



Corner Brook Minor Soccer Association

Playing Up Policy

Policy Statement

Requests for players to play up an age group will be considered by the Technical Committee. After following the directives as stated in this Policy, the decision of the Technical Committee will be considered final.

Philosophy

The Canadian Soccer Association recommends the use of its Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) approach, which is a "program for soccer development, training, competition and recovery based on biological age (physical maturity) rather than chronological age. It is player-centered, coach-driven and supported by administration, sport science and sponsors alike." (Quoted from: www.canadasoccer.com/wellness-to-world-cup-s14682)

Using this model, players from U6-U18 develop through seven stages of development, the first three of which are Active Start, FUNdamentals and Learn to Train. These stages of development are essential for players to learn basic technical skills and playing skills before moving on to more advanced and competitive technical skills and game play in the later stages of development.

If a player has missed out on any of these first three stages of the LTPD model or if the program that was offered did not provide them with the best experience, it is difficult for the player to catch up, particularly if we attempt to advance the player before the basic skills have been learned.

Taking all the above into account, Corner Brook Minor Soccer Association believes that a player will benefit best by training within their own age group. However, the Association recognizes that, **although rare**, some talented players may exist who are physically and psychologically ready to be considered for the next age level within the Association's competitive team structure, or, in some cases, for training and/or for House League. This will be done on a case-by-case basis using the following directives.

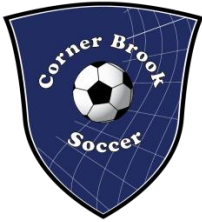
Directives

1. Every player must register with their appropriate age group at the beginning of each calendar year. A request for playing up must be made in that calendar year.

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2. Any player who wishes to try out for an age group above their own will need to request permission to try out/move-up. To do so, the parents/guardians of the player must complete and submit the attached Playing Up Request Form to the CBMSA's Executive Committee or Technical Committee prior to tryouts or tournament registration deadlines. The request may be emailed to secretary@cbmsa.ca or emailed/given to an Executive Member. The request will be acknowledged in writing. A decision will be made on whether to proceed with an evaluation of the player within two weeks of receipt of the written request, at which time the player's parents/guardians will be notified in writing. Should the decision be to proceed with an evaluation of the player, the Technical Committee will communicate the process and time frame for the player's evaluation to the player's parents/guardians.
 3. The Technical Committee will take into consideration any player leaving an age group that seriously compromises the viability of that age group fielding a team.
 4. Once a player has been granted permission to play up an age group, the player is eligible to train/try out for any team in that age group. In the case of team selection, communication between the applicable age group Coordinators, Coaches, and the Technical Committee will be ongoing to ensure no child will be displaced.
 5. A Coach and/or Coordinator may request, with the approval of the player's parent, that the Technical Committee consider moving up a player in order to meet minimum team roster requirements for a particular game. This will be considered a temporary move.

The Technical Committee will use all its resources, including the input of the CBMSA's professional coach when deemed beneficial. All factors will be taken into account when making the decision, including: player's attitude, technical ability, physical ability, mental ability, social ability, skill level as well as the amount of playing time the player will likely receive if permitted to play up a level as opposed to playing with their own age group team. The Technical Committee will communicate in writing to the Executive Committee its final decision. The Executive Committee will then notify the parents/guardians of the player.

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Playing Up Request Form

Please fill in all boxes:

Player's Name

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)

Parent's/Guardian's Name

Phone Number(s)

Email Address

Date of Request

You are requesting that your child will move from this age group: **to this age group:**

(Please choose from the following: U6, U8, U10B, U10G, U12B, U12G, U14B, U14G, U16B, U16G, U18B, U18G)

Please briefly explain why you feel your child should be considered to move up an age group.

You may either email this completed form to secretary@cbmsa.ca or submit it in person to an Executive Committee member. Executive Committee members are listed on our website under the Executive tab. Please keep a copy for your records.

Once this form has been received by the Secretary of CBMSA, an acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to you in writing. Your request will then be reviewed by the Executive, after which, a copy of this form will be given to the Technical Committee for their input. After careful consideration, the Technical Committee and/or the Executive Committee will then respond within two weeks from the date your request was received.