

5.18.1 This policy applies to ALL youth age registered players

- a. Each case shall be dealt with on its own merits.
- b. Players meeting the criteria shall be assessed by the TD of the region in which the player plays, to determine if the disability or the size of the disabled or challenged player
  - i. Creates risk to the other players or to themselves or
  - ii. Is sufficient to prevent the game to be played under the Laws of the GameIn the event that the region does not have a TD, Soccer Nova Scotia's Director of Coaching and Player development will do the assessment.
- c. The request to play in a lower age group under this provision must be made annually.
- d. A follow-up assessment of the player's abilities shall be performed by the SNS Director of Coaching and Player Development or designate if during the season a situation develops that impacts the games as outlined in b. i. and ii.
- e. Clubs shall make every attempt to place a player who meets the criteria and who is determined to be physically able to participate in the sport.
- f. A game may not be protested on the basis of age once approval has been granted.
- g. Criteria for application.
  - i. The parent or guardian of the player must make written application to the club.
  - ii. Written evidence of the infirmity by a doctor must be included with the written request.
- h. Procedure
  - i. The club shall request from its region an assessment on the player.
  - ii. The player shall first be assessed at a team practice followed by a more formal assessment in an exhibition game.
  - iii. The assessment and recommendation to Soccer Nova Scotia shall be made in writing by the regional TD or SNS Director of Coaching and Player Development and copied to the club and associated league where player will be participating.
  - iv. The assessment shall be completed no later than 30 days following the request.
  - v. Soccer Nova Scotia to inform all involved.