



ROCKFORD YOUTH FOOTBALL, INC.

REQUEST TO PLAY UP POLICY

Before a player 'plays up' in either our Flag or Tackle Divisions, his/her eligibility will be based on his/her age on September 1st in the relevant year. The information in this policy should be carefully considered, and the appropriate consent/waiver form must be completed and sent to the Rockford Youth Football Field Director.

Risks

It is important that all people involved in the decision to permit a player to participate in an age category higher than the player's current age group, understand that football is a contact sport and like all contact sports, players are exposed to the risk of injury.

Considerations

In assessing the suitability of a player to participate in an age grade higher than his/her current one, the field director assessing the player and the player's parent or guardian must recognize and consider the following factors:

- What is the player's level of physical development (e.g. height, weight, build, etc) when measured against potential playing opponents at the upper level; when measured against playing opponents at his current age level?
- Is the player physically equipped to compete on an equal basis with players in the proposed higher age grade competition?
- Will the player's skill level place the player on an equal basis with players in the proposed higher age grade competition?
- Can the player compete safely at a higher level?

Role of the Field Director in Player Assessment:

The Field Director will assess the suitability of a player to 'play up' and communicate to his/her parent guardian to ensure that they understand that the player will be competing against older players as a measure to ensure his/her safety, athletic development and enjoyment of the sport.

Role of the Parent or Guardian:

A parent or guardian of a child under the age of 18 must consent in writing to the child playing up. That consent will be given by completing the attached Parent/Guardian Request/Consent Form.



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ROCKFORD YOUTH FOOTBALL PLAY UP FORM

Player Information (PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: _____ Gender M F

D.O.B (dd/mm/yyyy) / / Actual Age Division: _____ Requested Age Division: _____

Grade as of September 1st: _____ Weight: _____ lbs.

Assessing Field Director Information (PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: _____

Physical Development Does the player's level of physical development allow the player to complete safely with players in the proposed age group?

Skill Level Is the player's skill level comparable with the other players in the proposed age group?

Level of Experience Does the player have similar experience levels to compete with other players at a comparable standard of competition at the new level?

This is to attest that the player's physical development, skill level and experience level are such that the player is capable of safely competing with players in the proposed higher age group. I have explained to the player and his/her parent/guardian that the player will be competing with and against older players and this may involve increased risk.

Field Directors Name

Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Information

I confirm that:

- I am a parent or legal guardian of the above mentioned player, and that I have been provided with a copy of Rockfords Youth Football Request to Play Up Policy
- The Field Director explained to me the risk of the higher age group
- I understand that football is a contact sport and like all contact sports, players are exposed to risk of injury
- I understand that the level of risk should remain the same when a player participates in an older age group.

Parent/Guardian Name

Signature

Date