

**VANCOUVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
POLICY REGARDING APPLYING TO PLAY-DOWN**

*The purpose of the Society is to foster, develop and govern the game of soccer within the City of Vancouver and the University Endowment Lands and to enforce the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules & Regulations of the British Columbia Soccer Association.*

**BCSA Rule 2- Player Age Limits:** f) *Youth players are ineligible to play in an age division for which they attain the limiting age before the first day of January (January 1) of the current calendar year.*

**WHO CAN APPLY?** A Club President or Club Technical Director may apply to the District on behalf of the parent or guardian of said child.

**WHEN TO APPLY?** Prior to the start of each playing season and the application must be made annually.

**WHO TO APPLY TO:** The VYSA District Chair and copy to the VYSA District Secretary

**INFORMATION REQUIRED?** A written application from the parent or guardian;  
A covering letter from the Club;  
A detailed letter from the medical practitioner describing the disability and his/her recommendation.  
*Please note: Assessments must be current. Copies from the previous year's application will not be accepted.*

The following is the BCSA criteria to follow when considering applying for a *Request to Play-Down*:

[http://www.bcsoccer.net/files/AboutUs/BylawsRulesRegsPolicies/PlayingDownPolicy\\_nodate.pdf](http://www.bcsoccer.net/files/AboutUs/BylawsRulesRegsPolicies/PlayingDownPolicy_nodate.pdf)

**Please note:** players born late-in-the-calendar-year does not, in and of itself, meet the BCSA Playing-Down criteria.

It is the Club's responsibility to gather the pertinent documentation in a timely fashion and submit it to the District.

Before sending the documentation to the District, the Club should evaluate the player in order to avoid frivolous applications.

VYSA does not have the power to approve or reject an application or the ability to provide any advice outside of the guidelines stated by BCSA.

The District will forward the request to the BC Soccer Association for approval or non-approval should the application not meet their criteria.

**IMPORTANT:** Clubs must not place children applying to play-down on a younger age team until after a decision has been made by BCSA.