

Presidio Seeding Rules

Presidio Seeding Criteria and Procedures

For purposes of forming balanced circuits, teams petitioning to play up or return to their on-age entitlement must be approved by the Presidio Board of Directors (PBOD). The request must be in writing and submitted at the time of application. In addition a separate request must be provided to the PBOD.

1. Purpose

- A. This document provides to the Seeding Committee the criteria and the methodology for the formulation of balanced playing circuits.

2. Circuit Size

- A. U-8 and U-9 Circuits: shall be organized by the Seeding Committee and approved by the PBOD. The designation of AAA shall not be assigned to U-8 or U-9 circuits. All U-8 and U-9 circuits shall have eight (8) teams whenever possible. If after the circuits are set at eight (8) teams and a higher number of teams apply, then the number of teams in each circuit will be adjusted to create the best balanced playing circuit as possible, starting with adding to the lowest level first and then to the next higher level until all teams are seeded. If after the circuits are set at eight (8) teams and a lower number of teams apply, then the number of teams in each circuit will be adjusted to create the best balancing of playing circuits starting with the lowest level first then to the next higher level.
- B. U-10 through U-11 circuits: The AAA circuit shall have eight (8) teams, whenever possible. The AA circuits shall have eight (8) teams, whenever possible. If after the circuits are set at eight (8) teams and a higher number of teams apply, then the number of teams in each circuit will be adjusted to create the best balanced playing circuit possible, starting with adding to the lowest level first and then to the next higher level until all teams are seeded. If after the circuits are set at eight (8) teams and a lower number of teams apply, then the number of teams in each circuit will be adjusted to create the best balanced playing circuits starting with the lowest level first then to the next higher level.
- C. U-12 through U-16 circuits: The Premier and AAA circuits shall have eight (8) teams, whenever possible. The AA circuits shall have eight (8) teams, whenever possible. If after the circuits are set at eight (8) teams and a higher number of teams apply, then the number of teams in each circuit will be adjusted to create the best balanced playing circuit possible, starting with adding to the lowest level first and then to the next higher level until all teams are seeded. If after the circuits are set at eight (8) teams and a lower number of teams apply, then the number of teams in each circuit will be adjusted to create the best balanced playing circuits starting with the lowest level first then to the next higher level.
- D. U-17, U-18 and U-19 circuits: The Premier and AAA circuit shall have eight (8) teams, whenever possible. The AA circuits shall have eight (8) teams, whenever possible. If

after the circuits are set at eight (8) teams and a higher number of teams apply, then the number of teams in each circuit will be adjusted to create the best balanced playing circuit possible, starting with adding to the lowest level first and then to the next higher level until all teams are seeded. If after the circuits are set at eight (8) teams and a lower number of teams apply, then the number of teams in each circuit will be adjusted to create the best balancing of playing circuits starting with the lowest level first then to the next higher level. The minimum circuit size is seven (7) and the maximum circuit size is twelve (12).

3. Games

- A. All scheduled games count in the standings.
- B. In circuits where teams do not play each other the same number of times, the game schedule is randomly assigned.
- C. If teams do not play the same number of games in a circuit, the team(s) that play less than the maximum scheduled games will have their point total adjusted by their per game average to simulate playing the additional games. Any adjusted points awarded are at the discretion of the PBOD.

Example: Team A played 14 games with 12-1-1 for a total of 37 points.
Team B played 13 games with 12-1-0 for a total of 36 points.
Since Team B played one less game their point total is adjusted.
 $36/14 = 2.57$ per game, so their total points are $34 + 2.57 = 38.57$
Team B finishes in 1st place because of the adjustment.

4. Entitlement Criteria

A. General Rules:

Qualifying steps are in rank order of importance; i.e., teams qualifying under step #1 shall be ranked ahead of teams qualifying under step #2, etc. All steps above "Any team deemed best capable" are mandatory slots and teams shall play at their mandated level. An exception is provided as follows: Where a team has been reorganized and the level of the players has been reduced, the Seeding Committee, at its discretion, may allow the team to compete at a level other than its mandated level. For purposes of forming balanced circuits, teams petitioning to play up or return to their on-age entitlement must be approved by the PBOD. The request must be in writing and submitted at the time of application. In addition a separate request must be provided to the PBOD.

B. Teams eligible for entry into the PQT (*BU13 – BU15 and GU13 – GU16*):

The PQT is the last opportunity for teams to earn Premier entitlements for the following season. Per Premier rules, places 1-6 in Premier are guaranteed a spot in next year's Premier bracket, if Not-Ageing Out (NAO). These are the only ways a team will be accepted into the PQT tournament.

1. The 7th place is guaranteed a spot in the PQT and 8th place is relegated to AAA.
2. The second place AAA team is guaranteed a spot in the PQT.
3. Any other AAA team that finishes within two points of 2nd place will be guaranteed a spot in the PQT.

4. Any younger team that has won their Premier circuit two years in a row is guaranteed entry into the PQT for the older age group.
5. The Premier committee will look at any team wanting to enter from a different gaming league to see if they might be worthy of trying to qualify for Premier.
6. The winner of the PQT tournament is guaranteed the last spot in Premier.
7. Should any other spots open up in Premier for the following season, those spots will be filled by order of finish in the PQT.

C. Premier Entitlements: U12 (8 teams)

1. Top 5 AAA teams from the previous season.
2. 1st place AA-A North and 1st place AA-A South U11 circuits.
3. 1st and 2nd place AA-A (countywide) if no North/South Circuits.
4. Presidio Cup U11 AAA Champion. Group must have at least five (5) AAA teams participating.
5. Presidents State Cup Semi Finalist.
6. 6th place U11 AAA team from previous season.
7. 7th and/or 8th place AAA teams with six (6) losses or less in previous season.
8. Any team deemed best capable by Seeding Committee and/or PBOD.

D. Premier Entitlements U13 – U15 Girls and U13 - U16 for Boys (8 team circuit)

1. Places 1-6 in Premier the previous season keep their entitlement to Premier.
2. 1st Place AAA from the previous season is entitled to Premier.
3. Winner of the PQT gains an entitlement to Premier.
4. Should additional spots become available in an age group, those will be filled by teams from the PQT by order of finish in the PQT.
5. The last team moves down unless there are seven (7) or fewer teams.
6. Teams returning that have eight (8) returning players or less can reapply for the circuit, but are subject to availability.
7. If a team chooses to play under a different league's name, they must have twelve (12) returning players.

* Please see below-Entitlements and Team Transfers/Movement.

E. Premier Entitlements U19 - Premier Elite (PE) - Girls

1. 1st through six (6) place teams from prior year's PE standings that are NAO.
2. 1st and 2nd place teams from P1 if NAO.
3. A play-off tournament at the discretion of the Premier Committee.
4. Returning teams are guaranteed an entitlement with nine (9) or more returning players.
5. Teams returning that have eight (8) players or less can reapply for the circuit, but are subject to availability.
6. If a team chooses to play under a different league's name, they must have twelve (12) returning players.

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F. Premier Entitlements U19 - Premier 1 (P1) - Girls

1. 3rd through 6th place teams in prior years P1 that are NAO.
2. 7th and 8th place teams from Premier Elite that are not aging out (NAO).

3. 1st and 2nd place teams from Premier 2 if NAO.
4. 1st and 2nd place teams from Girls 15 Premier. (Note that this allows for the possibility of ten (10) teams in the circuit).
5. Returning teams are guaranteed an entitlement with nine (9) or more returning players.
6. Teams returning that have eight (8) players or less can reapply for the circuit, but are subject to availability.
7. If a team chooses to play under a different league's name, they must have twelve (12) returning players.

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G. Premier Entitlements U19 - Premier 2 (P2) - Girls

1. 3rd through 6th place teams in prior years P2 circuit that are NAO.
2. 7th and 8th place teams from P1 that are NAO.
3. 3rd and 4th place G15 Premier.
4. 1st and 2nd place P3 that are NAO (Note that this allows for the possibility of ten (10) teams in the circuit).
5. Returning teams are guaranteed an entitlement with nine (9) or more returning players.
6. Teams returning that have eight (8) players or less can reapply for the circuit, but are subject to availability.
7. If a team chooses to play under a different league's name, they must have twelve (12) players.

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H. Premier Entitlements U19 - Premier 3 (P3) - Girls

1. 3rd through 6th place teams in prior years P3 circuit that are NAO.
2. 7th and 8th place teams from P2 that are NAO.
3. 5th and 6th place G15 Premier.
4. G15, G16, G17 AAA winners if NAO.
5. G15 PQT winner. (Note that this allows for the possibility of ten (10) teams in the circuit).
6. Returning teams are guaranteed an entitlement with nine (9) or more returning players.
7. Teams returning that have eight (8) players or less can reapply for the circuit, but are subject to availability.
8. If a team chooses to play under a different league's name, they must have twelve (12) players.

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** Please see below – False Team Rosters.

I. Premier Entitlements U19 - Premier Elite - Boys

1. 1st through six (6) teams from prior year's PE Standings that are NAO.
2. 1st and 2nd place teams from P1 if not aging out.

3. 1st and 2nd place from B16 Premier. (Note that this allows for the possibility of ten (10) teams in the circuit).
4. Play-off tournament at the discretion of the Premier Committee.
5. Returning teams are guaranteed an entitlement with nine (9) or more returning players.
6. Teams returning that have eight (8) players or less can reapply for the circuit, but are subject to availability.
7. If a team chooses to play under a different league's name, they must have twelve (12) players.

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J. Premier Entitlements U19 - Premier 1 - Boys

1. 3rd through 6th place teams in prior years P1 that are NAO.
2. 7th and 8th place teams from Premier Elite that are NAO.
3. 1st and 2nd place teams from Premier 2 if NAO.
4. 3rd and 4th place from B16 Premier. (Note that this allows for the possibility of ten (10) teams in the circuit).
5. Returning teams are guaranteed an entitlement with nine (9) or more returning players.
6. Teams returning that have eight (8) players or less can reapply for the circuit, but are subject to availability.
7. If a team chooses to play under a different league's name, they must have twelve (12) players.

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K. Premier Entitlements U19 - Premier 2 - Boys

1. 3rd through 6th place teams from prior years P2.
2. 7th and 8th place teams from prior years P1.
3. 5th and 6th place teams from B16 Premier.
4. AAA winners from B16 and B17 if NAO.
5. BU16 PQT winner. (Note that this allows for the possibility of ten (10) teams in the circuit).
6. Returning teams are guaranteed an entitlement with nine (9) or more returning players.
7. Teams returning that have eight (8) players or less can reapply for the circuit, but are subject to availability.
8. If a team chooses to play under a different league's name, they must have twelve (12) players.

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L. AAA Entitlement: U10 (8 teams)

1. 1st and 2nd place from the Blue North and Blue South circuits.
2. If only one (1) Blue circuit then the top four (4) teams qualify.
3. 1st place from Red North and Red South.

4. If only one (1) circuit of Red then 1st and 2nd place teams qualify.
5. Winner Presidio Cup U9 Upper.
6. Presidents State Cup semi-finalist.
7. Any team deemed capable by Seeding Committee and/or PBOD.

M. AAA Entitlement: U11 (8 teams)

1. 1st – 5th place AAA teams from the prior season.
2. 1st place AA-A North and South.
3. If only Countywide AA-A circuit then 1st and 2nd place teams qualify.
4. Winner Presidio Cup AAA with five (5) or more teams from prior season AAA participating.
5. Presidents State Cup semi-finalist.
6. 6th place AAA team with six loses or less in previous season.
7. Any team deemed best capable by Seeding Committee and/or PBOD.

N. AAA Entitlement: U12 (8 teams)

1. Bottom 6, 7, 8, AAA teams from U11 AAA previous season.
2. 1st place AA-B North and South circuits. If Central circuit the 1st of North, South and Central.
3. If only Countywide AA-B circuit the 1st and 2nd place teams qualify.
4. If Central circuit the 2nd place AA-A North and South and Central.
5. Finalist Presidio Cup AAA with five (5) or more teams from prior season AAA participating.
6. Presidents State Cup semi-finalist.
7. Any team deemed best capable by Seeding Committee and/or PBOD.

O. AAA Entitlements: U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, U19 (8 teams)

1. Premier teams dropping down (8th place Premier and possible 7th Premier – if not winner of PQT).
2. 2nd-5th AAA from previous season.
3. 1st place AA-A teams North and South.
4. If only a Countywide AA-A circuit then 1st and 2nd place teams qualify.
5. Presidio Cup – League Cup Division Finalist if held in age group. Group must have at least 5 AAA/Premier teams from prior season participating.
6. Presidents State Cup semi-finalist.
7. 6th place AAA team with six (6) losses or less in previous season.
8. Any team deemed best capable by Seeding Committee and/or PBOD.

P. AA-A/AA-B Entitlements:U10 (8 teams)

1. AA-A circuits shall be comprised of the remaining teams in order of previous season's finish in Blue, Red and Green to make eight (8) teams in North and South and if needed Central.
2. AA-B circuits shall be comprised with the remaining teams from the prior season not placed in AA-A.
3. Any team deemed best capable by Seeding Committee and/or PBOD.

Q. AA-A Entitlements: U11, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, U19 (8 teams)

1. AAA teams dropping down.

2. 1st place AA-B teams North and South. If Central circuit then 1st place North, South and Central.
3. If only a Countywide AA-B circuit then 1st and 2nd place teams qualify.
4. AA-A teams with .500 or better record.
5. AA-A Presidio Cup Winner.
6. Any team deemed best capable by Seeding Committee and/or PBOD.

R. AA-A Entitlement: U12 (8 teams)

1. AA-A teams not qualified for AAA with .500 or better record (due to creation of Premier at this age group).
2. 2nd place AA-B North and South.
3. If only a Countywide AA-B circuit then 2nd and 3rd place teams qualify.
4. Presidio Cup AA-A Winner.
5. Any team deemed best capable by Seeding Committee and/or PBOD.

S. AA-B Entitlements: U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17

1. Teams dropping from AA-A.
2. 1st place AA-C teams North and South. If Central then 1st place North, South and Central.
3. If only a Countywide AA-C circuit then 1st and 2nd place teams qualify.
4. Same level teams with .500 or better records not moving up.
5. Any team deemed best capable by Seeding Committee and/or PBOD.

T. AA-C Entitlements: U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15

1. All teams not qualified for AA-B.
2. Any team (including new teams) deemed best capable by Seeding Committee and/or PBOD.

U. Under 8 and Under 9 Circuits

1. Circuits shall be comprised of teams which are seeded according to level of play.
2. They shall be placed in three (3) levels of play: Blue (highest), Red (middle) and Green (lowest).
3. If there are enough teams to have North and South Circuits in some colors then there will be a geographical split. It is also possible to have a Central circuit in Red and Green circuits.

V. Rank Ordering of Teams

Teams shall be ranked by order of finish within their prior circuit for seeding. Ties shall be broken as follows:

1. Regular season head to head points.
2. Regular season head to head goal differential.
3. Regular season goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed to a maximum differential of four (4) per game) within the circuit.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 for post season play. (post-season defined as Presidio, State and National Cups only).
5. Coin toss. NOTE: with three (3) or more teams, when a team is eliminated under this procedure, revert back to step 1 and reevaluate the remaining teams.

For Awards:

1. Regular season head to head points.

2. Regular season head to head goal differential.

W. Comparison Criteria (Team Vs Team In Order Of Importance)

1. AAA versus AA (for inclusion into AAA circuit).
2. Record versus common opponents (including head to head).
3. AAA Presidio Cup and State Cup results.
4. Results in common tournaments.
5. Strength of Program (league reputation/tournaments, etc.).
6. AAA team wins if all else judged equal.
7. AA teams wanting to move up to AAA must participate in the AAA Presidio Cup and/or State Cup so that valid comparisons may be made (unless entitled as AA-A champion or insufficient number of AAA teams re-apply).
8. AA versus AA (In order of importance from above steps 2, 4, 5 and 7).
9. Same circuit: A. Order of finish; B. Head-To-Head (all); C. If still tied use steps the steps below.
10. AA Presidio Cup results.
11. Record versus common opponents.
12. Results in common tournaments.
13. Strength of program.
14. New Teams
15. New teams are teams that hold no entitlement privileges from the prior season.
16. They are to be judged on verifiable data only.
17. Known player and coaching ability.
18. Game results compiled by the new team (not its players on their former teams) i.e., pre-season tourneys.
19. They are considered for inclusion into circuits ONLY when the step "any team deemed best capable" is reached.

X. Seeding Committee(s) AAA and Lower

Committee(s) appointed by the President with general membership ratification prior to application due date. There will be two Seeding Committees: Younger Boys & Girls; and Older Girls & Boys. Committees may be combined to meet scheduling requirements.

Each Committee shall have no less than ten (10) nor more than one-half of voting members plus a non-voting Chairperson, who shall vote only to break a tie. All member leagues with eight (8) or more teams and in good standing shall be eligible for the positions on the committees. The Chairperson does not count in this allocation. Each member league, meeting the criteria will have one (1) position represented on one of the committees. The remaining open positions shall be filled in direct proportion to the number of teams each League had competing in Presidio the prior season.

Any voting member league that misses three (3) consecutive general meetings shall not serve on any Seeding Committee or Appeal Board for the next season.

Chairmen are appointed by the President. Ensures criteria / procedures are followed. Direct the committee. Only votes to break ties. Simple majority of those present is required to set draft circuits.

Y. Draft Circuits / Appeal Of Placement / Finalizing Of Circuits

Draft circuits shall be issued as specified by the PBOD. Leagues have 7 DAYS to review and file written appeals with the Presidio Soccer League President. The PBOD will be the Appeal Board and shall consider all appeals.

No one who was on the Seeding Committee whose decision is being appealed may vote on the Appeal Board. The Appeal Board must have at least three members present. The President may select replacements for ineligible PBOD members (with PBOD approval).

Hearings will be informal and only consider the written content of the appeal. Witnesses or any other oral or written testimony will be heard only at the pleasure of the Appeal Board. Simple majority of board members present decides appeal.

If an appeal is granted and it forces another team to change circuits, then that affected team may appeal within 48 hours of its Presidio Representative, League President, or official team contact receiving notification of the decision from the Appeal Board. Decisions arising from appeals are FINAL for ALL teams. NO SUBSEQUENT APPEALS ARE ALLOWED. Circuits are final on the announced date or when appeals (as allowed above) are completed, whichever is later.

Z. Rescheduling / Moving Teams Due to Drops or Adds

The Presidio Soccer League President should consult with the appropriate Circuit Director prior to assigning or moving teams within their circuits; however, the President's decision shall be final subject to override provisions in the Presidio Soccer League's By-Laws.

Realignment decision (including moving teams up or down) due to drops, adds, and/or insufficient teams in a level of play will be made by the PBOD.

Drops resulting in an odd number of teams in a circuit can have the following consequences: (1) Leave schedule with byes, or (2) offer open slot too next highest/lowest level, or (3) Assign any team desiring that level.

Drops resulting in less than minimum number of teams can have the following consequences: (1) Reschedule remaining teams, (2) Proffer to adjacent levels of play, or (3) Assign and team desiring that level.

Fines for teams DROPPING out or ADDING in after the circuits are finalized; shall be fixed by PBOD. Dropping after the first game date of the circuit may or may not result in

the rescheduling of the circuit. Dropped team's games are 1-0 forfeit wins, if not rescheduled. Fines will apply as stated in the Presidio Soccer League's Yearly Timeline.

*** Entitlements and Team Transfers/Movement**

Teams gaming within the Presidio Soccer League are typically considered to be obligated to the league registering their players/administrators to Cal South. It is the purpose of the Presidio Soccer League to protect its member leagues from frivolous or monetarily motivated movement of teams to any other member league. Therefore, the Presidio League has established rules and by-laws governing the entitlements of teams that transfer/move from the league where those entitlements were earned.

It is the position of the Presidio League that under the situations outlined in the preceding paragraph, the member league to which a team was registered when that team earned its' entitlement, will retain that entitlement if and when said team should move to any other Presidio member league with the following exceptions. In order to preserve the integrity of the Presidio gaming circuits and additionally to provide an avenue for teams, which are able to establish justifiable reasons for team relocation, the Presidio Soccer League shall establish an "Entitlement Committee". This committee will consider team or league entitlements, which may have a detrimental impact on Presidio circuits. The committee will also hear appeals submitted by teams that have switched leagues due to irreconcilable differences. The "Entitlement Committee" will be comprised of not less than three (3) members appointed by the Presidio President. Each member league shall submit names of potential committee members. The committee members shall be rotated to provide unbiased decisions. The committee's decisions can be appealed to the PBOD.

In the first scenario, a request may be referred to the "Entitlement Committee" by any member of the Presidio Board or "Seeding Committee" when the integrity or quality of a Presidio circuit is jeopardized by the substitution of an allegedly unqualified team by a league retaining an "Entitlement" after an entitled team leaves that league. An unqualified or sub-par team may not be substituted for a qualified team.

In the second scenario, a team alleging that they have major philosophical and irreconcilable differences with the league where their teams entitlement was earned, must submit written documentation to the "Entitlement Committee" requesting that they retain their earned entitlement. A team must retain twelve (12) players, if U11 or older, or return nine (9) players, if U10 or younger, of the previous seasons roster in order to be eligible to submit an application to the committee. Completed and legible medical releases for the returning players must accompany the application. Where the league opposes the requested entitlement retention by the team, the league is encouraged to submit their argument to the committee.

**** False Team Rosters - A \$2,000 penalty will be imposed on any teams that falsify team rosters based on the present guidelines:**

- You need to have (9) returning players who were registered on that team from the previous Presidio Premier League season, these players need to be able to participate in the Presidio Premier League playing season.
- Identify all non High School players on their roster and what schools, colleges, these players are attending.
- Penalty for non complainant of the above will be \$2,000 fee and loss of entitlement.
- Each appeal case can be brought before the Premier Committee for discussion, and the Premier committee will make the final decision.

Appeals must be received within twenty-four (24) hours of the committee's notification to the parties. Appeals must be e-mailed or faxed to the Presidio League secretary or president using the contact information provided on the league's web site.

All circuits are formed in strict order of ranking.

If more teams hold entitlements to a level than there are positions, teams are assigned in order of qualification, and those left over are automatically assigned to the next lowest level of play.

If a league holding an entitlement fails to field a team or refuses to play at its mandated level, then the slot is open and may be filled by the seeding committee per the seeding rules. Any team subsequently formed by the club in question at the specific age shall be considered a new team and placed as such.

Any club that registered with Cal South with its own club number within a league is recognized as a club under the seeding criteria and is allowed to take its entitlements with it if it leaves a league.

All seeding related decisions made by the PBOD after the appeal process period has concluded, are final.

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