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	<b>Team Formation Guidelines</b>	
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**PURPOSE:**

To establish in Policy & Procedure the Team Formation Guidelines that has been established by LCSC.

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of Logan County Soccer Club that no player will be placed contradictorily to the LCSC Bylaws or any other governing body that is associated with LCSC.

**SCOPE:**

Logan County Soccer Club

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

Board of Directors, Logan County Soccer Club

**PROCEDURE:**

1. All teams formed will play in a recreational league.
1. All teams, except traveling teams, will be formed by age and, if possibly, gender. Ull and older traveling teams will be formed gender specific and by age. Age groups are determined by the player's birth year. Age groups do not change between the fall and subsequent spring season.
2. A player may request to "play up." A player may play up one year with just a request form completed. To play up more than one year a request form and a "Play Up" waiver, signed by a parent or legal guardian, stating that he/she is aware of the injury risk associated by playing in an older age bracket is to be submitted to the Registrar. No verbal requests will be honored. The Registrar will then present the request and waiver to the LCSC Board of Directors for approval. The signed "Play Up" waiver will be stored with the LCSC Registrar and any governing body that is associated with LCSC.

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3. LCSC Board of Directors will not provide and will not be held responsible for providing potential coach and/or player participation or team formation information to anyone before the team formation meeting.
4. Requests are allowed but not guaranteed! A form called "special requests" is to be completed and submitted to the Registrar. Verbal requests will not be honored. Special requests would include playing for a specific team and/or to be moved to a different team, age bracket (players can play up but never down), coach or with a specific player. LCSC will NOT accept requests for specific practice schedules, practice locations and/or game times. These requests will be visible during the team formation meeting. If during registration the member forgets to make a request or needs to change their request it must be done before the team formation meeting concludes. All request alterations must be made in writing DIRECTLY to the Registrar. Verbal requests will not be honored.
5. Other than special requests or existing teams, teams will be formed anonymously, no coaches may "choose" specific players.
6. Players are considered to be a "late registration" if registration occurs after the team formation meeting concludes. Late registrations will be accepted, with registrar's approval, until the teams are full.
7. Each team may have one (1) head coach and one (1) assistant coach. Background checks must be completed and passed before team practices can commence.
8. When applicable, teams may be formed by geographic region within Logan County for reasons of transportation and practice (i.e.; Crescent, Coyle, Langston, etc.)
9. Teams are divided into gender specific traveling teams and non-traveling will usually be coed (male and female).
10. Existing teams have priority over newly formed teams.

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11. The Registrar may, with the assistance of the LCSC Board, create new teams after the team formation meeting concludes if there are enough players to field a team and provided the team has a coach.
12. A consecutive season player is a player that has registered with the club for the current season and was registered with the club for the season immediately prior to the current season. Also, a player that is returning to Logan County Soccer Club after playing for his/her high school soccer team. Documentation must be provided in order to be placed on a specific team.
13. Consecutive season players are guaranteed placement on their previous season's team unless:
  - a. Said player registers late. This player then becomes a nonconsecutive player. A new player who registers on time will not be removed from a team to make room for a consecutive member who registers after the team formation meeting concludes. The player will then have any requests reviewed and/or will be placed in the player pool according to age and gender.
  - b. The coach or assistant coach of the team does not return to coach. The consecutive player will have any requests reviewed and given request priority over nonconsecutive players and/or will be placed in the player pool according to age and gender.
  - c. Player requests to be moved to another team, play with a player that is not on the previous season's team, or to play under a different coach.
  - d. If a scenario is presented that is not listed on this policy the scenario will be reviewed by the LCSC Board of Directors.

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14. A nonconsecutive season player is any child that has missed the season immediate prior to the current season. Nonconsecutive players will be treated as a new member to the Logan County Soccer Club.

- a. Nonconsecutive players will then have any requests reviewed and/or will be placed in the player pool according to age and gender.
- b. The placement of a nonconsecutive player onto a team cannot cause the removal of a consecutive player from that team unless the consecutive player is deemed nonconsecutive.
- c. A consecutive player that signs up late will be deemed nonconsecutive player.

15. Team Size

- a. Refer to OSA Policy

16. Team Formation Meeting

- a. Any coach that does not attend the team formation meeting that coach forfeits their right to discuss or object to any roster discrepancies.
- b. LCSC Board of Directors will not be responsible for informing coaches about the team formation meeting date, time & location outside of posting the information on the club website.

17. Coach Section – Coaches will be selected in order to provide competent coaching for all levels of play within LCSC while continuing to encourage and promoting volunteer involvement.

- a. Criteria for selecting coaches shall be based on the following:
  - 1. Existing coach of the team.
  - 2. Existing assistant coach of the team.
  - 3. Existing parent of the team or existing coach within the club.
  - 4. The team goes back in the “pool.”