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### **ECSL's Playing Up Rule for 2023**

The Essex County Soccer League has consulted with Ontario Soccer's Technical Standards Committee in order to gain clarity around grassroots players who are evaluated to "play up" ONE year through the fast tracking process.

Please note the following clarifications:

1. Any player who is approved to play one year up must be evaluated using the forms found on Ontario Soccer's website - <https://www.ontariosoccer.net/player-grassroots>
2. Essex County Soccer Association registrars will not approve registrations for fast tracked players without the proper forms and club and district approvals.
3. There are three categories of age-specific fast-tracking forms (which can be found at the link above for your reference)
  1. Fast Tracking for U7 players playing
  2. Fast Tracking for U9 players to U11 players playing up
  3. Fast Tracking for U12 players playing up
  4. The maximum number of underage players on any GAME DAY roster is **25%** or more specifically:
    1. Under 8 - With a roster of 10 players - **3 players** can play up
    2. Under 9 - With a roster of 12 players - **3 players** can play up
    3. Under 10 - With a roster of 12 players - **3 players** can play up
    4. Under 11 With a roster of 16 players - **4 players** can play up
    5. Under 12 With a roster of 14 players - **4 players** can play up
    6. Under 13 and up with a roster of 18 - **5 players** can play up (This is a league rule and not an Ontario Soccer playing up rule).
    7. Once a player has been Fast Tracked into an older age group, they are not permitted to play in their own age group for that season.

The above league "playing up" league rule is in effect immediately

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