
5. DoS makes a final decision regarding the placement of player, all decisions are final
6. DoS communicates to parents if a play up is recommended for the following season

Note: The required discussions identified in this policy and procedure may be accomplished via any means of communication, however, the Board encourages the use of email.