



# Lakewood Soccer Association

## **Lakewood Mission Statement:**

*Provide a quality soccer program for player and coach development.*

## **Lakewood Vision:**

*Create a fun environment for players to learn the game of soccer.*

## **Lakewood Values:**

*Provide a positive sport experience for all players and coaches with the emphasis on fundamental skill development.*

*Strive to be open and transparent in all of our interactions.*

## **Lakewood Team Selection Process**

The Lakewood Soccer Association does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin or religious affiliations. We seek to place athletes, with similar desires and objectively assessed abilities, together to maximize their enjoyment and development.

The number of registered players in each age group at the time teams are selected along with the playing format (number of players on the field for games) will be used by the Registration Coordinator or designate to determine the number of teams and the number of players on each team. The overall evaluation results will be used to determine how many teams there will be in each division.

Results from the final round of evaluations will be the primary determination used for player placement. The first round evaluation results will be also be part of the consideration for player placement. Player evaluations completed by the team coach at the end of the previous season will be taken into consideration for returning Lakewood players. Players that miss both evaluations must be evaluated by the Technical Head Coach plus 1 other member of the Player Development Committee prior to being placed on a team.

The highest division team in each age group will be selected first. The team's head coach will select the team based on the evaluation results and under the supervision of the Technical Head Coach or designate. If the head coach has not yet been determined, the team will be selected by the Technical Coordinator or designate.

After the highest division team is selected, the next highest team will be selected. If there is more than one team in this division, the Technical Head Coach or designate will determine how the teams will be selected. Normally the teams will be balanced, but under some circumstances the decision might be made to select a senior and a junior team to allow the groups to play together for more than one season. If the teams are to be balanced, they will be selected by the head coaches under the supervision of the Technical Head Coach or designate. If the head coach for any of the teams has not yet been determined, the team will be selected by the Technical Coordinator or designate.

This same process will be followed for the lowest division team or teams.

After the teams have been selected, the Technical Head Coach or designate along with the Technical Coordinator or designate will determine when the head coaches will be allowed to notify the teams.

If you have questions about the selection process contact the Lakewood Technical Coordinator at [technical@lakewoodsoccer.com](mailto:technical@lakewoodsoccer.com)