



Playing Up Policy

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At Oshkosh United we have a strong history of developing soccer players which leads to forming successful teams. Oshkosh United believes in the majority of situations, players should "play their age" and not play up. If a player is interested in playing up it should be because their age group would not challenge the player enough. Players should not request to play up based upon staying with a team, staying with friends, etc.

It is a policy of Oshkosh United that if a player wants to be considered to play up, the player would need to be in the top third of the age group they are playing up into. The thought process is that it is better for a player to excel at their age level than to play up and be average. We would much rather have our players get used to excelling than get used to being average.

If a player would like to play up, they should email that request to the coaching directors (tryouts@oshkoshunited.com) before tryouts. Each age group tryout will consist of two days of evaluations. Players will be asked to tryout with their actual age group on the first day to confirm they are still in the top third of the age group they are in. After the first day families will have dialogue with the coaching directors on which tryout the player should attend on the second day.

In some occasions playing up may be necessary to assist with team formation or to facilitate creating the most competitive teams possible. The coaching directors will communicate those situations to players/families that fall into that category.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact tryouts@oshkoshunited.com.