



SYSA Extra Training Policy

Purpose

The Squamish Youth Soccer Association (SYSA) recognizes that the current BC Soccer age appropriate training and playing model may not provide an ideal level of training and opportunities for players who demonstrate above average skills, and mental and physical aptitudes to be challenged and realize their full potential.

This policy is intended to support specific players who have well above average physical and mental characteristics that would make them good candidates for additional and enhanced training and development opportunities.

This policy is meant to provide these players the opportunity to train with the next older age group. It is intended that this policy not only supports player development but also encourages growth among hosting teams and players as well.

Criteria for Player Identification and Training

1. Players may be identified by a Team's Head Coach based on them possessing well above average age appropriate 1) skill 2) physical strength and 3) mental fortitude, which could see their development in sport accelerate if given the ability to train more frequently and/or with a more challenging cohort of teammates.
2. The Head Coach for the hosting team feels he/she can accommodate the player while still maintaining:
 1. A suitable number of training players for field space available; and
 2. Limiting an unbalanced "type" of player which could see decreased training opportunities for hosting players.
3. The request and plan for Extra Training with a host team must be confirmed in writing by the SYSA Technical Director (TD), the player themselves, the player's parent or legal guardian, and the player's coach as well as the new host team coach.
4. Extra training opportunities are continually monitored and subject to change as determined by the coaching staff (the original team coach and the host team coach) and the TD. Examples of situations where this might occur include:
 1. Player demonstrates arrogant, unsupportive or inappropriate behaviour towards **his/her** age-appropriate or host teammates



- Player demonstrates insubordinate behaviour towards **his/her** age-appropriate or host coaching staff
3. Player demonstrates behaviour that causes in the opinion of coaching staff and the TD a disruption of hosting or age-appropriate training sessions
 4. Changing training circumstances cause an unbalanced or decreased amount of training opportunities for hosting or age-appropriate players.
 5. Player does not maintain required attendance to their original appropriate age team
- NO EXCEPTIONS**

Notes

1. This Extra Training Policy **DOES NOT** afford any player the opportunity to play additional games beyond those scheduled with their age-appropriate team.
2. An Extra Training Session Fee of \$5 per session will be charged for the remaining scheduled season. Should a player be selected then withdrawn or removed from this extra training program, the fee will be adjusted on a per session basis.
3. Players may not be allowed to train on teams of the opposite sex.
4. Extra training requests are provided on a per season basis only.
5. Players are encouraged to show leadership, champion excellence in soccer and promote learning, growth and development amongst any and all of their teammates.
6. If several players from a team are deemed to meet the criteria set out in this policy, the opportunity for extra training will be distributed equally amongst those selected players and may need to be rotated at the direction of the TD.
7. Players must adhere to the rotation as directed by the TD.
8. This policy is applicable to all players regardless of team/league affiliation so long as the aforementioned requirements are met and SYSA fees paid.

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