**TEAMING POLICY:**

All players shall attend teaming/ tryout event coordinated by the Director of Coaching and assisted by the Technical Committee.

The Technical Committee shall consist of individuals appointed by the Director of Coaching.

The Technical Committee will assist the Director of Coaching and shall make recommendations as to teaming decisions. The Director of Coaching will have final say in all teaming decisions, including the formation of age groups, rostering of players on a given team, and determining the number of teams representing the club.

All decisions as to teaming shall be made promptly after the teaming/tryout using the following guidelines:

1. Start prioritizing competitive teaming at U11 age group, filling to minimum roster until age grouping is met.

Roster Size:

* U8: Min 6 / Max 8
* U9: Min 9 / Max 14
* U10: Min 9 / Max 14
* U11: Min 11 / Max 16
* U12: Min 11 / Max 14
* U13 and above: Min 14 / Max 22, Game Max 18

1. Provide an opportunity for as many select level players to play as possible.
2. Strive to have the majority of the team playing within their appropriate age/stage of development.
3. Create U14 teams as the this is the last year for that age to play a full year.
4. Understanding that Player Development will always be the number one priority of SESA.

Guidelines:

1. All players shall play in their respective age group, unless DOC has given written permission for a player(s) to play up or down and it is the best interest of the player’s long term development Players will only be allowed to play up if they are one of the top players in the age group above and it does not cannibalize a team(s) below.
2. The Club will provide every family with a written outline highlighting the Club’s “Expectations as to Select and Academy Players” and DOC will have frank discussions about those expectations with families as appropriate if in the DOC’s professional opinion, a player may be better *suited* for Rec Soccer at this time. However, ultimate decision in joining the club will be with the parents.
3. Waivers granted for players to play down means that they are not guaranteed to play in tournaments.
4. Boys cannot play on a girls’ team.
5. Girls can try out and play on a boys’ team with a recommendation and approval of the DOC.
6. The DOC, team coach & technical committee will select the team on talent alone; sex shall not be a factor in the team selection. The DOC has the final say on all teaming decisions.
7. A coed team may be formed if there are not enough girls or boys to form their own team.
8. The DOC will work with coaches to make the team selection; the DOC will approve all selections before the players are notified of making the team. The DOC will make the final decision.
9. Players on the oldest teams will be notified first of teaming selection.
10. If a player is offered a spot on an older team, the player must make this decision at the time of the notification. If the player desires to move up and the criteria above are met, then the player will be allowed to move up.
11. Cuts should be avoided during tryouts. At U-11 and above, a player who is not ready for Select Soccer, may be offered the opportunity to be an Alternate (Train only) at the discretion of the DOC. Alternates are allowed to practice with the team. Alternates (train only players) will be invited by DOC to play, if needed to fill a roster or for their Player Development need.
12. All U8, U9 and U10 Academy players shall be placed on a team. If more players want to participate than allowed on a roster the DOC will create a fair playing plan to equalize the number of games offered to each player. The fees will be adjusted accordingly. Per Iowa Soccer rules a U10 and under player cannot be excluded from Academy soccer.
13. For a player to change teams during the year they must have to have permission from the DOC.
14. SESA will add players during the year if permitted by the DOC.

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