



Burrillville-Glocester Youth Soccer Association “PLAY-UP” POLICY

The “Play-Up” Policy and Procedures can only be utilized during the “Select” Seasons and associated Tournaments. This policy in no manner applies to Recreational Soccer.

In an effort to provide a means for players of exceptional skill and knowledge of soccer to play at the appropriate level of the game to challenge their physical and mental abilities in soccer and develop fully as a player, the Burrillville-Glocester Youth Soccer Association (BGYSA) provides the opportunity for these players to “play-up” in an age group the club has a team competing. Only one jump in age group will be allowed (ex. U8 play-ups to U9). **The explicit policy of BGYSA is: Players always play within their age group.** The only exception to this policy will occur in one of four ways:

#1: a player may petition the Competitive Director or President to play in an older age group. The player will indicate why they feel they have the ability to play at the older age group. Then the BGYSA Board of Directors will evaluate the player, consulting with the coaches of the two teams involved, and determine if the player should play-up according to the player’s physical ability, the individual skills, and the mental preparation to play at an older age group. **The player must attend tryouts in both age groups (to avoid paying additional tryout fee, player must email registrar@bgysa.org of the play up age group so they can be manually registered for that tryout).**

#2: if the BGYSA Board of Directors feels a player has the physical ability, tactical ability, the individual skills, and the mental preparation to play at an older age group the BGYSA Board of Directors will ask the player and their parent/guardian if the player would like to play up. In addition the following conditions must be met:

1. The player and the player’s parent/guardian must consent to the advancement.
2. The player must have the ability to be a regular starter on the older age group team.
3. The player must attend tryout for both age groups if request is made prior to the tryout process.

#3: if a player’s birth date falls in a month and year where that player would be playing with a team that is made up of entirely players from a school grade below their own they may request to play with a grade level team. In this case Age supersedes Ability when it pertains to Team Formation and the club’s policy on the formation of teams. **The player must attend tryouts in both age groups.**

#4: if the club is in need of players to fill a team or start a team the BGYSA Board of Directors will ask players to play up to fill that team. If the advancement is to fill a team and the younger age group team has over the roster limit, the club may allow to “protect” a core group of players. The remaining players will then be evaluated in accordance with the above criteria of physical ability, individual skills, and mental preparation to determine who or if players should be moved up.



Advancement is conditioned on the consent of the BGYSA Board of Directors, the parents and the player involved. This consent is to be evident by required signatures appearing on the Play-Up Agreement. An advancement situation will be reviewed only in the ways set forth above. The BGYSA Board of Directors will review the abilities of the player with the two coaches involved and must find that:

1. The player is not challenged at the player's age group.
2. The player may suffer setbacks if continuing to play in that age group.
3. The player is mature enough to play and socialize at the older age group.

The final factor in the decision will consider the overall skills of the player, the physical characteristics of the player, maturity of the player, and psychological effects on the player. The club will also consider what is for the overall good of the club. At the same time, BGYSA must never lose sight of what is in the player's best interest as an athlete and a person in the player's development.

The decision for the player to play-up will be made ten days after the final Select Tryout if at all possible. In all decisions the final authority will reside with the BGYSA Board of Directors.

This policy will be evaluated yearly, and can be changed in accordance with the needs of the BGYSA.





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Burrillville-Glocester Youth Soccer Association "PLAY-UP" AGREEMENT

It is the opinion of _____, the two coaches involved, and the BGYSA Board of Directors that the player: _____ currently playing in the age _____ group should PLAY-UP to the _____ age group.

This player has shown the physical abilities, individual soccer skills, and mental preparation to play in the suggested older age group. This player has the ability to be a regular starter on the older team or contribute significantly to the older team.

It is understood that this "Play-Up" agreement is ONLY for the current Select soccer seasons. It is further understood that a player isn't locked into a team on an ongoing basis. An application to "play-up" must be submitted for each Select Season.

Signature of Player: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

BGYSA Board of Directors

Representative: _____ Date: _____

After all signatures have been obtained, please forward to the Select Committee Chairperson.

