

U6 – U10 Team Formation Policy

Preamble

This policy reflects the Club's desire to form teams in a fashion that respects the children's best interest and complies with Iowa Soccer Association (ISA) and Ames Soccer Club (ASC) policies. The goal is that where possible players will be kept on the same team from season-to-season. Obviously, as the players get older and roster sizes increase there will be need to join teams together.

The Team Formation Committee will be responsible for the formation of teams. The Team Formation Committee will consist of the Age Group Commissioners, Registrar and Director of Coaching. If the Team Formation Committee and all parties involved cannot find an acceptable solution, they should consult with the President who will make a decision that respects the player's best interest.

The President is the final authority in the matter of making team assignments.

Team Formation

For purposes of team placement, attendance at private or parochial schools will be treated as if the students of that school lived in a particular neighborhood.

U6 Age Group

Fall 2007 and all seasons there after teams will be formed into single age groups U5 and U6 using the following guidelines:

- a. Maintaining same team rosters from previous year (U6 age group only)
- b. Neighborhoods
- c. Balancing volunteer coaches
- d. Balancing team roster sizes

Teams will be designated team names from the Spanish La Liga. *

U8 Age Group

Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 teams will be formed using the following guidelines:

- a. Maintaining same team rosters from previous season
- b. Neighborhoods
- c. Balancing volunteer coaches
- d. Balancing team roster sizes

Fall 08 and all seasons there after teams will be formed into single age group divisions of U7 and U8 using the following guidelines:

- a. Maintaining same team rosters from previous season
- b. Neighborhoods
- c. Balancing volunteer coaches
- d. Balancing team roster sizes

Teams will be designated team names from the English Premier League (EPL). *

U10 age Group

Fall 07 and Spring 08 teams will be formed using the following guidelines:

- a. Maintaining same team rosters from previous season
- b. Neighborhoods
- c. Balancing volunteer coaches
- d. Balancing team roster sizes

Fall 08 and Spring 09 teams will be formed using the following guidelines:

- a. Maintaining same team rosters from previous season
- b. Neighborhoods
- c. Balancing volunteer coaches
- d. Balancing team roster sizes

Fall 09 and all seasons there after will be formed based into single age group divisions of U9 and U10 using the following guidelines:

- a. Maintaining same team rosters from previous season
- b. Neighborhoods
- c. Balancing volunteer coaches
- d. Balancing team roster sizes

Teams will be designated team names from the Major League Soccer (MLS). *

* Each age group will be designated with team names according to professional teams from that particular league. This concept will help create more of a soccer culture so that players, parents, and coaches become familiar with professional teams and leagues. Having assigned team names will help parents remember their child's team assignment. The club may solicit companies to sponsor a particular age group with their name prominently displayed on all printed materials and on the club website.

Registration Timeline

Fall Season

June 1st – Early Bird Registration Deadline (discounted registration \$5 per player)

July 1st – Coaches sent updated list of players registered from previous season. Coaches to contact and remind players not signed up.

July 15th – Registration Deadline

After July 15th – players added according to spaces available and subject to \$10 late fee.

Spring Season

November 1st – Early Bird Registration Deadline (discounted registration \$5 per player)

December 1st – Coaches sent updated list of players registered from previous season. Coaches to contact and remind players not signed up.

February 1st – Registration Deadline

After February 1st – players added according to spaces available and subject to \$10 late fee.

Roster Size

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Max. Size</u>	<u>Recommended Size</u>
U6	6	4-5
U8	8	5-6
U10	11	8-9

Playing Up

Any player wishing to play up must make a formal request to the ASC Director of Coaching who will evaluate the player to determine the viability of such a request. The Director of Coaching's decision will be final.

Team Placement Request

Parents will not be able to request to play on a particular team. However, if parents are dissatisfied with their current team then they may petition the Team Formation Committee to be moved from that team. The player will be placed on another team at the discretion of the Team Formation Committee.

Late Placement

The respective age group commissioner will place players who register after the team formation meeting onto teams. The age group commissioner will follow the steps as outlined previously in the policy.