



Kemptonville District Soccer Club **Developmental Soccer “Play-up” Policy**

Policy #3-2015

Playing up is always based on developmental ability and is not an option for playing with friends, playing with siblings or car pooling with a neighbour.

In order with OSA policy 2.5.14, Kemptonville District Soccer Club players in the development and competitive levels will play at their own age group. As such, all players must register and try out in their own age group.

Once registered, where the coaching staff in consultation with the Club Head Coach deems a player’s “developmental age” to be in advance of their chronological age, the player’s parents may be asked to consider having that player play “up” for that year. Likewise, a player who is identified as exceptional in their natural age group assessment may be invited by the CHC to attend the next assessment session for the next age group for evaluation purposes.

Thereafter, the Club Head Coach, together with the coaches at both age groups, will address the matter and a decision will be reached that everyone involved feels is in the best interests of the player from a developmental perspective.

Whereas the OSA policy 2.5.14 indicates that Developmental players, aged U8-U13 inclusive, may not register to an older aged classification, the District Association may, subject to the Game Organization Guide, grant an exception to up to two players with ***exceptional ability*** in each age group to register in an older age classification.

Exceptional ability: a player who continuously demonstrates the ability to exceed the fundamentals of player development from each of physical, technical, tactical and psycho-social standpoints.

Players eligible for play up must adhere to the OSA Player Evaluation Process and complete an evaluation form. Once completed, if the player meets the exceptional

ability requirements, the form will be forwarded to the District Association for approval.

[Player Evaluation Process](#)

[U8 to U9 Evaluation Form](#)

[U9 to U11 Evaluation Form](#)

[U12 to U13 Evaluation Form](#)

"Grand-fathering" a player who has been playing out of his or her own age group for one or more years will be taken into consideration, but will not be automatic. A player's development level can change from season to season due to outside factors like injury or additional training in the off season. Our philosophy dictates that all players will be placed on teams that are at their developmentally appropriate, within OSA guidelines, therefore need to be re-assessed annually at their natural age group.

What is being assessed?

Although our assessment format will vary slightly amongst different age groups, spring assessments include the following:

- Technical/Physical Assessments
- Small Sided Games Assessments

Further sessions may be added where necessary

Please direct any questions regarding the KDSC Play Up Policy to the Club Head Coach at