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Z. All-Star Procedures. The All-Star tournament is an opportunity for BRYC to showcase our Recreational Soccer Program and to acknowledge players who have demonstrated exceptional performance. The objective of tournament participation is to demonstrate to our peers, players, and parents the quality of our program, coaches, and players. Accordingly, coaches and players are selected to represent BRYC in the tournament based upon attitude, ability, commitment, and performance.

During the beginning of the season coaches' meetings, each League Director is to inform all coaches of the policies and procedures for selecting All-Star coaches and players.

1. Number of Teams.

a. The number of All-Star teams for each age group will be determined by the number of players in the league represented by that age group. Generally, there will be one All-Star team for each age and gender group (e.g., U11 Girls, U12 Girls, U11 Boys, U12 Boys, etc.). The Deputy Commissioner and/or the Commissioner, with advice from the relevant League Director, will determine if more than one All-Star team from an age/gender group is appropriate, or if age groups should be combined (e.g., if U13 Girls and U14 Girls wish to send just one combined team of U14 Girls).

b. Each team may participate in only one tournament per season.

c. Any deviation from the one team/one tournament concept outlined above and assignment of additional costs, if appropriate, will be decided by the EXCOM. (modified 1/25/05)

2. Coach Selection. All interested coaches should apply with their League Director at the beginning of the season if they wish to be considered to coach an All-Star team that season. The League Director will choose the best-qualified candidate from among the coaches who have volunteered. (modified 1/25/05)

Coaches will be selected by the League Director using the following criteria:

a. The coach has volunteered and expressed an interest in coaching the All-Star Team.

b. The ability of the coach to represent BRYC in an exemplary manner, as indicated by sideline demeanor; ability to control players and

parents; and demeanor and interactions with players, parents, officials, and opponents.

c. Coaching knowledge and ability, as indicated by a combination of past experience, team results, and possession of coaching licenses.

d. Coaching experience within BRYC leagues.

e. All-Star tournament experience.

3. Player Selection. Player nominations should be based on a combination of skills, attitude, and commitment. Each coach may nominate as many players as the coach deems appropriate, but must nominate at least two. Each team coach must provide a written list of his or her nominations to the League Director using the “All-Star Player Nomination and Rating Form” (Figure 3). Information to be provided for each player includes the player's name, jersey number, date of birth, telephone number, position(s) played, strengths [e.g., predominate foot, ball control skills, accuracy, power, speed, game sense, teamwork, sportsmanship, aggressiveness], and any evaluations or comments the coach deems appropriate. (modified 1/25/05)

The team coach will not inform players that they have been nominated to the All-Star team. Selected players will be contacted directly by the All-Star coach. (modified 1/25/05)

It is highly recommended that at least one player from each regular season team be represented on each All-Star team. (modified 1/25/05) The All-Star coach may choose additional players from the list of nominees or select additional players based on his/her personal observations and evaluations or specific needs of the All-Star team (e.g., defenders, a goalkeeper, etc.). If the All-Star coach wishes to select a player not nominated by the coach, the All-Star coach must consult with the coach as to the reasons for not nominating the player.

The maximum number of players on the All-Star team roster will be set by the tournament officials based on age grouping and other criteria. The All-Star coach is encouraged to fill all available roster spots. In no case may the number of rostered All-Star players be more than two (2) below the maximum number permitted by the tournament officials. Every player must play at least one-quarter of the tournament. (modified 2/25/03)

No more than five (5) players from any one regular season team age U14 and younger may play on the All-Star team. If the All-Star coach selects five players from one team but one player cannot participate in the tournament, the All-Star coach may then select a sixth player from that team if so desired, the objective being that no more than five players from any one team may be on the final roster for the All-Star team. Any exception must be approved by the League Director and either the Deputy Commissioner or Commissioner.

All-Star player selection for the U16 and U19 Girls and Boys Leagues is at the discretion of the League Director. (modified 8/28/01)

The All-Star coach may not hold tryouts in any form. However, the All-Star coach must scout games and practices and/or seek evaluation of players by other coaches to assist in the selection of All-Star players. (modified 1/25/05)

Players allowed to participate in an older league grouping (e.g., U16) during the regular season will not be allowed to play in a younger age group (e.g. U14) for the All-Star tournament, even if they meet the age criteria for the younger age group. (modified 1/25/05)

To ensure the best representation for BRYC, playing up an age group within the same combined league is discouraged. In any combined age group league, the All-Star coach of the younger age group shall have the right of first refusal on any player selected to play in the All-Star tournament. For example, if a U11 player playing in the combined U12 league (U11s and U12s) is selected to be on an All-Star team, the All-Star coach for the U11 team shall have first option of selecting that player. If the U11 All-Star coach does not select the U11 player, the U12 All-Star coach may then select the player with the approval of the League Director and either the Deputy Commissioner or Commissioner. (modified 1/25/05)

If a player is playing up into a higher combined league, he or she will play for the youngest age group for the league in which he or she played. For example, if a player who meets the criteria for the U10 league but is permitted to play up into the U12 league (U11s and U12s) during the regular season is selected to play in an All-Star tournament, he or she must play for the U11 team. (modified 1/25/05)

Final team rosters are subject to approval of the League Director and either the Deputy Commissioner or Commissioner. (modified 1/25/05)

4. Schedule.

2nd week - prospective All-Star coaches must submit applications to League Directors indicating their interest in coaching the All-Star team.

3rd week - All-Star coaches will be selected.

3rd and 4th weeks - players will be nominated by team coaches; lists of nominees will be given to League Directors, who will in turn provide them to the All-Star coach(es).

5th and 6th weeks - All-Star coaches will scout potential players.

Within 48 hours after 6th game - players will be selected and All-Star coaches will submit a proposed All-Star roster to their League Director. The proposed roster may include up

to four (4) alternate players in case selected players have conflicts and cannot participate in the tournament.

Prior to the 7th game of the season - League Directors will review and approve their league's All-Star roster(s), secure approval of the All-Star roster(s) by their Deputy Commissioner or the Commissioner, and issue an approved All-Star roster to the coach(es). The All-Star coach will promptly notify players of their selection AFTER receipt of the approved roster.

3 weeks before tournament - practices may begin, scheduling not to interfere with regular team practices for any player on the All-Star team.

The All-Star Coordinator will furnish deadlines for submission of uniform sizes, final team rosters, birth certificates/visas, and player fees (determined by uniform, trading patch, and All-Star coaches' shirt costs) based on specific tournament deadlines.
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