

## **Playing UP Policy**

**It is the goal of the SF Elite to place all players on the youngest team for which they qualify by birth date. The purpose of this is to promote age-appropriate development (physical, mental**

**and social) of all players and to maximize the competitive advantages of SFE teams.**

**Coaching Directors refers to, Technical Director, Boys Director, and Girls**

**Director. The following rules for placing players on competitive team rosters will be followed in**

**the implementation of this policy:**

**1. Players that are age-qualified for U15 and younger teams will be placed on the youngest team for which they are qualified.**

**a. The club recognizes that some rare exceptions may need to be made (generally player specific i.e. goalkeeper). Such exceptions shall require the approval of two of the four Coaching Directors.**

**2. Players that are age-qualified for U16 and older teams are encouraged to try out for the youngest team for which they are qualified, but may try out for, and be placed on, an older team with the approval of the Coaching Directors and tryout evaluators (i.e. coach of team offering position).**

**a. Players who do not try out for their age-eligible team may not be selected for that team.**

**b. Coaches of a team must be notified before the tryout of the prospective player's intention to play outside of their normal age group.**

**3. Players that are given tryout opportunities by individual teams/coaches in an effort to fill roster vacancies (typically during the season) may be allowed to play up for that year only with Technical Director of Coaching approval. In subsequent years they will be placed on their age appropriate team if they are younger than U16.**

**4. There is no restriction on playing up as a guest for league and tournament play.**