

POLICY NUMBER: 9413 Intramural Program Criteria
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PURPOSE:

This policy defines guidelines for the pre-clinic and clinic program, including ball size, number of players, etc. It is designed so that the pre-clinic and clinic program can run as fully functional programs with their own set of rules.

- I. Divisions: Children will be divided by age into one of four divisions. The playing format for each Division will only vary if not enough children register or a lack of coaches to a specific age grouping for the sake of manageability and safety of the children. A minimum of four teams is required in each division.
 - a. Pre-Clinic: Under 5 Division:
 - i. Format: Play will be 3v3, no goalies. Coaches are allowed on the field during play to help facilitate play continuity. Kick-ins instead of throw-ins will occur when the ball is out of play on the sidelines. Goal kicks will be taken from the penalty box in front of the goal. Corner kicks will be taken from the corner of the field where the goal line meets the sideline. Concentration is on basic fundamentals of the game.
 - ii. Field size: Not to exceed 80' x 120' and will be dependent on the amount of total space available.
 - iii. Team size: Not to exceed 6 on a team.
 - iv. Player selection: Players will be placed on teams with emphasis on equality based on gender and experience.
 - b. Pre-Clinic: Under 6 Division:
 - i. Format: Play will be 4v4, no goalies. Coaches are allowed on the field during play to help facilitate play continuity. Kick-ins instead of throw-ins will occur when the ball is out of play on the sidelines. Goal kicks will be taken from the top of the penalty box around the goal. Corner kicks will be taken from the corner of the field where the goal line meets the sideline. Concentration is on basic fundamentals of the game. Coaches may begin to teach basic concepts of offense and defense but are to allow the children to roam the field at will and are not to give any one child the responsibility of covering the goal.
 - ii. Field size: Not to exceed 80' x 120' and will be dependent on the amount of total space available.
 - iii. Team size: Not to exceed 8 on a team.
 - iv. Player selection: Players will be placed on teams with emphasis on equality based on gender and experience.
 - c. Clinic: Under 7 Division:
 - i. Format: Play will be 4v4, no goalies. Coaches are not allowed on the playing field during the game. Throw-ins will occur when the ball is out of play on the sidelines. Goal kicks will be taken from the top of the penalty box around the goal. Corner kicks will be taken from the corner of the field where the goal line meets the sideline. Concentration is on basic fundamentals of the game. Coaches may begin to teach basic concepts of offense and defense but are to allow the children to roam the field at will and

- are not to give any one child the responsibility of covering the goal.
 - ii. Field size: Not to exceed 80' x 120' and will be dependent on the amount of total space available.
 - iii. Team size: Not to exceed 8 on a team.
 - iv. Player selection: Players will be placed on teams with emphasis on equality based on gender and experience.
 - d. Clinic: Under 8 Division:
 - i. Format: Play will be 7v7, with goalies. Coaches are not allowed on the playing field during the game. Play will follow that of A.A.Y.S.L. 7v7 guidelines. All coaches should be familiar with A.A.Y.S.L. rules of play. Coaches at this level are to teach basic positioning.
 - ii. Field size: With consideration for allowable space, to be as close to A.A.Y.S.L. regulation 7v7 (120' x 210) as possible with a hopeful minimum of 120' x 200'.
 - iii. Team size: Not to exceed 13 on a team.
 - iv. Player selection: If time allows, by paper draft with all coaches participating in attendance. This is done in hopes of equality in team performance and competition. An optional tryout as defined in the county tryout guidelines can also be considered.
- II. Total number of teams
 - a. The total number of coaches available will determine the total number of teams and players in each division.
 - b. If there are not enough teams for a division than those children will be placed in a younger division, except in the case of the under-5 division, in which case the children will play up.
 - c. Children will be placed on a first come/first served basis as determined by the date of their registration.
- III. Player selection
 - a. A Coaches may select their own children and two more based on the following criteria:
 - i. Two assistant coaches (as long as they have only one child in that age group).
 - ii. One assistant coach and one team manager (as long as each has only one child in that age group).
 - b. In the under-8 division coach selections will count toward their total number of the highest skilled players except in the case of their own child/children who will count in the category they are placed following the draft.
- IV. Leadership
 - a. The Pre-Clinic and Clinic Director will be the final authority on all Pre-Clinic and Clinic matters not required to be addressed by the board.
 - b. A coordinator who will be responsible for those activities assigned to him by the respective Pre-Clinic and Clinic Director will administer each division.
 - c. The Pre-Clinic/Clinic Program will provide an equipment manager for the purpose of maintaining pre-clinic/clinic equipment, and providing field maintenance.
 - d. The Pre-Clinic/Clinic Program will provide a raffle coordinator where applicable.
- V. Limitations (Playing up/Playing down)

- a. No child exceeding the age limitations, as dictated by the August 1st - July 31st fiscal year date, may be placed in that age group.
 - b. No child under the minimum age limitations as dictated by the August 1st - July 31st fiscal year date, may be placed in that age group.
 - c. Children will be placed in their appropriate age group* with the exception of (II. B.)
- VI. Player participation: refer to policy number 9406

*If a letter (identifying a hardship) is presented with the registration form-requesting placement in another age group, addressed to the Intramural Director. The age limitation may be reconsidered for that individual request during that season only.