



## **PLAY-UP POLICY**

The SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN SELECT SOCCER CLUB (SWMSSC) believes that players will develop better at their age-appropriate level than at an age level above. However, the club recognizes that some players may exist that are physically and psychologically able to play at the next age level within the club's competitive team structure.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Play-up Request Form (available at [www.swmselect.com](http://www.swmselect.com)) to be filled out by parent/guardian and submitted to SWMSSC **prior** to tryouts.
  - a. See #5 in Discretion statements regarding players added after tryouts.
2. Coaching Committee will discuss player's request.
3. Coaching Committee will notify player prior to tryouts about request.
  - a. If the request is denied the process ends here.
  - b. If the request is approved the process continues.

### **TEAM TRYOUTS**

1. Player must tryout with both age-appropriate team and age-requested team.
2. If the player **is** evaluated as a prospective starter on the age-requested team and one of the strongest players on the age-appropriate team, then the form will move to the appropriate members for approval/denial.
3. If the player **is not** evaluated as a prospective starter on the age-requested team and one of the strongest players on the age-appropriate team, then the process ends here.

### ***SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN SELECT SOCCER CLUB'S DISCRETION***

Southwest Michigan Select Soccer Club reserves the right to move players when it will be in the best interest of developing the player and to maintain a team at a particular age group. This discretion is **not bound** by any of the guidelines mentioned above. The club reserves the right to build teams based on, but not limited to, the following considerations:

1. Overall numbers for teams will be more favorable.
2. A player has consistently demonstrated exceptional play during a prior season.
3. The club will always attempt to field a team at each age level.
4. If a team cannot be formed at the age-appropriate level then that player will not be considered as "playing-up".
5. If, after tryouts, a team is still not full, the team's coaches may consider younger players for their team **ONLY** if the age-appropriate team is full. These players may only be

considered with the permission of the Coaching Committee. The age-appropriate coach MUST be notified of the signing.

6. Families with multiple, close-in-age children, may play-up if the younger player is able to compete at the next age level.
7. Players already approved to play-up a prior season are considered *grandfathered* and no longer subject to the Play-Up Policy. However, if deemed necessary, the Coaching Committee reserves the right to revoke any grandfathered status for the best interest of the club.

*No assurances will be given to a request by any member of SWMSSC.  
Appropriate coaches and/or SWMSSC Board members may be contacted for input.*