

New Fairfield Soccer Placement Guidelines

- Any child that registers and plays U-5 “early” (i.e. prior to being age eligible) in the fall or spring, will play U-5 in the following fall when they would normally be allowed to play. These kids will get 3 to 4 seasons at the U-5 level.
- Any child that is U-8 eligible will play U-8, no matter where they played the previous season(s). A U-8 eligible child will not play U-9 travel.
- Any child that is U-9 eligible will not play at the U-10 level.
- There will be no “A” level teams at the U-9 age level.
- Any child that is U-11 eligible will not play at the U-12 level.

All exceptions to the above will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the In-house coordinator, the Travel coordinator, the Coaching director and, if necessary, the President of the New Fairfield Soccer Club. These guidelines are not meant to “punish” the children. They are, in fact, meant to prepare the children fully and expose them to as much soccer education as possible before making the next big step. Playing in the U-5 level is meant to be a 2-season process, and short-changing the children does not help their development. Moving from co-ed, in-house leagues to a competitive, unisex team is a big step that many kids are not prepared for. By having the kids ease into the travel portion of their soccer journey at a less competitive level will help them adjust to the rigors of travel, the higher expectations and will help with their confidence.