

## **Plum Area Youth Soccer Single Age Group Policy**

It is the policy of Plum Area Youth Soccer (PAYS) to keep the players in their proper age group. Per U.S. Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) guidelines the determining factor shall be the player's birth year.

The purpose of this policy is to provide coaches with the best players that PAYS has within a particular age group to build a team with, and will force coaches to develop players instead of reaching into other age groups to fill needs. It is PAYS' intention to build the highest level teams in all age groups.

### **Playing Up:**

If an in-house parent requests to play up because the player's development is being held back by playing in the proper age group, a three person committee appointed by the President, and including the In-House Coordinator, will consider all factors and make a decision on the player's eligibility to play up.

If a travel player requests to play up because of similar concerns, a three person committee appointed by the President and including the Travel Coordinator will consider all factors, with input from the coaches involved, and make a decision. Dual rostering of a player is encouraged in this situation; the player's age appropriate team will be considered "primary" and will be the player's priority.

**THERE IS REALLY NO REASONABLE EXCUSE FOR HAVING A PLAYER PLAY OUT OF HIS/HER AGE GROUP. ANY EXCEPTIONAL REASON WILL BE CONSIDERED AND DECIDED UPON BY THE DESIGNATED COMMITTEE.**

Any player that is playing outside of their proper age group must have their parents sign a PAYS waiver form in order to participate.

Plum Area Youth Soccer reserves the right to amend or enhance this policy.