

## **PLAYING UP OR DOWN POLICY FOR MVLAYS 2010**

Teams are organized in age divisions, determined by players' year of birth. Each division spans two years. The age divisions for the 2010 season are as follows:

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b>
6U	2003 –2004
8U	2001 – 2002
10U	1999 – 2000
12U	1997 – 1998
14U	1995 - 1996
16U	1993 – 1994

### **Playing Up:**

For the 2010 Season, PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY UP IN A DIVISION FOR GIRLS OLDER THAN THEIR BIRTH YEAR WARRANTS, except for in two special situations which both require MVLAYS Executive Board Approval:

- 1) A player will not be made to play in a lower division in 2010 than they played during the 2009 recreation season. For example, if a player is still 10U eligible for the 2010 spring season, but played 12U during the 2009 spring MVLAYS season, then they will not be required to drop down to 10U for 2010.
- 2) In the event that during team formation, a player or two are needed to create a viable number of teams for a particular division, the strongest players from the next highest division (based on the evaluation data from pre-season tryouts and the 2009 end of season player evaluations) will be offered the opportunity by the League to play up a division. The parents of players chosen for this opportunity will be contacted and offered the opportunity for their daughter to play up, but players have the option to accept or decline and won't be forced to play up. If the top player declines, then the opportunity will be offered to the next strongest player until the division is filled.

### **Playing Down:**

Players are only allowed to play down a division in the event that it would be potentially dangerous for that player to play in their age-appropriate division. Such situations are very rare and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the MVLAYS Executive Board approval.