

## **CMSA League and tournament placement procedure**

Central Maryland Soccer Association offers the following three (A, B & C) standard levels of league competition for each age bracket when registrations allows for both the fall and spring seasons.

The three standard levels of league play are as follows:

- (A) **Premier Division** – For teams made up of experienced skilled players, formed through open tryouts
- (B) **Challenge Division** – For teams made up of a competitive mix of moderate to intermediate skilled players formed through open try-outs
- (C) **Classic Division** – For entry level teams who just want to play the game in a less competitive environment, but on a structured travel basis.

When registration permits, and we have enough teams to make single A, B & C divisions, we will do so.

### **Registration:**

1. Teams can register to play in any of the three above mentioned divisions under the following placement exceptions;
2. The CMSA league requires a minimum of five (5) teams to make a single age group division;
  - a) If there are only three (3), four (4) or five (5) teams that have registered for the A level, then we will need to form an A/B division, which will combines the A teams with the highest ranked B teams as per their previous season record. All teams will play eight (8) games. North/South Divisions may be created. North and South Divisions will play crossover division games. Awards will only be given to the top teams from each division.
  - b) In the spring season, teams are only scheduled to play six (6) games; so teams would only be scheduled to play all teams in the division.
  - c) The above policy also applies to B and C levels if the registration numbers merits.
3. Teams which place themselves in the wrong division whether purposely or by mistake, and continually outclass their opponents by a wide margin, will face the possibility of being eliminated from receiving “league sponsored” awards from the organization.
4. B & C Teams that finish the season in either first or second place in their divisions; will be moved up into the next higher division level the following season for increased competition.
5. CMSA has the final decision on team placement following the procedures outlined above and based on your previous season’s record. Winning is great, only if you are challenging your players. Sportsmanship is highly recommended when playing North – South League Divisions.
6. The CMSA Leagues are travel based throughout the Greater Central Maryland area. This league is not a neighborhood recreation instructional league which operates at one location.