



POLICY MANUAL DARTMOUTH UNITED SOCCER CLUB

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PREAMBLE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Club determines the appropriate level of training and competition for our Youth and Senior players in a manner that is fair, transparent and effective.

The Player Assessment Policy is used in conjunction with the Team Formation Policy to assign players to Dartmouth United teams. The Player Assessment Policy describes how a player's level of soccer ability is to be evaluated, while the Team Formation Policy outlines how players are grouped to create our teams.

POLICY

1. Assessment Criteria

A player's level of soccer ability will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- (a) Technique: ability to run with, receive, and release the ball on a consistent basis;
- (b) Athleticism: physical strength, agility, speed, and stamina;
- (c) Tactics: ability to make correct decisions about what to do with and without the ball;
- (d) Attitude: intensity, composure, and focus during practices and games;
- (e) Commitment: willingness to attend practices, games, and team events.

2. Assessment Process

The following will be taken into account when making the final assessment:

- (a) Existing Knowledge of a Player
 - Knowledge of a player's previous performances, as witnessed by their prior coaches and technical staff, will be considered valuable information with respect to player assessment.
 - Players who are unable to attend tryouts due to circumstances beyond their control may, with the consent of the Divisional VP, be assigned to a team based solely on an existing knowledge of their capability.



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(b) Open Tryouts / Balancing

- The principal reason for holding open tryouts is to help identify a group of players with the potential to play at a particular level. Open tryouts will be held for all Youth teams.
- Balancing sessions are similar to open tryouts, but the aim is to create teams of similar ability.
- Players must be registered with the Club before attending tryouts or balancing sessions.
- Any player of appropriate age who wishes to try out for a team may attend an open tryout. Players must try out at their own age level.
- Players will be assessed by the team coach and independent assessors.

(c) Invitational Tryouts

- Coaches may use invitational tryouts to make final assessments of players before selecting a team.
- Any invitational tryouts will be held after the open tryouts.
- Players will be invited to invitational tryouts based on their open tryout assessments and/or existing knowledge of the player.
- The team's coaching staff will assess players during invitational tryouts, and may invite other qualified assessors to assist them.
- Every reasonable effort should be made to have the invitational tryouts for a team completed within two weeks of the open tryouts.

3. Tryout Schedule

Tryout times and locations will be posted on the Club website at least two weeks in advance. Any changes due to weather conditions or facility availability will be posted as quickly as possible.

RELATED DARTMOUTH UNITED DOCUMENTS

Player Movement Policy
Team Formation Policy

HISTORICAL DATES

n/a New policy