



Pinewood Football Club

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Pinewood FC Grassroots Streaming Policy

Player Streaming - Why do we do it

- Pinewood football club exist to develop a football player's ability and to have fun.
- Player streaming is the process that allows the movement of players between the teams, in line with their level and speed of development.
- The primary aim is for all the players to have fun, whilst developing at their own rate and playing in a team which is consistent with their own ability.
- Streaming can be a contentious issue and it is inevitable that there will be some level of debate and difference of opinion.
- If complaints about streaming occur in an age group, the club will instruct the managers to follow the agreed club best practice.

Considerations

- Availability of qualified coaches in age group
- Team size changes e.g., U11: 7v7 to 9v9
- League / Division streaming
- Players with special needs
- Streaming of goalkeepers and new players

Responsibilities

- Streaming decisions are made at "Age Group Level" by all team managers up to U13.
- The Age Group Coordinator (AGC) role is important to ensure the Streaming Process is carried out fairly and communicated carefully to minimise conflict.
- Individual managers and parents/carers can have conflicting priorities.
- The welfare and development of every child always remains the priority.
- A well-defined club streaming process should follow best practices.

Best Practice

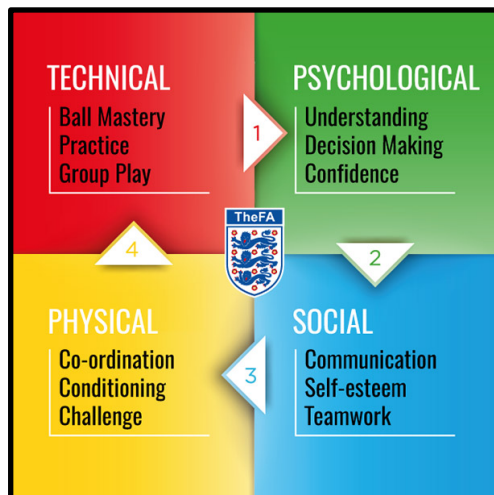
- Follow a clear process that has been pre-agreed.
- Ensure the transition is handled considerately for players moving to a lower team. (NB: Players are usually happier a few weeks after streaming when they are with players of similar ability and have made new friends.)
- Team coaches should ideally not be agreed & appointed until after players streaming. This avoids coaches believing they "own" any specific team and it reminds coaches/parents that the players welfare and development is the sole consideration.
- Coaches should not stream their own children to avoid conflict of interest.

If Best practice is not followed, then age groups may encounter the following...

- Players leaving to join other clubs
- Teams with insufficient players
- Volunteers resigning from coaching or joining other clubs
- Coaches discontent, arguments, non-team-working
- Complaints and negative feedback from parents/carers

If these situations occur the club will follow its standard complaints process.

Prior to streaming, asses the following...



- **Technical** ability refers to a player's ability to perform specific mechanical movements such as kicking, trapping, or throwing the ball.
The mark of a competent player is smooth, efficient motion and the ability to elegantly transition between different techniques.

Kicking: Striking the ball, Ability, to use both feet, and learn instep and out step techniques.
Ball control: Trapping the ball at speed
Awareness: Ability to play in varying positions on the pitch
Heading ability: Determination to head the ball and not duck
Dribbling: How to move with the ball, ability to go around defenders (this is where tricks and skills come in)
Tackling: Ability to time tackles properly, and not go to ground, being able to use different tackling
Passing: Precision & timing
Finishing: Ability to judge accuracy and power, chipping, passing into the goal etc.
- **Physical** Including speed, agility, balance, power, endurance, strength, and reaction time
- **Social** The way in which a player interacts with teammates (positively)
Communication, Positioning, and awareness on and off the ball to Influence the game
Listening ability to coaches, and drill methods, and ability to develop new skills
Ability to build relationships. Inclusion & Participation
- **Psychological:** Concentrated and disciplined during training and matches.
Being Respectful to coaches and opposition during matches

Final Process for Streaming

Club level (Review if age Group can't agree or if parents require further clarification)

- Senior committee members decision
- Club Secretary cast vote

Age Group Level

- Feedback from team one member representing team

Team level

- Managers and coaches discuss within team and forward to Age group manager

Post streaming Communication to Parents / Guardians

Pinewood Football club streaming process is repeated at least once per year, to allow the movement of players between the teams, in line with their level and speed of development.

The streaming process for next season has been carried out by Coaches **{Names to be inserted}** throughout the past few months.

After weeks of assessment by all the coaches and using the FA's Learning and Development Plan, the coaches have carefully re-selected all the teams. Your child's current coach may contact you soon if your child is directly affected by the current streaming process.

It is inevitable that there will be some level of debate and difference of opinion. However, we would kindly ask you to understand that the primary aim is for all the players to have fun, whilst developing at their own rate and playing in a team which is consistent with their own ability.

We appreciate that this can be a contentious issue and so really appreciate your continued understanding and support. If you do have any questions or queries, please contact your age group coordinator or one of the team managers.

Finally, it is possible that additional managers may be required to support these teams, so we would appreciate it if anybody who is interested in helping to manage a team would inform us.

Best regards and thank-you for your continued support, Pinewood Football club