



FORT ST. JOHN SOCCER CLUB

2022_Playing up/down Policy

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the procedure for requesting and approving a player moving up or down an age division in the Fort St John Soccer Club.

Policy:

Where a player in the Fort St John Soccer Club could grow as a player by being placed in a different division than their age determines, the steps outlined in this policy will be followed. The process that is outlined in this document follows the Long Term Player Development model and is necessary for the positive, continual growth of the individual in soccer.

To initiate the playing up/down process, the “Playing Up/Down” form is filled out and sent to the FSJSC managing director.

Players will be placed on a team of their respective age group at the start of the season for an assessment to take place by trained club staff to determine the best age division that will challenge, test, and encourage development.

For the players that are being considered for potentially playing up an age group, the following guidelines will be used for selection.

Age Consideration:

A player must be at the top end of the age span in the group they would normally compete in.

Physical Ability:

A player must surpass other players within their age group in physical strength, technical skill and speed, and have the ability to blend in with players of the intended age group.

Technical Ability:

A player must demonstrate a high degree of individual skill which must be transferable to competitive match situations and their skill must be in the top 10% of other participating players within the age group the player wishes to participate.

Mental Ability:

Player must surpass other players within their age group in game awareness and general knowledge of the game. This is to ensure they have the mental strength that will be necessary when dealing with older, and possibly physically superior opponents.

Social Ability:

Player must be able to interact with players within the intended age group on and off the field (games, dressing room, training, and social gatherings).

Determination of playing up/down:

After the assessment has been completed, written confirmation of the best action for player development will be provided to parents and placed on file with the FSJSC.