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Policy regarding a child playing in an age group other than their own

There are several scenarios in which a player may participate with the team other than their own individual age group.

1. In the event that a coach's maximum desired roster size has been reached and there are insufficient number of players for Soccer Ole' to form a second or third team, a player may be offered a roster spot on an appropriately skilled team at an age group lower than that played birth year. This player may or may not be "double roster" at some point during the year. If so, this would allow the player to participate in both age group practices, games and/or tournaments, at the coach's discretion and invitation, as well as player availability.
2. In the event that a coach recognizes a player of extraordinary skill who performs above and beyond their peers on a consistent basis, that coach may recommend the player be awarded a roster spot with a team at an age group above their birth year. This may occur during placement session, prior to the beginning of league play, or at the completion of the fall season. The ability to play up in age group is contingent upon a roster spot being available, the player and parents being willing, and the older age group coach evaluating the player and agreeing with the recommendation.
3. In the event that a sibling is closely aged and capable of contributing to the success of the team for an older age group, the parent may request a younger sibling be placed on the same team as an older sibling. The program director and/or director of coaching as well as the older age group coach shall evaluate the younger player and approve the request prior to placement.
4. In the event that a parent of a player wishes to be placed on specific team for a given year, but does not meet one of the above criteria, the parent shall provide a written request to program director with the player's name, team history, and reasons for the request. By making such a request, the parents recognize that the Soccer Ole's primary mission is to provide a learning and competitive environment for all players, teams, and age group. As such, there shall be no guarantee that the request will be granted in any given year/season. It shall be the responsibility of the program director to process the request in consideration of the entire program. If the request is deemed appropriate and will benefit the player without compromising another part of the program, the program director shall arrange for a player evaluation with the director of coaching and/or the age group coaches. The request to play on a specific team shall be contingent upon a roster spot being available and the age group coaches agreeing with the request.