

Oklahoma Soccer Traveling Rec Open/Rec Select Bracketing/Scheduling Guidelines
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This is some of the criteria that will be used when bracketing teams. These guidelines are not weighted, hence no numeric ordering, some will apply to teams, some will not. It will be up to the Oklahoma Recreational League (ORL) committee and OSA recreational admins to make the best determination, keeping the items listed below in mind.

- In order to be scheduled, a team must first be registered online via Gotsoccer. Registration is the responsibility of the registrar and/or home club.
- The club and/or coach is responsible for ensuring that the team is entered in the correct age division. Should the team end up in a younger age division, we have no choice but to move the team up into the correct age division.
- For the purpose of bracketing, any game from the previous season that was not played or goes unrecorded will be considered a win for both teams involved.
- Only the record from the previous playing season will be considered. Tournaments, prior seasons, etc. will have no bearing on placement.
- Any team returning more than 50% of the players from the previous season is still that team.
- If teams are merged, that information should be submitted to the OSA recreational admin. Submit both team names, records, etc.
- Any team that requests to play in the Rec Select Bracket will be placed accordingly. When possible, rec select teams will be placed in a rec select bracket. If there are not enough teams to make a rec select bracket, those teams will be placed in the highest level Recreational Bracket.
- Any team that requests to play in a higher age division will be placed accordingly.
- A girls' team that requests to play in the boy's division will be placed accordingly.
- No requests will be considered for a lower skill placement.
- No requests will be considered for a younger age division. Age of eldest player will determine the appropriate age division.
- When making the brackets, there will be a minimum of 5 teams (play each other twice for a total of 8 games), and a maximum of 11 teams (play each other once for a total of 10 games).
- In Leagues with teams that are scheduled to play each opponent an unequal number of times, **only the second scheduled match will count towards the official standings**. The ORL will let the Coaches know which game numbers will be considered "Official Scrimmages". These official scrimmage game scores will not be entered into the standings of the league.
- The minimum number of games that count towards league standings will be six (6).
- The ORL reserves the right to mix age groups to make leagues when needed.

- The ORL reserves the right to schedule U15 and up teams in a Statewide League if needed.
- The ORL **will not** take into consideration teams that have players playing up when forming leagues.

Promotion and Relegation

Any team that is dominant in their bracket will move up to the next bracket between seasons, if there is a higher one. Also, any team that is dominated in their bracket will move down to the next bracket between seasons, if there is a lower bracket. This could apply to multiple teams as well.