



POLICY MANUAL DARTMOUTH UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Policy & Procedure

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PREAMBLE

This policy provides guidelines for determining if a player should be moved to a higher or lower age level than their year of birth would indicate.

POLICY

1. General

- (a) Dartmouth United will generally only consider early movement of a player to an older age level if there is no program for the player at their age level that provides them with the appropriate training and competition. To be considered for early movement, an under-age player must demonstrate that he/she is an exceptional player at his/her own age level.
- (b) Soccer Nova Scotia does not permit Youth players to participate in league play at a younger age level. "Play down" requests may, however, be granted for U4 – U12 players on the basis of special physical or social considerations.

2. Youth Players

(a) Play-Up Requests

- The Technical Director and the Divisional VP must approve all requests for early movement of Youth players to a higher age level.
- When determining whether a U14 – 18 Tier 1 player or a U12 Tier 2A player should move to a higher age level, the player's interests will overtake team interests. Under-age players who are ready to move to the next age level will not be held back to bolster a team; conversely, under-age players who are not ready to move up to the next age level will not be moved up to aid in team formation. Players who are in the National Training Program (NTC) or playing up an age level on a Provincial team are considered good candidates for early movement to an older age category. To move up to an older age level, players must generally be considered one of the starting eleven players of a team they wish to play on.
- Early movement of players within the U14 – U18 Tier 2A program will not generally be considered, as Tier 2A players requiring a more challenging program can play Tier 1 at their own age level.



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- Early movement of players within the U12 - U18 Tier 2B program may be considered to assist with team formation.
- The early movement of U10 players to U12A will be considered but only with the recommendation of the Club's U10 Academy head coach.

(b) Play-Down Requests

- Requests for U12 players to play in the U10 House League must be approved by the Technical Director and the VP Boys / Girls.
- Requests for U10 players to play at the U8 level must be approved by the Mini Technical Director and the VP Minis.

3. Mini Players

(a) Play-Up Requests

- Early movement of U8 players to U10 must be approved by the Technical Director and the VP Boys / Girls.
- Early movement of U6 players to U8 must be approved by the Mini Technical Director and the VP Minis.
- Early movement of younger Mini players must be approved by the VP Minis.

(b) Play-Down Requests

- Play-down requests regarding U4 – U8 players require approval by the VP Minis.

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