



# POLICY MANUAL DARTMOUTH UNITED SOCCER CLUB

## Policy & Procedure

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### PREAMBLE

The Team Formation Policy is used in conjunction with the Player Assessment Policy to assign players to Dartmouth United teams. The Player Assessment Policy describes how a player's level of soccer ability is to be evaluated, while the Team Formation Policy outlines how players are grouped to create our teams.

### POLICY

#### 1. General Principles

- (a) Players must be registered with the Club before undergoing assessment and team placement.
- (b) Teams are to be comprised of players who require similar levels of training and competition.
- (c) The Technical Director will decide at which level each team will compete. Each team will be assigned to play at the tier that provides the team with the most appropriate level of competition.
- (d) The Club's Technical Director shall approve the final rosters of all Youth and Senior A teams. Once the team roster is approved, the final list will be posted on the Club's website.

#### 2. Mini Teams

- (a) The formation of Mini teams will be the responsibility of the VP Minis with the assistance of the age-group coordinators and technical staff.
- (b) In general, Mini teams will be balanced, taking player preferences (e.g., field location, friends, week-nights) into account where possible.

#### 3. Youth Teams

- (a) Teams are to be finalized following open tryouts and no more than two or three invitational tryouts.
- (b) U10 House League, U12 Tier 2C (8-a-side), and U14 – U18 Tier 2B teams will be balanced, taking player preferences into account where possible. The Technical Director, in conjunction with the Divisional VPs and the coaches, will be responsible for forming these teams.



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(c) Tier 1, Tier 2A, U12 Tier 2B, and U10 Academy teams:

- The Technical Director will review tryout results, league standings, coaches' knowledge and any other relevant information to decide if it is appropriate to have more than one team of the same gender, age, and tier level.
- If the decision is made to have more than one team, the teams will not be balanced; they will be divided according to skill level to ensure players are training / competing in the appropriate environment to maximize their development.

(d) The Technical Director, in conjunction with the Divisional VPs and the Registrar, will determine how many Youth teams are to be entered in the various leagues at each age, gender, and tier level.

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Player Assessment Policy

### **HISTORICAL DATES**

n/a New policy