

CC United Soccer Club

Player Evaluation Criteria

CC United's goal is to place a player at a level at which they are challenged but also are able to experience success. To do this, CC United utilizes formal player evaluations as well as other factors when placing a player on a team.

Player Placement

Placement of a player is based off all information available. This may include:

- Data from formal evaluations
- Attendance
- Coach evaluations from previous competitive seasons with CC United
- Performance during previous competitive seasons with CC United

Formal Team Evaluations

CC United believes a player's team placement is best based off performance and commitment over an entire season. Because of this, not all players need to attend team placement evaluations.

Who should attend U12-U17 Top Team Evaluations?

- Current CCU Top Team Players (Teams that are the highest level in their age group)
- Players that receive an invitation from their coach or director of coaching
- New players to CC United that are interested in a position on an upper level team.

Current Players on non-top teams:

- Placement for the upcoming season is based off all information available from previous seasons
- Unless you received an invitation for the Top Team evaluation, you do not need to attend evaluations

New Players to CC United:

- Should attend evaluations if wanting to be placed on an upper level team.
- Player will be placed on a lower level team if player does not attend evaluations.

CC United holds player evaluations for:

- U9-U11 Evaluations for Fall in July – all players
- U9-U11 Evaluations for Summer in November – all players
- U12-U17 Evaluations for Summer in July – Top Team players and invitations
- There are no evaluations for the U12-U14 fall season

Evaluation Invitations – Players may receive an invitation to the top team evaluations on the following criteria:

1. Training with the top team utilizing CC United's Open Door Policy (anytime from November – July)
2. Demonstrating high levels of ability, effectiveness on their current team
3. Demonstrating good attitude or attendance

Please note that any one of these factors may result in an invitation to the tryout and displaying more of them increases the chance of placement.

For non-top team players, movement to a higher level team will be based on the above list and the use of the club's open-door training policy during the previous season along with the evaluation of the player by their coach.

The purpose of this is to give more value to training after placement.

The evaluation process consists of the following parts:

- Skill Testing (U9-U11 players)
- Game Evaluations A (small sided) with outside evaluators (U9/U10 and U11-U18 C1)
- Game Evaluations B (large field) with outside evaluators (U11-U18 C1)

Skill Testing: Skill Testing is for U9-U11 players. The players will be required to take five tests giving them an objective score on their ability with and without the ball. After five tests each player is ranked on their overall ability.

Game Evaluation “A” (Small-Sided): Evaluations will have input from qualified licensed coaches from either outside the community or within the club at a different age group. The fields will be ranked, and for the first hour players may be moved based on game effectiveness. After an hour we freeze the fields and evaluate on the field they finish on. Players will be given a field bonus based on what field they finish on and evaluated against others on that field

Game Evaluation “B” (large game): For U12 and older players, Players will play in a position of choice and Evaluators will assess their ability in all aspects of the positions. For more see online tryout info – positional videos

Goalkeeper Tryouts: GKs should attend their GK evaluation and Session II for their age group’s field evaluation (if tryouts are offered for their age group).

Players Missing Evaluations

It is to a player’s advantage to attend all scheduled evaluations. If a player cannot attend evaluations, placement will be based on all available information on the player. Players must be registered and paid to be placed on a team. If a player misses tryouts and didn’t play the previous summer they will be placed on the lowest team or on a team needing players and reviewed up until February.

Attendance

Attendance will start at the team’s first practice and players will only be excused from team events by directly contacting the team manager or coach. Players that miss practice and do not call will be marked absent. It is expected that U11 and older players become comfortable calling or texting to excuse themselves from practice. If a player makes a high level team and plays a winter sport they have the opportunity to train with any team to fit their schedule and this should be communicated with their teams coach

Coaches Final Evaluation

The coach evaluation will rank the players giving a score for attendance, technical, physical, psychological ability and game effectiveness.

Team Formation

CC United has the goal of creating all levels of play for each age group. Teams will be formed from the top; first looking to build as many top teams as possible and then making all the remaining teams competitive.

Final Player Placement

At CC United we have until February to confirm our teams. It must be acknowledged by both players and parents that once a player makes a team it is their next action that determines keeping or advancing their placement.

Coaches assess ability, drive and commitment of all players in the November- February timeline. If any player has the potential of moving in any direction, communication begins with a look to place players in a more suited environment.

As part of the player evaluation process, the coach will give each player a verbal or printed mid-season evaluation prior to the season starting in May. This will provide specific feedback on aspects that require attention which could affect placement the following season

Open Door Training Policy

CC United's open door training policy means that a player can attend any other teams training that they are physically able to compete with, provided they contact the coach prior to attending.

A player placed on a lower team has a higher potential of moving up if they increase game effectiveness by making a high amount of winter training and improving their ability. A player wanting to make a higher team can utilize the club's open door policy and train with the team they strive to make and compete up until February for final placement.

Once the information is collected, team selection begins, and the club will form the rosters for the fall season and the tentative rosters (November- February) will be formed. The advantage of the tryout system is that if a player has an "off day" at tryouts or misses training due to injury, they will have opportunities up to February to be evaluated.

After February the players that are looking for more practice and potential play up time should continue to train more with the teams that they are physically able to compete with

Outside Community Players (OCP)

OCP are restricted to three players on the top team at each age group. Outside community players are classed as anyone residing outside District 112 borders. Players are classed as OCP for 24 months. In order to maintain their status on the top team they must meet two conditions for the duration of two seasons 1) finish higher than players from inside the club through the evaluation process and 2) finish higher other outside community players looking to get in. This means that if one OCP scored higher than players in the age group but not as high as new OCP then they will lose their place on the team. The only exception to this ruling is that if there is only one top team in the age level and the effect of no players coming into the program would be disbanding of the team.

Outside Community players who were not living in the area for tryouts may be placed based on the needs of the age group and based on an evaluation from the DOC or club trainer. These players won't disrupt any of the rostered players on the highest team but may have the opportunity to earn a spot on that team after being assessed.