

# SYSA PLAYING UP INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

## DEADLINE: JANUARY 31 ANNUALLY

*The Squamish Youth Soccer Association believes that players will develop better at their own age appropriate level than at an age level above. However, the Club recognizes that, although rare, some talented players may exist that are physically and psychologically ready to be considered for the next age level within the club team structure. Please read the following BC Soccer Playing Up Policy.*

### **PLAYING UP POLICY**

The British Columbia Soccer Association's Soccer Department and its Player Development model support the philosophy of continuing to challenge its member players. However, any players who are being considered for potentially playing up an age group should meet the following guidelines for selection;

#### **Technical Ability Technical Ability**

A player must demonstrate a high degree of individual skill which must be transferable to competitive match situations. In addition, a player's individual skill must meet or excel the technical abilities of other participating players within the age group the player wishes to participate in.

#### **Playing Time Policy Playing Time Policy**

It is required that teams implement a minimum playing time policy for those participating under age players. This policy should be subject to the discretion of the coaching staff as it pertains to the health, safety and eligibility (code of conduct) of the individual player.

This is not an equal play policy but a minimum playing policy which should reflect a minimum of 30% play over the duration of the entire season and not on one particular match.

#### **Physical Ability Physical Ability**

A player must surpass other players within their age group in physical strength, technical skill and speed, and have the ability to blend in with players of the intended age group.

#### **Mental Ability Mental Ability**

Player must surpass other players within their age group in game awareness and general knowledge of the game. To include the mental strength that will be necessary when dealing with older and physically superior opponents.

#### **Social Ability Social Ability**

Player must be able to interact with players within the intended age group on and off the field (games, dressing room, training and social gatherings).

The selection of an underage player will ONLY be supported by BC Soccer and its Soccer Department if the player meets these guidelines. This policy has been developed to address individual player circumstances only. BC Soccer and its Soccer Department do not support the participation of an entire team within an older age group and in particular using this process to avoid participation within the recognized national game structure of 8v8 at the Under 12 age category.

For further information please feel free to contact the Soccer Development Department or go to [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net).

In addition to the above recommendations from BC Soccer in regards to playing up SYSA believes that in order for a player to be eligible to play up that player must consistently demonstrate all aspects of the game (physical, mental and technical) at a **minimum** level of the top 1/3rd of the players in the age group (house league) or team (prospect, development or select) that they are applying to.

In addition SYSA operates on a player first mentality and in order for a player to be allowed to play up there must be a clear benefit to not only the player applying to play up but for the team or age group that they are wanting to play in.

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**No applications will be considered past this deadline**

**Stage 1:** Parent Letter, Playing-Up Application Form, Playing-Up Consent Form

The athlete and parent/guardian must initiate the consideration for Playing-Up status. The player and parent/guardian must complete the Playing-Up Application Form and the Playing Up Consent Form (following) and e-mail to [admin@squamishsoccer.ca](mailto:admin@squamishsoccer.ca).

All applications must include clear and persuasive reasoning behind the request and the benefit that the applicant will hopefully gain by playing up.

The Board and or appointed designate will observe the applicant during regular league play and evaluate the player. If the player is evaluated as a prospective starter on the next age level team within the House League and one of the strongest players of the age appropriate team, the application will be voted on prior to commencement of the next season of play. If the applicant receives a positive evaluation and wishes to play up in the Travel League, the applicant must try out for both the age appropriate team, and the try outs for the next age level. After the tryouts are concluded, the Board will vote on the application.

## **PLAYING UP CONSENT FORM**

The Squamish Youth Soccer Association require permission from a parent/guardian for any soccer player to “play up” in an older age group as governed by birth year.

This request must also be approved by the SYSA Board.

I, as parent/guardian, am aware that my younger player will be playing against older, usually more physically developed players whose soccer skills may be more advanced and whose play may be more physical.

As parent/guardian, I give MY PERMISSION for my child \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ to play-up above their age appropriate level.

Before giving your child permission to play up, please consider your child’s maturity, size, coordination, muscular development, attitude, and social development in comparison to the members of the older team.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

**SYSA PLAYING UP APPLICATION FORM**  
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Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current SYSA team: \_\_\_\_\_  
Coach: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age Group/Team Request: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Playing-up Policy and Procedures.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name