



# CDO Soccer Club

## Playing Up Policy

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It is the view of CDO Soccer Club that absent extenuating circumstances, players in CDO Soccer Club should play with their age group as defined by Arizona Youth Soccer Association (AYSA). Therefore, it is the policy of the CDO Soccer Club that players shall not be allowed to play out of their age group except in the following cases:

1. Where playing up would allow a player to play with his or her school year (i.e., graduating class). For example, a player whose birthday is August 5, 2000 would by AYSA guidelines fall in the U14 age group for 2013-2014 season, but could play in U15 if enrolled as a freshman for the Academic year (the grade for most U15 players). The player may also play in their 'true' AYSA age category.
2. Where players are all attending high school, typically in the U15-U18 age groups. A U15 may play "up" on an older age team, although this should only occur if it is in the best interests of player development. If a team is not available in the true age group of a player in high school, then playing up in an older team is also permissible.
3. Where the player, in the judgment of the Director of Coaching and the coaches in the players' natural age group and the age group into which the player would advance, would benefit more in their long term soccer development by playing "up", as well as being one of the top 3-4 player in the older age group by consensus of true age group coaches/Director of Coaching.
4. At the discretion of the Board of Directors of CDO Soccer, or at the request of the Director of Coaching. In the event of a dispute or conflict of interest between coaches/Director of Coaches, the Board of Directors shall make a decision by simple majority.

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