
ATHLETE PLACEMENT AND TEAM SELECTION POLICY

Purpose:

To define the Club's procedure on athlete placement and team selection

Additional Authority:

Idaho Youth Soccer Association, United States Youth Soccer Association, United States Soccer Federation, Fédération Internationale de Football Association

Scope:

Players, Parents, Coaches, Administrators

Responsible Party:

Board of Directors, Competitive Committee

POLICY

I. Policy Statement

It is the policy of Portneuf Valley Soccer Club, henceforth referred to as "the club", to provide playing opportunities for as many players as possible, based on the number of available teams and individual and team developmental needs

II. Procedure: Athlete Placement and Team Selection

The President of the Board and the Competitive Committee will have final say on all athlete placement and team selection decisions.

- A. To determine athlete placement and team selection, the Competitive Committee will collaborate with coaches and other relevant stakeholders to make decisions that are in the best interests of individual players, teams, age groups, and the club as a whole.
 1. Team placement may be fluid and athletes may move between different levels of teams between or during seasons. Such a decision will be based on their developmental needs and at the discretion of the Competitive Committee with coach and tryout evaluators input.
 2. There are no coach requests allowed in the Competitive Program.

3. If a new player registers with the club, then the Premier coach has first choice or right of refusal for the player.
- B. Coaches will not recruit athletes from one team or age group within the club for another, nor will they create discontent for such purpose. Aside from the specifics of the *Non-Age Appeal Policy*, players will play for the team or age group to which they are assigned.
 - C. The Premier coach will have first choice of players during team placement. If applicable, the Select coach will have second choice, and Club third. If there are enough numbers to create additional teams the same format will be used.
 1. Coaches are encouraged to collaborate on team selection and to consider the developmental needs of individual players, as well as those of the given age group and the club as a whole when selecting players.
 - D. When forming teams, consideration/respect will be given to those players who are unavailable to play all full weekend tournaments. All final roster decisions will be at the discretion of the Competitive Committee with coach and tryout evaluators input.

III. Age Policy

As per the *Portneuf Valley Soccer Club Age Policy*, the default position of the club is to form age-pure teams whenever possible.

- A. Appeals regarding *Portneuf Valley Soccer Club Competitive Non-Age Appeal Policy* may be made when team placement decisions are made.

IV. Levels of Play

There are three levels of play available to athletes of the club in the Competitive Program. These levels are dependent on numbers available to form teams. When necessary mixed age teams may be formed to enable as many players to participate as possible.

A. Premier

1. For athletes desiring the highest levels of commitment and competition available to the club including invitational tournaments, showcase events, and State, Regional and National tournaments.
 - a) Commitments include traveling, overnight events, and weekend play, as determined by coaches.
 - b) Premier level teams are required to attend the State Cup or Director's Cup in Spring, as well as the Gem State Challenge in the fall, unless otherwise approved by the competitive committee.

B. Select Level

1. For athletes who desire lower levels of commitment and competition including local and inter-club competitions and tournaments.
 - a) Commitments may include local travel, some local overnight events, and some weekend play, as determined by coaches.

C. Club Level

1. For athletes who wish to participate on teams without tournaments.
 - a) Commitments may include local travel as determined by coaches.

For teams transitioning from the Recreational Program to the Competitive Program, there is an overlap between the U10-U12 age groups to enable players to still participate recreationally that are not currently interested, or ready, for the competitive program.

In order to be considered transitioning from the Recreational Program to the Competitive Program, a coach must meet the required licensing for competitive coaches. All final coaching decisions will be made at the Competitive Committees discretion.

V. Coach Placement

- A. Coaches will be assigned to teams based on their licensure, experience, and the needs of the club.
- B. The Competitive Committee will consider coach feedback and requests when assigning coaches to teams or age groups.
- C. Coaches determine, with input from players and parents, developmentally appropriate tournament and league participation.
 - 1. The Competitive Committee will approve competition selection for each team.
 - 2. Premier level teams are required to attend the State Cup or Director's Cup in Spring, as well as the Gem State Challenge in the fall, unless otherwise approved by the competitive committee.

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This policy replaces any existing policies relating to athlete placement and team selection.

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