

TITLE	Criteria for Aging Up (Allowing players to be rostered on a team above their age-eligible group)
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The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for allowing a player to play on a team that is one age group above his or her age-eligible team (for example, allowing a 14-year-old player to play on a U16 or U19 team).

The primary goal of the Corning United Soccer Club is to promote interest in soccer in the Corning-Painted Post area. In creating team rosters, every effort needs to be made to configure team rosters in such a way that all registered youths are given an opportunity to play on a club team.

From time to time, players will be allowed to play on a team above their normal age group. This policy provides guidelines for allowing a player to play up one age group. Rules governing playing up more than one age group are contained in rules and regulations of the New York State West Youth Soccer Association and the Broome County Youth Soccer Association, both of which the Corning United Soccer Club is a member.

This procedure provides aging up criteria; however, the final decision on team rosters can be made only by the club's Board of Directors. No coach is permitted to form a team roster independent of board approval.

Aging Up Guidelines

The following criteria should be considered when determining whether a player will be allowed to play up.

1. Skill – is the player skilled enough to be able to compete at the higher age bracket?
2. History – has the player been part of the higher age bracket team for the past year or more?
3. Age – how close is the individual to the age group dividing line?
4. Grade – is the player in the next higher grade than his or her age, and in the same classes as others on the higher age bracket team?
5. Balance – do we need this player to balance the team, for example, do we need a good keeper and this is the player?
6. Maturity – is the player bigger and stronger than most players of his or her age?
7. Transportation – does the player need to pair with another player who is in the higher age bracket to be able to participate?

Notes:

As a general rule a player is not aged up if the reason stated is 1) that the youth has friends on the higher age group team or that 2) the player has a preference for a specific coach, unless other criteria listed above applies as well.

Procedure

1. If a player wishes to play up one age group, he or she must complete the attached Play Up Petition and forward it to the Club Registrar.
2. Upon receipt of the form, the Registrar will inform both the lower (sending) and higher (receiving) age group coaches of the petition and request approval.
3. If both coaches approve the petition, the petition is forwarded to the Board of Directors for final approval. Unless other circumstances exist that would prevent the player from playing up, the board should approve the petition.
4. If one or both coaches refuse to approve the Play Up Petition, the petition is automatically forwarded to the Board of Directors for final disposition. The decision of the Board is final and binding on both coaches, as well as the player for whom the form has been submitted.