



PETERBOROUGH CITY SOCCER ACCOCIATION

Playing Up – Policy and Procedures

U13 and up (LTPD - Competitive for Life)

It is the policy of the PCSA that players must participate at their own age level, provided an age appropriate team exists.

Notwithstanding this policy and subject to District, League and OSA regulations, the club may grant an exception to a U13 or older aged player to register in an older age level, in one of the following situations:

- (i) With the approval of the Director of Coaching, the player has been released by the head coach of the team at the player's age level;
- (ii) A parent of the player has been appointed as team head coach of the older age team;
- (iii) The player is granted exceptional player status (see below).

Each request to play up will be reviewed, on a case-by-case basis, with the focus on the benefits to the player, then the team(s), and finally the PCSA. All exceptions must be approved by the PCSA Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Director of Coaching. Exceptions are valid for only one playing season.

In order to be granted exceptional player status, the player must excel in all the following areas:

- Psychological/Mental
- Physical
- Social/Emotional
- Technical
- Tactical

A player with exceptional ability may be granted exceptional player status by way of the following procedure:

1. The parent(s) of the player must write a letter to the Director of Coaching (DOC) requesting the player to play up. The letter must be received before the first day of tryouts, which are generally held in the month of September. If a letter is not received before the beginning of tryouts, the player will not be permitted to play up.
2. The DOC will meet with the coach of the player's own age group and the coach of the age group the player wants to play up for.
3. The player must try out with their own age group first and then the age group they have requested to play for.
4. A panel comprising the DOC and two other technical coaches will evaluate the player using the PCSA age specific evaluation form. The player must be a top-5 player in their own age group and in the top 5 players of the age group they have asked to play up on. If a majority of the panel agrees that it is in the best interest of the player to play up then the DOC will make the recommendation to the PCSA Board of Directors.
5. The PCSA Board will rule on the recommendation of the DOC, all the while ensuring compliance with applicable District, League and OSA regulations.
6. The DOC will meet with the coaches, parent(s) and player to inform them of the Board's decision.