



WESTSIDE CONNECTION

MISSION: PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY: SHAPING FUTURES

Play-Up Rules

Westside Connection offers progressive programming. Each year, student athletes will build on existing skills and learn new skills as they advance each grade. You can see an outline of this progression on the program page of our website. Although fundamentals and advanced play skills are taught and continually practiced at every grade level, it is important for our athletes to continue with our programming every year to ensure that they are well-rounded and have every opportunity to become accomplished athletes.

Although playing up is not encouraged by Westside Connection, we as an organization realizes that, although uncommon, there are players who are talented as well as physically and psychologically ready to be considered for the next grade level within the Westside Connections team/grade structure.

Please note: Some sports will not offer the play-up option. Play-Up is only available for Competitive Divisions.

Play-Up Rules

1. Players are only allowed to request to play-up up one grade level.
2. Players must be able to demonstrate the skills, abilities, and have the physical development and emotional maturity to be successful in the grade requested.
3. A new request must be made for each program and/or every year.
4. Play-Up forms must be received one week before registration ends. Submit completed form to the Sports Advisor. Play Up requests will NOT be accepted via phone calls, or social media. The form must be filled out completely and submitted via email or in-person.
5. Play-up option is only available for competitive divisions and the player will be evaluated at the grade level they are requesting to play in.
6. Once a player is granted permission to play up, they are not allowed to move down, or to fill in for their appropriate grade.
7. Coaches may NOT permit under-grade players to register with their team without ensuring that the player has followed the approval process. A player's desire to play-up should be initiated by the player, then the parent.
8. If the player does not get picked for the higher grade competitive team the evaluators will make a recommendation of which team they feel the player is ready for and the player will be placed on that team. There is no appeal process.
9. The Sports Advisor and their committee may use their discretion in determining if a player would benefit more by playing at the age appropriate level.



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VISION: Westside Connection strives to be an inclusive community volunteer organization offering athletic opportunities as diverse as the communities that we serve. Our programming will motivate every participant to become an accomplished athlete, good teammate, better student and a respectable citizen. We will achieve this by modeling behavior, embracing differences, encouraging volunteerism, inviting family partnerships, and by inspiring community support.

PLAY-UP Request - Please Print Clearly

Program			
Current School Year _____		Todays Date: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Football 2 nd grader only asking to play 3rd <input type="checkbox"/> Softball
Parent or Guardian			
Parent/Guardian First Name:		Parent/Guardian Last Name:	
Current Address:		City:	State: ZIP:
Primary Phone:		Alt. Phone:	
Parents/Guardian Email Address:		Secondary Contact:	Phone:
Student Athlete			
Players First Name:		Players Last Name:	
Players Home Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Parent listed above			School Attending
Date of Birth	Current Age	Grade for this school year:	Grade requesting to play:
Reason for the request? (Include play history, background, awards, coach referrals, etc.)			

I, as parent/guardian, I understand that playing my child up means that my younger player will be playing with, and against older, usually more physically developed players whose skills may be more advanced, and whose game may be more physical. I understand that in playing-up, there is risk and potential for harm to my child's health and safety, as well as my child's emotional well-being. I fully understand this and take full responsibility, I accept all liability, and I release and hold harmless, Westside Connection, and any supporter, providers, or volunteers of Westside Connection. As parent/guardian, I give MY PERMISSION for my child, _____, to play-up ONE grade level in the Westside Connection program indicated above. I also acknowledge that I am making this decision on my own initiative, and have not been requested to do so by any Westside Connection coach, member, or volunteer.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Request Received by: _____ Date Received: _____ Time: _____ Request Approved Request Denied

Decided by: _____ and _____ and _____

COMMENTS: