



# HALIFAX DUNBRACK SOCCER CLUB

## Operations Policies and Procedures

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### PREAMBLE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the HDSC determines the appropriate level of training and competition for players in a manner that is fair, transparent, effective, and ensures the continuing development of each player.

### POLICY

This policy provides the guidelines for how we determine a player's level of soccer development and along with the team formation policy, is used to determine how the HDSC group players to create our teams

A player's level of soccer ability will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- 1) Technical Ability: ball control, passing, dribbling, finishing;
- 2) Tactical Awareness: attacking (with and without possession), defending;
- 3) Physical: strength, endurance, speed, agility;
- 4) Personality: drive, aggressiveness, determination, leadership, confidence, mental toughness, coachability;
- 5) Commitment: work ethic, attendance (training, games, team events).

### PROCEDURE

The following will be taken into account when making player assessments:

#### **(a) Existing Knowledge of a Player**

1. Knowledge of a player's previous performances, as witnessed by their prior coaches and technical staff and Technical Director, will be considered valuable information with respect to player assessment.
2. Players who are unable to attend tryouts due to circumstances beyond their control may, with the consent of the HDSC President, Vice President (Technical) and Technical Director, be assigned to a team based solely on an existing knowledge of their capability.



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### **(b) Open Tryouts**

The principal reason for holding open tryouts is to help identify a group of players with the potential to play at a particular level. Open tryouts will be held for all Youth teams. To attend and participate in “open tryouts:

1. Players must reside within the Halifax District Region as per SNS Policies and Procedures;
2. Players must be registered with HDSC before attending tryouts;
3. Players must pay in full the try out fee, as well as, any outstanding fees owed to HDSC.

Any player of appropriate age who wishes to try out for a team may attend an open tryout however:

1. Players must try out at their own age level; and
2. Players trying out at a higher age group level must have prior approval of the HDSC Technical Director and Vice President of Technical.

Players will be assessed by the team coach, technical staff, Technical Director and/or independent assessors.

### **(c) Invitational Tryouts**

Coaches may use invitational tryouts to make final assessments of players before selecting a team;

1. Any invitational tryouts will be held after the open tryouts;
2. Players will be invited to invitational tryouts based on their open tryout assessments and/or existing knowledge of the player;
3. The team’s coaching staff, with consultation with the Technical Director will assess players during invitational tryouts, and may invite other independent assessors to assist them; and,
4. Every reasonable effort should be made to have the invitational tryouts for a team completed within two weeks of the open tryouts.

Tryout times and locations will be posted on the Club website at least two weeks in advance. Any changes due to weather conditions or facility availability will be posted as quickly as possible.



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### RELATED DOCUMENTS

Team Formation Policy  
Team Size Policy  
Conflict of Interest Policy  
Player Evaluation Form  
Soccer NS Policies and Procedures

### HISTORICAL DATES

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