

Waseca Soccer Club Competitive Team Formation Policy U11-U17/18

Team Formation is a two-step process. The first step is deciding at what age level and competitive level (i.e. Blue, Black, Futures, etc.) we will field teams for the upcoming season. The second step is assigning players to those teams. Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) rules and Waseca Soccer Club policies will be used to make those decisions. Hard deadlines for team formation are imposed by MYSA, making timely player registration extremely important.

Waseca Soccer Club Goals for the Competitive Team Formation Process

1. To have a team for every player that wants to play club soccer. Placement on a team is not guaranteed if you register after the deadline listed on wasecasoccer.org for the player's age group.
2. To place players on a team where they will have the greatest opportunity to develop their individual skills and to contribute to their team.
3. To field teams that will be competitive at their designated level.

Waseca Soccer Club Competitive Team Formation Process

1. Players are initially arranged according to their age level by the Club Registrar based on their birth year. The birth year chart for current registrations is located at wasecasoccer.org and on the online registration link for reference. Players may not be registered to or play at a level below their birth year guideline.
2. The Club Director of Coaching (DOC) and the Club Registrar use the registration data and MYSA policy to determine viable options for age level and competition level. In the absence of the DOC and/or Club Registrar, the Board will appoint a committee for team formation and player placement.
3. The team formation process sometimes results in combining age groups (i.e. 11 and 12 year olds) to form a team. In these cases, the players will play at the higher age level.
4. At times, it may become necessary to promote some players to a higher age level and/or competitive level based on the number of available spots on the roster in order to form a viable team, while others will remain at their age level to form a viable team at the lower level age group. This is known as player promotion.

Should player promotion become necessary to meet the needs of the Club, the DOC will consider one's skill level, as well as past performance and demonstrated commitment, while also attempting to sustain team equitability across the same competition levels, when at all possible. When player information is limited, the DOC will make every attempt to consult with the player's prior Club and school soccer coaches, if/as applicable, for additional information. Roster limitations imposed by MYSA are also factored in.

The Waseca Soccer Club reserves the right to promote players to a higher level age group or competition level without the consent of the player(s) or the player(s) legal guardian, in order to fill open roster spots and to avoid having to cut players or void a team.

5. Over rostering teams will be avoided if other options exist. However, there may be times when over rostering is practical or even necessary, as we make every attempt to have a spot for all registered players. Over rostering decisions are left to the discretion of the Board of Directors, and will not be used if it would result in displacement of other players.
6. All recommendations made by the player placement committee (DOC and Registrar) are subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall approve of all team rosters by an affirmative vote of the Board members present at duly held meeting (February). The Board of Directors also has final approval authority on all player placement decisions, specifically those decisions which relate to combining age levels to form a team and player promotions, to be determined by an affirmative vote of the Board members present at duly held meeting (March).
7. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change these rules, by majority vote, at any time at their discretion without notice, for the good of the Club.
8. Team rosters will be posted on the Club website, wasecasoccer.org by April 1.

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