



Bloomington United Soccer Club
Competitive Team Formation Policy

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Purpose: Bloomington United Soccer Club forms competitive teams in compliance with [Twin Cities Soccer League \(TCSL\) rules](#) and in alignment with our mission and vision. Our goal is to place all interested players on a team and to form teams that maximize development of individual players and competitiveness of teams.

Tryouts: U9-19 teams hold tryouts in July for the full year (Fall and Spring / Summer seasons). Attendance at both tryout sessions is highly recommended so players receive a complete score from evaluators.

Evaluation: A combination of player's evaluations from the most recent season (for returning players) and performance during the tryout session will be used to determine relative competitive level of all players. Both evaluations will consider technical skill, tactical knowledge, physical and mental aspects for all players. For tryouts, we have 1-2 coaches who did not coach players in their most recent season completing evaluations to obtain multiple perspectives.

Team formation decisions: The Director of Coaching is responsible for gathering inputs from coaches and tryout evaluators to make team formation decisions. Teams are formed based on these scores and may involve position specific considerations particularly when it comes to goalkeepers. As a competitive soccer program, parent input is not factored into decisions unless a parent is the team's coach in which case tryout evaluations are more heavily weighted than coach evaluations.

Players will play at their designated age level as dictated by our governing body US Soccer. The only exceptions include:

- If a player's individual skill level far exceeds the top team at their age level and there is an older team where they are expected to be a top player
- If more players are needed to form a full team (examples: inviting U9 players to fill a U10 team)

Bloomington United believes in the player development benefits of “balanced teams” prior to U11. Therefore, evaluations for U9-10 are used to ensure teams are relatively even in terms of overall skill / development level. At U11+, teams are tiered with players being assigned to the most developmentally appropriate team.

Notification and acceptance: Families will be notified of team placement via the email address provided at the time of intent to play tryout registration. Placement on a team must be accepted within 48 hours of notification by completing the initial or full payment for the upcoming season.

Note: Teams that compete at higher levels of TCSL will have higher attendance and participation expectations such as winter training, additional tournaments, etc. which should be considered when accepting a roster spot.

Late Registrants: Players who register after teams have been formed will be placed on the lowest level team, assuming the team does not already have a full roster, except under 2 circumstances:

- Returning players: The player’s coach evaluation from the immediate preceding season clearly suggests they should be on a different team
- New players (including returning players who did not play the immediate preceding season): If the player’s performance in initial practice sessions provides clear and compelling evidence that the player should be placed on another team, the player will be moved to that team assuming the team does not already have a full roster

Tryout and/or team formation questions: Please contact the Director of Coaching with any questions.