



Findlay Soccer Club

Policy on Playing Up

Player Development

Findlay Soccer Club intends to help each player develop at a pace that is in their best interest. Players excelling in their appropriate age level are allowed to play up one or at most two age levels. FSC adheres to the Ohio Youth Soccer Association North rule which prohibits players from playing up more than two age levels.

Team Selection

To promote the development of each player within the club, training and teams will be organized to group children of similar playing ability. This way a talented player will not have their development stagnate if instruction is geared to only lower levels, nor will the weaker player find training frustratingly beyond his or her capabilities. Based upon tryout evaluations a player may be invited to play up in a higher age division.

A player that is young for their grade in school will automatically be allowed to try out one age level up.

Exceptional players will be able to tryout for other age levels by following a three step process.

The three part process for decisions to play above the age appropriate:

1. Coach's recommendation (detailed below).
2. Director of Coaching observation (games in season or video if available).
3. Tryout evaluation with the older age group.

A coach's recommendation to play up must include:

1. Name of player.
2. Player's birth date.
3. Team and age group currently playing with.
4. Strengths detailing specific evidence of technical ability, tactical knowledge, and physical fitness above current age group.
5. Weaknesses.