



HALIFAX DUNBRACK SOCCER CLUB

Operations Policies and Procedures

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PREAMBLE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the HDSC determines what procedure must be followed when calling up players from one team to another for games or practices in a manner that is fair, transparent, effective, and that ensures the continuing development of each player.

POLICY

Coaches are permitted to call up players from a younger age group or a lower level of play, if for some reason they will be needed in a particular game or practice (e.g., *lack of numbers for a particular game or practice*).

When determining call-ups, a player's level of soccer ability will be assessed according to the criteria set out in the Player Assessment Policy.

If the Technical Director determines that a player demonstrates superior skills and knowledge of the criteria set out in the Player Assessment Policy, he/she can recommend that the player be invited to play or train with a team from an older age group or higher level of play (when needed), with permission from the player and/or parent(s).

It is HDSC policy to allow a player to be called-up to play when they are needed. Coaches should not refuse a player call-up without a quantified reason. A player will not be permitted to be called-up to the detriment of his/her own team.

It is HDSC policy to call-up from within the HDSC club. Players from other clubs should not be considered for call-up purposes unless there is no lower age group or lower level team to call-up from within the HDSC.



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PROCEDURE

When calling-up players for games or practices:

1. The coach must first contact the Technical Director(s) to identify the need for a call-up player.
2. The Technical Director will provide direction (as appropriate) to identify and recommend potential players for call-up purposes relative to the level of play and position.
3. The coach will then contact the coach of the team he/she is looking to call-up from to review the Technical Director's recommendations in the context of player(s) needed, i.e. level of play/position and date(s).
4. If approved by the coach of that team, he/she will provide player/parent contact information and the coach will contact the player/parent directly.
5. If a call-up is feasible, the players will attend the game or practice of the higher level team.
6. For subsequent call-ups between the same coaches, the Technical Director may not need to formally identify and recommend players but must be included in the coach to coach communication so that he/she is aware of the call-up.
7. Coaches are not permitted to contact players or their parents directly without prior permission from the coach of their team.
8. Permission for call-ups is required for every game or practice although a request may be made for several dates at one time.

The following *general* guideline will be used for call-ups. However, the assessment and evaluation of soccer ability completed by the Technical Director for recommending players for call-ups especially at the Tier 1 and Senior "A" levels will be followed:



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Team Requiring Call-Up	Team To Request Call-Up From
U10B	U10 House League/U8 Academy
U10A	U10B/U10 House League
U12C	U10A/U10B
U12B	U12C/U10A
U12A	U12B/U12C/U10A
U14B	U12B/U12C
U14A	U14B/U12A
U14 Tier 1	U14A/U12A
U16B	U14A/U14B
U16A	U16B/U14A
U16 Tier 1	U16A/U14T1
U18A	U16A/U16B
U18 Tier 1	U18A/U16 T1
Senior A	U18 T1/U16 T1
Senior B	U18 T1/U18A



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RELATED DOCUMENTS

Player Assessment Policy

Soccer NS Policies and Procedures

CSA Player Call-Up Policy for Nationals

NSSL, CISL and MISL Rules

HISTORICAL DATES

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