



## CALL UP POLICY

Competitive coaches may be required to 'call up' players from teams in the age division below them to make up for shortfalls in their roster throughout the season. Coaches should make every effort to involve as many eligible players as possible in the calling up process to widen the experience. Call ups will be determined primarily by the positions required by the requesting team. The process for calling up is outlined below:

1. The coach must first contact the Technical Director at least 12 hours prior to the game to identify the need for a call-up. In unforeseen circumstances, coaches must contact the Technical Director immediately upon notice that a call-up is needed. If the Technical Director cannot be reached, the next contact is the Director of Competitive.
2. The identification of players will be decided in collaboration with the Technical Director as well as the sending and receiving coaches.
3. A player who has been invited to play up will ideally have the opportunity to practice with the group before their participation in the game.
4. Coaches requesting the call up are not permitted to contact players or their parents directly. Coaches who violate this rule, will be subject to loss of the requested player as well as sanctions from the Technical Director and Technical Committee.
5. The Technical Director will communicate with the parents to discuss the call up.
6. Permission for call-ups is required for every game or practice although a request may be made for several dates at one time.
7. A player will not be permitted to be called-up to the detriment of his/her own team.
8. The number of games a player can be called up is subject to league rules. The maximum number of games players will be allowed to play up is at the discretion of the Technical Director.

At any time, call-ups are not to be used to replace regular player minutes on your team. Per ESL rules, call-ups can be used throughout the regular season but cannot be used during playoffs. This call-up policy applies to all games and tournaments.