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Introduction:

NPL Youth Football Club (NPLYFC) has made the decision to introduce Streaming into the clubs four-part philosophy to ensure that all players, within the club, are playing at the appropriate level to allow them to develop. NPLYFC is aware that streaming is contentious issue in any form of education or recreational sports activity. However, it is necessary for streaming to be introduced because NPLYFC Management feel it is important that all players can develop at a level that is appropriate with their own playing ability and those they play with and against.

It is the Section Managers role, along with the Head Coach, to ensure that the manager's carry out this policy fairly and openly. The interest of each player's footballing development is paramount and will certainly be the basis of all our decisions.

Streamed Teams:

Streaming mainly will take place with teams that are in same age group and that play on the same day. Age groups with a playing team (s) on a Saturday and a team (s) on a Sunday are not permitted on a stream.

Streaming Stages:

Streaming will be indefinitely carried out at the following stages:

Stage	Timing
Streaming Stage 1	End of Under 8's
Streaming Stage 2	End of Under 9's
Streaming Stage 3	End of Under 10's
Streaming Stage 4*	End of Under 13's
Streaming Stage 5	Managers discretion

**Streaming Stage 4 will coming active at the end of the 2015/2016 season where the Under 13's will finish the 9-a-side format, before they move into 11-a-side.*

In acknowledgement of what the FA call "the golden years" of learning between 8 and 11 the club will formally stream the teams annually at under 8's, under 9's and under 10's. Stage one, three and four is carried out at the end of each playing format. Stage one will occur at the end of the 5V5 format, stage two will happen at the end of the 7V7 format before players move into the 9V9 format and the third stage of streaming will take place at the end of the 9v9 format. Under 11 and 12 teams may stream between stage three and four, if both managers agree to the process and by submitting the relevant forms (form one).

Players may move between squads of the same age group during the playing season to ensure that they are playing at the appropriate ability and develop their technical and tactical skills. Form five must be completed to this process to be completed.

Streaming Stage four will take place in a more flexible manor. The teams that are playing in the 11V11 format have will have the ability to stream whenever decided, after approval from the Section Manager, Head Coach and Chairman. Both team managers/coaches must agree to the process and fill out the application form (form 3) and submit to the three club officials.

During all the stages of the streaming process, players should be comfortable playing in most positions on the pitch before being streamed.

Streaming Process:

During the streaming stages, all the players within the age group will be put into one pool and squads will be selected from there. Teams must follow the simple stage plan:

Stage	
1	Team Managers/Coaches must submit the streaming intention form (form 1 or 3) to the Section Manager, Head Coach and Chairman before starting the process.
2	Team Managers/Coaches must inform players and parents that the streaming process will start with proposed dates once it has been confirmed by club officials. Section Managers must be included in the communication.
3	Managers/Coaches must rank players and ability order and share with each, in addition to discussing player's strengths and weaknesses by using the Four-Corner Player Review sheet.
4	Teams must hold a series of training sessions together and play inter-age group friendly games (mixed teams) to help the managers/coaches decide on squads. It is recommended that two games and two training sessions should be the timeline for this stage.
5	Managers/Coaches must discuss and agree the proposed squads (form 2) to ensure that all players are playing at an appropriate level to allow them to develop.
6	Proposed squads must be submitted to the Section Manager for approval. Section Managers will agree the proposed squads with the relevant team managers/coaches. The Section Manager can request the Head Coach and Chairman's assistance if they do not agree with the decision.
7	Team Managers/Coaches to release the squads to the parents within the age group. Decision with justification to be communicated directly with the parents and players who have changed teams.

At any point within the seven stages, assistance can be requested from the Section Manager and Head Coach (in that order). The chairman can be used as a last resort for any assistance during the stages.

All forms must be completed and signed off before the streaming process can be started and finished. Streaming form one should be submitted to the Section Manager at least two weeks before the proposed streaming start date. No communication to the parents and/or players can be made until the forms have been signed by the Section Manager, Head Coach and Chairman.

Re-trials in 11-a-side teams:

NPLYFC 11-a-side individual teams hold the right to re-trial squads during the close season. Teams will be streamed based on ability. During this process, the following stages must be adhered to:

Stage	
1	The team officials must submit the 11V11 Steaming Application (form 4) to the Section Manager, Head Coach and Chairman before starting the process.
2	The team officials must inform players and parents that the streaming process will start with proposed dates once it has been confirmed by club officials. Section Managers must be included in the communication.
3	Teams must hold a series of training sessions or trials to decide on the proposed squads.
4	The proposed squad must be submitted to the Section Manager for approval (form 2). Section Manager to agree the proposed squads with the relevant team officials.
5	Team Managers/Coaches to release the squads to the age group parents in age group. Decision with justification to be communicated directly with the parents and players and the proposed exit route.

At any point within the seven stages, assistance can be requested from the Section Manager and Head Coach (in this order). The chairman can be used as a last resort for any assistance during the stages.

Key Contacts:

The following club officials will be the key contacts during the streaming process:

Position	Officer
Section Manager: Mini-soccer	Antony Weir
Section Manager: 9v9	James Cranston
Section Manager: 11v11	Chris Gallifent
Head Coach	Steven Bates
Chairman	James Cranston