

PLAY UP POLICY

The HFL Cougar Hoops Inc. Board strongly encourages kids to play at their own grade level.

If a boy or girl wishes to play up a grade level, the following principals and policies will apply to each situation*:

1. The child must try out for the “older” team, and based on a majority of at least three coaches judging the tryouts, be in the top one third of the players trying out for the team.
2. The coach for the “younger” level must be consulted for his or her opinion by the Board. Such coach can also attend the “older” teams tryout if he or she wishes, and serve as one of the judges.
3. The coach of the “older” team shall have discretion to exercise in a “close” call (i.e. a child who is just outside or inside of the one third test). The coach can also seek the Boards input or direction if the coach so desires.
4. The child must be able to get at least equal playing time with the players on the “older” team.
5. Cuts of grade appropriate players should be avoided in the event a “younger” player plays up. Please note the cut policy contained in the Coaches’ Expectations Sheet should provide directions.
6. The Board reserves the right to veto a coaches “discretionary opinion” (see #3 above) in an extreme case if the Board believes the coach is not acting in the best interest of the team, the kids and HFL Cougar Hoops Program.

* (Note: a third grader playing on the third and fourth grade team is not considered playing up. Fourth graders playing on the fifth grade team, fifth graders playing on the sixth grade team, sixth graders playing on the seventh grade team or seventh graders playing on an eighth grade only team is considered playing up.)