



## Team/Roster Formation Guideline Rep (U14-U18) April – September

KESA makes every effort to create an environment where as many people as possible play soccer, for as long as possible. As a club that is registered with BC Soccer, we also follow BC Soccer policies and guidelines, including minimum playing time, maximum roster sizes, and the long-term player development pathway, including Training to Train and Training to Compete at the U14 to U18 levels.

*See Also:*

*Playing Up and Down Policy:* [Playing Up and Down Policy-.pdf](#)

*Playing Time, District Teams and Registration:* [Kootenay East Soccer Association : Website by RAMP InterActive](#)

*Player Pathway:* [Player Pathway | BC Soccer Association](#)

*Provincial Cup Regulations:* [2026YouthProvincialChampionships\\_Rules and Regulations](#)

For the Spring 2026 Rep season, there are a number of age group categories where we anticipate registration will exceed (or has exceeded) roster size and/or age groups where we cannot field a team due to minimum roster sizes not being met. Due to this, **final team formations for U14-U18 teams will be determined within the first three weeks of practice.** We will be making every effort to accommodate as many registered players as possible, using a combination of our Play Up/Down play policy, our District teams, and creating flexibility between teams throughout the season.

The following Team Formation Procedure will be followed for this season, and reviewed for coming seasons.

### **Final Team Formation Procedure**

Final team formations will be determined in accordance with the following procedure, and in consultation with each age group's coach, the Rep/Dev board chairs, and third party evaluators. All final decisions will be determined by the Technical Director:

- a) Every player in U14-U18 categories whose age group **does not have a registered team**, along with every player **who has not previously been registered with KESA**, will have a field evaluation following our *Playing Up and Down Policy*. These evaluations will take place during the first three weeks of practice. A team position is not guaranteed for registered players if they have not previously been registered with KESA, or if KESA cannot register a team in a specific age group.
- b) Based on the recommendations from the field evaluations, the Technical Director, in consultation with Rep/Dev Board Chairs and coaches, will determine which team can accommodate a player, and which KESA age group team is most appropriate for each player.
- c) In addition to the Playing Up and Down evaluation placements, if team sizes EXCEED 20 players, further evaluations will take place within each age group. These evaluations also will take place



the first three weeks of practice, and will be overseen by team coaches and the Technical Director. Each Rep team will be limited to 22 players for the season, and 20 for each tournament, in accordance with BC Provincial Cup Competition policy, and, most importantly, in order to be able to ensure each player assigned to a roster is provided *minimum playing time\** while still maintaining a competitive environment.

- a) Based on team evaluations, the Technical Director, in consultation with coaches and evaluators and the Rep/Dev Board Chairs, will determine teams for each of KESA's age groups. If there are not enough roster spots for all registered players, due to maximum roster sizes, players who are not assigned a position on a team may be offered a practice position with the appropriate age group\*\* and KESA will make every effort to accommodate and/or confirm if there is a *district team or other club team available for competition play*.

Because all evaluations need to be completed in the first three weeks of practice in order to confirm final team formations for all teams **please ensure your player attends the first three weeks of practice.**

Parent Player Contracts will not be completed prior to team formations.

**\*Players assigned to a team will receive a minimum playing time of 30% averaged over the duration Club Registered tournaments during game play. This means that each player will not necessarily be playing in every game and every tournament. It is expected that the coaches may limit individual game rosters to 18 players and tournament rosters to 20 players. Depending on roster sizes some players may be assigned to a different team/age group for tournament play in order for each KESA team to field a roster with the minimum number of players.**

**\*\* Please note that over-aged players are not eligible to play in Provincial Competitions**

**\*Updated 2026**