

1. Purpose

- 1.1 Create clear guidelines for Local Associations to manage player placement outside their normal age divisions.
- 1.2 Respect the private nature of some placements due to physical, cognitive or emotional requirements by limiting the number of persons reviewing and making such decisions.
- 1.3 Allow flexibility to Local Associations to offer options for the purpose of recruitment and retention provided it does not adversely impact other players.

2. General

- 2.1 Policy is limited to U10 through U19 age divisions.
- 2.2 In all cases, player placement up or down in age divisions may only be one division removed from the player's natural age division.
- 2.3 The player's guardians must agree to the placement up or down in age divisions.

3. Underage Players

- 3.1 Local Associations have authority over placement of underage players provided:
 - a) It is in the best interest of the athlete's development.
 - b) For A level teams, the athlete participates in the try-out for that age division and is fairly selected.

4. Overage Players

- 4.1 No overage players may be rostered in the A or AA divisions.
- 4.2 Local Associations have authority over placement of overage players provided:
 - a) It is in the best interest of the athlete due to:
 - i. Limitations in physical, cognitive or emotional abilities
 - ii. Athlete development for 1st year participant
 - b) It is necessary for recruitment and retention of the athlete to offer opportunity to participate on a local team if no local team is offered at their natural age division.
 - c) In all cases, if more than 3 players are to be placed on a team roster that are overage, the Local Association must gain approval from the RMB Members Committee prior to submitting the roster or committing placement to the player.

5. Authority

- 5.1 Local Associations have the authority to make Player Placement decisions in keeping with this policy.
- 5.2 RMB may request details of decisions and refer challenges to the RMB Members Committee.
- 5.3 RMB Members Committee may approve player placement decisions that have been challenged or exceed the definitions of this policy.
- 5.4 Leagues are not responsible for player placement decisions and have no right to refuse accepted RMB team rosters

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RMB Board of Directors is responsible to review this policy annually.
