



BC SOCCER

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PLAYING UP POLICY

The British Columbia Soccer Association's Soccer Department and its Player Development model support the philosophy of continuing to challenge its member players. However, any players who are being considered for potentially playing up an age group should meet the following guidelines for selection;

Technical Ability

A player must demonstrate a high degree of individual skill which must be transferable to competitive match situations. In addition, a player's individual skill must meet or excel the technical abilities of other participating players within the age group the player wishes to participate in.

Playing Time Policy

It is required that teams implement a minimum playing time policy for those participating under age players. This policy should be subject to the discretion of the coaching staff as it pertains to the health, safety and eligibility (code of conduct) of the individual player.

This is not an equal play policy but a minimum playing policy which should reflect a minimum of 30% play over the duration of the entire season and not on one particular match.

Physical Ability

A player must surpass other players within their age group in physical strength, technical skill and speed, and have the ability to blend in with players of the intended age group.

Mental Ability

Player must surpass other players within their age group in game awareness and general knowledge of the game. To include the mental strength that will be necessary when dealing with older and physically superior opponents.

Social Ability

Player must be able to interact with players within the intended age group on and off the field (games, dressing room, training and social gatherings).

The selection of an under age player will **ONLY** be supported by BC Soccer and its Soccer Department if the player meets these guidelines.

This policy has been developed to address individual player circumstances only. BC Soccer and its Soccer Department do not support the participation of an entire team within an older age group and in particular using this process to avoid participation within the recognized national game structure of 8v8 at the Under 12 age category.

For further information please feel free to contact the Soccer Development Department or go to www.bcsoccer.net