

WAM United Division 3 and Division 4 Competitive Travel Soccer Age Appropriate Policy:

WAM United is committed to developing soccer players in their age appropriate groups. As such, the club will field teams and conduct tryouts with players who are in the same/natural cohort age group.

The following age matrix will determine a player's cohort for the 2015 fall and 2016 spring seasons:

U8 DOB 8/1/2007 to 7/31/2008
U9 DOB 8/1/2006 to 7/31/2007
U10 DOB 8/1/2005 to 7/31/2006
U11 DOB 8/1/2004 to 7/31/2005
U12 DOB 8/1/2003 to 7/31/2004
U13 DOB 8/1/2002 to 7/31/2003
U14 DOB 8/1/2001 to 7/31/2002

CJSA rules prohibit a player from playing down. For example, a U12 player who was born between 8/1/2003 and 7/31/2004 would not be allowed to play in the U11 group. Aside from being a violation of rules, this is inappropriate and unfair to all parties.

WAM United Soccer is taking this one step further. In general, players will play within their age range and not be allowed to play up. In order for a player to move beyond their natural cohort, the following conditions must be met:

1. The player must play primarily for his/her natural cohort team
2. The player can only be an alternate on the older cohort roster in the event that the older cohort roster is shorthanded.
3. The Player can only move up one cohort group (e.g. u10 to u11; u10 can't move to u12)
4. The Player who is subject to move must have an A rating or better in his/her most recent tryout
5. Parents must grant permission for the promotion.
6. The sending and receiving coach must agree on the promotion.
7. The WAM board must approve the promotion.

For the best development of players and to maximize play time and touches on the field, it is imperative that we adhere to these rules. This will maximize team cohesion while it provides competitiveness for all D3/D4 WAM teams in the league.