

Codiac Soccer “Playing Up” Policy

It was brought to the Board’s Attention that there was a concern within Codiac First Touch that Codiac does not have a policy or a constitutional rule governing “Playing Up” where younger players are either asked or wish to play in an age category beyond that for which they are eligible. The concern of the Board is both safety and the integrity of the program. While the Board encourages the ongoing development of exceptional players, it does not wish to see the ranks of any particular division negatively impacted simply to bolster the ranks of another division. For this reason the Board has implemented the following “Playing Up” policy:

1. Playing Up is defined as playing in a division that is higher than the division that your age dictates.
2. No player shall be permitted to play up more than one division beyond that which they would otherwise be permitted to play in by virtue of their age.
3. No more than 3 players from any age category shall be permitted to play up in any one season.
4. The players who do play up shall be required to be “starters” on the team that they move up to.
5. Subject to the rules prescribed by Soccer New Brunswick or the Canadian Soccer Association to the contrary, a player may play up on a call up basis up to four games and still return to the team from which they were called up. On the fifth call up the player shall become a member of the higher division team and shall not be permitted to return to the team below. No player shall play more than four games on a call up basis if three players from their age category are playing up on a permanent basis as provided in this policy.