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United DFC: Policies and Procedures Player Movement Policy

1.0 Purpose

This policy provides guidelines for determining if a United DFC (UDFC) player should be moved to a higher year than their year of birth would indicate for the season. Player call-ups on an ad hoc basis are governed by the Player Call-Up Policy subject to applicable Soccer Nova Scotia policies and league rules.

2.0 Definitions

N/A

3.0 Scope

This policy applies to all youth players at UDFC.

4.0 Policy Statement

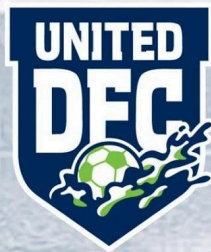
UDFC will generally only consider early movement of a player to an older age level if there is no program for the player at their age level that provides them with the appropriate training and competition. To be considered for early movement, an under-age player must demonstrate that they are an exceptional player (i.e. top 2 or 3 player) at their own age level. In addition, the under-age player should be within the top 25% of players at the age group above. This will be reassessed each season.

4.1 Youth Players

The Director of Soccer and Technical Staff must approve all requests for early movement of Youth players to a higher age level.

When determining whether a U13-18 AA or AAA player should move to a higher age level, the player's interests will overtake team interests. Under-age players who are ready to move to the next age level will not be held back to bolster a team; conversely, under-age players who are not ready to move up to the next age level will not be moved up to aid in team formation.

4.2 Ages and Levels



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Players should first move through the various levels at their own age group before they are granted an opportunity to play at a higher age level (e.g. a U13A level player should move to U13AA, before being granted an opportunity to move to U15A). Extenuating circumstances may allow for exceptions to this rule (e.g. should there be too few players to form a team). The goal is to have as many players playing in an appropriate environment as possible.

5.0 Procedures

N/A

6.0 Related Policies, Legislation, and/or Documents

Player Assessment Policy

Player Call-Up Policy

7.0 Approval and Review

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