

On occasion, it is clear that a player in a specific grade has an overall ability that surpasses the typical talent level found in his/her Metro grade level. The FBA will now consider allowing a player to “play up” to the next grade level in order to let that player compete with and against comparable talent.

The FBA takes the play up policy very seriously, as it would take a roster spot away from another player in a higher grade. All play up requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

The FBA will consider a player to “play up” to the next grade level if the following conditions exist:

Player-Up Policy:

1. The player must be identified and approved as a possible top 3 player in the grade ahead of them.
2. This identification must be granted by:
  - a. At least three members of the Executive Board
  - b. The player’s previous year’s coaching staff
  - c. Independent evaluators

Players will not be allowed to “play up” at the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade level.

In order for any play up evaluation process to be considered, a parent and/or the player’s previous season’s Metro coach will need to submit a request in writing to the FBA Executive Board prior to Metro tryouts. Once approval has been granted, the player will be allowed to try out at the higher grade level.

Executive Board members are involved in all tryouts and the EB will work in collaboration with the head coach at the higher grade level as to determining if the player should make the team. Consideration, amongst other factors, will be given to the players past performance, current skill level and tryout performance. This process allows for a common sense decision regarding what is best for the player, the team and the FBA program.

If the player is ultimately evaluated to be one of the top 3 players in the grade above their own, then a roster spot may be granted for that player on the above grade’s A team.

If the player is not clearly in the top 3, they will be placed on the A team at their grade level.