

# **Northern Nova United Soccer Club Team Formation Policy**

## **Introduction**

The purpose of the Team Formation Policy is to provide direction for how NNU will group players to form our teams.

### **General principles for team formation:**

NNU teams will be composed of players that require similar levels of training and competition.

Each NNU youth team will be assigned to play at the level that provides the team with the most appropriate level of competition.

The club's technical committee will decide at which level each NNU youth team will compete. This decision may be made with input from the respective team's coach as required.

The final rosters of Tier IIA and Tier IIB teams must be approved by the clubs technical committee.

### **Formation of Mini teams**

Mini teams will be balanced and area based.

Formation of Mini teams will be the responsibility of the Mini Coordinators with assistance available from Technical Staff.

### **Formation of Mini Academy teams**

The head instructor for the Academy Program will form all Academy Level U8 and U10 teams.

### **Formation of Recreational teams**

Recreational teams will be balanced and area based.

Formation of Recreational teams will be the responsibility of the Recreational Soccer Coordinators with assistance available from Technical Staff.

### **Formation of youth competitive teams:**

Players will be assigned to Tier IIA and Tier IIB teams using the policies and guidelines outlined in this policy and the NNU Player Assessment Policy.

Tier IIA and Tier IIB teams must be finalized following 3 to 4 invitational tryouts. Every reasonable effort should be made to have the invitational tryouts for a team completed within two weeks of the open tryouts.

Tier IIB teams (other than U12) will generally be area based and whenever possible balanced. The club administrator, club program director and the tier II representative will be collectively be responsible for forming Tier IIB teams.

The club's technical committee will determine how many Tier II, Tier IIA and Tier IIB teams will be entered in various leagues at each tier, age and gender level.

### **Guidelines governing formation of more than one Tier IIA, Tier 2B or Mini Academy level team of the same gender at a specific age and tier level:**

The Club's Technical Committee will review tryout results, league standings, coach's knowledge and any other relevant information to decide if it is appropriate to have more than one youth team of the same gender at a specific age and tier level.

Prior to tryouts the club should make it known to the membership that there is a possibility of more than one youth team of the same gender at a specific age and tier level.

If the decision is made to have two or more Tier IIA or Tier IIB teams of the same gender at a specific age and tier level the technical committee will determine if the teams will be balanced or composed of a developmental team and a select team. If the decision is made to have balanced teams the general principles for team formation outlined at the beginning of this document must be adhered to.

The decision to stack or balance Academy level Mini teams will be at the discretion of the head instructor for the Academy Program.