

## LCSA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

### STANDING RULES FOR REGISTRATION AND TEAM FORMATION

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#### **Registration:**

All player registration will be on-line using Got Soccer, with the exception of walk-in registration day. All online registrations must be paid with a credit card, walk-in registrations may also pay with cash or check. Parents are responsible for providing current player contact information (address, phone number and e-mail address). A Player id picture must be uploaded to the player account for all players U9 and older.

A player is considered a "registered player" only after the following three conditions have been met:

1. Online registration has been completed,
2. The registration fee has been paid; and
3. The player date of birth has been verified.

Players may now register in any association they wish but must remain in that association for a fall/spring soccer year. Any player requesting to register for LCSA before that time should complete the online release form and send it to their Home Association.

Prior to each season, the Board will establish the registration fee structure.

The Board will set dates for early registration and regular registration and will make arrangements for registration locations.

LCSA wishes to provide any youth in the Lake Cities area the opportunity to play soccer. Financial aid is available with appropriate proof of need (reduced/free lunch). Please contact the Registrar for more information.

#### **RECREATIONAL TEAM FORMATION RULES:**

Team formation is the responsibility of the individual league secretary but is monitored by the Registration Committee. If the league secretary is a coach or a manager in the age division to which he/she is assigned, then the registrar or another secretary will do the team formation for that age division. The LCSA bylaws direct that the player's age is the prime factors in team formation. Players are assigned to teams using the following guidelines:

Players are grouped into age divisions. An age division includes all players who were born in the same calendar year January 1 through December 31. Teams will play in the age division of the oldest player on the team.

Parents may NOT request players to be placed with a particular team, teammate, or coach. Special requests will be considered on a case by case basis by the Registration Committee

#### **Under 5**

Players in the U5 age division may or may not be assigned to individual teams. In accordance with US Soccer Player Development initiatives, these players may participate in group skills sessions, and will play multiple short, small sided games

#### **Under 6 and up**

LCSA permits teams to remain together from season to season, and must insure that all those rostered players are given the opportunity to remain on the team. Younger siblings may be requested to be placed on the same team as an older sibling and "play up" one (1) age group, with a written request to the registrar. In addition, any player that has been absent for one (1) season may request to return to their previous team, and

will be given full consideration if roster space allows. Players NOT wishing to return to the previous season's team will be placed in accordance with the other rules will be given priority to be placed on a different team before pool players are assigned.. Players that register late but BEFORE team formation begins may be placed on their previous team. Once team formation has started, those players will be placed back in the player pool and assigned to teams according to other team formation rules.

New recreational teams and returning teams that need players are formed by one of the following three methods:

(a) Players are assigned (rostered) to a team by a Registration committee consisting of the Age Group League Secretaries and the Registrar on a territorial basis as defined by the Lake Cities Soccer Association By-Laws (Example – neighborhood schools, precincts, zip codes, etc.)

(b) Players are assigned (rostered) to a team by a random draw from one (1) player pool on a territorial basis as stated in (a) above.

(c) In order to promote soccer participation for young children, any player U8 and under may invite a friend from the LCSA area who has not played soccer before to join his existing team with the permission of the LCSA Board.

In the event there are not enough players in the player pool, LCSA may allow coaches to actively seek players of the proper age group within the Member Association to be added to the player pool if:

(a) The player is not presently registered on an existing team.

(b) The player did not play for a returning recreational team during the previous season.

Player's names shall not be identified to the coach until rosters are complete. Only the Head Coach may request their child to be rostered to the team that he/she is coaching.

If a person becomes the head coach of a new team formed by Lake Cities Soccer Association in the current season, the coach may request their child be rostered to the new team he/she is coaching. In order for any person to request their child be transferred to a returning team they are coaching, they must request permission from the Director of Coaching, remain as head coach for the duration of the season, and fulfil the responsibilities of the head coach position.

Any other method of player assignment or team formation is considered non-recreational.

Any team not formed by the above manner shall be considered non-recreational for recreational league and tournament play.

Any recreational coach who knowingly and/or willingly drops a player from their roster, or advises that player not to play for their team, whether through direct contact or coercion shall be called before the Member Association discipline committee, and if found to be in violation of the offense, may be suspended from coaching.

A team not formed of players assigned as defined in Paragraph 1 and 2 above is considered a select/competitive team.

### **Team roster increase**

When team roster size increases at U9, U11, and U13, teams may be combined to provide enough players for the increased roster size. This will be done by the Registration Committee, following all other guidelines.

To promote a higher level of coaching, the coach that holds the highest level USSF National coaching license will be the assigned the head coach position of the first team, second highest ranking to the second team, and so on.

If multiple coaches hold the same license or are unlicensed, priority will go to the coach with the largest number of players returning.

In the event the above two qualifiers are the same for multiple coaches, the priority will be given to the coach with the highest placing in the previous season.

### **Play-up/Play down**

Players requesting to move up one age division will be allowed to do so on a space available basis with the request from the parent or legal guardian. They will remain playing up while they continue to play on the same team. Players with physical limitations that prevent them from keeping up with players their own age may request to play down. This requires documentation and must be requested and approved every season.

### **TEAM SIZES:**

Roster sizes will be as follows:

	<b><u>Recommended</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum</u></b>	<b><u>Minimum</u></b>
U6-U8	6	8	3 (4v4)
U9-U10	10	12	5 (7v7)
U11-U12	14	16	7 (9v9)
U13-U14	16	18	11 (11v11)
U15-U19	18	22	11 (11v11)

Maximum -- This is the maximum roster size allowed by NTSSA for the respective age groups.

Minimum -- This is the maximum number of players allowed on the field of play for the age groups. While this roster size will not generally be considered adequate, it will allow the registration committee to have flexibility in creating teams for that age group. The roster sizes will be set so that each team in an age division will be within one player of every other team in that division. This will be maintained as long as there is a waiting list in the age division and as long as players can be legally added to a team.

### **Refunds:**

- 50% up to close of open registration.
- No refunds after that point.
- If no team is available by game two of the season or earlier, refund is 100%.

Refund requests must be in writing to the attention of the Registrar through the LCSA website.

**Late registrations:** After the dates for regular registration have passed, late registrations will be accepted on a space available basis only. Late registrations ***may*** be allowed until the start of the league season and thereafter only at the discretion of the registration committee. The intent is to use late registrants to add to a team when its roster size falls below the average roster size of the team's age division.

**Adding** a player to a team after rosters have been released:

A player can only be added to a team if the team has fewer players than the average number of players on other teams in the same age division.

The procedures to add a player are as follows:

1. Players are added to the waiting list once team formation starts.
2. Once teams are formed, late registrations will be reviewed by the registrar and/or league secretary of that age group in order of registration date, and determined if there is space on a roster for that age group.
3. Player will be assigned to the team with the least number of players, and may not be assigned to a team if it creates a greater than one differential with other teams in that age group.

The coach will be notified of the new player after the registration process is complete. **All players must be added to a team prior to the first game of the league season.** Players will be added after the first game only under very unusual circumstances, with the approval of the Registration Committee.

**ROSTERS:**

Rosters will be available at the Coaches' meeting and in Got Soccer after team formation and before the start of the season.

Any exceptions to these rules must be brought before the LCSA Board of Directors for approval.