



# Membership Requirements



The criteria for becoming a State League member (clubs enter-and then register their teams) are:

- Competitive history of the club (see below)
- Competitive history of the team(s)(this is to include league results for the prior two seasons and tournament results)
- Credentials of the club administrator
- Credentials of the coaching staff
- Home field (if any)-number of fields and location (address with zip code)

In addition to the above conditions the following information is also used as a basis for league membership:

- Application deadline for league membership is accepted only between April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> (**except for High School teams-contact Tom Pickett at [sladmin@ohionorthsoccer.org](mailto:sladmin@ohionorthsoccer.org)**) and all required documentation and associated fees must be received before consideration can be given for membership.
- No team entered by a new club may roster more than 30% of its players from another association member club that played in the immediate past season.
- Every team entered by a new club must be coached by a person who was not a coach at any level (head coach, assistant coach, manager) of a team fielded in the immediate past season by another league member club
- Items 2 & 3 can be waived should a team/club cease operation

These are some of the specific information related to joining the league-some other details are the general past history of the club (previous league membership in particular)-growth intent of the club (if starting with 1-2 teams what is the long-term goal for future teams). All of the above information is used by the SL membership committee when reviewing applications.

The intent of the SL is to provide a place for those clubs that are committed to the development of players seeking higher levels of competition.

The SL is currently comprised of two divisions at most ages. The ultimate goal is to have a truly elite division for the best teams in the league and to achieve this requires members who are able to develop teams that can compete at that level.

Additionally:

- There is a bond required of each club (\$350) upon acceptance
- The criteria above are used to determine acceptance.
- The information to register a team(s) will be provided upon acceptance
  - (there are certain forms related to club/team contacts, field address, etc. that will be required among other things)

Specific competitive acceptance criteria:

D-I

- State Cup performance (finish, won-loss record)
- Won-loss record in D-II
- Team make-up (# of ODP players, individual honors)
- Performance in tournaments of State Cup caliber

D-II

- Club make-up (competitive history of the club, coaches, individual player honors)

First time applicants at U13 & up must play in D-II unless approved by the league membership committee to move directly into D-I based on established criteria.

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