

## HYSA PLAY UP POLICY

HYSA strives to ensure that all players have skills matched and age appropriate opportunities to play for all players in forming its teams. Play-ups are not allowed in the Recreational program.

Parents must request a play-up on or before any deadline set by HYSA by preparing and emailing a request to the HYSA Executive Director, identifying the name and calendar year of birth for the player and identifying the age group in which the player desires to play.

The following are circumstances and conditions applicable to play up requests.

1. The HYSA Coaching and Team Formation Committee considers every play up request on a case-by-case basis and may grant or deny such request based on the factors in this policy, subject to review and approval of the final team rosters by the HYSA Board of Directors as provided in the HYSA Bylaws.
2. All play-ups granted are for one season only and do not guarantee a play-up in the following season.
3. Skill appropriate. A player ranked above the team roster cutoff (e.g. top 14 for a roster of 14; top 19 for a roster of 19, etc.) through tryouts among all players (age appropriate and otherwise) seeking to play for a particular team may be allowed to play up, subject to the following limitations:
  - a. A player may be placed on a team up to one calendar year older than the player's default age group for U10-U13 (i.e., U10 up to U11; U11 up to U12; or U13 up to U14);
  - b. A player may be placed on a team up to two calendar years older than the player's default age group for U14 (i.e., U14 up to U15 or U16);
  - c. A player may be placed on a team up to three calendar years older than the player's default age group for U15-U16 (i.e., U15 up to U16, U17 or U18; or U16 up to U17, U18 or U19); and
  - d. A player aged U17 or above may be placed on any team at or above that player's default age group, from U17 through U19.
4. Team Formation: A player may be invited to play-up even without submitting a play up request for purposes of team formation. The HYSA Executive Director, in consultation with the HYSA Coaching and Team Formation Committee, may extend invitations in such circumstances.