

OAHU LEAGUE SELECT PROGRAMS

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1000. Administration

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The Oahu League Select (Premier Select and Select) Programs are the responsibility of the Oahu League Board of Directors or its designated representatives. The Oahu League Board of Directors will appoint the Select Programs Committee to administer their program. An Oahu League Board Representative shall serve as the committee chairman of the Select Programs Committee. This Select Programs Committee may in turn appoint Select Competition Committee(s) to administer specific Select Programs age groups and/or Select Programs divisions. An Oahu League Board Representative(s) shall serve as the committee chair of each ensuing appointed Select Competition Committee(s). The number and area(s) of responsibility of each and all Select Competition Committee(s) will be determined by the Select Programs Committee. A list of each committee's chair stating name, age group represented (if applicable), position and contact number, shall be available for all member leagues. The Select Programs Committee shall be given wide discretionary authority to administer the program as long as same is consistent with the rules and policies set by member leagues and directives from the Oahu League Board of Directors in the operation of their duties. The Select Programs Committee shall be directly responsible to the Oahu League Board of Directors in the operation of their duties. Each Select Competition Committee shall be directly responsible to the Select Programs Committee in the operation of their duties.

1110. Select: the Select Program is the select program for boys' and Girls' teams, as teams are defined by US Youth Soccer.

1200. Season

1210. The USYSA Seasonal Year runs from September 1 through August 31, of the following calendar year, and shall be comprised of seasons of play during: Fall, Winter and/or Spring.

1220. The Fall season of play commences with the first league game of the fall season and terminates with the completion of the last league or play-off game.

1230. The Winter season of play commences with the first league game of the winter season and terminates with the completion of the last league or play-off game.

1240. The Spring season of play commences with the first league game of the spring season and terminates with the completion of the last league or play-off game.

1250. Select: The number of games and length of the playing seasons shall be determined by the select programs' respective committees. Every program shall provide for play in the appointed seasons. The program committees will not schedule matches in conflict with the Snickers and State Championship Cup where applicable.

1300. Participation

1310. Teams must meet published "Team Declaration" deadlines. Failure to meet the deadline may result in non acceptance of team.

1320. Premier Select Division(s) (only) Programs: A condition of entry of a team in the Premier Select Division(s) (as defined in 1663) is field and referee availability in proportion to the number of teams entered. Teams for which leagues are not able to provide the required fields and referees may not be admitted. Failure to provide fields and referees may result in the removal of teams from that Premier Select Division(s).

1400. Administrative Procedures

1410. Any questions on rules, policies, and procedures of select divisions should be addressed to that division's committee for resolution.

1420. Scheduling and other administrative duties required for the coordination of each Select Division will be performed by their respective division committee.

1500. Age Classifications

1510. Team Age Classification

1511. SELECT: Age groups will be: U-12, U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17, U-18 and U19.

1520. Player Age Classification

1521. Member leagues must register their players with HYSA. Player classification for the soccer year shall be determined by the player's age as of August 1. More specifically, a player who becomes nineteen (19) on or after August 1 immediately preceding the start of any seasonal year is eligible to play in the upcoming year's U-19 age group.

1522. A player may play on an older age team, but may not play on a younger age team.

1524. Proof of age must be presented if deemed necessary. Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate or birth registration issued by an appropriate governmental agency, Board of Health records, passport, alien registration card issued by the United States Government, certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, or a certification of an American citizen born abroad, issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted.

1600. Team Assignments and Placement

1610. Team assignments in age groups and placement into playing divisions will be made by the appropriate Select Competition Committee(s) prior to the season. These decisions shall be final, and are not subject to appeal.

1620. A team may request to play in an older age group, but not in a younger.

1630. A team may not request to play in a lower Division than the one they would be assigned to by the appropriate Select Competition Committee(s) following the selection process.

1640. Age Group(s) Selection: The appropriate Select Competition Committee(s) will assign teams and divisions to appropriate playing age groups according to the following guidelines:

1641. Age groups may be divided into divisions based on the best available information.

1642. At the end of each playing season, teams may be reassigned to a higher or lower division and/or age group.

1650. Divisional Selection: The Select Competition Committee(s) will assign teams to appropriate playing divisions at the start of each season (i.e. – fall, Winter & Spring), according to the following guidelines:

1651. There will be six single-year age group divisions (when possible) ranging from U-12 to U-17, with 2-tier (or more) divisional program when possible.

1652. There will be a two or three-year age group division ranging from U17 or U18 to U19, with 2-tier (or more) divisional program when possible. The exact number of teams will be determined by the appropriate Select Competition Committee(s) and cannot be appealed.

1653. Premier Select Division(s) will be the highest single division and level of play in the Select Programs. The Premier Select Division will have a minimum of 6 teams and a maximum of 8 teams per single age group.

1654. Select Division(s): The Select Division(s) will be the level(s) below the Premier Select Division and will be comprised of the teams which have not qualified in the number of Premier Select Division teams determined by the appropriate Select Competition Committee(s). In the Select Division(s), the exact number of teams in each division will be determined by the appropriate Select Competition Committee(s) and cannot be appealed. The Select Division(s) will be named/numbered according to their level leading up to the Premier Select Division, "Select Division I" being the highest, followed by "Select Division II" and so on, as need be.

1655. Premier Select and Select Division(s) team placement in the following seasons (beyond the initial qualifying season) will be determined by points accumulated during the previous season. That is, relegation between Premier Select, Select I, II, III, etc., will occur yearly or twice a year and will be primarily based upon the points standings from the previous season; promotion from a lower Select Division to a higher Select Division and from Select Division I to Premier Select will be primarily based on the previous season (fall, winter or spring) standings in the appropriate age group. Promotions and relegations will be done according to these guidelines:

1655.1. The **top two teams in ALL Select Divisions (except Select Division I)** at the end of each playing season (i.e. – Fall, Winter or Spring) will be **promoted** to the Division immediately above the Division(s) they have just won for the immediate following season. The **bottom 2 teams in ALL Select Divisions (except Premier Select)** at the end of each playing season (i.e. - Fall Winter or spring) will be

relegated to the Division immediately below the Divisions they have just played in, for the immediate following season.

1655.2. The **top team in Select Divisions I** at the end of each playing season (i.e. – fall, winter or spring) will be **promoted to the Premier Select Divisions** for the immediate following season. The **last two placed teams in Premier Select Divisions** and the **second and third placed teams in the Select Divisions I will play off** for the remaining promotion slot under the following single elimination format:

Premier Last place finisher vs. Select Division I Second place finisher;

Premier Next-to-Last place finisher vs. Select Division I Third place finisher;

The winners of these games will then play, with the winner qualifying for a Premier Select Division slot in the immediate following season.

1655.3. From season to season **Select Division Team slot(s)** (Premier Select and Select Divisions I, II, III, etc.) will remain the property of the declared Returning Club (see 1655.6c) where the qualifying team(s) was/were registered during the previous season, if the Returning Club declares a team or team(s) for the specific slot(s). The independent team(s) will retain their slot(s) if they returned the majority of their roster (according to 1655.3a. and 1655.3b.) and their coach.

1655.3a. Independent Teams in Premier must maintain a majority of players from the previous season's roster (determined frozen, only for this purpose, on the date of the last regular seasonal game of the previous season) to maintain their slot unless section 1655.1 is appropriate.

Majority is defined by 9 players or the majority of the roster whichever number is greater (i.e. 10, if roster is 18).

1655.3b. Independent Teams in all other Select Divisions I, II, etc., must maintain the greatest majority of players from the previous season's team roster (determined frozen, only for this purpose, on the date of the last regular seasonal game of the previous season) to maintain their slot unless section 1655.1 is appropriate. Majority is defined by 7 players or the majority of the roster whichever number is greater (i.e. 10, if roster is 18).

1655.4. If **2 Independent teams in Select Divisions I, II, etc., disband**, and the greatest majority of players from the previous season's two team rosters (determined frozen, only for this purpose, on the date of the last regular seasonal game of the previous season) form the majority (9 players or the majority of the roster whichever number is greater) of the newly-formed team of players, the new team will retain the slot earned by the disbanded teams in the lowest Select Division their players were qualified for, unless 1655.1 prevails.

1655.4a. If more than one team including of a majority players from the disbanded teams is claiming the slot(s) for the following season, the newly formed team with the greatest number of the disbanded teams' players will retain the slot(s).

1655.5 If one **Association or Club** (as defined by the Oahu League Rules and Regulations) **merges** with another in its entirety, the slot(s) assigned to that league's Select Division team(s) will not be vacated, but retained by the merged entity if the team or teams meet all other Oahu League Select Rules provisions.

1655.6. New Team(s) or Club(s) requesting admittance into the Oahu League Select Programs shall submit a completed Club/Team Declaration form. Any New Team or Club applying for team placement in the Select Programs will be entered into the Select League Program at the lowest Select Division in the appropriate age group. Any and all exceptions to this rule must be proposed by the appropriate Select Competition Committee(s) and approved by the Select Programs Committee and the Oahu League Board of Directors. It will be the responsibility of the Team/Club requesting an exception to submit in writing, with its Club/Team declaration, all documentation that may be pertinent to the team assignment and placement decision (see 1610). The proposal by the appropriate Select Competition Committee(s) to grant any exception must be solely based on the documented information provided to them, in writing, by the Team/Club seeking the exception for placement. New Clubs/Teams will be considered on probation for their first calendar year in the Oahu League Select Programs. The League reserves the right to deny admittance to any new Club or Team. In addition, the League reserves the right to not renew the membership and/or give returning status, for the following season, to any Club or Team during their probation year.

1655.6a. A “**Returning Team**” is defined as a team that:

1. Participated in the previous Oahu League Select Programs’ season,
2. Is playing or applying to play out of the same Returning Club with which it played during the previous season, **or**, is a returning independent team (see 1655.3a and 1655.3b).

1655.6b. A “**New Team**” is defined as any team that has not participated in the Oahu League Select Programs in the immediate age/level appropriate previous season. Any and all exceptions to this rule must be determined by the appropriate Select Competition Committee(s) and approved by the Select Programs Committee and the Oahu League Board of Directors.

1655.6c. A “**Returning Club**” is defined as any Club that had three or more Teams participating in the Oahu League Select Programs during the previous season and qualifies again as a Club in the upcoming season.

1655.6d. A “**New Club**” is defined as any Club that did not have three or more Teams participating in the Oahu League Select Programs during the previous season and is applying to do so in the upcoming season.

1656. The Select Competition Committee(s) will determine the format of play in each Division with these guidelines strongly recommended:

1656.1. Premier Select Division play should be a two round home and away series.

1656.2. Select Divisions I, II, III, etc. should be a one round robin play series

1657. The Select Programs Committee can modify these requirements and guidelines where, in its judgment, compelling considerations justify it.

1700. Team Registration

1710. Only teams properly registered with a league or association affiliated with HYSA may be entered in the select programs divisions.

1720. Players may be registered with only one team in an age group/division at any given time. Dual registrations are permitted where specifically allowed by and subject to all appropriate HYSA/Oahu League Rules and Regulations.

1730. Any team with a player on its roster who is overage, who is a member of another team's roster (except where these regulations specifically allow for dual registration), or who utilizes a player not on the official state roster in violation of HYSA/Oahu League Rules and Regulations, shall forfeit each game in which that player takes part and the coach may be suspended from all Oahu League participation for up to 1 year.

1740. Restrictions

1741. No Oahu League Select Programs team (U-11 and up) shall be allowed less than 7 nor more than 18 registered players at any given time.

1742. No Premier Select team (U-11 and up) shall be allowed less than 11 nor more than 18 registered players at any given time.

1743. All Select Program teams are prohibited from including players who are not yet 8 years old on August 1st. than the single year age group.

2000. Club/Team League Responsibilities

2100. Team Selection

2110. Each individual Club/Team will be responsible for selecting its team(s) for play in the Select Division Programs.

2120. Team formations shall comply with all rules of HYSA/Oahu League as amended.

2200. Coach Selection

2210. Each Club/Team is responsible for the selection of coaches for its team(s).

2211. Clubs/Associations shall provide a list signed by a club/association official of select teams and their coaches and trainers on the date select team declarations are due. Failure to do so may result in the league not being allowed to participate in the select programs.