



ASA Playing Up Policy and Processes

PLAYERS PLAYING UP BEYOND THEIR AGE LEVEL

The Agassiz Soccer Association supports the philosophy of continually challenging its member players. If this involves a player moving up an age group this is supported, provided they meet the following guidelines.

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 exceed the technical abilities of other players participating *within the age group* the player wishes to transfer to.

PHYSICAL ABILITY

A player *must surpass other players within his/her 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

A player *must surpass other players within their age group in game awareness and general knowledge of the game*. The possession of mental strength is considered a necessary component in order to deal with older and potentially more physical opponents.

SOCIAL ABILITY

A 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).

PROCEDURES

If the player meets the guidelines stated above, the player, coach and parent must abide by the following policies and procedures:

The submission of:

- A letter (or email) from the coach of the "older" age group, requesting permission for the player's transfer (required);
- A letter (or email) from the "natural" age group coach supporting the transfer (required);;
- A letter (or email) from the player's parent(s)/guardian(s) requesting the transfer outlining why this would be beneficial to their child, that they have reviewed this process and are fully aware of and accept any consequences associated with the player "playing up" (required); and
- (Optional) Letter(s) and or recommendations regarding the player's ability and status should accompany the transfer request.

Once all documentation is complete and submitted to the ASA Executive, the request will be reviewed and considered. This philosophy is supported by soccer organizations around the world.

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