



CLUB POLICY REGARDING PLAYER PLACEMENT & MOVEMENT WITHIN THE CLUB

The primary goal of Santa Barbara Soccer Club is to develop soccer players. To achieve this goal, it is the club philosophy that players develop best by playing in their appropriate age groups and so everyone will register in their Birth year age group, unless explicitly notified by the Director of Coaching prior to registering*. The Coaching Advisory Board, however, also recognizes that there are sometimes exceptional circumstances where a player may possess any combination of technical, tactical, psychological and/or physical abilities that are superior to anybody else in their age group. In order for that player to develop a decision may be made to have that player play in a different age division.

The Director of Coaching, whose responsibility it is to oversee the development of players in the club, will make the final decision on the appropriate placement of players. As part of the decision making process, the Director of Coaching will consult with coaches, parents and the player.

If the decision is made to move a player to a different age group than an explanation of the decision will be made to the Coaching Advisory Board and to the coaches, players, and parents of those directly affected by the decision.

Consistent with club philosophy, the emphasis in league and tournament play is player development where as the focus for State, Regional, and National competition is the success of our Santa Barbara SC teams. To this end the Director of Coaching has the authority to move players for State/Regional/ National Competition in order to give teams the best opportunity for success in the tournament. As an example, players who have been moved up for developmental purposes during league play may be placed back in their own age division in order to improve the opportunity of a particular team to succeed in the tournament. As with any player movement between the teams in the club, the Director of Coaching will consult with the Advisory Board, coaches, parents and player affected in the decision but the final decision on which team any player plays will be the Director of Coaching. Decisions will be communicated in advance of the respective upcoming season i.e. decisions for Fall Rosters will be made by the end of Spring and decisions for Spring will be made by end of Fall

No coach shall approach, discuss, communicate or initiate a discussion with any player, parent or teammate in regards to player placement, transfer or movement prior to discussing with the age group coach and with written consent of the Director of Coaching. This policy has been formulated by the Coaching Advisory Board of Santa Barbara SC and approved by the Executive Board.

**Players will tryout in their correct age group unless 1. They have permission form the DOC to do otherwise 2. They currently already play in a different age group.*