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TEAM FORMATION INFORMATION

Parents of Bay County Youth Soccer Players

In effort to create more parity for the recreational teams of BCYSA the following guidelines were adopted in 2001. These guidelines were written in an effort to create a fair and quality program for a majority of the players, and were implemented gradually over a 5-year period, beginning in the Fall season of 2001 with the U6 age group. All age groups will be formed following these guidelines.

Our objective is that every child playing soccer will not only learn the game and increase physical skills, but also enjoy the experience. Healthy competition is important, but we need to keep in mind that the teams we are forming are recreational. To achieve this objective, our teams need to be formed as evenly as possible. The following guidelines were adopted towards that end.

1. "Pre-placed" players will be limited to the head coach's child or designee, the child of up to two assistant coaches, and the child of the team's sponsor. The head coach **must** identify his/her assistant(s) on their coach's volunteer application, and return the application with complete information before the end of registration. Any sibling of a "pre-placed" player may be assigned to the same team if the sibling is eligible to participate in that age group and a request is made.
2. Returning players with varying degrees of experience will be mixed with new players. Children learn from a variety of coaches and teammates.
3. Players may be shuffled from year to year. Parents may request to avoid a particular coach for personal reasons.
4. Siblings who play in the same age division will be placed together unless a parent requests otherwise. Parents need to annotate siblings within the same age group on the registration form.
5. Geographic location will be the last focus. Practice areas need to be chosen by parents at registration. The three area selections are: Panama City, Lynn Haven, and Callaway. At a minimum, parents should make a first and second choice. This will give the parent some flexibility due to childcare, transportation, etc.

Thank you,

BCYSA