

Front Royal Soccer Association

Player move-up policy.



Front Royal Soccer Association (FRSA) believes that players will develop better at their age appropriate level than at any age level above. However, the league recognizes that, although rare, some talented players may exist who are physically and psychologically ready to be considered for the next age level. This will be done on a case-by-case basis.

Playing up is not a “right,” but is rather an exception only used under the criteria outlined below.

Player move-ups are made by the FRSA Board. An appointed evaluator and coaches will be consulted but the FRSA Board will be the final arbiter in player move-up requests. Playing-down will not be approved by the FRSA Board. Below is the process to be used, and the criteria that the FRSA Board will apply.

Process

1. Parents requesting a player move-up must submit a player move-up form to the Front Royal Soccer Association four (4) weeks prior to a season ending, before the season of the anticipated player move-up to take effect. Player move-up forms can be obtained from the downloads section of the FRSA website, frontroyalsoccer.com. Player move-up Forms should be emailed to the commissioner of the current division, or snail mailed to the league (mailing address is listed on the contact us page at frontroyalsoccer.com.) Once the FRSA Board is in receipt of the completed Player move-up Form. The FRSA Board will assign an independent evaluator to both confer with the player’s current coach and to evaluate the player during a scheduled game. The independent evaluator may currently be an active FRSA Board member or among the active coach roster.
2. The players coach will then be asked to complete a Player move-up Referral Form by the independent evaluator at the conclusion of the game the player was evaluated citing one of the criteria listed below. Player move-up Referral Forms can be obtained through the Front Royal Soccer Association Board.
3. The FRSA Board will review the independent evaluator’s notes in conjunction with the coach’s Player move-up Referral Form and the Player move-up Form. The FRSA is the final arbiter in deciding if a player may move up.
4. Players will be notified within four (4) weeks prior the start of the anticipated season that the request was made with the decision of the FRSA Board. FRSA is the final arbiter in deciding if a player may move up.

Move-up Notifications/Appeals

Once a decision has been reached by the FRSA Board the FRSA Division Commissioner will notify the requesting party of the decision of the FRSA Board with either a Yes or No response in writing or by email. The Commissioner shall not divulge the FRSA Board vote or the justification in reaching the decision. All appeals to the FRSA decision must be addressed to the FRSA President in writing/email within fourteen (14) days of the Exception Notification. The FRSA President will then review all documentation associated with the player exception request and offer a response within fourteen days (14) of receiving the appeal. The FRSA President's decision based on the player exception request appeal will be binding thus exhausting the appeal process for that player exception request.

The player's coach will not be responsible for notifying the requesting parties of the FRSA Board decision.

Criteria The Front Royal Soccer Association Board will consider the following factors in determining whether to approve a player exception request. These are not all inclusive as other considerations may impact the decision. These are merely guidelines to assist the Board with their decision.

1. Exceptionally Skilled Player - Level of play significantly exceeds peer group. Particularly in the lower age brackets, when only 4 or 5 players are on a side at one time, an exceptional player may dominate play to the extent that the game is no longer competitive for the opposing team. A player who fits these criteria must dominate play in more than one phase i.e. striking and passing; defending and challenging; defending and striking, etc. Though parents or coaches may often feel that a child is dominant because the child is the best on the team, the exceptionally skilled criteria apply to the child in relation to the entire league and most other children of his or her age. Typically, a player who is approved for this reason has extensive tournament or competitive soccer experience beyond the Front Royal Soccer Association.
2. Physical Ability and Above Average Size. If a child is exceedingly big for his or her age group and has above average soccer skills, the Coach or FRSA Board may recommend a player exception request – particularly if there is some risk that the physical play of the child may pose a danger to smaller “of age” players.
3. Overall Benefit to the Front Royal Soccer Association. In unusual situations, FRSA may request that a player or grouping of players move up due to overall numbers balancing across divisions. If this is to occur, an overall approval by the FRSA Board is required

Player Move-up Form



Child's Name	
Parent (Guardian)	
Phone Number	
Parent's Email address	
Child's Birth Date	
Age Division Applying to (Circle one)	U7 U8 U10 U12 U14 Senior Other:
Prior FRSA Coaches	
Prior Soccer Experience	
Reason for requesting move-up	

I understand that the effect of approval of this request may result in my child/dependent playing with and competing against older, larger, and stronger children and that this may result in a greater risk of injury and/or harm to my child/dependent.

In consideration of accepting FRSA's approval of my waiver request, I hereby, for myself, and my child/dependent, waive and release any and all rights and claims against Front Royal Soccer Association, its agents, employees, and sponsors for any and all injuries, circumstances, and outcomes affecting my child/dependent during the youth sports program specified above, sponsored by Front Royal Soccer Association.

I understand that I must submit this request at least four weeks prior to the end of the current season.

I understand that my child will be evaluated by an agent of the FRSA Board of Directors

Parent Signature

Date