

Team Formation and Player Placement Policies

The Shorelake Soccer Club, a recreational soccer program, employs policies to fairly and efficiently form teams and place players.

The purpose of the policies are to:

- a. Create fair and equitable teams;*
- b1. Promote ease of use by parent by being clear and understandable; and*
- b2. Be fair to parents and players by providing fair notice of the policies well in advance of registration;*
- c. Efficiently resolve issues regarding player placement and team formation; and*
- d. Promote the Shorelake Soccer Club and the community.*

General Policies

1. No team assignment can be made without first receiving a completed registration, which includes full payment and proof of age.
2. Players registered on time (on or before the June 15, 2005 registration close date), which includes full payment and proof of age, will be considered for team placement before players registered not on time (after the June 15, 2005 registration close date).
3. No team placement requests can be honored from either coaches or parents for the following reasons :
 - this is a recreational soccer club/team formation policy where teams, coaches and players are all treated equally and with the same consideration
 - not all requests can be honored and it is deemed more appropriate to honor none
 - allows for fair and balanced team formation

However, any information provided on the player's registration may be helpful when teams are being formed (eg siblings to play on same team; playing up age level requests).

Returning Player Policies

1. Returning players to returning teams will always be placed on that returning team.
2. When combining returning teams which do not have enough returning players to remain as a team, and there are not enough new players to add to each team for each team to continue, every effort will be made to keep returning teammates together when placed to a different team. When combining teams, the remaining/enduring team will be the team with a returning coach, or in the case of multiple teams each having returning coaches, the team with the most returning players will be the remaining/enduring team.

New/Non-Returning Player Policies

1. Whenever possible, siblings of like age/gender/skill level will be placed on the same team. Please make a note in the comments section of the registration if this applies.
2. New teams (non-returning) will be formed by placing players on teams based on their enrolled schools and/or geographic proximity to teammates. New players will be assigned to existing teams using the same methods as are used for forming new teams.

Exceptions/Appeals Policy

The Club recognizes there may be certain, unanticipated, situations where the application of the above policies may not be in keeping with their stated purpose. In those situations, the Board of Directors will entertain written requests from the affected party(ies) which must include an explanation of their individual circumstances and why the application of the above policies should not apply to their situation. The written request must be submitted using electronic mail, addressed to the Shorelake Soccer Club Board (PlacementAppeals@ShorelakeSoccer.com) and be from the email ID on the registration information of the subject player (exceptions allowed for members not having email access). A written confirmation of receipt will be sent within one week. Requests will be reviewed by an appointed 3 member panel of the sitting Board Members and a written response with the determination made within one week after the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting. If the request is received fewer than 7 days prior to the next Board meeting, such requests may be delayed for review until the following Board meeting.