



Recreational League

Guidelines for “Playing Up” & Coach / Player Requests

1. “Playing Up”

- ☹️ Yavapai Soccer League strongly discourages youth players from "playing up" in an older age group.
- ☹️ Playing up is discouraged because: it is not in the best interest of the vast majority of recreational players, causes administrative headaches, is discouraged by the State AYSA league, has potential for causing player injury, and is a potential liability risk for YSL and its volunteers. If a player is determined to play up - then YSL encourages them to try-out for a Select team.
- ☹️ Playing up must be approved by the Director of Recreation and the rationale must be documented and presented to the YSL Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may over-rule any play-up decision.

2. Coach Requests

- ☹️ Coach requests by players & parents in the Recreational League are only allowed in the Pee-Wee and U6 age groups. YSL will attempt to fulfill coach requests in these younger age groups when possible – however there should be no expectation that a coach request will be met. These requests must be communicated in writing to the Director of Recreation.
- ☹️ YSL will NOT accept coach requests by parents or players in U8 and older age groups for any reason including transportation needs. This rule is because of the extreme difficulty in fulfilling coach requests and the subsequent disappointment.

3. Player Requests by Coaches

- ☹️ YSL strives to balance the competitiveness of teams as much as possible in the Recreational League while providing some team continuity.
- ☹️ To provide some team continuity, returning coaches in the U8 and higher age groups may request a few players from their previous teams. These players must have previously played on a coaches' team. A U8 team may have up to 3 coach requests, U10 - up to 4, U12 and higher - up to 5.
- ☹️ The son or daughter of each team's coach and assistant coach will be an assigned player to that team and thus be a part of that team's total player requests.
- ☹️ Coach requests must be submitted in writing to the Director of Recreation by the final regular registration deadline. The Director of Recreation may accept coach requests before or after this deadline at the Director's discretion.
- ☹️ Coaches that wish to retain more players for team continuity are encouraged to discuss transitioning the team to the Select League with the Director of Select.