



# HALIFAX DUNBRACK SOCCER CLUB

## Operations Policies and Procedures

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### PREAMBLE

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for how the HDSC groups players together to form teams. The team formation policy is used in conjunction with the player assessment policy in order to determine an appropriate level of competition for players and teams while ensuring continuing development.

### POLICY

#### General Principles

- a) HDSC teams will be comprised of players who require similar levels of training and competition.
- b) HDSC will determine a player's appropriate level of training and competition in accordance with the player assessment policy.
- c) HDSC teams will be assigned to play at a tier level that provides the most appropriate level of competition.
- d) The HDSC Technical Committee will decide at which tier level each HDSC youth team will compete.
- e) The HDSC Technical Director(s) shall approve the final rosters of all youth teams.

#### Mini Teams (U4 - U10)

- a) The formation of mini teams will be the responsibility of the Technical Director(s) and Mini Program Director with the assistance of the operations and administration staff.
- b) In general, mini teams will be balanced.
- c) Player preferences (e.g. friendships) *may* be considered where possible.
- d) Availability of volunteer coaches *may* impact team formation relative to player assignment to mini teams.

#### Youth Teams (U10 Academy – U18)

- a) Players will be assigned to teams following the guidelines outlined in the player assessment policy.
- b) Following open try-outs and no more than two to three invitational tryouts, team rosters will be finalized.



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- c) Invitational try-outs should be completed and team rosters finalized within two to weeks of the last open try-out for a team.
- d) If HDSC has more than one team at the U12 Tier 2C and U14-U18 Tier 2B level, teams will be balanced. It is the responsibility of the Technical Director(s) in collaboration with the Tier 2 Director and coaches to form these teams.
- e) If HDSC has more than one team at the Tier 1, Tier 2A, U12 Tier 2B and U10 Academy level, the teams will not necessarily be balanced. The team formation will be at the discretion of the Technical Director(s) in collaboration with the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Directors and the VP of Competitions and Development.

### RELATED DOCUMENTS

Player Assessment Policy  
Team Size Policy  
Soccer NS Policies and Procedures

### HISTORICAL DATES

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