



AGE GROUP PLACEMENT

Age Group Placement Rules and Guidelines

1. **General Rule:** Children should play in the age group for which they qualify based on their birth date and gender (e.g., girls play “one year down”).
2. **One-Month Rule:** If a child’s birth date is within one month of the cut-off date for their age group, they may request placement in the nearest age group. Approval must be obtained from both Age Group Coordinators (AGCs) of the relevant groups. The AGCs should consider factors such as player size, skill, and the number of players in each age group.
3. **Convenience Not a Reason:** Requests to play in a different age group for parental or family convenience will not be considered.
4. **Player Too Strong Not a Reason:** Requests to play “up” because a child is a strong player will not be considered.
5. **Player Too Small or Weak May Be a Reason:** Requests to play “down” because a child is unusually small, timid, or less skilled may be considered. Approval must be obtained from both AGCs involved. Parents should be informed that the child may be asked to return to their appropriate age group once they have caught up to their age-band peers.