

2005 -2006

LSA Levels of Competition

Recreational	Division 1	Premier
<p>This is often referred to as "In-House". Teams within the club usually play only each other or other clubs in their immediate area. The purpose of this level is to provide a low stress, supportive environment to help players develop their soccer skills. Coaches are largely volunteers. Any player that registers will be accepted onto a team and teams are formed each year by consciously dispersing the most talented players among the various teams, so that each team has a wide range of abilities. It is open to any player, regardless of skill level, and all players must be played for at least half the game.</p>	<p><b>Divi 1</b> would be a skill development level with coaches that all have knowledge of the game and will start developing skills. These skills are what are needed to move to the next level. Some will move up to premier and some will go back to Rec soccer. Div 1 starts showing the player and the parent the time commitment that is involved with the next level. Skills and strategies are taught to the player so that they will know what is expected of them. Travel to in &amp; out-of state tournaments and multiple games each weekend is the norm.</p>	<p>Premier is a more selective soccer program for those who have a more serious commitment to soccer and well-developed athletic ability. Players generally try-out for a team and then remain with that same team, year after year, assuming their skill-level is progressing along with the rest of the team. Only premier teams can compete to represent Louisiana in the National Championship series.</p>
<p>Inter &amp; Intra-club leagues OK</p>	<p>No league play</p>	<p>League play</p>
<p>Small-sided games (U 6-12) U13 &amp; older - 11v11 (small-sided games are encouraged for older players to promote play such as coed leagues)</p>	<p>U11 &amp; U12 - 8v8 U13 &amp; older - 11v11</p>	<p>U11&amp; 12 - 8v8 U13 &amp; older - 11v11</p>
<p>Fair method of player assignment</p>	<p>Open Tryouts (optional) only after conclusion of State Cup and premier tryout period. <b>Clubs determine the method of team formation.</b> Players can be selected for team but not cut once selected.</p>	<p>Open Tryouts</p>

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50% play rule	No guarantee of playing time - clubs have the option of requiring min. play time for their teams in local play	No guarantee of playing time
No limit on # of teams	No limit on # of teams	No limit on # of teams
Regional Tournaments -- clubs may have end of year jamborees or tournaments (U11 & >)	State Tournament (Open un-seeded)	State Tournament (seeded based on league play)
No travel restrictions - suggest clubs discourage travel	No travel restrictions	No travel restrictions
	Top team may advance to US Youth Soccer Director's Cup	Eligible for US Youth Soccer National Championship
Unlimited intra-club transfers	Limit of 5 transfers - unlimited after State Tournament	Limit of 5 transfers

## **TRYOUTS DIVISION 1**

The LSA Recreation Committee will administer Division 1 Team Tryouts as per LSA Policies and Procedures.

In general, open team tryouts for the following soccer year shall be conducted by member clubs forming Division 1 Teams after the conclusion of the State Open Cup Tournaments in that age bracket, and after the established Dead Period for the Premier Division in that age bracket. Member clubs must be properly affiliated and constituted at the start of the Tryout Period in order to form Division 1 Teams for the following year.

General announcements concerning dates of registration, tryouts, team formations may be widely distributed prior to the Premier Division Dead Period for a given age group by club administrations. Clubs, Coaches, Parents, and players are prohibited from soliciting any players during the Premier Division Dead Period in that age bracket. Violations will be addressed by the Ethics Committee, and may result in fines, and/or disqualification of the team of the offending party from State Competition.

Beyond the start of the tryout period, there are no further timing requirements related to tryouts, offers, or acceptances for Division 1. Individual clubs are responsible for determining their own schedules, as long as deadlines for other reporting requirements for team registration to LSA are met.