



**The following are advisements for those tournaments wishing to allow both competitive and recreational play at the same tournament.**

**BRACKETING:**

- 1) It is required that recreational and competitive teams have SEPARATE brackets WHENEVER possible...this includes combining age groups (i.e. U12/U13 Rec & U12/U13 Comp) rather than the combined Rec/Comp divisions (U12 all teams & U13 all teams)
- 2) Brackets shall be constructed in a way that allow for play in the correct format for the age group (4v4, 7v7, 9v9) only competitive teams can “play up” in format size.
- 3) If Comp and Rec teams MUST be played together due to numbers then all teams must be notified of this and allowed the option to withdraw with a full refund. As such, recreational rules and standards shall be in place for all teams participating in a combined age group (i.e. 50% playing time for all players).

**Player Registration and Carding:**

- 1) Recreational players cannot guest play on a competitive roster and competitive players cannot guest play on a recreational roster. The proper card must be issued to the player for the team competition level.
- 2) The 50% player participation rules still must apply to recreational tournaments just as it applies to league. All Rec players must play at least 50% of the game with no exception other than injury.
- 3) Due to the extreme differences in insurance coverage & liability requirements of other groups, all Recreational teams MUST be sanctioned by a US Youth State Association member with no exception. If the team is sanctioned by a non-USYS(state) association then it is required that team register with MYSA prior to participation, this includes all coaches & managers of the team.

**Rules & Game Play:**

- 1) Tournaments are only sanctioned to play in the formats dictated by the USSF Player Development Initiatives or 5v5 futsal. No other formats are approved for a MYSA sanctioned event.
- 2) All restrictions on heading of the ball by young players must be enforced.
- 3) All tournament rules must be publicly posted (online is acceptable) and available prior to the open of registration. Any changes in rules must be posted immediately and all teams must be made aware of the change prior to the start of the competition.

**Please contact the MYSA office with any questions or assistance needed...thank you!**

