

Birth Age Registration

- Issues
 - **Current 7th graders born in 2002**
 - For 2016 season: have to be registered with players born in 2002
 - Many 2002 birth year players will be freshmen based on NJDOE birth year cut off for school
- U9 and U11 kids who decide to try out and play up will miss a season (fall and spring) of small-sided soccer.

Small-Sided Changes

- Changes aimed at developing
 - Ball skills
 - Ball skills under pressure, game situations
 - Player skills and abilities
 - Appreciation for the game
 - Playing the ball out of the basic
 - Development of the child as an all-around player

Small-Sided Changes

- Changes:
 - Different number of players for different age groups
 - 4 v. 4: U6, U7, and U8
 - 7 v. 7: U9 and U10
 - 9 v. 9: U11 and U12
 - 11 v. 11: U13 and up
 - Different sized goals for different aged players
 - Different sized fields for different age groups
 - Use of size 3 balls for youngest players and no goalies
 - Build-out area to allow defense to play the ball out of the back from a goal kick without the other team “barricading the top of the penalty box.” (U9 and U10)
 - Use of quarters for younger players.

BHYSC Task Force

- Purpose: evaluate the Initiatives and propose recommendations to the Board
- Members:
 - Eric Probst, 2nd Vice President of Club, Chair
 - Larry Naldi, Secretary of Club, Vice Chair
 - Tom Splaine, Treasurer of Club
 - Chris McGowan, Soccer Development
 - Mark Robertson, Soccer Development
 - Frank Sabatino, Coaches Committee, Chair
 - John Sciacchitano, Community Relations, Chair
 - Debbie Merrick, Coach

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- What have we done:
 - Read and evaluated material
 - Met as a group and with coaches from nearby clubs
 - Debbie Merrick attended National Soccer Convention in Baltimore where US Soccer discussed initiatives
 - Tryout committee also has met to evaluate the birth year registration impact on the Club
 - Communicated with parents and coaches

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- Recommendation to the Board
 - Club should adopt Birth Age registration
 - Players will be allowed to try up—thus, a 2004 player could try out for a 2003 team
 - Tryout committee to implement policy but will, as always, ensure that younger birth year players trying up are properly rostered to handle competition with older players

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- This is soccer...

