

Stafford Area Soccer Association (SASA)

Travel Team Move-up Policy

Move-ups/age-up occur when a team rosters a player eligible to play in a lower age bracket. For example, a U17 team rostering a U16 player is considered a move-up or age-up.

The goal for the club is to not have move-ups in the U9-12 brackets and to limit to two in U13-19 brackets. We understand that existing teams have varying numbers of players playing-up and that occasionally a player may merit playing up. The final decision on all move-ups rest with the SASA Travel Technical Director and SASA Technical Director (TD Staff). The following are the SASA Travel policies on move-ups, effective August 1, 2009

1. The age of a player must be established before tryouts begin, Age Charts can be found on the SASA Web Site at: http://staffordsoccer.com/agechart/index_E.html
2. Players must attend age appropriate tryouts.
3. Move-downs (a U14 player in playing in U13) are prohibited.
4. Move-ups of more than one year will not be considered.
5. All move-ups in the U9 to U13 age group need to be coordinated with TD Staff.
6. The prime consideration for a move-up is player development and if playing one year up will challenge the player.
7. Consideration may be made for players whose birth date is between August 1 and September 30 in all teams in each age bracket. This can be discussed by the coaches and the TD Staff.
8. New players who are being considered for a move-up need to be assessed by both coaches of the respective age groups. The coach from the younger age group will make the main decision. If the coaches cannot agree, the TD Staff will make the final decision.
9. Current travel players who are playing up will be assessed by the coaches from both age groups. The coach from the younger age group will make the main decision. If the coaches cannot agree, the TD Staff will make the final decision.
10. Current teams in high school age brackets (U14 and above in Fall 2009) need to work and coordinate teams composition and ages with TD Staff.
11. TD Staff will periodically review move-ups.

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