

United DFC: Policies and Procedures Player Assessment Policy

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the United DFC (UDFC) determines the appropriate level of training and competition for players in a manner that is fair, transparent, effective, and that ensures the continuing development of each player.

2.0 Definitions

N/A

3.0 Scope

This policy applies to the selection of players for UDFC's competitive, pre-performance, and high performance programs.

4.0 Policy Statement

The Player Assessment Policy is used to assign players to UDFC teams. The Player Assessment Policy describes how a player's level of soccer ability is to be evaluated.

4.1 Assessment Criteria

A player's level of soccer ability will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- a) Technical capabilities (e.g. football behaviors such as passing and receiving, 1v1 attacking/defending, etc.);
- b) Tactical understanding/Game IQ (e.g. positional awareness, off-the-ball movement, understanding of principles of play, etc.);
- c) Physical capabilities (e.g. speed, endurance, agility, etc.);
- d) Psychosocial characteristics (e.g. communication, attitude, competitiveness, etc.); and
- e) Commitment (e.g. ability to meet the standards for engagement over the course of the season).

5.0 Procedures

The following will be taken into account when making the final assessment:



a) Existing Knowledge of a Player

- Knowledge of a player's previous performances, as witnessed by their prior coaches and technical staff, will be considered valuable information with respect to player assessment;
- ii) Players who are unable to attend assessments due to circumstances beyond their control may, with the consent of the Director of Soccer, be invited to attend practices to make further assessments;
- iii) If this is also not possible, players, with the consent of the Director of Soccer, may be assigned to a team based solely on an existing knowledge of their capability and invited to attend practices to make further assessments.

b) Open Assessment

- i) These are used to allow players to be assessed among peers.
- ii) Players must be registered with the Club before attending assessments;
- iii) Any player of appropriate age who wishes to try out for a team may attend an open assessment. Players must try out at their own age level; and,
- iv) Players will be assessed by the DOS, Technical Staff, team coaches, and independent assessors. Players will not be assessed by a parent or immediate family members.

6.0 Related Policies, Legislation, and/or Documents

Player Movement Policy

7.0 Approval and Review

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