



OCYSA RECREATIONAL TEAM FORMATION POLICY

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Little Kicks Club

Little Kicks clubs are formed coed. Both new and returning players are randomly assigned to form new clubs each season. The gender mix of all clubs is balanced. Children of the head coach and (1) assistant coach are assigned to that coach's team. Siblings will automatically be assigned to the same team as long as they both meet age group birth date requirements. Special team assignment requests are granted to allow friends to play together. Requests for a specific coach are discouraged, as it is intended for players (and parents) to be exposed to a different coach each season. Parents may request to have players "play up" to U6 if it is in the best interest of the player.

U8 and Older Recreational Soccer

General Team Formation

It is the goal of OCYSA to balance the ability of all recreational teams in each age group. Teams are formed for a full seasonal year by a random draw process. New players (U8 & older) may be required to attend an evaluation session as part of the process to balance team ability.

OCYSA makes every attempt to insure that no more than two-thirds (2/3) of the players assigned to a team will have the same birth-year (in the upper portion of the age group). Children of the head coach and one (1) assistant coach may be assigned to that coach's team. Siblings will automatically be assigned to the same team as long as they both meet age group birth date requirements.

U8 & U10 teams are formed either "Goshen" (generally North Oldham school boundaries) or "Buckner" (remainder of county). Teams may also be formed within local elementary school boundaries if enough players enroll and parent coaches are available. Both boys (mixed) and girls teams are formed.

U12, U14, and U16 teams will be formed "Goshen" or "Buckner" if there are enough players to meet minimum roster numbers and parent coaches are available. If not, "All County" teams will be formed. Teams may also be formed within local high school boundaries if enough players enroll and parent coaches are available. Both boys (mixed) and girls teams are formed for U12 and U14. U16 teams are mixed (both boys and girls).

Player Assignment

In the fall, returning players are assigned to their same spring teams unless the players are required to move up an age group due to age, the team has been disbanded, or a team change is requested. In the spring, returning spring players are assigned to their same fall teams unless a team is disbanded or a team change is requested.

Player recruiting, invitations, and tryouts are specifically prohibited. Special requests to play with a specific team, parent coach or group of friends will not be honored. In addition, requests for team placement based on carpooling needs and practice time conflicts will not be considered. Coaches will have no input to the assignment of players to their teams.

Team Change Requests

Returning players may request to be assigned to a new team for the upcoming season. The new team assignment will be determined by random draw only. A new team assignment in the spring requires purchase of a new uniform.. OCYSA will honor a team change request that is made prior to final team formation each season. Team change requests made after final team formation will be considered on a case by case basis but not guaranteed to be honored

Requests to Play "Up" or "Down"

Unless a child is born in August or September immediately following the age group cut-off, players "playing up" to the next age group is strongly discouraged and must be approved by OCYSA. Requests for players to "play down" to the next younger age group are not granted for any reason.