

## **Updated Policy- 2023**

### KESA REP/ Development Playing Up and Down Policy

Purpose: To allow a player the chance to play in an environment outside of their chronological age that best supports their physical and/ or learning needs when appropriate.

#### Standards:

The following standards as per BC Soccer Playing Up and Down Policy will be taken into consideration when deciding on player movement:

- Players may not register in an age group that is lower than the age attained by January 1st of the season ending
- Players are not restricted to registering in an age group higher than the age attained by January 1st of the season ending
- Players can play in a younger age group under the following circumstances:
  - o A player that requires individual learning needs and is required to play in a younger age group as a result
  - o A player that does not have a playing environment available in their designated chronological age group.
  - o A player whose current stage of player development is deemed below their designated chronological age group.
- Players can in an older age group under the following circumstances:
  - o A player does not have a playing environment available to them at their designated chronological age group.
  - o The players current stage of player development is deemed above their designated chronological age group.

#### Procedure:

1. All players must register and will be placed within their chronological age group.
2. To make a request to play outside of chronological age group, a written request will be made to both the KESA REP Chair and Technical Director.
3. Request will be reviewed by KESA REP Chair and Technical Director
4. An initial review will occur based on the BC Soccer Playing Up and Down Policy
5. Additional on field evaluation by Technical Director may follow the initial review if deemed necessary.
6. KESA rep/development chair will gather information from the party making the request and from the technical director and present to the board members for final approval of the decision.