

Information regarding Red and White Level for Candy

Why are there two levels?

Children develop physically, emotionally and athletically at different rates. Grouping players of similar experience and ability will allow each child a better opportunity to practice and learn by having maximum touches on the ball. They will gain confidence in themselves and grow at a faster pace.

Having teammates and opponents that are more equally matched will result in a more positive soccer experience. The two levels help to make games within both divisions more competitive and allow closer scoring games. This contributes to the fun, education and development of all players involved.

If I choose white level for my child, will he/she be behind?

No. Candy divisions are instructional. The same soccer skills are taught and used in both red and white level divisions. A player who has less experience and/or is less dominant will have more opportunities to learn and improve because they will more easily be able to become an active participant.

Each season, we have players in all age groups who have never played soccer before. We feel it is especially important for our youngest players to have fun during their first exposure to the game. Grouping the candy level helps accomplish this goal.

Determine the best level for your child by answering the following questions.

Count 1 point for each "Yes" answer	Yes	No
Does your child have previous soccer experience? This could be playing with SAY, soccer classes, practicing with siblings or parents on a regular basis.	1	0
In your child's previous soccer experience, was he/she more aggressive than the majority of the children played with/against?	1	0
In your child's previous soccer experience, was he/she an average or leading scorer?	1	0
In your child's previous soccer experience, did he/she usually push through the group to get to the ball?	1	0
In your child's previous soccer experience, did he/she usually dribble straight down the field toward the goal, rather than wander dribbling?	1	0
Is your child able to effectively pass to another player?	1	0
During your child's previous soccer experience, did he/she stay on the field and with his/her team or class most of the time, as opposed to running off to parents in the middle of an event?	1	0
Relative to your child's peers, is your child average to big for his/her age?	1	0
In your child's previous soccer experience, did he/she willingly go in to play at least 8 out of 10 times he/she was asked to play?	1	0

Count of "Yes" answers	The best placement for your child would be:
0 through 4	White level
5	Parental discretion – Red or White Level
6 through 9	Red level

If you have questions regarding our Candy programs, please don't hesitate to ask. Email us at contact@nwccsay.com