



Player Movement Policy

Purpose

To provide guidelines for determining if a Halifax County United (HCU) player should be moved to a higher or lower age level than their year of birth would indicate.

Guidelines

Technical staff in conjunction with the HCU Technical Committee must approve all requests for early movement of players. Decisions will be reviewed monthly following the Soccer Canada 'Four Corner Model' (Technical/Tactical, Social/Emotional, Physical, Psychological/Mental) and are subject to change.

Playing Up

HCU will generally only consider early movement of a player to an older age level if there is no program for the player at their age level that will provide them with the appropriate training and competition. To be considered for early movement, an under-age player must demonstrate that she/he is an exceptional player (i.e. top 3 player) at her/his own age level with potential to be the same playing at the next age group.

When determining whether a U13-17 AA or AAA player should move to a higher age level, the player's interests will overtake team interests. Under-age players who are ready to move to the next age level will not be held back to bolster a team. Additionally, under-age players who are not ready to move up to the next age level will not be moved up to aid in team formation. Players are first and foremost, members of the club.

Playing Down

HCU will only consider movement of a player to a younger age level at the grassroots levels in exceptional circumstances, following a request by the parent, as a result of factors that clearly indicate that a child's developmental age makes that individual more suited to play at the younger age group.