



SUSC Player Movement Policy 2026

Policy:

The purpose of this policy is to define the rational and corresponding process for an underage player being promoted to an older age group at the request from the players parent/ guardian. Promotion of a player into an older age group will only be considered if the player has the skills, abilities, and physical capabilities to actively compete at the level they are seeking promotion to. The SUSC will only promote underage players to an older age group if it is in the player s developmental best interest, the players safety is not at risk, and is recommended by the Committee responsible for evaluating the player for the purpose of the promotion.

In order to properly evaluate the requested promotion of an underage player, the SUSC will establish a committee consisting of:

- SUSC President / Vice President (Acting as Chair),
- SUSC Technical Director,
- SUSC Youth Director or Junior Youth Director,

The three directors will vote on the recommendation. Where any one of the committee members identified may be in conflict, another member of the executive will take their place. The committee will conduct an evaluation of the player based on the following criteria:

- Technical skill (dribbling, passing, striking, control)
- Physical abilities (size, strength, speed),
- Soccer IQ (positioning, ability to read plays/ adjust to game play)

The evaluation of the player is always in relation to players within the competing age group. The player will be permitted to participate in the tryouts for the age group they are seeking promotion to, and the evaluation should not be conducted at the first tryout to give the player seeking promotion the opportunity to get comfortable with the game after the off-season.

Process:

The following process will be used for underage players seeking promotion into an older age group:

1. Formal Request: Player (parent/ guardian) must make a formal request to the SUSC Technical Director. The request will be on the player movement form supplied by SUSC and must provide the following Information:
 - Players name & age,
 - Age group they are seeking promotion to
 - Last team and coach they played for,
 - Reason for request .

2. SUSC President / Vice President establishes committee and shares the request with the other committee members.
3. SUSC President / Vice President will reach out to the players last coach seeking their assessment of the players technical skills, physical abilities, and soccer IQ. President / Vice President will share the coach's feedback with other committee members.
4. SUSC President / Vice President will reach out to the coach of the team in which the player is trying out for to get their impression of the player. If the player is trying out for a first division team and they do not make the first cut before an evaluation can take place, the request is automatically denied.
5. Evaluation Committee will attend the 3rd tryout of the player seeking promotion. In cooperation with the coach, drills should be run that allow the committee to assess the player in relation to the evaluation criteria (technical skill, physical abilities, soccer IQ)
6. Upon completion of the evaluation, the committee will vote on the approval or denial of the request. The committee's decision will be communicated to the board for approval and then to the petitioning player's parent/ guardian with a rationale for the decision being provided at that time.

Additional Conditions:

Players will not be considered for movement to Premier level teams unless the committee feel there are extraordinary circumstances that would make the movement justified.

Final decision on the movement will also take into consideration Registrations numbers in both the proper division and the one the player is looking to move to. This decision will be made by the committee and in consultation with the Registrar as well.

Should, at any point in time, the player be cut from the tryouts of the level they are seeking to get promoted to, prior to the evaluation taking place, then the request for promotion will automatically be denied.

Request for promotion does not guarantee the player seeking promotion a position on any team within their appropriate age group.

All players seeking a promotion to an older age grouping must register within their proper age group.