



NWISL POLICY 110

SUBJECT: PLACEMENT OF TEAMS INTO DIVISIONS

The first obligation of Northwest Indiana Soccer League is to its PLAYERS.

The Board of Directors try very hard and spend numerous hours to create competitive Divisions for its Teams and Players.

There are different levels of competition we strive for within the League, so, we have developed levels within our Divisional makeups. We attempt to place Teams according to their makeup, either by previous session's record, age of the majority of players, and honesty in the reporting of our Members.

The following is the criteria used in placing Teams:

1. If a new U10 Team, we take into consideration if their Club has an In House, or Park program.
2. If a new Team, we consider ages.
3. If it's an established Team, we use their previous session's record. Not only their win/loss record, but also their goal differential. For example, if a Team scored 60 goals and only allowed 5, it is obvious that Team belongs up several Divisions. The opposite example would hold true for Teams placed down.
4. We also utilize a 60% formula, i.e. a Team returning with this percentage of experienced players for a new session.
5. Divisions are completed from the top down, meaning that Gold, Silver, Bronze Teams are selected first from all entrants. Second year Teams will usually find themselves in these upper Divisions.

The League needs levels of competition in order for us to help us accomplish our goal of creating good players interested in growing into higher levels of competition. Our players need to be challenged in competition against one another in an environment of good sportsmanship. With this, hopefully we spark their interest in higher levels of play in Premier Clubs and their perspective High Schools.

We encourage all Clubs to request Divisional placement to "challenge" their Teams. Accomplishment has much more meaning that way.