

OVERVIEW OF THE MUYSA TRAVEL TEAM PLACEMENT PROCESS:

A player's final team placement will be formed leveraging a Coaches Evaluation, the 1 Day evaluation and a Placement Meeting. Details of each can be found below.

Coaches Evaluation: All travels players (this includes rising U8's) are evaluated at the end of their season by their current coaches, using a standard coaching evaluation form. Coaches evaluate their players in 12 content areas. Dribbling/Foot Skills, Passing / Receiving, Ball Control, Shooting, Individual Defending, Team Offense, Team Defense, Field Sense, Speed, Aggressiveness, Intangibles, and Communication. The results are sent to and organized by the age group coordinator.

1 Day Placement Evaluation: Players will engage in a 1 Day evaluation conducted solely by our newly created MUYSA Evaluation Team. The MUYSA Evaluation Team is a group of knowledge soccer individuals who have connections to MUYSA (both past and present), but do NOT have a child participating in the evaluation. The group will help ensure that the evaluation remains unbiased. The evaluation team will stack rank the players based solely on their performance in the 1 day tryout.

The Evaluation team will use a modified version of the MA Youth Soccer Evaluation Process. Players will engage in multiple 5-10 minute small sided games for the entire duration of the evaluation. The evaluation team will move players onto fields with players of similar technical and/or physical ability.

Each evaluation will have one lead Facilitator, who will be in charge of conducting and overseeing the entire evaluation from start to finish. The Facilitator will NOT evaluate the players or make any decisions on player movement. The evaluators will observe the fields and continuously select players for movement either up or down based on their perception of a players skill.

Once the evaluators have determined no further movement is required they will stack rank the players on their field in order of their technical ability and these results will be submitted to each age group coordinator.

Each player should bring a ball, plenty of water and shin pads worn under their socks.

Placement Meeting

Once the 1 day Evaluation is conducted and all coaches' evaluations are submitted to the Age Group Coordinator, there will be a placement meeting scheduled. This will include multiple participants including coaches, Age Group Coordinator and other independent parties to ensure that the placement process is impartial and unbiased. The goal of the placement meeting is to create teams with players of similar technical ability and to properly place these teams in either Division 1, 2 or 3.

While no one process is perfect, MUYSA believes this process does a good job of providing feedback from coaches who have been working with the players over the course of a season and also incorporates an unbiased evaluation of a player's current abilities and skills by the MUYSA Evaluation Team. These things combined provide the right information for proper placement and development.

For more details on the process, please read the Mendon/Upton Youth Soccer Evaluation Policy.