



VESTAVIA HILLS SOCCER CLUB



COMPETITIVE TEAM GENERAL INFORMATION

1) GOAL

It is the Club's goal to form true age group teams (teams on which all players are the correct age for the age group) that will provide the most appropriate level of competition for each individual player. It is the goal of the Club to provide an appropriate level of development for each player that is willing to make the commitment to participate in soccer at the competitive level.

2) TRYOUTS PROCESS

- a) Each age group will be evaluated by the VHSC coaching staff for that age group, the Director of Coaching (DOC) and other professional soccer coaches. Team managers are not involved in the player selection process in any way.
- b) In the U11 and U12 Academy age groups, the Club goal is to develop players and teach them the skills they will need to compete at higher soccer levels. The focus is not on team wins and losses, but upon the development of the individual player. Where the talent pool of players in these age groups is suitable, the Academy Director may form balanced teams where the talent is equally distributed between the two teams.
- c) Player selection and team formation is based on but not limited to the following:
 - i) Player - Technical ability
Physical ability
Tactical Knowledge
Psychological Maturity (Emotional Attitude)
 - ii) Team Chemistry
 - iii) Future development
 - iv) Roster Size
 - v) General work ethic, commitment level (attendance at practice and games)

3) **PLAYER PLACEMENT**

VHSC does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin or residency.

a) Playing Up

A player may play on a higher age group team ONLY if that player is deemed an "impact player" (see definition below) by the DOC and the coaching staff of both the player's true age group and the age group above. The DOC will make the final decision after consultation with the coaching staffs and the family of the player concerned. The decision will be made at the end of the tryout period.

An " impact player" is a player who is deemed to be in the top eight players of the older age team. This determination takes into account the player's technical and physical abilities, tactical knowledge and emotional development.

b) Double Rostering

Double rostering will **not be allowed** for Division I and Division II players.

c) Player Passing

Players are committed to play in all games and tournaments except in extenuating circumstances. Player passing (using the Club Pass System) is available to coaches to use when necessary, but it is not designed to be used on a regular or consistent basis.

4) **ROSTER SIZE**

Division I and Division II *

U11	-	11-12 players (8v8)	U15	-	15-18 players
U12	-	11-12 players (8v8)	U16	-	up to 22 players
U13	-	15-18 players	U17	-	up to 22 players
U14	-	15-18 players	U18	-	up to 22 players

5) **PLAYING TIME**

Division I & Division II (U11-U19)

The philosophy of the Vestavia Hills Soccer Club is dedicated to the development of the player. It is the responsibility of the coaching staff is to provide playing time without sacrificing the ability to win the game. The coaching staff will provide adequate playing time over the length of a season, but not necessarily the same amount of time in each game. For example, a substitute may not play a single minute in a final while starting and playing an entire game leading up to that final. All substitutions are at the discretion of the coaching staff of each team.

6) **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

If a parent has a concern regarding administrative issues, the parent should first communicate the concern to the team manager. If the concern is not resolved at this level, the parent should then bring the matter to the Executive Director, then either of the Vice Presidents of Competitive Programs and if the concern remains unresolved, then to the President. If a parent has a concern regarding coaching issues, the parent should communicate the concern to the head coach. If the coaching issue remains unresolved, the parent should then speak to the Program Director and if the issue remains unresolved, then to the DOC. If the issue remains unresolved after discussions with the foregoing VHSC coaching staff, the parent should bring the issue to the attention of the Executive Director and then either of the Vice Presidents of Competitive Programs and then to the President.