

HOTSPUR SOCCER CLUB PLAYING UP REQUEST
Parent / Coach Acknowledgement form and procedure disclaimer

The Hotspur Soccer Club (HSC) will in limited and unique circumstances allow exceptional youth soccer players to play on teams that are both age inappropriate and are competing at a greater level of play than would be otherwise available to the player. This is commonly known as “playing-up”. Whereas the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body of all soccer in the United States, has clearly delineated their endorsement of playing-up in youth soccer, HSC has elected to take a significantly more conservative approach to the issue.

Coaches and Parent must complete this form acknowledging that they have read and understand the process and qualifications attached hereto before a player can be considered for advancement on a playing-up basis.

F O R W A R D

While playing-up can provide an exceptional athlete an opportunity to accelerate the development of their skills by competing with older, more developed competition, it is widely recognized that in doing so the player may encounter certain physical and psychological challenges that he/she will not encounter at an age-appropriate level. Furthermore, an athlete that qualifies as exceptional player and makes an inappropriate aged team is not guaranteed a position on that team in ensuing years and is therefore required to repeat the try-out process seasonally.

P R O C E S S

Athletes who are members of the HSC who wish to try out for an age inappropriate HSC team (play-up) will first request of their current age appropriate coach to do so. That coach will then contact the age inappropriate (play-up coach) and arrange for the two of them and three (3) members of the HSC Board to observe the player in match play to ascertain whether or not the player displays appropriate skills for an opportunity to try out for the age inappropriate team.

Q U A L I F I C A T I O N S

1. The candidate must have expressed an unsolicited interest to play up.
2. The candidate must qualify during the try-out as a likely starter on the age inappropriate team.
3. The candidate must have successfully completed U08 and U09 seasons.
4. The candidate understands that by playing-up, he/she will effectively hit a glass ceiling at the U14 level and will likely have to repeat the U14 season.
5. The age appropriate coach must not disqualify the candidates request based upon the potential impact it may have on his/her team

Candidates name: _____

Candidates Current Hotspur team/Coach: _____

I have read and fully understand the above information:

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

Coach’s Signature: _____

Date: _____