

Corner Brook United Soccer Club

Call Up and Play Up Policy

These policies, procedures and guidelines are regarding the movement of players from a younger age group into an older age group, or the movement of a player to a higher level of competition within the same age group.

General

Corner Brook United Soccer Club (CBUSC) is committed to providing exceptional opportunities in soccer for all members. For most members, CBUSC's regular programming that is based on the Long-Term Player Development models created and endorsed by the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) and the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association (NLSA), meets their needs.

However, for players with exceptional abilities, although rare, CBUSC will consider the advancement of a player to a higher age group or to a higher level of competition within an age group, in order for them to be able to play in an optimal environment for their development.

This advancement can take two forms. One is temporary (Call Up) and one is permanent and involves moving up in competition level and/or moving up an age group for the duration of one calendar year (Play Up). For call up advancements, CBUSC will adhere to the NLSA call up policy.

Eligibility

Play up: All players in the club who are deemed by the Technical Committee to be of exceptional ability are eligible to be advanced to a higher age group or to a higher level of competition through the Play Up program.

Call up: Only players participating in the competitive leagues (U13 – U18) are eligible for consideration for Call Up. Typically, players are called up to replace an injured or absent player on a roster. Players in the developmental leagues (U5-U11) are not eligible for call-ups.

Play Up

Consideration for Play Up will be made in the pre-season or early season only.

The selection of a player to play at a higher age category or at a higher level of competition will only be supported by Corner Brook United Club if the player meets the following guidelines and it has been brought forward to the Corner Brook United Soccer Club Technical committee by the head coach and technical director:

Technical Ability: A player must demonstrate a high degree of individual skill, which must be transferable to competitive match situations. In addition, a player's individual skill must meet/exceed the technical abilities of the majority of participating players within the older age category or the higher level of competition.

Physical Ability: A player must meet/exceed the majority of players within the age category or higher level of competition they are being considered for in physical strength,

technical skill and speed, and have the ability to blend in with players of the intended age group or intended higher level of competition.

Mental Ability: A player must meet/exceed the majority of players within the age category or higher level of competition they are being considered for in game awareness and general knowledge of the game, as well as demonstrate the mental strength that will be necessary when dealing with older and/or physically superior opponents.

Social Ability: A player must be able to interact with players within the age category or higher level of competition they are being considered for on and off the field (games, dressing room, training and social gatherings).

Call Up

Call Up decisions can occur at any time throughout the season. However, as per NLSA rules an individual player can only be called up a maximum of 7 times during the season. A call-up can only be made if there are less than 15 players on the roster for that game.

Process

Play Up

1. Travel Team Head Coaches and Technical Director identify a player with exceptional abilities, possibly including those players who have already been named to the NLSA provincial program.
2. The Technical Committee will determine if the player meets the necessary guidelines required to play up (technical, physical, mental and social ability) and discuss the outcome with the Technical Director and the Travel Team Head Coaches that will be affected by the change.
3. The Technical Committee will take into consideration any player leaving an age group that seriously compromises the viability of that age group fielding a team.
4. The Technical Committee discuss playing up with the parents of the identified player.
5. If approved, the player is re-assigned for the season.

Call Up

1. The coach of the higher-level team determines that s/he needs an additional player or players for an upcoming match.
2. The coach of the higher-level team contacts the Technical Committee at least 48 hours prior to the game to identify the need for a call-up.
3. In collaboration with the Technical Committee, the sending and receiving coaches will identify the player(s) to be called up.
4. After parental permission is secured, the Coach of the higher-level team adds the player's name to their game sheet roster.
5. A player who has been identified to play up will have the opportunity to practice with the group for the week before their participation in the game.
6. Permission for call-ups is required for every game or practice.
7. A player will not be permitted to be called-up to the detriment of his/her own team. When call up opportunities conflict with team events, priority will be given to the player's own team practice or game over the higher level practice or game.