



PSPL Surf Academy playing up policy and procedure.

The PSPL Surf Academy believes that players will develop better at their age appropriate level than at an age level above. However, the academy recognizes that, although rare, some talented players may exist that are physically and psychologically ready to be considered for the next age level within the competitive structure.

Try Out:

- The athlete and parent/guardian must initiate the consideration for Playing-Up at the try outs by making it known you are requesting to try out an age group up.
- The Academy Coach, and the Director of the Coaching will evaluate the ability of the player at tryouts.
- Information and input from the former and current coaches may be used to make this determination.
- Players will be notified after the try-outs if they have the ability to play at the next age bracket. If the request is denied the process ends there.

- The coaches will observe the player at the try-outs to determine if he/she is among the prospective starters for the next age level team.

- If the athlete is not evaluated as a prospective starter on the next age level team but one of the strongest players of the age appropriate team, then of age is where they will be placed.

- If it is determined that an underage player was evaluated to be able to compete at the next age level, but was ultimately not permitted due to: **(the prospective starter policy but can compete at the next level)** then the Academy will look at the possibility of inviting them to a tournament to compete at the next age bracket.

- The player will get the opportunity to play, and practice with the age appropriate team first, but will be permit to play, or practice with the next age level team as scheduling permits.

- The PSPL Surf Academy program reserves the right to move players when it will be in the best interest of developing the player.

The Academy reserves the right to build teams based on, but not limited to, the following considerations:

1. There are some situations where the Academy will ask a player to play up if it makes the overall numbers for the teams more favorable.
2. An underage player may be asked to play on the next age level team when it is deemed he/she has clearly demonstrated exceptional play on the age appropriate team in practice or previous tournaments.
3. If, after try outs, a team is still not full, the team's coaches may consider younger players for their team **ONLY** if the age appropriate team is full.
4. These players can only be considered with the approval of the DOC.
5. The following year, all players will be required to try out for their appropriate age group and/or request to try out for the next level age group, following the policy outlined above.
6. Please note, that the DOC may at their discretion invalidate a players grandfathered status if it is determined that the player would benefit more by playing at the age appropriate level.

