

# PLAYER PLACEMENT

At New Frontier, we believe in placing players in groups/teams that are the best fit for their soccer development. This may mean playing in a higher age group, younger age group or with players of a different gender.

When we decide where to place players, we take a number of factors into account. These are:

- Soccer Age (how long a player has played)
- Physical Literacy (how well a player moves)
- Technical Ability
- Tactical Understanding
- Emotional Maturity
- Social Skills (how a player interacts with their peers and coaches)
- Coachability (how a player takes instruction/responds to feedback)
- Commitment

A player may excel in some areas but may be behind their peer group in others. We try to look at the 'whole' player and put them in a place where they will be appropriately challenged.

## New Players

New players registering with the club will be invited to train with their age group for a number of player placement sessions. These training sessions will be delivered by New Frontier Academy Coaches and overseen by the Technical Lead for the age group.

At these sessions, we will determine the correct starting point for each player's development.

## Returning Players

Returning players will be placed in teams based off our Academy Staff's prior knowledge of the player.

**We do ask that returners attend player placement sessions** to serve as a benchmark to help us determine where to place new players.

The clubs Technical Leads will have final say on player placement.

Please know that player assessment is an ongoing process. We will continue to monitor player and personal development throughout the season. If we feel a player will be better suited to train/play with a different age group or team, we will look to move them to an appropriate group that will aid their soccer development.

### Communication

After the club has concluded its player placement sessions, families will be emailed within 7 days of their players team placement.

This communication will also include team training schedules, coach assignments and other important information families will need to prepare for the season.