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## Pike Soccer Player Age Group Placement Policy

To ensure a positive and balanced experience, Pike Soccer players are generally expected to participate with their age group based on their birth year.

## Play-Up Requests:

- Players requesting to "play-up" to a higher age group will **not** be moved until registration closes. This ensures that players in their true age group are prioritized for placement, as outlined on the registration form.
- Play-up requests from highly skilled players seeking a greater challenge will be considered.
- These requests require evaluation and approval by the Club's Director of Coaching, high-level coaches, and administrative staff.
- Even with Pike Soccer's approval, Georgia Soccer (GA Soccer) regulations may limit play-ups to one age group above the player's birth year. In these cases, Pike Soccer cannot override GA Soccer's decision.

## Play-Down Requests:

- For U4 (Appleseeds), U6, and U8 players, requests to "play-down" to a lower age group may be permitted after careful review of individual circumstances by Pike Soccer administration.
- Players in U10 and older must play in their true age group.
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