



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!

