



Glen Allen Youth Athletic Association

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PLAY-UP REQUEST POLICY

Purpose: To provide a structured process for families requesting that a player participate in a division above their age-assigned level, while ensuring fairness, safety, and appropriate skill development.

1. Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for play-up placement, a player must meet **all** of the following:

- Be within **1 year** of the higher division's minimum age
- Demonstrate **advanced skill level**, maturity, and game awareness
- Have a **clean sportsmanship record** and strong coachability
- Receive **written support** from their current coach or division coordinator

2. Request Process

Parents/guardians must submit a formal request that includes:

- Player's full name and date of birth
- Current division and requested division
- Rationale for the request (skills, experience, developmental goals)
- Supporting statement from a coach or league official

Requests must be submitted **at least 2 weeks prior to division drafts or team formation**.

3. Evaluation Procedure

The league will:

- Review the player's performance history and coach feedback
- Conduct a **skills assessment** if needed
- Consider team balance, safety, and division capacity
- Make a final decision by the **League Board or designated committee**



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4. Approval Conditions

If approved:

- The player must remain in the higher division for the full season
- The league reserves the right to **reassign** the player if safety or developmental concerns arise
- No guarantee of play-up approval in future seasons

5. Denial & Appeals

If denied:

- Parents may request a **written explanation**
- Appeals must be submitted within **7 days** of the decision
- Final decisions rest with the League Board and are not subject to further review