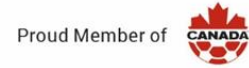




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Information Bulletin

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Date: April 12, 2018
To: District Presidents, Administrators, Technical Directors, ORA and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Gary Miller, Technical Director
Subject: Fast Tracking and Player Development

Due to a high number of inquiries and requests regarding the “Fast Tracking” process for grassroots players (U8-U12) please note the following for information purposes:

The evaluation process is to be undertaken on individual players.


- a. Under no circumstance should an entire team or group of players play up an age division
 - i. An individual player must be assessed to be excelling in all four corners of development and, as such, be afforded the opportunity to train and play with peers of a one-year older age group, not the same group of players under an older age group classification.
 - b. The movement of an entire team, or a group of players, to play under an older age group classification, breaches Ontario Soccer Procedure 6 – Game Types:
*“5.4.1 If a player is evaluated and approved **to play with an older age group** that player shall be registered in that age group.”*
The movement of an entire team or group of players defeats the purpose of providing the appropriate challenge in each of the four corners that are crucial for the enjoyment and progression in the game.
 - c. The Club/Academy Technical Leadership should assess players over a period of time to ensure the criteria is met and is in the best interest of the player in question
 - i. This tool/resource should not be used as a selling point for programs or to entice parents to register their child
 - ii. Technical assessments should be conscious of the difference of a player excelling versus being an ‘early developer/performer’ in the age group
 - d. The District Association has a role to sign-off on the forms being submitted by organizations.
 - i. In the event a District feels this process is being circumvented (i.e. an entire team is attempting to be fast tracked) they can reject the request
2. For further information on the process, please refer to the following:
- a. Fast Tracking Player Development U7-U8



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- b. Fast Tracking Player Development U9-11
- c. Fast Tracking Player Development U12
- d. Operation Procedures - Section 6 – Game Types
 - i. Section 5.4 & 5.4.1

If you have any further questions, please contact Gary Miller, Technical Director.