



GRANTS PASS Youth Soccer Club

Competitive Playing Up Petition

The following are excerpts from the GPYSC Rules and Policies that address the question of "playing up:"

Article 3 Competitive League

Rule 306 Age Eligibility of Competitive Players

Section 1. GPYSC encourages all players to play at their own age level as identified by OYSA. In accordance with USSF rules, no U-10 player may play in any competitive league.

Section 2. Playing down an age level from the age appropriate level shall not be allowed.

Section 3. A player trying out for an age level above that of his/her own age appropriate level should discuss this intent prior to tryouts with the competitive team head coach or the GPYSC Head Coach in order to receive proper guidance and direction. A player trying out for a higher age level must submit to the Director of Competition the GPYSC Playing Up Petition signed by the player's parent/legal guardian prior to tryouts.

Section 4. A player trying out for an age level above that of his/her own age appropriate level will receive feedback from the competitive team head coach immediately after the first day of tryouts. If such a player is not one of the top seven (7) ranked players for the competitive team he/she is trying out, that player will be required to return to his/her age appropriate level for the remainder of the tryouts.

Section 5. No more than three (3) underage players shall be allowed to play up and placed on one competitive team. Exceptions to this Rule will require a unanimous vote of the Competition Committee and are intended to be only for extreme circumstances and are expected to be very rare.

ARTICLE 6 Play-up Rule

Section 1. Any player may play-up above his/her appropriate age year with the signed permission form from his/her parent or legal guardian. Any player playing in a recreation or competitive program may play-up more than two (2) years only with the signed permission form (Playing Up Petition) from his/her parent or legal guardian and the written approval of the Board of Directors. All other requests to play-up shall be directed to the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The play-up rule is to be used only for the allowance of the development of a soccer program in a geographical area or the development of an individual player.

Reason for making a request to play up: _____

Player's complete name: _____

Player's date of birth: _____ Phone number: _____

What is the player's appropriate age level? U9 U10 U11 U12 U13 U14

What age level is the player requesting? U10 U11 U12 U13 U14

I, _____, understand that my son/daughter, _____, may be more at risk of injuries in playing up above his/her appropriate age year than if he/she were playing at his/her own age level. As parent/legal guardian of this child, I accept this risk on his/her behalf and take full responsibility for allowing him/her to participate in tryouts and, should he/she make the team, to play on the team.

Signature of parent/legal guardian _____

Printed name of above parent/legal guardian _____

THIS PETITION IS VALID FOR ONE SOCCER YEAR COMMENCING WITH THE OFFICIAL COMPETITIVE TEAM TRYOUTS HELD EACH SPRING AND ONLY FOR THE DIVISION/LEAGUE NOTED ABOVE.

Signature of GPYSC Secretary (Required if playing up more than two years): _____