

CAUFC Evaluation Information

Select Boys & Girls (U11 and U12)

The idea behind the Evaluations process is that players are best served by being placed on teams with players of a similar ability. We ensure that all players will receive equal opportunity for selection to the team that they wish to play.

CAUFC is committed to ongoing in-season evaluations. Rather than base team formation strictly on end of season "tryouts", we strive, particularly for U11 to U14 teams, to evaluate players throughout the season in several phases.

Phase 1: CAUFC staff coach observation and feedback in the form of written reports and conversations with the Technical director

Phase 2: Year-end evaluations of players completed by Team Coaches. Coach Evaluations cover ABILITY (technical/tactical skills), ATTITUDE, and ATTENDANCE.

Phase 3: On-field, post-season Evaluation sessions where players are evaluated by independent evaluators (CAUFC staff coaches). Please register for these Evaluations via the CAUFC website.

Phase 4 : The Club-selected coaches from the past and the upcoming season work with the Technical Staff to form the teams based upon all phases.

Age level– Playing Up/Down

At the Divisional level, players may not play ‘down’ an age-level. However, players may play ‘up’ an Age level if they meet several criteria.

1. Player consistently dominates within own Age Group
2. Identification and assessment by Technical Staff and approval by Technical Director to attend Age-level higher Post –Season Evaluations
3. Ranks within the top ‘5’ players at the Post-Season Evaluations (age-level up)
4. For a player to play up is ultimately at the discretion of the Technical Director

Post-season Evaluation Process

Attendance

All players are expected to attend all scheduled Evaluation sessions. However, every year several players are unable to attend some or all of the Phase 3 sessions due to being out of town, sick or injured. *If this applies to you, here's what to do:*

1. Register for the Phase 3 sessions. This lets us know that you still would like to be considered for one of the teams and places you on our communications lists for information related to the Evaluations including changes to session dates, times and fields. Emails related to Evaluations are only sent to those who register as they are sent using the registration database.
2. Email the Age Group Coordinator and 'cc' Kevin Julian <kjulian@cliffavenue-soccer.com> to let him know your situation. You only need to email if you are unable to attend any Phase 3 sessions.

Because there are several phases for evaluating players, missing Phase 3 is not the end of the world. While there is an advantage to attending this phase, we are still able to make solid decisions based on information gained from previous Phases.

The following process is meant to be guideline and may be altered after consultation between the Age Group Coordinator/Technical Director to suit what is needed for their respective age group.

Day 1: 2v2 and 8v8 Small Sided Games

After a Group Warm-Up (10 Minutes): Players will get in groups of four (same colour bib) and stand by a pug net.

Game format: 5 Minute Half of 2v2 (while 2 players are resting). After 5 Minutes the resting pairs come in and there is another 5 Minute Half of 2v2.

Player Rotations: To ensure that players play with a different team mate, when 2 player from each group move fields, they are then to be paired with a new team mate.

There will be 4 Games (of two 5 Minute halves) which equals 3 player rotations.

The last 30-40 Minutes of Day 1 Evaluations will be 8v8.

Day 2: 3v3 and 8v8 Small Sided Games

After a Group Warm-Up (10 Minutes): Players will get in groups of four (same colour bib) and stand by a pug net.

Game format: 10 Minute Game of 3v3 (while 1 player is resting). Players will sub “on the fly”

Player Rotations: Two Players from each group move fields. The same two players will never rotate together in future games.

There will be 4 Games (of two 5 Minute halves) which equals 3 player rotations.

The last 30-40 Minutes of Day 2 Evaluations will be 8v8.

*After day one or day two, players not invited to the final evaluation day will be contacted within 72 hours either by phone or by email. These players will be placed, accordingly, onto a House team or Silver/Bronze Team.

Players invited to the next round of Evaluations will also be contacted within 72 hours either by phone or by email to confirm the date, time and location.

Day 3 / Day 4 (if required)

8 Versus 8 games.

*After the final Evaluation day, all players will be notified via email regarding team selection within a timeframe communicated by the CAUFC Technical Director (eg 72 Hours but no more that 1 week)

Selection To Team:

Once players are notified that they have been selected for a team they must respond within 24 hours to accept or decline the position, otherwise they risk losing their spot. Registering for the upcoming season open on April 1st and players may be required to register within a short time frame once notified of their placement.

All players selected to the team must be willing to give a full commitment, as outlined below, to the team that they are selected for. If you are unable to meet this commitment level, you must notify the Age Group Coordinator or Head Coach of the team at the post-season evaluations.

Coaching Selections/Team Selections

All Coaches have made formal applications to Coach at Cliff Avenue United FC. These applications have been reviewed and accepted by the Cliff Avenue United FC, Coaching Committee. It will be at the discretion of the CAUFC Coaching Committee to decide whether to announce the selected Head coaches before or after the post-season Evaluations.

Depending on the number and skill-level of the players in the Age Group, CAUFC technical staff will finalize the decision on the number of Select teams formed and the level of play, Select A/B or Div 1/ Div 2, in which those teams will be placed.

Player Commitment

Upon accepting a position on a Div 1 or Div 2 Team a certain level of commitment is expected from the player (and parents) which includes mandatory attendance at Practices and Games. Commitment may also involve more time for training, travel to/from games and potentially additional costs (Extra Development/tournaments).

If a player has a direct conflict with another sport/activity (ie. Hockey/music etc) on practice nights or on weekends for games the “2 Game Rule” is in effect. The “2 Game Rule” being after missing two games due to choosing another commitment over soccer the player the player does not play in the first half and does not start in the second but may come on as a sub in the second half. If the “2 Game Rule” is broke twice in one season then recommendation to be dropped to a lower lever and a more committed player promoted may be considered. If a player misses practice then it is at the coaches discretion on whether or not to start that player on game day.

Missing a game due to injury/illness/holiday/school commitment will not count towards the “2 Game Rule”.

In addition to the team's practices and games, all players are 'highly' encouraged to attend Extra-Development Programs (ie. CAUFC Academy, CAUFC Prospects, CAUFC ABCD Program, CAUFC Futsal)

Div 1 or Div 2 teams are required to participate in at least one CAUFC Extra Development Program.

U11 Select Boys, U11 Select Girls, U12 Div 1/Div 2 Boys and U12 Div 1 / Div 2 Girls are highly encouraged to attend a one week "pre-season camp" in August. Cost, Dates and Times TBA.

As mentioned previously, if you are unable to meet the team's expected commitment level, you must notify the Age Group Coordinator or Head Coach of the team at the post-season evaluations.