

ALASKA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

POLICY & PROCEDURE

POLICY TOPIC: **COMPETITIVE TEAM 10-U AND YOUNGER**

POLICY NO: PP060307

POLICY: Alaska Affiliate Member Competitive Clubs/ Programs may form competitive 10U teams. The competitive 10-U teams will fall under the Competitive Programs with restrictions and guidelines provided by U.S. Soccer, US Youth Soccer Policies, and AYSA. The 10-U team roster size will not exceed 14 players; with the field format for teams being played 7v7.

PURPOSE: The intent of this policy is to ensure that competitive 10-U and younger teams base their players off Birth Year Registration- Register players according to a Jan 1 to Dec 31 timeframe. Players may not play more than one (1) year up in an age bracket.

SPECIFICS:

1. Affiliate Member Programs/Clubs will hold advertised tryouts as the selection process.
2. For developmental purposes players will be given a minimum of 50% playtime per game.
3. Teams attending in-state tournaments will registrar as a 10-U competitive team. Teams may not register for in state recreational tournaments. Teams may not travel outside the state for tournament, leagues, or camps.
4. 10-U teams may play up one year to a 11-U age bracket for in state tournaments following. 11-U field formatting for tournaments. 10-U teams will not qualify for Alaska State Cup.
5. The length of the game for 10-U competitive teams will be two 25-minute halves.
6. All players on 10-U teams or younger shall not head the ball directly from the air in any game, practice, or competition, nor shall these players practice heading the ball in any organized team setting.

9-U Team Formation:

1. Affiliate Member Programs/Clubs may form 9-U developmental/competitive programs and true age teams: PDI approach will be used.
2. For developmental purposes players will be given a minimum of 50% playtime per game.
3. 9-U teams formed from developmental pool to play intra-league or inter-league within AYSA Home District.
4. 9-U teams may not travel outside the state for competitions, tournaments, leagues, or camp programs.
5. 9-U teams roster size not to exceed 14 players.
6. 9-U teams will not play in a game format larger than 7v7; the length of the game will be two 25-minute halves.
7. 9-U teams may play up one year to a U-10 age bracket for in-state tournaments following 10-U field formatting for tournaments.

Team Roster True Age:

Teams must have a minimum number of true age players on their team to be considered a competitive team;

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Teams with less than 14 on a roster may request a True Age Variance; which may pro-rate the number of true age players required for the team.

The Affiliate Club must submit the completed True Age Variance Request form to the Alaska State Office to be processed; the team roster must accompany the True Age Variance Request form.

Notification of Team Status will be provided within five business days by Alaska Youth Soccer. Notification of Approval must be received prior to team first seasonal practice, game, or tournament.

Team Roster changes that occur after the initial AYSA approval must be submitted to the State Office immediately.

Penalty Fee will be imposed for Teams failing to submit Proper Paperwork and Receive Approval by Alaska Youth Soccer before first practice, game, or tournament; \$150.00 Penalty Fee will be applied.

Alaska Youth Soccer recommends the Player Development Initiatives approach be used for all U-9 and U-10 competitive teams. Clubs with developmental programs may not form 8-U or younger competitive teams. Competitive teams 10-U and younger will participate in their AYSA District for practice, and league games; they may travel for only in state tournaments.

Leagues / Clubs may combine 9-U - 10-U age groups to form one division; using 10-U policy and guidelines.