

## **2020 Team Descriptions**

As a reminder, starting in 2020 the East Select Soccer Board of Directors voted to make changes to the league structure that our teams are members of. These changes include having teams compete in different leagues in an attempt to find proper competition with a reasonable amount of travel for all of our members. Please see below for a brief description of each designation. Additional details and information will be provided at our Annual General Meeting this winter.

### **Jamboree Team Designation-**

The 9U and 10U teams will remain designated as jamboree teams. As in previous years, jamboree players can anticipate participating in 4 sanctioned tournaments that will include at minimum one in Duluth and the USA Cup weekend in Blaine in the middle of July. The remaining two tournaments are TBD. We will also participate in other local jamborees and scrimmages during the season.

Jamboree teams have guaranteed playing time for each member of the team provided they are active members at practices. Playing time will not always be 100% equal in an individual game, but each player will play in 50% of the game throughout the season's entirety.

Teams included in this designation: 9/10U Boys and Girls

### **Arrowhead Youth Soccer Team Designation (AYSA)-**

AYSA designated teams we will be participating in both tournaments and a localized AYSA league schedule. The AYSA league schedule will include games in Duluth with travel potential to extend as far away as the Iron Range. In addition to the league schedule, these teams will participate in 3-4 tournaments (potentially including a post season tournament with AYSA). In addition, these teams may participate in localized jamborees and scrimmages.

For these teams there will be guaranteed playing time for each member of the team provided they are active members at practices. Playing time will not always be 100% equal in an individual game, but each player will play in 50% of the game throughout the season's entirety.

Teams included in this designation: 11U Boys AYSA, 12U Girls AYSA, 14U Boys AYSA

### **Tournament Only Team Designation (TO)-**

Tournament Only Teams will be participating in 4-5 tournaments throughout the summer. Unfortunately, MYSA has failed to offer competitive leagues and the travel requirement of TCSL may not be appropriate at this point for our younger teams. For these reasons, some of our teams will be participating in a number of sanctioned tournaments on weekends both locally and in the Twin Cities. These teams may also participate in localized jamborees and scrimmages.

For these teams there will be guaranteed playing time for each member of the team provided they are active members at practices. Playing time will not always be 100% equal in an individual game, but each player will play in 50% of the game throughout the season's entirety.

Teams included in this designation: 11U Girls TO, 11U Boys TO, 12U Girls TO, 12U Boys TO and 14U TO

### **Twin Cities Soccer League Designation (TCSL)-**

This will be the biggest course change for ESS this season. TCSL teams can anticipate playing 10 league games all of which will be played within the northern metro area. These games will take place between May 1st and July 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition the teams will participate in 2-4 additional tournaments which may include post-season play. These teams are also eligible to play in localized jamborees and scrimmages.

Because these teams will be playing in a highly competitive league there will be no assumption of equal or any playing time during league play. These teams are constructed to play highly competitive soccer and playing time will be determined by the coach on a game by game basis. During non-post season tournaments, there will be an assumption of 50% playing time. This does not mean equal playing time, but that each player can anticipate playing some time during these tournaments.

Teams included in this designation: 14U Boys TCSL, 14U Girls TCSL, 16U Boys TCSL, 16U Girls TCSL, 17U Girls TCSL, 18U Boys TCSL