



UUSC Competitive Teams "Playing Up" Petition

The following are excerpts from the UUSC Rules and Policies that address the question of "playing up:"

Article 3 Competitive League

Rule 306 Age Eligibility of Competitive Players

Section 1. UUSC encourages all players to play at their own age level as identified by OYSA/US Club Soccer. Therefore, all players must try out for their age appropriate level regardless if he/she tried out for an age level above his/her own age appropriate level.

Section 2. Teams in the SOCL are scheduled based on skill level. It is preferred that all age level teams do not play down; however, to develop all players, teams will be scheduled according to the decision of the PDC or TD. For Fall competitive U14 teams only, any U15 players still in the eighth grade (8th) are eligible to play on a U14 team when the Eighth Grade Certification/Waiver form, properly completed, is submitted to OYSA/US Club Soccer with that player's team registration. These players however are not eligible to play in the President's or State Cup with the U14 team.

Section 3. All players must try out in their age appropriate group. The Technical Director and PDC will determine those players who are capable of higher level play. If a player wants to be considered for playing up, they should notify the TD and PDC. A player's evaluation sheet should meet the highest score in ALL areas of the evaluation in order to be considered for playing up or a unanimous decision by the PDC and TD will be made to allow the player to play up.

Section 4. Players who previously played up must try out in their age appropriate group to be reevaluated for higher level play.

Section 5. No more than three (3) underage players shall be allowed to play up and be placed on any competitive team per an age level. In the case of multiple competitive teams per an age level, these underage players must rank within the top seven (7) players or the top (11) players of all ranked players (See Sections 4 and 5 of this Rule) for the strongest of the competitive teams in that age level to be placed on a competitive team in that age level. Exceptions to this Rule will require a unanimous vote of the Competition Committee and are intended to be only for extreme circumstances and are expected to be very rare. This number of underage player limit does not apply to U15 to U19 players.

Section 6. An underage high school player trying out for a higher age level U15 to U19 competitive team in a duly-approved tryout must rank in the top 16 players in order to be rostered on that high school-aged competitive team.

Reason for making a request to play up: _____

Player's complete name: _____

Player's date of birth: _____ Phone number: _____

What is the player's appropriate age level? **U9 U10 U11 U12 U14**

What age level is the player requesting? **U11 U12 U14**

I, _____, understand that my son/daughter, _____, may be more at risk injuries in playing up above his/her appropriate age year than if he/she were playing at his/her own age level. As parent/legal guardian of this child, I accept this risk on his/her behalf and take full responsibility for allowing him/her to participate in tryouts and, should he/she make the team, to play on the team.

Signature of parent/legal guardian
