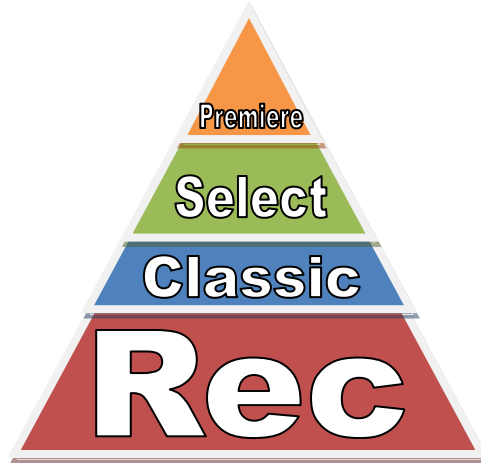




MYSA 2010 LEAGUE

The intent of this document is to explain the restructuring of the current League system and management. The goal is to stratify the League and create an environment more focused on the quality not quantity of soccer experience for each level of play we currently offer. This process necessitates consolidation of age groups.



The goal was to provide a more appropriate soccer experience for each level of play. The new system created multiple levels of play.

Premiere (NCS)	Select	Classic
U19 (??? Special Case)	U19 (11 v 11)	U19 (11 v 11 With reduce to eq)
U18 (11 v 11) 6 Teams		
U16 (11 v 11) 6 Teams	U16 (11 v 11)	
U14 (11 v 11) 6 Teams	U14 (11 v 11)	U14/13/12 (11 v 11 reduce to eq)
		U13 (11 v 11) Premiere bound teams
		U12/11 (8 v 8) with Showcase Champs
		U11 (8 v 8)
		U10 (Small Sided)

This design:

1. Removed 13 from Regional play in the Premiere League and combined the League play with the U14 of Select and placed them in the Showcase for play to a championship and a top 4 selection for the following year's Premiere League.
2. Eliminated the U15 and U17 divisions of Premiere
3. Removed U13, U15, U17 and U18 divisions of Select and scheduled a few games against the next younger division in Premiere for friendly play.
4. Allowed U12 to play to a champion at the Showcase tournament.

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5. Established Classic as an 8v8 for younger groups and an 11v11 with a “reduce to equate” rule for the older divisions. U10 is added with a max of 4 weekends of play and inclusion in the Montana Showcase. U11 would participate freely either at Academy or Classic Level.
6. Allowed the freedom of scheduling cross division play. **Premiere teams are encouraged to participate in the Select League and may also request scheduling other Premiere teams during the non-mandatory week-ends.** Their participation in the Select division helps our State foster a true developmental environment. Premiere Teams should choose which weekends they wish to play using the normal league process. When a team seeks to be included in this group, the schedulers will make every attempt to make those cross division games meaningful for both opponents and to place teams of equal level together. **HOWEVER, PLEASE TAKE NOTE,** we have no control over which teams agree to be scheduled across divisions, **so we cannot guarantee** that there will be appropriate competition for each team which wants to be scheduled across divisions.

To accomplish the best schedule we have developed a formula which is applied in the following priority:

- Exclude Off weekends (does not apply to Premiere League)
- Site must have adequate fields for the number and level of matches
- Site must have adequate referees for the number and level of matches. This could include bringing in some referees from other sites.
- One Home weekend per team per season (may not happen in Premiere)
- Travel no more than 250 miles (may not happen in Premiere)
- Start times cannot cause a team to leave before 6:00am (may not happen in Premiere)
- Honor the requested weekend for the home game (does not apply to Premiere League)
- Teams of like playing levels together (In the Select league this year it may mean 14 Premiere playing 16 Select, Premiere v Premiere, Select v Select, all of these were done last year and worked with only one exception involving the Livingston u16B Select)-(does not apply to Premiere League)
- Do not schedule 2 teams from the same area to travel to another area to play each other. (affects: Billings, Bozeman, Missoula, Kalispell)

Using this as the basis for scheduling the spring season, we believe there will be a very productive 2010 MYSA League with a minimum of conflicts.

The second part of the changes focused on limiting the teams in the Premiere League to those that would have a reasonable opportunity to perform at the regional level. We passed a combined objective/subjective selection process to reduce to the required number of teams. An example of the new system of selection is outlined below.

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First, the top 4 of the division below for the prior year would automatically be placed in the limited group. This means at U14 the 4 best teams from the U13 tournament results of the prior year would be automatically added. At U16 the same would be true with the top 4 of U14 being added and concluding at U18 with the top 4 of U16 being added. After this process we would have U18 with 4 positions filled, U16 with 4 positions filled and U14 with 4 positions filled. This leaves 2 - U18, 2 - U16 and 2 - U14 positions left to fill.

Second, we would allow the winner of the Select Tournament (now called the Montana State Championship) to play at the premiere level the following year with the same rules as above.

Third, we would allow any other club/team to apply for the remaining positions. These teams would be ranked and scored by all of the members participating in that age group and voting members of MYSA. The teams ranked from prior year's results would be automatically ranked first and the remainder would be ranked in order below them. Each voting member would be given a ballot at the Summer AGM and the teams with the most votes would play in the upcoming season. The process should allow for the best teams to be chosen regardless of club or location. The teams that do not make the final list will be placed in the Select League.

Lastly, we limit the league play requirements to 3 weekends that would be predetermined. These weeks would be the last weekend of April, with the NCS Cup falling on Memorial Day and the weekend prior to the cup scheduled as an off weekend except in the case of a needed play-off game. The two weekends of May prior to that would be left as scheduled season dates. In doing this we will have created an environment that allows for proper seeding and the freedom to choose other venues during the spring season.

MYSA will allow and encourages all Premiere teams to register free of charge for any available date in the Select Spring League for cross division play. These would be totally optional and have no requirements other than to show up.

The regional qualifying tournament is now known as the National Championship Cup. This event would be held over one weekend. The first day is devoted to pool play and the second, finals and consolation play. This also allows us to assign better venues for play and more experienced referees to the matches of the NCC. Proposed cost to enter the National Championship Series is \$1500 per team. This will cover all referee, qualifier and league fees. This fee will be due upon application to the NCS. Any teams not making the selection will be refunded the application fee or may have it applied to other MYSA events. Any team that does not meet any commitment during NCS dates will forfeit this application fee as a fine and must repay the fee.

Our newly formed Select league will now see a much needed influx of participants that will help increase the level of completion. We expect to grow its membership from its current 40 to 50 teams to over 70. With the newly added members we will be able to provide better scheduling. Also, these teams will participate in a season ending tournament to determine the Montana State Champion on the third weekend in June with multiple brackets if needed. This should help eliminate the current schedule

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conflicts for most school systems. In time we can consider reviewing and adopting a system for team evaluation in the Select league as well.

The Classic League will hopefully be expanded and include a U14 division. With this league focusing on our newest entries into competitive soccer we believe we should be able to serve all of our athletes at the level they deserve.

With the second weekend in June now free we can move the Montana Showcase to a more convenient time. In the past, the late date caused a lack of participation. By moving the event to the fourth weekend in June many of the problems can be solved. U12 will now play to a final champion in each division and we also added the U13 Championship Series to this event to allow for greater player development and selection into Premiere.

The newly designed Leagues should work to allow for better team formation and planning. This will greatly assist in scheduling and meeting the needs of the groups the league is designed to serve. The end result will be better league play at appropriate levels for each division.

We are looking for your input. Our MYSA goal is to make soccer a better experience for our members. As you are aware, the scheduling committee had considerable difficulty scheduling your teams in years past. We hope you saw improvement in our trial of last year. In order to accommodate club requests, and given the inconsistency in team sizes, age groups and levels of competition, and the realities of travel between various Montana cities, the committee found it necessary to consolidate teams in certain age groups and levels of competition. This resulted in some hardships for some of your teams and necessitated a myriad of play-up requests and several weeks of rescheduling entire teams. For each of you, please focus on how any new option will affect your club and teams. Look at the choices that are created and what new opportunities you may find. We are looking to create a suitable level of play for each of your age groups and level of play. The goal should be to avoid sending any players home. We welcome any constructive criticism and ideas to make these options better.

As you can see this was not a minor undertaking. Thank you for your thoughts and consideration of these matters. Below is a list of contacts for this season.

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Premiere League Purpose:

Means an interclub league in which no rule restricts the manner in which players may be rostered to participating teams, except for:

- (A) Define and prohibit unethical recruiting behavior; or
- (B) Limit the participation of players previously rostered to another team.
- (C) Comply with all roster limitations set forth in the National Championship Series

The teams that compete in this league do so to:

- (A) Select a team to represent MYSA in the National Championship series;
- (B) Strive to perform at the highest level within the State and Region

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Select League Purpose:

Means an interclub league in which:

- (A) The use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting, or any similar process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability, is permitted; and
- (B) One or more Montana league rules may restrict the manner in which players may be rostered to participating teams
- (C) Create a venue where players may develop skills and game understanding without the pressure and rigorous demand placed on them by regional contests.

The teams that compete in this league do so to:

- (A) Do not represent MYSA in the National Championship series;
- (B) Are developing players for entrance into the Premiere League
- (C) Smaller clubs looking for peer competition
- (D) Participate in the Montana State Championship or Montana Showcase

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Classic League Purpose:

Means an interclub or intraclub league in which:

- (A) The use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any similar process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of pure talent or ability is prohibited;
- (B) The club or clubs administering the league accept as participants in the league any and all eligible youths (subject to reasonable terms of registration) as participation is the priority; and
- (C) Create a means by which members may grow beyond the bounds of local soccer.
- (D) The league does not otherwise meet the definition of a recreational club league.

The teams that compete in this league do so to:

- (A) Do not represent MYSA in the National Championship series; and
- (C) Expand competition levels through travel
- (D) Primary focus is on player participation
- (E) Participate in the Montana Showcase or Montana Championship



Boys U14 Premiere

2010 Montana NCS Cup

Bracket A

MYSA SEED 1 (MT)
MYSA SEED 4 (MT)
MYSA SEED 5 (MT)

Bracket B

MYSA SEED 2 (MT)
MYSA SEED 3 (MT)
MYSA SEED 6 (MT)

Saturday, May 29, 2010

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
7:30 AM	L-FIELD #01	MYSA SEED 1 (MT)	MYSA SEED 5 (MT)
7:30 AM	L-FIELD #02	MYSA SEED 2 (MT)	MYSA SEED 6 (MT)
12:00 PM	L-FIELD #01	MYSA SEED 4 (MT)	MYSA SEED 5 (MT)
12:00 PM	L-FIELD #02	MYSA SEED 3 (MT)	MYSA SEED 6 (MT)
4:30 PM	L-FIELD #01	MYSA SEED 1 (MT)	MYSA SEED 4 (MT)
4:30 PM	L-FIELD #02	MYSA SEED 2 (MT)	MYSA SEED 3 (MT)

Sunday, May 30, 2010 - Consolation

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
9:00 AM	L-FIELD #01	Bracket A #2	Bracket B #3
9:00 AM	L-FIELD #02	Bracket A #3	Bracket B #2

Sunday, May 30, 2010 - Final

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
1:00 PM	L-FIELD #01	Bracket A #1	Bracket B #1

NCS Finals

Consolation A

Bracket A #2

Bracket B #3

Consolation B

Bracket A #3

Bracket B #2

Final

Bracket A #1

Bracket B #1



Boys U16 Premiere

2010 Montana NCS Cup

Bracket A

MYSA SEED 1 (MT)
MYSA SEED 4 (MT)
MYSA SEED 5 (MT)

Bracket B

MYSA SEED 2 (MT)
MYSA SEED 3 (MT)
MYSA SEED 6 (MT)

Saturday, May 29, 2010

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
9:00 AM	L-FIELD #01	MYSA SEED 1 (MT)	MYSA SEED 5 (MT)
9:00 AM	L-FIELD #02	MYSA SEED 2 (MT)	MYSA SEED 6 (MT)
1:45 PM	L-FIELD #01	MYSA SEED 4 (MT)	MYSA SEED 5 (MT)
1:45 PM	L-FIELD #02	MYSA SEED 3 (MT)	MYSA SEED 6 (MT)
6:30 PM	L-FIELD #01	MYSA SEED 1 (MT)	MYSA SEED 4 (MT)
6:30 PM	L-FIELD #02	MYSA SEED 2 (MT)	MYSA SEED 3 (MT)

Sunday, May 30, 2010 - Consolation

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
10:45 AM	L-FIELD #01	Bracket A #2	Bracket B #3
10:45 AM	L-FIELD #02	Bracket A #3	Bracket B #2

Sunday, May 30, 2010 - Final

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
1:30 PM	L-FIELD #02	Bracket A #1	Bracket B #1

NCS Finals

Consolation A

Bracket A #2

Bracket B #3

Consolation B

Bracket A #3

Bracket B #2

Final

Bracket A #1

Bracket B #1



Boys U18 Premiere

2010 Montana NCS Cup

Bracket A

MYSA SEED 1 (MT)

MYSA SEED 2 (MT)

MYSA SEED 3 (MT)

Saturday, May 29, 2010

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
8:00 AM	L-FIELD #05	MYSA SEED 1 (MT)	MYSA SEED 3 (MT)
1:15 PM	L-FIELD #05	MYSA SEED 2 (MT)	MYSA SEED 3 (MT)
6:30 PM	L-FIELD #05	MYSA SEED 1 (MT)	MYSA SEED 2 (MT)

Sunday, May 30, 2010 - Final

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
1:30 PM	L-FIELD #05	Bracket A #1	Bracket A #2



Girls U14 Premiere

2010 Montana NCS Cup

Bracket A

MYSA SEED 1 (MT)
MYSA SEED 4 (MT)
MYSA SEED 5 (MT)

Bracket B

MYSA SEED 2 (MT)
MYSA SEED 3 (MT)
MYSA SEED 6 (MT)

Saturday, May 29, 2010

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
7:30 AM	L-FIELD #03	MYSA SEED 1 (MT)	MYSA SEED 5 (MT)
7:30 AM	L-FIELD #04	MYSA SEED 2 (MT)	MYSA SEED 6 (MT)
12:00 PM	L-FIELD #03	MYSA SEED 4 (MT)	MYSA SEED 5 (MT)
12:00 PM	L-FIELD #04	MYSA SEED 3 (MT)	MYSA SEED 6 (MT)
4:30 PM	L-FIELD #03	MYSA SEED 1 (MT)	MYSA SEED 4 (MT)
4:30 PM	L-FIELD #04	MYSA SEED 2 (MT)	MYSA SEED 3 (MT)

Sunday, May 30, 2010 - Consolation

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
9:00 AM	L-FIELD #03	Bracket A #2	Bracket B #3
9:00 AM	L-FIELD #04	Bracket A #3	Bracket B #2

Sunday, May 30, 2010 - Final

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
1:00 PM	L-FIELD #03	Bracket A #1	Bracket B #1

NCS Finals

Consolation A

Bracket A #2
Bracket B #3

Consolation B

Bracket A #3
Bracket B #2

Final

Bracket A #1
Bracket B #1



Girls U16 Premiere

2010 Montana NCS Cup

Bracket A

MYSA SEED 1 (MT)
MYSA SEED 4 (MT)
MYSA SEED 5 (MT)

Bracket B

MYSA SEED 2 (MT)
MYSA SEED 3 (MT)
MYSA SEED 6 (MT)

Saturday, May 29, 2010

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
9:00 AM	L-FIELD #03	MYSA SEED 1 (MT)	MYSA SEED 5 (MT)
9:00 AM	L-FIELD #04	MYSA SEED 2 (MT)	MYSA SEED 6 (MT)
1:45 PM	L-FIELD #03	MYSA SEED 4 (MT)	MYSA SEED 5 (MT)
1:45 PM	L-FIELD #04	MYSA SEED 3 (MT)	MYSA SEED 6 (MT)
6:30 PM	L-FIELD #03	MYSA SEED 1 (MT)	MYSA SEED 4 (MT)
6:30 PM	L-FIELD #04	MYSA SEED 2 (MT)	MYSA SEED 3 (MT)

Sunday, May 30, 2010 - Consolation

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
10:45 AM	L-FIELD #03	Bracket A #2	Bracket B #3
10:45 AM	L-FIELD #04	Bracket A #3	Bracket B #2

Sunday, May 30, 2010 - Final

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
1:30 PM	L-FIELD #04	Bracket A #1	Bracket B #1

NCS Finals

Consolation A

Bracket A #2
Bracket B #3

Consolation B

Bracket A #3
Bracket B #2

Final

Bracket A #1
Bracket B #1



Girls U18 Premiere

2010 Montana NCS Cup

Bracket A

MYSA SEED 1 (MT)

MYSA SEED 4 (MT)

Bracket B

MYSA SEED 2 (MT)

MYSA SEED 3 (MT)

Saturday, May 29, 2010

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
3:30 PM	L-FIELD #05	MYSA SEED 2 (MT)	MYSA SEED 3 (MT)
3:30 PM	L-FIELD #06	MYSA SEED 1 (MT)	MYSA SEED 4 (MT)

Sunday, May 30, 2010 - Consolation

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
9:00 AM	L-FIELD #05	Bracket A #2	Bracket B #2

Sunday, May 30, 2010 - Final

Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
11:30 AM	L-FIELD #05	Bracket B #1	Bracket A #1

NCS 4 Team Final

Consolation

Bracket A #2

Bracket B #2

Final

Bracket B #1

Bracket A #1