

## Grassroots Competitive Assessment Process - TIMELINE

**For players born in 2014 (U11), 2015 (U10), 2016 (U9), and 2017(U8). This process applies to players wishing to represent PHOENIX FC at Tier 1, 2 and 3 levels in EMSA.**

### July & August

New players that want to play for Phoenix FC or want to try us out can register fully or for an assessment. Players that already know that they want to play for Phoenix FC should register as soon as possible to take advantage of the early bird discount. For grassroots players, this early bird deadline is AUGUST 6, 2024.

### August

Assessments are scheduled for August 19th-22nd for Grassroots Competitive (U8-U11). **Assessments will be run/organized by independent technical staff and program directors with input from volunteer coaches during this process. All returning players are expected to attend and participate in assessments to provide the necessary competitive environment.**

Our goal is to finalize rosters and offer spots for all teams within 48 hours after the scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> assessment. Should conditions arise where a third assessment is required for an age group, this will be communicated via email at the time of that decision. Players will be emailed an offer stating the program and tier that they have been selected for. Players will have 24hrs to accept or decline the offer. Should we not hear back from the player/family within 24hrs, a decline for the offer will be assumed and the spot within the Program/team may be offered to another player and no longer be guaranteed.

**Players should register for assessments in their own age group but may be considered for an older age group if warranted and recommended by assessors. Parents, please contact our program director (b.soto@spdsa.net) if you feel this is the case for your athlete. Our general guideline is that younger players should be amongst the top five players on that team to qualify.**

We recognize that assessments can represent a time of change or uncertainty for our athletes and their families. We urge athletes and families to focus on what they control... Work Hard, Do Their Best, and support their teammates both new and old. Every season represents the chance to write a new chapter. We are one club, one community growing and learning together. Do not hesitate to contact our club staff for any support or clarification your family requires.

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