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## PLAYER EVALUATION GUIDELINES

For each of the five categories in the PLAYER EVALUATION SPREADSHEET you will find five ratings columns with corresponding player descriptions below. Rate each of your players accordingly. The spreadsheet provided by the Coach Admin team will have a row for each of your players.

1. Fill in the player ratings for each of the 5 skill categories for each member of your team.
2. Complete the playing Percentage time columns among Offensive play, Defensive Play and Goalkeeper. The 3 columns will display in **RED** until all 3 percentages add up to 100% when it will turn **GREEN**.
3. Please fill in the comments section with any additional information that you think might be of use to this player's next coach.
4. Completed Player Evaluation Spreadsheets are due on the date indicated in the Region's Website Calendar (<http://www.saratogasoccer.org/calendar>).
5. Player photos will be withheld until your completed spreadsheet is returned to the Coach Admin team.
6. **No player evaluations, no photos, no exceptions.**

### I. Athletic Ability

<u>RATING</u>	<u>PLAYER DESCRIPTION</u>
0	Very weak; very uncoordinated; does not improve with practice.
2	Below average strength and coordination for this age group.
4	Average strength and coordination for this age group.
6	Strong; above average strength and coordination.
8	Very strong; very coordinated; improves rapidly with practice.

(If a player's size adds to or detracts from game play, it should be accounted for here. At the younger ages, smaller players may be at a considerable disadvantage and larger players may have an advantage -- be sure that their rating here includes this factor.)

### II. Speed & Endurance

<u>RATING</u>	<u>PLAYER DESCRIPTION</u>
0	Very slow; very low endurance.
2	Below average speed and endurance for this age group.
4	Average speed and endurance for this age group.

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- 6 Fast with above average endurance.
- 8 Very fast with very high endurance.

**III. Soccer Skills**

<u>RATING</u>	<u>PLAYER DESCRIPTION</u>
0	Cannot dribble, kick, trap, or control a soccer ball.
2	Below average skills for this age group; may add to game with one skill.
4	Average skills for this age group with no ability to dominate game with any particular skill.
6	Above average skills for this age group. Excellent ball handler, scorer, or defender, but not always consistent.
8	Skills will be a dominant factor. Consistently dangerous ball handler, exceptional scorer, or dominant defender.

**IV. Game Play**

<u>RATING</u>	<u>PLAYER DESCRIPTION</u>
0	No sense of the game or tactics. Cannot understand even the most fundamental concepts of soccer; just watches and chases the ball; difficult to coach; either does not try or is unable to listen.
2	Can understand one position, however will sometimes detract from game play by getting in the way of other players.
4	Can understand and play one or two positions well. Responds to coaching and tries consistently.
6	Above understanding of game, positions, and tactics. Acts as a team leader. Responds to coaching and improves regularly.
8	Complete grasp of team tactics. Understands the role of all players on team. Makes virtually no tactical mistakes in games. Listens carefully to all instructions and is able to execute instructions

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flawlessly. Tries hard in all games/practices. Is the team leader.

**V. Ball Winning**

<u>RATING</u>	<u>PLAYER DESCRIPTION</u>
0	Totally unaggressive; fearful of making mistakes and unwilling to challenge other players for the ball; hesitant to try anything new, lacks confidence.
2	Neither aggressive nor passive is willing to challenge other players when they have the ball but not exceptionally confident or assertive.
4	Aggressive; continues to gain confidence and become more assertive with practice.
6	Very aggressive, almost always challenges other players for the ball; not totally confident about doing slide tackles.
8	Extremely aggressive and assertive; plays with total confidence and without fear of making mistakes or getting hurt; eager to try anything; a team leader.

Note that the word “aggressiveness” is sometimes used in the context of “winning the ball” – this is a style of play toward the ball not toward other players. An aggressive player challenges for the ball and wins. Coaches should not rate players high in this category merely because they are willing to initiate contact or foul.