

## **Monticello Soccer Club - Goalkeeper Policy**

### Intent of Policy:

To encourage younger players to try playing the position of goalkeeper and to make sure older teams have sufficient goalkeeper personnel.

### Why this policy exists:

The Monticello Soccer Club recognizes that the position of goalkeeper requires skills different from other players and that there are far fewer players that regularly play the position. For these reasons, the board has adopted a policy that encourages all players on younger teams to try playing the position and accommodates placement of experienced keepers based on team need.

### Policy:

All players U12 and under should be encouraged to try playing the position of goalkeeper at least once to determine both their ability to play the position and their preference for the position. Because the board does not expect players to commit to the position at a young age, the club will provide teams with goalkeeper jerseys and gloves for its U12 and under teams.

Because the position of goalkeeper requires different skills and only a small minority of players play the position, the club will treat placement of goalkeepers for teams U13 and above differently than other players. This applies to both roster-up players as well as placement of players on premier teams.

If a player that predominantly plays goalkeeper wishes to roster-up to an older team, that player must submit a roster-up request prior to the registration deadline as outlined in the club's Roster-Up Policy and state in the request that the player predominantly plays goalkeeper. If no players of the appropriate age that predominantly play goalkeeper register for the older team, then the player requesting to roster-up may be placed on the older team IF THE CLUB DOES NOT HAVE A TEAM AT THE REQUESTING PLAYER'S AGE. Because the club's policy is for players to play on teams at their respective age, goalkeepers that wish to roster-up when the club has a team at their age must still try out in accordance with the club's Roster-Up Policy and be in the top five overall players to be rostered-up.

Goalkeepers trying out for premier teams will be assessed separately from other players. The top -evaluated goalkeeper trying out for a premier team will be placed on the team, even if she/he is not in the top16 players for overall soccer skills. Any other goalkeepers must be within the top 16 for overall soccer skills to be placed on a premier team or be selected by the premier team coach's discretionary filling of the team's remaining roster spots.