

PIM 09-2 TEAM CLASSIFICATION AND MODIFICATION

Team Classifications

A. Division 1

1. A top level team formed by a selection process in order to compete in Division 1 or State level league/division play. Division 1 tournament play administered by **CYSA**, and tournament play administered by other State and National Youth Associations. Age groupings (U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, U19) of these teams are determined by the age level of the oldest player on the team, regardless of the age of other team members.
2. A Division 1 team may participate in Division 3 or Division 4 league/division, tournament, or cup play only with prior approval of the District Commissioner.

B. Division 3

1. An intermediate level team formed by a tryout selection process to compete in Division 3 league/division, tournament, or cup play. Age groupings (U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, U19) of these teams are determined by the age level of the oldest player on the team, regardless of the age of other team members.
2. In accordance with the Modifications and Special Provisions section of this PIM, a Division 3 team that participates in a Division 1 league/division, Division 1 **CYSA** tournament, or a tournament for competitive teams administered by other State and National Youth Associations may be reclassified by the team's District Commissioner or the **CYSA** Board of Directors as a Division 1 team for the remainder of the seasonal year.

C. Division 4

1. A team formed within a home league on an equal (in) strength basis to compete in a Division 4 recreational league/division. The use of tryouts, invitations, or recruiting in order to roster players on a team according to player talent is forbidden.
2. In accordance with the Modifications and Special Provisions section of this PIM, a Division 4 team that participates in a Division 1 league/division, Division 1 **CYSA** tournament, or a tournament for competitive teams administered by other State and National Youth Associations may be reclassified by the team's District Commissioner or the **CYSA** Board of Directors as a Division 1 team for the remainder of the seasonal year.
3. In accordance with the Modifications and Special Provisions section of this PIM, a Division 4 team that participates in a Division 3 league/division, Division 3 **CYSA** tournament, or a tournament for competitive teams administered by other State and National Youth Associations may be reclassified by the team's District Commissioner or the **CYSA** Board of Directors as a Division 3 team for the remainder of the seasonal year.

D. Division 5

TOPSoccer is a community based soccer program that is designed to meet the needs of players with physical and/or mental disabilities. The Program is geared toward player

development rather than to competition. Athletes are placed on teams according to ability NOT by age.

Modification and Special Provisions

- A.** The **CYSA** Board of Directors, District Commissioner or District Commissioner designee may review and change the classification of any team to a higher classification registered in the District. The basis of such review may be:
1. according to the team's relative strength in its playing league.
 2. upon written request of the team's playing league.
 3. upon written request of the director of a tournament in which the team participated.
 4. upon written request of the team.

Any modification of team classification by the District Commissioner will be communicated in writing within 10 days to the team coach, team's league of registration, the District Registrar, and the **CYSA** Board of Directors. Any modification of team classification by the **CYSA** Board of Directors will be communicated in writing within 10 days to the team coach, team's league of registration, the District Registrar, and the District Commissioner.

- B.** A team will not lose their normal classification on the basis of participating in a tournament as an official "fill-in" team.
- C.** No team will be qualified for **CYSA** Cup play, other than State Cup, if they have participated in a play at a higher classification than the classification of the Cup they are entering, unless the Board of Directors has granted prior approval for a team to participate at a higher classification in a district playing league based on the determination that such approval is necessary to establish or maintain a viable playing league in the district.
- D.** Players that originally start to play on a team but must transfer to a team of a lower classification due to bona fide reasons may still be eligible to participate in **CYSA** Cup play with their new team only with the approvals of the player's league and District Commissioner.
- E.** Teams from newly formed leagues (as distinguished from newly affiliated leagues) may all be classified as Division 3 or Division 4 during their first seasonal year and may annually apply, upon recommendation of their District Commissioner, for further dispensation.