

Pasadena Soccer Club

Section 7 (Age Group/Gender Guidelines and Exception Request)

All Pasadena Soccer Club teams are expected to be rostered with players who are in that age group and gender in both County and Travel play. It is possible that PSC will, as a last result, move a player up or out of gender (girl to boy only) for the purpose of filling a roster or because they do not have an available team at their age group or gender. This is a PSC Board guideline and not a decision made by parents or coaches.

The PSC Board does recognize that there may be extenuating circumstances in which a player needs to play-up on an older team or out of gender. If you feel your child should play-up or out gender, please read the PSC Guidelines below to verify if your child meets the requirements laid out by the PSC Board governing special circumstances. If so, please fill-in the information below completely and submit to the PSC Board for review before evaluations. All decisions are final and for one season.

Pasadena Soccer Club Guidelines for Playing-Up or Out of Gender:

1. Player should be dominant in his/her own age group.
2. Player should be mentally mature and able to relate to the older teammates or opposite gender.
3. Player should be athletically and physically mature enough for the higher age or opposite gender.
4. Player should be a regular starter on the older or opposite gender team.
5. A player may not play up more than one year beyond their natural age group.
6. The player should be the one that wants to play-up or out of gender, not just the parents or coach.
7. The PSC Board will make the final recommendation with the consideration of the long-term development of the player. The player's and soccer maturity are all factors that need to be considered.

*Clinic-U8- Playing up is not recommended since the players are all in the early stages of skill acquisition and socialization. Even the ones that are physically dominating should stay with their own age group. Let them benefit from having many chances to build their confidence.

** U9 – If a player's birthday falls between August 1 and September 1, players have the choice to play in U8 or U9. If the player chooses U9, they may practice with the team only, and may not participate in a county game until their 8th birthday. You do not need Board approval for this.

Request to Play Up

I, _____, represent that _____ meets the above guidelines for playing-up or out of gender and recommend that he/she be evaluated in an older age group or she be evaluated in the boy's group.

Player Name _____ Birth date _____

Actual age group: _____ Requesting Age Group _____ Gender _____

Previous Soccer Coach _____ Organization _____

Parent Name (print) _____ Signature _____

Reason(s) for wanting your child to play-up or out of gender:

Executive Board Initials:

President _____

Secretary _____

Vice President _____

Treasurer _____