

Soccer Tournaments – CAUFC Policy

Tournament Costs:

- Our Club will not pick up any of the associated costs for teams entering soccer tournaments. All the associated costs are the responsibility of the Coach and/or the Players(Parents) that have entered into the tournament.

Code of Conduct:

- All Players and Coaches (and Parents) entering soccer tournaments are reminded that they are representing our Club, and they must at ALL times adhere to our Codes of Conduct while at these tournament events. There will be zero tolerance for non-compliance.

Player/Team Selection:

Divisional teams

- Coaches wanting to enter teams in Recreational or Competitive soccer tournaments must invite their entire team, which includes asking all of their existing players. If the Coach is still short players (after inviting all existing players) then the Coach may look at asking players from other Cliff teams from that same age group, however the Coach must first contact the other players Coach as a common courtesy and to also gain his/her permission to invite their player(s). The Coach may then ask/invite the player from this other Cliff team to join their team for the tournament.

House League teams

- Coaches wanting to enter teams in Recreational soccer tournaments must invite their entire team, which includes asking all of their existing players. If the Coach is still short players (after inviting all existing players on their team) then the Coach may look at asking players from other Cliff teams from that same age group, however the Coach must first contact the other players Coach as a common courtesy and to also gain his/her permission to invite their player(s). The Coach may then ask/invite the player from this other Cliff team to join their team for the tournament.
- Coaches wanting to enter teams in **Competitive** soccer tournaments will be permitted to put together a team of competitive players for that tournament, so long as the recommended guidelines below are followed.....
 - 1) The Age Group Coordinator will take the lead in helping consolidate the top level competitive player Assessments and Recommendations from ALL the Coaches in the Age group. This can be done via the online Assessment tool or via direct email feedback from ALL the Coaches, or a combination of the two.

- 2) This pool of identified top-level competitive players can then be earmarked for any upcoming competitive tournaments throughout the year (this pool of top-level players may consist of anywhere from 20-40 players on the boys side, and anywhere from 10-20 players on the girls side. Note, there is a heavier weighting of top level boy players given the much greater number of players to choose from on the boys side relative to the girls side)
- 3) The Age Group Coordinator will contact ALL Coaches in the Age group to see if they are interested in Coaching and entering these competitive teams for any upcoming tournaments. Depending on the number of responses, the Age Group Coordinator can then determine the breakout of the Coaches per team. Example, if 8 Coaches respond yes, then you can have 4 teams of 10 players with 2 Coaches on each team, or if 6 Coaches respond yes, then you can have 3 teams of 10 players with 2 Coaches on each team, etc, etc. If there are only 2 Coaches that step up, then it is recommended that they rotate through the pool of players in each tournament, thereby giving playing opportunity to all the identified top players to play in one or more tournaments throughout the year.
- 4) Coaches should not be entering the same competitive team of players in each and every tournament. As best we can, it is recommended that these top level players are rotated on these competitive teams, so that they are exposed to the different Coaching styles of our Coaches and exposed to playing alongside different top-level players in their age group.
- 5) U6 & U7: ****There will be NO forming of Competitive tournament teams at these two young age levels****
- 6) Should teams require some practice time to prepare for these tournaments, the practice locations and times can be coordinated through our Field Scheduler. Practice locations/times are subject to field availability.
- 7) The Age group coordinator should maintain a record/list of players/coaches for all the teams entering into these competitive tournaments.