



Penfield Strikers Play Up Policy

Policy For Playing Up

The Board hopes our parents understand the sensitive nature of adherence to the play up policy. Parents must feel the club uses consistent, documented approaches to allow or not allow players to play up. The major burden of enforcing this policy ends up on our coaches. A coach who inadvertently allows a player to try-out for their team while ineligible will almost certainly cause many problems for the player and their family as well as the club.

Guidelines:

To ensure this policy is effective, all parents need to be aware of the following:

1. Tryout dates are established by the club in conjunction with the age group tryout coordinators. These dates are posted and shared as soon as the Town of Penfield approves the use of fields for our requested days and times.
2. Age group coordinators must be aware of the birth dates of all players trying out for a team. This information is obtained during the registration process.
3. It is the intent of the Board that tryout dates be staggered in their dates/times in order to allow an "exception" play up request to attend the play up team tryouts and the team she is age appropriate for tryouts.
4. Club discretion: **The Penfield Striker soccer club reserves the right to move athletes when it will be in the best interest of developing a player and to maintain a team at a particular age group. This discretion is NOT bound by any other guidelines and requirements of the Play UP Policy delineated below. -**

Play Up Policy:

Note: All play ups must have all approvals in place **prior to** the tryouts or the player is ineligible to play up. The Penfield Striker board requires that all requests to play up be submitted to Tryout Committee prior to the start of tryouts.

All requests for play ups must be made online during registration or sent via e-mail to:
tryoutcoordinators@penfieldstrikers.org

There is one aspect of playing up for the Penfield Strikers Travel teams: the "exceptional" player. This may be the case for a very skilled player that would not be appropriately challenged at her own age group.

Exceptional play ups are structured as follows:

1. A Play up request must be submitted and approved and the player must try out for the play up team AND the age appropriate team to ensure appropriate evaluation.
2. The player must make the top 50% of the roster for the highest level Striker team at the age for which she is requesting play up.
3. There are NO exceptional play ups allowed on 2nd or lower level teams.
4. The request to play up must be made every year and the tryout process must be followed every year.

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