The following are advisements for those tournaments wishing to allow both competitive and recreational play at the same tournament.

**Bracketing:**

1) It is preferable that recreational and competitive teams have SEPARATE brackets WHENEVER possible...this includes combining age groups (i.e. U12/U13 Rec & U12/U13 Comp) rather than the combined Rec/Comp divisions (U12 all teams & U13 all teams)
2) Brackets shall be constructed in a way that allow for play in the correct format for the age group (4v4, 7v7, 9v9) only competitive teams can “play up” in format size.
3) If Comp and Rec teams MUST be played together then all teams must be notified of this and allowed the option to withdraw with a full refund.

**Player Registration and Carding:**

1) Recreational players cannot guest play on a competitive roster and competitive players cannot guest play on a recreational roster. The proper card must be issued to the player for the team competition level.
2) The 50% player participation rules still must apply to recreational tournaments just as it applies to league. All Rec players must play at least 50% of the game with no exception other than injury.
3) Recreational teams MUST be sanctioned by a US Soccer Federation member with no exception. If the team is sanctioned by a non-USYS(state) association then it is required that proof of a background check be presented for all coaches/managers that will be interacting with players.

**Rules & Game Play:**

1) Tournaments are only sanctioned to play in the formats dictated by the USSF Player Development Initiatives or 5v5 futsal. No other formats are approved for a MYSA sanctioned event.
2) All restrictions on heading of the ball by young players must be enforced.
3) All tournament rules must be publicly posted (online is acceptable) and available prior to the open of registration.

Please contact the MYSA office with any questions or assistance needed...thank you!