**NEW SCOTLAND SOCCER CLUB, Inc (NSSC)**

**POLICY on TEAMS: Composition And Commitment**

1. The NSSC will attempt to operate teams for the following age groups for boys and girls: Under 8; Under 10; Under 12; Under 14; Under 16; and Under 17; and any other age groups as determined by the NSSC and CDYSL.
   1. The soccer year begins August 1 and ends July 31. A players’ “soccer age” for the coming soccer year is determined by his/her age on July 31. Teams in each age division will be comprised of players who meet the age requirement on July 31. These age divisions are subject to changes made by the Capital District Youth Soccer League.
2. Team roster size (number of players):
   1. No Under 14 or older team shall be allowed more than 18 registered players unless approved by the Board of Directors. None of these teams may have more than 22 players, per CDYSL rules. No Under 14 or older team shall have fewer than 15 registered players unless approved by the Board of Directors.
   2. No Under 8 or Under 10 team shall have more than fourteen (14) players. No Under 12 team shall have more than sixteen (16) players. Maximum and minimum roster sizes set by CDYSL will be adhered to.
3. If more players than the maximum number allowed register on time, team tryouts may be conducted by the NSSC and/or players may be assigned to play on other teams in the club. This determination will be made by the Board of Directors based upon the best interests of the NSSC. (Please see the policy on Registration)
4. Players who live within the Town of New Scotland or attend Voorheesville Schools will be given preference over other registrants in filling rosters, provided they register on time.
   1. Provided registration is completed on time, residency will take precedence over registration order.
5. Playing up: A player may request to play in an older age group, however, the Board of Directors will make the determination after consulting with the coaches and may hold tryouts. The decision will be based on whether the move is in the best interest of both the NSSC and player development. Factors to be considered will include but not be limited to, player’s ability, grade level and team composition.
6. Playing time goals and objectives. All efforts will be made to ensure that:
   1. Players on Under 8, Under 10 and Under 12 teams will play equal time and play multiple positions each game. U12 Players may begin focusing on their strongest positions.
   2. Players on Under 14 teams will play at least 1/3 of each game.
   3. Players on Under 16 and above teams will play at least 1/4 of each game.
   4. Each of these guidelines in item 5 is based on the assumption that players attend practices and games regularly.
7. Time commitment:
   1. Players and coaches are expected to devote a minimum of 3 days per week to Club activities – games and/or practices - from April through June, the Spring pre-season and Season.
   2. Parents are expected to support the player’s time commitment.

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