

Evansville Soccer Club Recreational and Competitive League Policy and Procedures

Definitions

A recreational or competitive team is a team that plays in a league other than the Club's in-house league.

Recreational Teams

Recreational teams will play in MAYSA or similar league at the least competitive, recreational level.

Competitive Teams

Competitive teams will play in MAYSA or similar leagues at the Classic or Premier level of competition.

Team Formation

As stated in our by-laws, the teams will be formed by a committee (of at least two people). One of these people will be the appropriate Commissioner. The commissioners will establish a minimum and maximum number of players on each team depending on the number of coaches available and the number of interested players.

Players may register to play in any age division for which they are eligible. Players playing up or playing down must have approval from the MAYSA Commissioner.

No child will be put on a team without a registration form and payment.

Team Selection Process

The selection procedures outlined below are followed in order to ensure that:

- players are assigned to teams fairly;
 - players have the opportunity to play at the level of competition most appropriate for their skill;
 - players have the opportunity to improve and grow from season to season;
 - the Club provides appropriate opportunities for as many players as possible.
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1. The MAYSA Commissioner shall determine the number of teams the Club will sponsor at each age level based on the number of players registering to play.
 2. The Commissioner will consult with coaches to determine what level of competition the team(s) will intend to compete at (i.e. Recreational or Classic).
 3. When there will be more than one team at a specific age/gender level, players will be assigned to teams based on a skills evaluation process, as described below.
 4. In the case that at least one team will be competing at the Classic level, player evaluations will include a tryout process in which any interested player may participate. Players who do not participate in the tryout process will still be considered for placement on a Recreational team. Exceptions may be approved by

- the Commissioner. (Note: Players interested in participating only at the Recreational level may choose not to participate in tryouts.)
5. At the Recreational level, if there are more interested players than space on the roster(s), players will be placed on teams in the order their registrations were received.
 6. If a player is unable to be placed on a team, registration fees will be refunded.

Evaluation Process

Results from the evaluation process determine the rosters for the season immediately following tryouts. Teams will stay intact until the next scheduled tryout for that age group.

1. If a Classic team will be formed at a certain age level, all eligible players will be invited to participate in a tryout.
2. Classic teams will be formed with information gathered through tryouts based on the tryout process, as described below.
3. Remaining players will be selected for appropriate Recreational teams. Player selection shall rest with the MAYSA Commissioner, with input from the Coach(es) being an integral part of the process.

Evaluation Factors

The following factors are considered in the player evaluation process when placing players on teams (not ranked in order of importance):

1. Attitude and commitment level to attend practices, training, games and tournaments.
2. Commitment to the game through participation in off-season training programs and skills development
3. Performance as observed by the Coach in game situations from the previous season. This information is submitted on the Player Evaluation form.
4. Specific positions needed
5. Performance at tryouts, if applicable (specifically, how the player rated on various skill tests)

Note: All coaches are required to fill out and turn in the requested Player Evaluation Form at the end of each year.

Tryout Process

Tryouts will be held to determine which players shall be rostered on Classic level teams. Tryout performance is expected to be a significant part of the evaluation process for Classic team formation.

When multiple tryout teams exist in one age group at the same level of play, the MAYSA Commissioner, in consultation with coaches, determines the team that will be considered the top-tiered most competitive team. The “most competitive tryout team” will likely have had greater success in the previous season.

1. Tryout teams are broken down by competitive level: "most competitive tryout team" and a "next most competitive team".
2. The "most competitive tryout team" is rostered first.
3. It is assumed that every player participating in the process is trying out for the most competitive team. He or she will be placed on a team based on the criteria noted above.
4. Players choosing to decline an offer to play on a specific team will then have a chance to be chosen for the next most competitive team in the age group.

Note: Qualifying for a specific team one year does not mean that the player will automatically be placed with the same team or coach in later years.

Note: Participation in the tryout process does not guarantee a player the opportunity to participate on a Classic team. Players not selected for a Classic team shall still be considered for placement on a Recreational team.

For "Tryout Teams" the final decision on player selection shall rest with the MAYSA Commissioner, with input from the Coach being an integral part of the process. Team Managers are not involved in the player designation process.

In instances where multiple players are ranked relatively equally in terms of commitment, attitude, and skill, (and there is not a particular position need), loyalty will go to returning team members (incumbents).

Transfer and Releases

Any player is bound to that team with which he/she is assigned unless a transfer is requested in writing to the MAYSA Commissioner and the respective coaches stating reason(s) for the request, and such request is approved by the Commissioner. Transfer will not be approved if they will jeopardize the continuity of a team.

Coaches' Responsibilities and Behavior Guidelines

Coaching is a privilege granted by the clubs and parents and with this privilege come responsibilities. Coaches should keep in mind their position as role models for their players. The coaches set the tone of sportsmanship for the players and fans. Coaches should remember that soccer is more than "winning at all costs." Remember that the game is for the players. The objective of sports for youth should be:

1. Enjoyment
2. Skill development
3. Participation in a team sport
4. The development of good sportsmanship

The coach, the primary influence on the players, determines if these objectives of the youth soccer players are met.

Expectations of coaches include:

1. Coaches should be present for pre-game warm-up.
2. Coaches should participate in the post game handshake.

3. Coaches should attend coaching clinics, and must become licensed in accordance with WYSA policy.
4. Coaches will assist in controlling the behavior of the fans.
5. Coaches shall be responsible for maintaining and returning Club equipment at the end of the season.
6. Coaches will complete and submit the Club's player evaluation form for each player at the end of the season.
7. Conduct themselves appropriately as a representative of the Club

Uniforms

All competitive teams will be required to wear the official Club uniform.

Scholarships

In an effort to make it possible for all youth to play soccer, the Evansville Soccer Club will offer up to ONE HALF of the registration fee as a scholarship upon family request of the Club President. To ensure commitment to the team, the player's family is expected to pay the rest of the fee. The Club President will approve scholarship requests.