

Easton Redding United Soccer Club

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Tryout and Eligibility Policy Travel Teams U-9 Thru U-18

1. All athletes must be registered and have paid all fees due prior to tryout, unless otherwise stated by the ERUSC Board of Directors in advance of the tryout, in order to be eligible for a position on any ERUSC team.
2. All players who wish to play above their age and grade appropriate level must apply for permission from the ERUSC Board of Directors before or at the time of registration. (See "Playing Up Protocol" for other conditions and guidelines.)
3. If the ERUSC determines that an age group has a shortage of players and cannot support a team, those players will be asked to tryout at the next older age level available. (See "Playing Up Protocol" for specifics.)
4. All tryouts will be publicized in advance and held over a minimum of two dates. The order of tryout will always run from youngest to oldest.
5. All tryouts will be run by the respective ERUSC Coaching Directors (CD's) using professional coaches as independent evaluators. All evaluators will rank the players from 1st to last, with keepers handled separately. Parent Coaches and Board Members should not be evaluators in order to eliminate any conflicts.
6. For 11 v 11 based teams, coaches must accept the independent evaluations as submitted for the #1 goalkeeper and first 12 field players. For 8 v 8 based teams, coaches must accept the independent evaluations as submitted for the #1 goalkeeper and first 9 field players. If any coach believes the evaluation may be flawed, he or she will be given discretion to add players to their team after the placement of the first 13 are offered positions for 11 v 11 teams or the first 9 for 8v8 teams. The maximum number of additions will be 5 for 8v8 teams, 9 for U12 through U14 and 5 for U15 through U19.
7. The ERUSC Board has the right to change and modify these rules and policies, as needs dictate.

Playing Up Protocol

- A. As a general rule, ERUSC does not support a player playing on a soccer team above his or her age appropriate placement.
- B. Any player wishing to attempt to play-up must first apply to the respective ERUSC approved Coaching Director, to obtain approval to do so. The only exception to this rule occurs when a player does not have an age or grade appropriate team on which to play. Permission is automatically granted to a player to tryout for the next higher age placement in this instance.
- C. Both the player and his or her family must desire to play up. ERUSC will not force any player to play up against his or her desires.
- D. All players must tryout with their age and grade appropriate team prior to attending any older age level tryout. IF the player has no age or grade appropriate team tryout to attend, said player should tryout at the next age level available.
- E. In order to earn a position on an older age level team, for 11 v 11 teams, the younger player must rank within the top 10 field players at the older age tryout or be the #1 goalkeeper. In order to earn a position on an older age level team, for 8 v 8 teams, the younger player must rank within the top 7 field players at the older age tryout or be the #1 goalkeeper.

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The younger athlete has no age or grade appropriate team available. In this case, condition "E" will not be observed. Any ranking that would place the player on the team would be accepted.

- F. Players who do not have an age or grade appropriate team who cannot make the next age level team will be allowed to apply to the respective ERUSC approved Coaching Director for permission to play up further than the next level. These decisions will be based on multiple factors and will be final.
- G. Players who come into town after tryouts are complete, players who miss the tryouts for any reason, and sick/injured players who miss their age and/or grade appropriate tryouts will all be eligible to move to an older age team provided there is space available, and the respective ERUSC Coaching Director, agrees that such an approval will be beneficial to both the player and team in question.

- H. In general, ERUSC will not allow U9 age & grade appropriate players to play up. Special circumstances may be brought up for review before the ERUSC Board for the granting of exception.