

## **DEFINITIONS**

The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

- a) “Athlete” means a player on a SKY volleyball team.
- b) “Members” – All individuals employed by, or engaged in activities with, SKY including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, coordinators, judges, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, Parents, directors, and officers of SKY.
- c) “Parent” means the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the Athlete.
- d) “Playing-up” or “Play-up” means an athlete playing in an older age group.
- e) “SKY” means SKY Volleyball Club

## **PURPOSE**

SKY discourages athlete's to Playing-up and is expected to play within their birth year age groups. Occasional exceptions may occur and criteria for Playing-up will be outlined in this policy.

## **CRITERIA**

1. SKY will consider all requests on a case-by-case basis
2. Players wishing to “Play-up” must email [info@skyvolleyballclub.ca](mailto:info@skyvolleyballclub.ca) 7-days prior to their 1<sup>st</sup> age group tryout date and state their intentions.
3. The play-up athlete must attend their 1<sup>st</sup> age group tryout, where the evaluators will recommend to SKY whether the player can try out with the older age group.
4. During the tryouts at the older age level, the play-up athlete must
  - a. Exceeded the technical abilities of other participating players within the older age category,
  - b. Must be rated as part of the starting 6 of the older age group to be further considered.
5. The play-up athlete will not replace a player of equal or higher skill level at the intended age category.
6. The play-up athlete must demonstrate a high degree of individual skill which must be transferrable to competitive match situations.
7. The play-up athlete must have the ability to blend in with athletes of the older age group and be able to interact on and off the court.
8. The play-up athlete must meet or exceed other athletes within the older age category in game awareness and general knowledge of the game. This includes the mental strength and maturity that will be necessary when dealing with older and physically superior opponents.

## **DECISION**

9. SKY will take into consideration what is the best for SKY as a whole, which includes the impact to the team(s) within the actual athlete’s age group.
10. Within 1-day of the older age group’s final tryout date, the play-up athlete will be notified of team placement.
11. The decision from SKY to allow the athlete to play-up is not appealable.