

## **Guidelines for “Playing up”**

### **Two separate votes; one for “August Birthdays” and one for “Players Who Excel”**

#### **August Birthdays**

- If a child has an August birthday, the parent should be given the option to have them play with their school age peers.
- Playing with school age peers can only be decided before Fall registration, unless the child has not played the previous Fall and is only playing Spring.
- Once the decision is made to “Play Up” the player must continue to play at that age group for the remainder of the season.

#### **Players Who Excel**

- This would be handled on a player by player basis.
- “Playing Up” because a player excels would not be an option until U8.
- Request would come from parents, current coach or age group commissioner. If the request came from the parents, we would need input from the current or last coach the player had. If the request came from the coach or commissioner, we would need parent approval.
- Request would have to be voted on by the Board.
- Requests can be made at the start of each season, up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the season. No player will be moved up after the third game of the season. This will give the board and coaches time to evaluate the player at practices and games to determine if the player should be moved up.
- The player evaluations, which should be done at the end of each season by the coaches, may be used to help determine if the player should be evaluated and moved up for the following season.
- There must be an opening on the roster for the player.
- Once the decision is made to “Play Up” the player must continue to play at that age group for the remainder of the season.