

	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>OPDL APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PLAY POLICY</b>		
	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The process in which players are assessed and placed for OPDL play outside of their birth year.		
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**SECTION 1 - POLICY**

<b>PURPOSE</b>	In every case, the decision to play up will be made in the best interests of the individual player's development, rather than either team's needs. The policy is designed to bring standards and transparency to playing up process. The decision made by the OPDL Appropriate Level of Play Committee is final and based on their experience and expertise in the area of player development.
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**SECTION 2 – PROCEDURES**

<b>PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PLAY</b>	<p><b><u>Try-Out Process</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All players must be assessed at their own age group each year.</li> <li>• Should a player be granted playing up or down permission the term is for 1 year and the process restarts the following year. This is effective immediately, there is no grandfathering for current players.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>OPDL Appropriate Level of Play Committee:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Director</li> <li>• High Performance Manager</li> <li>• Actual Age Group Head Coach</li> <li>• Year Above Head Coach</li> </ul> <p>All four coaches must come to a consensus that the player should be moved up or down for the best of their own personal development based on the following points. If an agreement cannot be made, the Technical Director will make the final decision. The findings of the committee will be communicated to the player and parents.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The player, in the opinion of the age group head coach, is the best player in their group and is dominant in games played at their own age group. The player consistently has a positive impact on the game at their own age group.</li> <li>2. The player, in the opinion of the year older age group head coach, is going to have a positive impact on the team they are seeking to move up to. When named on the roster, it is anticipated that the player will start 75% of the games in their preferred position, play 75% of the available minutes and be considered one of the strongest players and leaders in the new age group.</li> <li>3. The player, in the opinion of the OPDL Appropriate Level of Play Committee, is prepared mentally, socially, physically, technically and tactically for the demands of playing up an age group.</li> </ol>
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4. The player compares favorably to other players in their league outside their own team.

**For Internal and External players:**

- Players who express an interest in playing up must register their intent to do so with the Technical Director with a minimum 5 games left of the current season. This will allow the committee enough time to each individually view 3 separate games against 3 different opponents in order to make the correct decision based on the above criteria.
- U14+ must have started 75% of the games in their preferred position to be considered for playing up again for the following season.
- All players will begin the try-out process with their own age group.

**SECTION 3 – APPROVALS**

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