



Hotspurs USA

News and Events about the Hotspurs USA Soccer Family

The Club Newsletter

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US Soccer mandates important changes to all Youth Soccer Clubs.

Read below to see how these changes will affect Hotspurs USA teams and important information about our transition plan

Calendar Year Registration

The first mandate by US Soccer is the change from the current August 1st/July 31st roster year to the calendar year (Jan 1st/Dec 31st). This change will be effective with the beginning of the 2016/2017 season.

Therefore next season the age group cutoff line will be determined by the player birth year as follows:

2010 = U7, 2009 = U8, 2008 = U9, 2007 = U10, 2006 = U11, 2005 = U12, 2004 = U13 and so on.

This presents all Clubs with challenges and choices to make. The younger teams competing at the highest levels will be hard pressed to compete leaving the teams intact and playing roughly half the team "up in age". Smaller clubs will not have a choice but Hotspurs USA does and therefore we owe it to our players and parents to initiate the process of identification of our current talent at each age group in order to build elite teams.

We will begin "Calendar Year Training Sessions" with a series of Fridays before Thanksgiving, followed by a series of Saturday sessions during the winter. The sessions are NOT TRYOUTS and should be considered mandatory for all players and teams currently playing from U8 to U14.

It's important to understand that no change is immediate and that all teams will stay intact for post-season tournaments and State Cup. The new teams will be formed after the 2016 tryouts which will begin in January and will begin competing in Spring 2016.

Coaching assignments: As part of this transition process coaching assignments for the 2016/2017 season will be announced a bit sooner. Younger assignments will be public by the end of the year. The calendar year training sessions will be important not only to see how the players work together and what potential teams will look like, but also for the coaches to work with the kids, get a feel for the group and see if they can be a good fit.

Teams denomination and Gaming Leagues: we will take advantage of this time of transition to change our team denomination to better reflect their level and objectives. We currently call our top teams "Academy" in support of the San Diego Developmental Academy (SDDA). Many of our teams will keep playing in the SDDA and Presidio, but a few more will join the G16s in the Coast Soccer League to be challenged in a different level and environment. Teams will be named Premier, Red or White preceded by gender and birth year.

Premier teams will play in SDDA or CSL, will have a more intense training, tournament and league schedule and are usually subject to more traveling.

Red teams will play in SDDA or Presidio, will participate in mid to high level tournaments and will work toward the achievement of Premier status for their individual players or the all team.

White teams will play in Presidio, normally at AA level. The teams will compete mostly in local tournaments and the league bracket will be often comprised of neighboring teams.

Small Sided Games

The second part of the changes implemented by the US Soccer Federation mandates new standards as to the number of players on the field, field sizes, roster sizes.

There is not enough space to explain in detail all the different changes in this newsletter, but if you are interested in more details follow this link

<http://www.ussoccer.com/coaching-education/resources/2015-player-development-initiatives>

As a result, teams will play as follows by 2017:

U8*, U9, U10 = 7v7 (6 + GK)

U11, U12 = 9v9 U13 and up = 11v11

Calendar Year Training Schedule

Friday October 23rd - Tuttle Park

4:30pm 2003 Boys & 2003 Girls

5:15pm 2004 Boys & 2004 Girls

6:00pm 2005 Boys & 2005 Girls

Friday October 30th - Tuttle Park

4:30pm 2008 Boys & 2008 Girls

5:15pm 2007 Boys & 2007 Girls

6:00pm 2006 Boys & 2006 Girls

Friday November 6th - Tuttle Park

4:30pm 2003 Boys & 2003 Girls

5:15pm 2004 Boys & 2004 Girls

6:00pm 2005 Boys & 2005 Girls

Friday November 13th - Tuttle Park

4:30pm 2008 Boys & 2008 Girls

5:15pm 2007 Boys & 2007 Girls

6:00pm 2006 Boys & 2006 Girls