



NLSC Recreation Team Formation Guidelines



Recreation Team Formations Guidelines

1. **PURPOSE:** Provides guidelines to follow when forming teams in the Recreation program of Northern Lights S.C.
2. **SCOPE**
 - a. This guideline applies to the Recreation program
 - b. This guideline describes the organization's objectives and policies regarding team formations
3. **Process**
 - a. Teams shall be formed using the following criteria
 - (1) Buddy System:
 1. *Players are allowed to choose one friend during registration. This request must match up to be honored. We will not honor a ladder of requests (Example: Alex wants to play with Bob, Bob wants to play with Chris, Chris wants to play with Alex)*
 - (2) Coaches' children are automatically placed with their respective parent(s).
 - (3) All other players are dispersed equally, based up prior playing experience, with the intention of providing all the teams with an equal talent base.
 - b. Teams shall not be formed using the following criteria:
 - (1) Special requests, multiple buddy picks (ladder of requests) or with the intention of keeping one team together from year to year. This is based upon the following:
 1. *NLSC recognizes coaches attract players. It is our intentions to have good coaches affect a larger number of players besides one team.*
 2. *This can create an environment where players may deem themselves more important than other players who do not get the opportunity to train under a certain coach or be part of a select group of players.*
 3. *It is not fair to those players who are not part of that circle of friends or who would otherwise have a chance to train under a certain coach.*
 - c. NLSC recognizes the importance of social development with all players. It is important for players to develop relationships with new players, enhance problem solving skills, and develop as a person and not just a soccer player.