

# WDDOA 2023-2024 Flight Structure



The recurring approved WDDOA Flight Structure is detailed below.

- **WDDOA Flight 1 - PRIME** (Highest Level - Playing Neutral Site Model)
- **WDDOA Flight 2 - CHALLENGER** (Mid-Level - Choice of Neutral Site vs Home / Away Model)
- **WDDOA Flight 3 - ALPHA** (Entry Level - Playing Home / Away Model)

The WDDOA flight structure focuses on developing the most competitive and exciting soccer environment within Western District for players and parents...while giving the flexibility that is needed to the clubs and teams to create and shape the future of soccer in WDDOA both on and off the field. Below is a brief description of the flight structure with a high overview look of how each function within WDDOA.

<b>WDDOA FLIGHT 1 PRIME</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Seasonal Year Scheduling excluding the U11 Girls and the U13 age group: 2 sets of games, Set 1 (Fall) and Set 2 (Spring). U13 Set 1 ending in Frontier Qualifier event.</li> <li>• Mandatory Scheduling Virtual Meetings August 11<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• WDDOA Neutral Site Scheduling Model</li> <li>• WDDOA Neutral Site Games and Referees will be scheduled by WDDOA</li> <li>• Rainout Reschedules automated after team input opportunity period</li> <li>• Promotion/Relegation system in place: top teams promote to SCL; bottom teams relegate to WDDOA Flight 2 – Challenger. See Flight Qualification on the back</li> <li>• Every participating player is registered with WDDOA</li> </ul>
<b>WDDOA FLIGHT 2 CHALLENGER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Seasonal Year Scheduling excluding U11 Girls.</li> <li>• Mandatory Scheduling Virtual Meetings August 11<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup> *Some exclusions may apply</li> <li>• Flexibility to choose either “WDDOA Neutral Site” or “Club Home / Away” Scheduling Model. Games will be scheduled based on the Home Team choice</li> <li>• Rainout reschedule process will be based on Scheduling Model chosen by the team/club</li> <li>• WDDOA Neutral Site Games will be designated by the word “Neutral” in front of the home team name in the online schedule</li> <li>• WDDOA Neutral Site Games and Referees will be scheduled by WDDOA and “Club Home / Away” Games and Referees will be scheduled by the Home Team Club</li> <li>• Promotion/Relegation system in place: top teams promote to WDDOA Flight 1 – Prime; bottom teams relegate to WDDOA Flight 3 – Alpha. See Flight Qualification on the back</li> <li>• Every participating player is registered with WDDOA</li> </ul>
<b>WDDOA FLIGHT 3 ALPHA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Seasonal Year Scheduling excluding the U11 and U12 age groups, this age group will play two sets of games, Set 1 (Fall) and Set 2 (Spring) with brackets reworked between sets into competitive brackets (Based on Fall Final Standings)</li> <li>• Online Scheduling through Chat and email – “Club Home / Away” Scheduling Model, Home Club Field Assigner / Home Club Admin places games in GotSport</li> <li>• Rainout Reschedules will be achieved through GS Chat, email, Phone, and final submission to WDDOA for published online schedule update.</li> <li>• WDDOA Travel Model applies for teams based on closest Local Associations (NOT CLUBS) located further than 150 miles apart. The Home team coordinates scheduling at Offsite Travel Complexes in San Antonio or Corpus Christi areas.</li> <li>• Promotion/Relegation system in place: top teams promote to WDDOA Flight 2 – Challenger; bottom teams relegate to Local Association Div 2 Leagues. See Flight Qualification on the back</li> <li>• Promotion into Alpha achieved by the two Finalists from STYSA Fall Division 2 Western District Championships</li> <li>• Every participating player is registered with WDDOA</li> </ul>

# WDDOA Flight Qualification



The Under 11 Age Group is Open Entry.

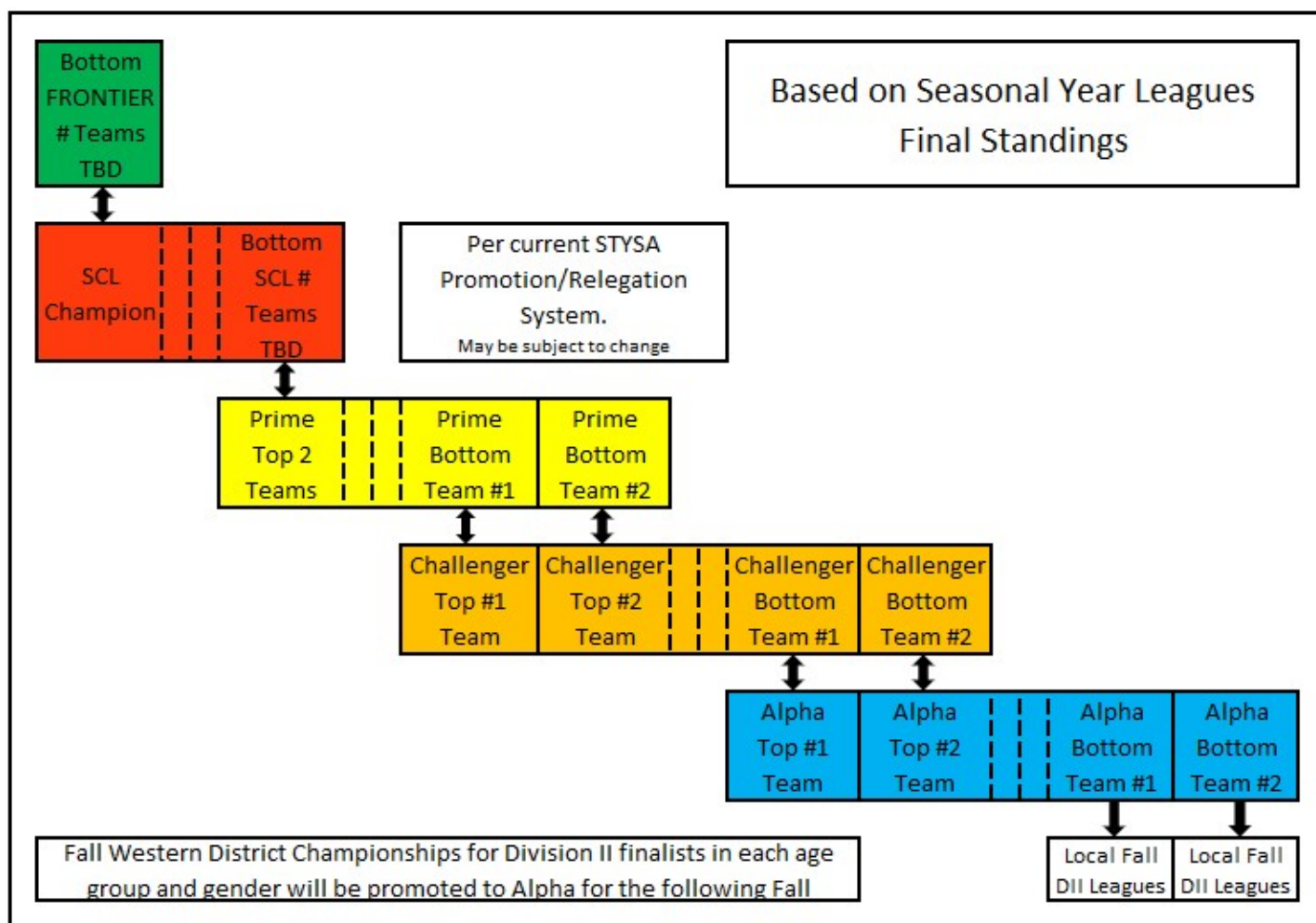
## 1. Promotion/Relegation U12 through U19

Promotion/Relegation is achieved through an up and down system among flights.

- Finishing top teams in Prime move up to SCL (U14 to U19 only).
- The bottom 2 teams in Prime switch places with the top 2 teams in Challenger.
- The bottom 2 teams in Challenger switch places with the top 2 teams in Alpha.
- The bottom 2 teams in Alpha are relegated to Division 2.
- Flights with multiple brackets are ranked High to Low alphabetically. A is higher than B which is higher than C. Promotion/Relegation occurs among the brackets. Only top teams from bracket A automatically move up to higher flight.
- Promotion/Relegation may be achieved in a more upward motion: no more than 2 teams relegated to a lower level but more than 2 teams can be promoted in order to even out the bracket and create parity in the number of games among the teams in the same age group.
- Non-Contest games do not count toward final standings and will be removed prior to pre-qualification determination.

## 2. Qualification from Division 2

STYSA Fall Western District Championships for Division 2 finalists in each age group and gender will be promoted to Alpha for the following Fall.



## 3. Requests for Consideration

2024/2025: Prime and Challenger RFCs may be restricted / based on available spots only. There are **no refunds**.

Application, submission, and payment deadlines are published at [www.wddoa.org](http://www.wddoa.org) in "Important Dates".