

Bracebridge Soccer Club

Policies on Players Playing Out of Age Group

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The following policies have been developed by the Club Technical Committee, after the approval of various principles by the Club Executive, on the basis of what is deemed by the Technical Committee to be the **best policy for overall player development** within the Club.

- 1) The Bracebridge Soccer Club will endeavour to provide travelling team opportunities at a variety of age groups, to allow reasonable playing opportunities for players at every age group, following the Club's Pyramid of Play. All policies relating to players registering on teams out of their age group shall fully support the structure of teams within the Club.
- 2) Youth age players will not register with adult teams in any level of play, unless the Club is unable to provide the age appropriate level of play within a Youth level.
- 3) Players will compete in their own age group as provided by the Club's teams, in order to ensure the best overall development of teams and players.
- 4) Youth players who have demonstrated their capability of playing at a higher level than their own age group are allowed to do so if they are moving from one level of play to a higher level of play within the Club's Pyramid of Play structure. The capabilities of such players will be decided by the Club's Technical Committee, when specific requests have been made for an exemption.
- 5) Playing up an age group will be not allowed if players moving to a higher level will take away roster spots from players in the higher age group, except for those players outlined/identified in #4.
- 6) Exemptions to the prohibitions on playing up can be granted by the Technical Committee when a parent of the player is an appointed team official.
- 7) Call-ups of players to higher level teams will be allowed, subject to pertinent League Rules, and the approval of the Coach for the team that the player is registered to.