

# Tri-City United Competitive Program: Team Placement Guidelines

## Overview

Our Team Placement process takes players who have:

1. Been accepted (via evaluation) into the Competitive Program
2. Have registered for upcoming season(s)

and places them into teams for the upcoming season(s).

## Acceptance into Program

The process for acceptance into Competitive Program depends upon age group:

- u9 Fall= via u8 Pre-Competitive Program
- u9 Winter & spring/summer = via STEP
- u10, u11, u12 = via STEP
- u13 & older = depending upon time of year, evaluation may occur during:
  - Summer try-outs
  - Team Placement sessions
  - Age Group training sessions

## Team Placement Process oversight

The Team Placement process is overseen by our Competitive Director & Director of Development

## Decision makers

- All coaches present at Team Placement sessions will provide their assessment of individual player development levels
- All age groups will have oversight by one of our program directors
  - \* Technical Director / Competitive Director / Director of Development
- Coaches with a child in the Age Group are not allowed to provide any input regarding their own child
- Final decisions on placement will be made by Competitive Director & Director of Development

## **Decision Process**

1. Player performance in current / previous seasons will be the biggest determining factor in Team Placement decisions. Performance is measured by:
  - a. Player Rankings obtained from team coaches twice a year
  - b. Player Development Reports produced twice a year
  - c. Additional input from coaches
  - d. Input from program Directors (Technical Director, Competitive Director & Director of Development)
2. Player performance during Team Placement sessions will also be a consideration, assessing four key development areas:
  - a. Technical
  - b. Physical
  - c. Tactical
  - d. Psychosocial

If a player cannot attend Team Placement sessions, all the factors listed in item #1 (which are the biggest factors for all players) will be used to determine placement.

## **Session Format**

Team Placement sessions will be primarily game based, as performance in games is what needs to be assessed.

Team Placement sessions will have games grouped by development level, as this provides greatest opportunity to accurately assess players who are borderline between different team levels