

DEFINITIONS

1. **CLUB:** A Club is a Member Organization of the BRCL that consists of at least TWO (2) active travel teams. The requirement to have a minimum of two teams may be waived by the Executive Committee for existing Clubs in the league who have justifiable circumstances that cause their Club to decline to less than two participating BRCL teams.
2. **AGE GROUP:** An age group is a group of Teams based upon the birth date of the players on the teams. Refer to the seasonal age group birthdates chart on the VYSA Web Site for current age groupings by birth date. The age group of a team is determined by the birth date of the oldest player.
3. **DIVISION:** A division is formed by a number of teams of the same age group, or across more than one age group, with similar competitive levels for league play.
4. **TEAM:** A team is a group of players from a club who compete in a division of the BRCL. All teams in the BRCL must compete in league play. No teams may be formed to play **ONLY** tournaments. It is the BRCL's recommendation that all clubs make every effort to make all teams as age group appropriate as possible to equalize competition levels within divisions.
5. **BRCL AGE GROUPS:**
 - U-9 . Consecutively through U-19 Boys
 - U-9 Consecutively through U-19 Girls

MAXIMUM # ON ROSTER: 18 Players, Except for U-17-U19 is 22

MINIMUM # ON ROSTER: 6 Players (U-9 and U -10)

 - 8 Players U-11 & U-12
 - 11 Players (U-13 through U-19)
6. **COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE:** Structure is the placement of teams in divisions to create the best balance of competition for league play. The Competition Committee will determine division structure in accordance with the procedures outlined in Competition Structure Procedures.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE PROCEDURES:**1. COMPETITION COMMITTEE:**

- The Competition Committee will be composed of the Chairman of the Competition Committee (Vice President Operations) and **ONE** representative from each participating Club and shall meet and develop the divisional composition for each season's league play.
- All division structure and team entry procedures shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Competition Committee. The Committee shall meet as necessary to formulate the structure of competition-appropriate divisions for Fall and Spring league play prior to scheduling. . The Competition Committee is also responsible for presenting recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding necessary changes or adjustments to the league's policies and procedures, to promote the optimum level of competitive play within the BRCL

******The penalty for having **more** than one Representative from each Club at the Competition Committee meeting: The offending Club shall not be allowed to make any decision or vote on any proposal affecting divisional composition for the upcoming season. The Exception to this rule (Granted by the VP Operations) is if a future Competition Committee member wishes to OBSERVE. If a 2nd member is there to observe only, they may NOT take part in any discussions.***

******Failure to send a Representative to the Competition Committee meeting will forfeit your Club's right to have input into the Division structure for the upcoming season and/or appeal the Divisional Alignment. ONLY Extraordinary circumstances will be considered.***

2. TEAM PARTICIPATION FORMS: FIELD FORMS: TEAM FEES: LATE FEES

- Forms (Web-Based or paper) and Fees for each season must be timely submitted by each team to the League Administrator in July (Fall) and Feb. (Spring) for season play. As the league modernizes, these forms will be required to be finished and submitted electronically through your computer and the BRCL Web Site.
- Due dates for Participation Forms, Field Forms, and Team Fees will be posted on the website, TIMELINE, and Club Reps will be notified at BRCL meetings.

- Team Fees will be set for the BRCL Seasonal Year (July 1 thru June 30) at the June General Board and Membership Meeting
- *Failure to meet the required due date for the club Field Form will result in an additional fee of \$ 25.00 for the Club.*
- *Failure to meet the required due date for the team Participation Form and payment of Team Fees will result in an additional fee of \$ 25.00 for each team not meeting this deadline.*

3. DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE PROCEDURES:

- Teams competing in the BRCL are assigned to divisions based on their level of skill and ability, not solely their age group... Application to BRCL constitutes an agreement for participating teams to play in any division to which they are assigned.
- Decisions as to the acceptance and placement of teams in divisions are within the sole discretion of the Competition Committee.
- In determining the divisional structure, the following general principles will apply:
 - The Team Participation Form information will be utilized fully to help place teams appropriate to their competitive level of play.
 - The age group of a team will be determined by the birth year of the oldest player on the team.
 - Teams may be moved up or down depending on demonstrated ability and/or the number of new teams entering or existing teams withdrawing from the League.
 - Teams in the U16 and older may be placed in divisions comprised of no more than three (3) age groups. (Example: U-16, U-17, U-18)
 - Teams in the U15 and younger may be placed in divisions comprised of no more two (2) age groups. Example (U-14 & U-15 **or** U-9 & U-10)

- While a coach's, team official's, or Competition Committee member's request that a specific team be placed in a specific division will be considered, the request will not necessarily be granted in the final makeup of the Divisions by the Competition Committee. The placement of teams in divisions is based on the totality of information available to the Competition Committee, including but NOT limited to Team Record, goals for and against, average points per game, average win margin, the BRCL Team Participation form, age groups present on the team, team make-up change (losing/gaining good players), finishing position in current BRCL division, tournament performance, and more. It should be expected that the top team(s) in a division will likely move to a more competitive division (if available) and that the bottom team(s) in a division will move to a less competitive division (if available).

4. EXCEPTION REQUESTS:

- Requests for exceptions to BRCL divisional structure procedures must be submitted in writing and accompany the application for league play OR be clearly communicated on the Team Participation form for the upcoming season. The Competition Committee will consider these requests. Oral communications will have no bearing.
- No appeals of the Division structure as set forth by the Competition Committee will be considered if a Club Representative did not attend the Competition Committee meeting that determined the divisional structure for each season.
- Questions, complaints or other official comments concerning the division structure must be submitted in writing (email) to the Chairperson of the Competition Committee through your Club Representative (or your Clubs Competition Committee Representative) within forty-eight (48) Hours after the Division Structure results are emailed to the Member Club Representatives.