

ACTION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: A2019-004
Date: Feb. 28, 2019
To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Gabriel Assis, Manager, Player Development Program
Subject: Playing Up Research Project in partnership with Queens University

Ontario Soccer, through the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and in partnership with the Performance Lab for the Advancement of Youth in Sport (PLAYS) at Queen's University is conducting research to examine the prevalence of "playing up" in youth soccer.

In order to better understand and quantify the movement of players into older age groups, the research group would like to review data gathered by Ontario Districts and Clubs.

Ontario Soccer would like to request participating member organizations to provide Ontario Soccer with the following information on youth players who have been approved to "play up" from the age range of U8 to U18 from September 2017 to September 2018:

- a. Athlete gender
- b. Athlete club and district
- c. Level of competition
- d. Chronological age level
- e. Age level to play up

Data can be sent via email to [Arman Mohammadi](mailto:Arman.Mohammadi@ontariosoccer.net) by no later than March 22, 2019.

All approved "playing up permits" shall be provided in an excel spreadsheet.

The research study being conducted by Queens University has been approved and cleared by the University Ethics Committee and all data received will be maintained in confidence.

For information or further questions, please feel free to contact Arman Mohammadi, Regional Manager, Player Development at AMohammadi@ontariosoccer.net or 905-264-9390 x805.