



FORT SASKATCHEWAN SOCCER

TITLE: TEAM FORMATION, SPECIAL REQUEST and PLAYER MOVEMENT

POLICY #: 1210

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| 3.0 | | Added team formation and special requests content |

1.0 Purpose

To outline how Fort Saskatchewan Soccer (FSS) handles team formation, special requests and requests for a player to move up one age level or to move down one age level.

2.0 Scope

This policy applies to the FSS Program Directors while forming teams and in situations where a player desires to move up or down an age grouping.

3.0 Terms

Age Grouping – Divisions based on the Age Groupings specified by the Alberta Soccer Association and Canada Soccer.

Move-up – Moving a player from their birth registered age level to the next highest age level above.

Move-down – Moving a player from their birth registered age level to the next lowest age level below.

Technical Committee – A subcommittee under the FSS Executive comprised of the age-level Program Director, President and Vice President.

4.0 Policy

- 4.1 Player Movement requests will be considered only after all players of the proper age have been registered.
- 4.2 All requests must be on a Player Movement Request form which can be accessed from the FSS website and must be received by the FSS sport coordinator prior to the close of registration.
- 4.3 If you request more than one birth year in movement you will need to submit your request in writing to the current president at president@fortsasksoccer.ca and program director at U11-U19ProgramDirector@fortsasksoccer.ca. You will be notified of the decision in writing. The committee's decision is final.
- 4.4 If a player is requesting a move-down, a physician's letter supporting the downward movement request must accompany the Player Movement Request form.



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- 4.5 All requests will be reviewed after registration closes.
- 4.6 Players must play in their appropriate age group unless our Technical Committee determines exceptional circumstances that may allow the player to compete at a higher or lower age level.
- 4.7 If a player movement request will directly impact forming a team at the player's current age group, the player movement request may be turned down.
- 4.8 The Program Director, with consultations from coaches, FSS Executive or the technical team as required will review the technical ability and maturity of the player prior to approval to move up to an older age level.
- 4.9 Players requesting to move must attend the assessments, if applicable, for both their current age level and the age level they are requesting.
- 4.10 The applicant will be notified by email of the outcome of the request.
- 4.11 Fort Saskatchewan Soccer is under no obligation to approve a player movement request, or to elaborate on their decision.
- 4.12 Only special requests which are made on the registration form during online registration will be reviewed. Reviewing a request does not mean it can be granted. It is simply not possible to accommodate all requests. While we will do what we can to grant requests, there are absolutely no guarantees of requests for player placement being met
- 4.13 The Fort Saskatchewan Soccer Executive Committee tries to honor community, coach, and friend requests, however, there are absolutely no guarantees of requests for player placement.
- 4.14 Placement on premier teams is by tryout. Players interested in premier must register for premier tryouts on the website.
- 4.15 Player placement is done on a first-come basis, home community players are placed first unless requested to play elsewhere and a spot is available on that team.
 - a. Player registration must be complete before a player is considered eligible to be put on a team. Player registration is considered incomplete until all fees are paid. Once fees are paid players will be eligible for team placement if any positions are still available.
 - b. If we cannot host a team at the current age level, because of low registrations, then players may be asked to move up an age level by the Program Director.



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- c. Special requests asking to be placed on the same team as family members who are registered in the same division, placement for the sake of carpooling will be placed.
- d. Special requests to be on friends' teams, keeping teams together or a certain coach will be honored if it is feasible and does not impact the rest of the organization.