

Parents/Players,

We know there have been many questions about recreational team placement due to the new USYS/SCYS rules which require that players now be placed on teams by birth year. Our recreational league administrators have spent many hours trying to come up with a "fair" policy for everyone. Below are the guidelines that will be used to form teams for the Spring 2017 season.

1. If registration numbers permit, we will form teams in the following age groups:
 - U04 (with birth years of 2014 and 2013)
 - U05 (with a birth year of 2012)
 - U06 (with a birth year of 2011)
 - U07 (with a birth year of 2010)
 - U08 (with a birth year of 2009)
 - U09 (with a birth year of 2008)
 - U10 (with a birth year of 2007)
 - U12 (with birth years of 2006 and 2005)
 - U15 (with birth years of 2004, 2003 and 2002)
2. Please note that at some venues, we may have to combine the following age groups:
 - U04/U05
 - U07/U08
 - U09/U10
 - U11/U12
3. Teams will be formed by as equal distribution of age/experience as possible. The information you have provided us on your child's application in terms of his or her experience level will help us achieve this when forming teams.
4. The Age Group of the team will be determined by the Birth Year of the Coach's child if the Coach has a child playing on his or her team.
5. **Recreational players returning from Fall 2016, registered BY January 22, 2017** will be placed back onto his/her Fall 2016 if the following conditions are met:
 - The Coach returns to coach again for us.
 - The player **MUST** be the same birth year as the Coach's child.
 - The player's parent **MUST** request on his or her application during registration to be placed back on the returning team during the registration process.
6. **Recreational players (new player or returning player) registering received AFTER January 22, 2017** will be placed on teams based on first come, first serve, roster size needs and availability.
7. **Exceptions to the birth year rule will ONLY be considered for the following reason:**
 - Preschool/Church/School Teams – ALL Players **MUST** have the same preschool/church/school listed on the registration application.
 - Siblings playing on the same team – Siblings are **ONLY** allowed to play up 1 year.
 - Extreme Hardship Cases – explanation must be included on the registration application.
8. **USYS/SCYS RULES STRICTLY PROHIBIT** recreational teams being formed by invitation or tryouts. If at any time, the SCUFC Soccer Leadership, YMCA staff or Recreational Coordinators feel that a team is being formed by a coach or parent in order to create the best team possible to win matches in our league or in outside tournaments, the players on the team will be split between various teams. Prior activity in this regard has created too many lop-sided matches throughout our Recreational League to the detriment of enjoyment by other participants. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE AS WE WORK THROUGH THIS NEW NATIONALLY IMPOSED "BIRTH YEAR" RULE CHANGE WHICH SHOULD RESULT IN MORE EVENLY BALANCED TEAMS OVER TIME IN OUR RECREATIONAL YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE!!!**