



A note about Team Names:

When submitting team information, please include the age group of the team in the team name. (Ex: U12B Strikers, U11G Force) The age of a team is determined by the birth year of the oldest approved player on a roster, even if the majority of the team is younger. (Exception: if a team has received MAYSA approval for an over-age player.)

How to Request Placement in MAYSA League:

First, by Age Group:

For all age groups, the 'Age Group' of a team is defined by the oldest approved player on the roster.

MAYSA will attempt to create divisions of teams with like-age distribution. Clubs should describe the birth year distribution on their teams when submitting team information.

- Single birth year only (recommended, when possible)
- Mixed – mostly *younger* players than team age group
- Mixed – mostly players *in team age group*, up to 50/50 distribution

Next, by Competitiveness:

Within an age group, request Tiers 1, 2, 3, or 4 for each team based on their expected level of play.

Tier 1 T1 is intended as a small group of teams in an age group, vying for state league. These teams are usually (but not exclusively) single birth year teams. (Player passes required)

Tier 2 T2 is intended for other high level teams in clubs, which may aspire to a T1 level of play. (Player Passes required)

Tier 3 T3 is intended for teams seeking good competition, but not 'best' teams, which may aspire to higher level of play.

Tier 4 T4 is intended for truly recreational teams, friend based, school based, non-tryout, which do not necessarily aspire to higher levels of play. Every effort will be made to sort this tier geographically.

- *Special note about U14/15 age group* – All U14/15 (in 8th grade) teams play in the U14 age group. If your team is U13/14 WITHOUT any U15 8th graders, please include that information in placement notes. We'll create a separate **T3** division for U13/14s if possible. If the team is more competitive than T3, please include it in an appropriate U14/15 tier instead.

Tier divisions, Age exceptions, etc:

Within tiers, *MAYSA creates division of teams* based on total number of teams. In fall, T3 and T4 may be sorted geographically as much as possible. In the spring, all tier divisions may be formed based on fall records. Please do not request a division within a tier, as divisions vary each season.

Occasionally MAYSA grants over-age exceptions for individuals. Please send request and a description of the circumstances where a player has no other options in the club, to Chris Lay (clay@maysa.org), and copy request to arafferty@maysa.org.

U15 players in 8th grade may always play on a U14 team. *No high school players allowed in U14/15 age groups.*