

Northern Nova United Soccer Club Youth Player Assessment Policy

Introduction

The purpose of the *NNU Player Assessment Policy* is to ensure that the Club determines the appropriate level of training and competition for our players in a manner that is fair, transparent and effective. The NNU Player Assessment Policy is used in conjunction with the NNU Team Formation Policy to assign players to NNU teams. Essentially, the Player Assessment Policy provides the guidelines for how we determine a player's level of soccer development and the Team Formation Policy is used to determine how we group players to create our teams.

Assessment Criteria

A player's level of soccer development will be assessed based on the criteria described below:

Technique: The ability to execute the movements that are required to control, dribble, pass turn with, feint with, protect, shoot and win the ball

Insight: The ability to quickly make correct decisions about what to do with and without the ball

Pace: Quickness and speed with and without the ball

Strength: Physical strength and stamina

Attitude: Intensity, composure and focus during practices and games

Commitment: Willingness to attend practices, games and team events

Assessment Process

One, or all of the information sources listed below may be used to complete an assessment for a player:

Existing knowledge of a player

Player assessments from open tryouts

Player assessments from invitational tryouts

Existing knowledge

Previous knowledge of a player gained from coaches or technical staff will be considered a valuable player assessment tool. Players that are unable to attend tryouts may be assigned to a team based solely on existing knowledge of the player.

Open tryouts

Open tryouts will be held for each Tier II team (as required by number of registered players). The principal reason for holding open tryouts will be to help identify a group of players that have the potential to play at a particular level.

Players will be assessed at open tryouts by the team coach and independent assessors.

Any player of appropriate age that wishes to tryout for a team may attend an open tryout. Players must tryout at their own age level.

Invitational tryouts

The invitational tryouts will be held after the open tryouts. Coaches will use invitational tryouts to make final assessments of players before selecting a team.

Players will be invited to invitational tryouts based on their open tryout assessments and/or existing knowledge of the player.

The team's coaching staff will undertake assessments at invitational tryouts. The team's coaching staff may invite other qualified assessors to help with invitational tryouts assessments.

Before selecting a team a coach must submit a final team list to the club's technical committee for approval. Once the technical committee approves the team the final list will be posted on the club website.

Assessment Schedule

The following provides a general guideline for the timing of tryouts. Specific times for open tryouts will be posted on the club website at least two weeks in advance. Open tryout times will also be included in club newsletters.

Summer Open tryouts: First two weeks of April

Summer Invitational tryouts: Final weeks of April

Assessment Appeals

Players who feel that they have not been properly assessed may apply for a reassessment to the chairperson of the NNU technical committee. Requests for reassessment will only be considered for open tryout assessments.