



PLAYING UP

PLAYING-UP PROCESS & APPLICATION (DRAFT)

Red Star Soccer Academy and U.S. Club Soccer believe that players will develop better at their age appropriate level than at an age level above. However, the club recognizes that, although rare, some talented players may exist that are physically, technically, tactically and socially ready to be considered for the next age level within the academy's competitive team structure.

Step 1: Playing-Up Application and Consent Form

Parent/Guardian must register their player [online for competitive tryouts](#). The player and parent/guardian must complete the Playing-Up Application and the Playing-Up Consent Form. These documents must be completed in full, including stating the reasons why the player should be considered for Playing-Up status on the application.

Step 2: Age Group Try-Outs

Players are required to register and participate in their birth year age group, NOT in the age group they wish to play. The Technical Director and the age appropriate Head Coaches will evaluate the player. Based on the observations made at tryouts, the Technical Director and Head Coaches will determine if he/she is among the prospective starters/strongest players for the older age group top team. If the athlete is not evaluated as a prospective starter/strongest player in the older age group top team (RED), the process ends here. If the athlete is evaluated as a prospective starter on the next age level top team then a formal invitation to join the age level above top team is emailed out.

Step 3: Family Decision & Deposit

Parents and players need to consider player's maturity, height, weight, coordination, attitude, skill level, ambition and social skills in comparison to the team members of the older team. Families wanting to secure their child's roster spot will be asked to submit a season deposit.

****Please note****

Players are not grandfathered into playing up. At the end of each season, the player will have an evaluation with their head coach. Based on the player's performance, maturation and progress the head coach and Technical Director will make a play up or play birth year recommendation for the upcoming season.



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NAME: _____ DOB: _____

CURRENT TEAM & AGE GROUP: _____

AGE GROUP REQUEST & REASON: _____

RED STAR SOCCER ACADEMY require permission from a parent/guardian for any soccer players to play up in an older age group than the age group governed by birth year. The Red Star Soccer Academy Technical Director must also approve this request.

I, as a parent/guardian, am aware that my younger player will be playing against older, usually more physically developed players whose soccer skills are more advanced and whose play may be more physical. As parent/guardian, I give MY PERMISSION for my child,

_____ (_____) to play up
Name *Age*

in the older age group of _____ for the _____ soccer season.
Age *Season/Year*

In granting my permission, I release the above-mentioned soccer organization from all responsibility should my child be injured, no matter how seriously, while a member of the team, and will not hold the above soccer organization liable for any injuries that might occur.

Parent/Guardian Signature *Print Name* *Date*

Approved:

Technical Director *Print Name* *Date*