

Q&A Summary from BYSA Traveling Parent Meeting

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Q: Are school coaches asked about player strengths?

A: No, only feedback from BYSA traveling coaches is considered.

Q: What if child plays goalie exclusively? How is the information being collected on the registration forms being used?

A: We have added a question to the registration forms this year regarding whether a player has interest in playing the goalie position. We are not yet certain how this may affect team formation since we have not used the data yet. However, our goal is attempt to form teams such that each team has one or two players that will enjoy playing the goalie position.

Q: Do you allow players from other towns, or only from Byron? Is any preference given to Byron players?

A: BYSA allows players from any city to register and they will be treated like all other players. No fully formed teams are allowed to join as-is, but the players from an outside team could register individually and be placed on teams like all other players.

Q: Can TetraBrazil and parent coaches provide written feedback for players at the end of each season?

A: In the past, some coaches have provided feedback on a per player basis noting what they have done well and areas where they can improve. Our traveling directors will work with all of our coaches to make this more uniform in the spring 2019 season.

Q: When do coaches do evaluations?

A: Evaluation forms are completed toward the end of the season, after many weeks of working with the players.

Q: Does board consider the coach that did the evaluation? Do coaches discuss the evaluations with each other to reach a consensus?

A: TetraBrazil coaches discuss their evaluations as a group, and parent coaches do the same. There is no perfect system for evaluating players, but the coaches try to be as fair as possible. Board members have no input regarding evaluation scores, with the exception of a board member that is serving as a parent coach.

Q: Can the team formation remain fluid? Can changes mid-season occur?

A: No, the team you start with is the team you play with.

Q: Some kids complained after the birth year change that they were not playing with friends in their grade.

A: Grade generally not considered during team formation. However, it may be considered if a child is the only one on the team in his/her grade.

Q: Do TetraBrazil coached teams allow parent assists?

A: Yes, please discuss with traveling directors if interested.

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Q: How do we make sure teams are entered into tournaments on time?

A: The club is handling all tournament registrations this spring. The board will only handle initial team registration. Teams will be registered by the board at a particular level (C1/C2/C3 or Maroon/Gold). If a team wants to move up a level for tournaments later in the season as skills are improved, the change in level of play must be handled by individual team managers. If a manager has questions about this, they should reach out to one of the traveling directors.

Q: Why aren't BYSA teams attending the Rochester tournament?

A: Each year the club reviews a comprehensive list of possible tournaments for the spring season. BYSA teams participate in five tournaments each year, and it has fostered a strong Byron soccer community to have all our teams attend the same tournaments. The board reviewed the competition level and cost of the Rochester tournament and found other options that were preferred. We do acknowledge the local benefit of the Rochester tournament and plan to be more proactive to encourage scrimmages with local teams, especially at the younger age levels.

Q: Why did BYSA schedule a tournament over Byron graduation weekend?

A: We have a limited number of weekends to work with, and it is difficult to pick any weekend that will work for every family. Players will not be penalized for an absence due to a family conflict.

Q: Does early registration help with tournament game times?

A: No. Schedules are entirely up to the tournaments, but you can have your team manager call to request no Friday or very early games since we have families traveling from out of town.

Q: When player moves up, are they there forever?

A: We always use latest evaluation for team formation, so based on scores it may not be the same players that move up next time. We also may need to move up a different number of players based on the distribution of players in each age group that register in any given season.

Q: How are scrimmages scheduled?

A: If a team wants to participate in a scrimmage, it will often be scheduled to replace one of their practices. However, if this does not work for both teams the coaches will work together to find an acceptable time and location for the scrimmage.