



Moving Up an Age Group Policy

A player shall be registered according to his/her age as of December 31st of their birth year. A player **MUST** play in his/her age classification unless it is deemed to be in the best interest of Opeongo Minor Soccer (OMS) or due to the participants' exceptional ability. All players that move an age category must be approved by the OMS President and the affected team Coach. Players can only move up to the age group immediately before their current age group. The following factors must be taken into account:

- the child must meet the playing ability of the age group they wish to move up to;
- this must be in the best interest of both the player and OMS;
- a child wanting to move up an age group must not take a spot of a child wishing to register in that age group;
- only after an assessment made by the OMS Coach or other qualified OMS affiliated individuals in accordance with Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) policies, can a player be moved up;
- The following OSA documents must be read by both the player's parent and coach; and
- The assessment of the player shall be by the policies as outlined by OSA guidelines:
 - **FAST TRACKING AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT U8**
 - **FAST TRACKING & PLAYER DEVELOPMENT U9-U11**
 - **FAST TRACKING AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT U12**

Playing Up: Special Circumstances

With the consent of the player's parents, coach, and Divisional Director, a player may be borrowed to participate at a higher division due to a shortage of players at that level or for developmental purposes. Players can only play a maximum of 5 games in an older age group. If a festival or cup day is the same day, their first priority must be to their own age group.