# 2024 CCSA Handbook



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# CCSA Fall 2023/Spring 2024 Age Brackets

AGE DIVISION	OLDEST DATE ALLOWED	YOUNGEST DATE ALLOWED	
U6	1/1/18	12/31/19	
U7	1/1/17	12/31/17	
U8	8/1/15	12/31/16	
U9	8/1/14	7/31/15	
U10	8/1/13	7/31/14	
U11	8/1/12	1/12 7/31/13	
U12	8/1/11	7/31/12	
U13	8/1/10	7/31/11	
U14	8/1/09	7/31/10	

#### **Clermont Central Soccer Association**

Clermont Central Soccer Association (CCSA) is a nonprofit, educational, and recreational soccer organization serving the communities of Batavia, Bethel, Owensville (CNE), Felicity, New Richmond, Mt. Orab/Hamersville (Western Brown), and West Clermont. CCSA is affiliated with the Ohio Soccer Association, United States Youth Soccer, and United States Soccer.

The purpose of CCSA is to: (1) instruct and train players and coaches to develop and improve their capabilities, (2) develop the principles of fair play, (3) build good character, (4) allow all players as equal an opportunity as possible to participate, (5) promote the growth of soccer, (6) encourage the development and practice of good sportsmanship, (7) improve physical fitness, (8) help keep our youth involved and busy in supervised activities, and, (9) have fun in a safe manner.

#### **Code of Conduct and Ethics**

Soccer belongs to the Players. Coaches must understand this and put the welfare of the Players and the game ahead of their personal desires. Coaches, Players, and Spectators must never place the value of winning above safety and welfare of the Players. Winning should be the result of thorough preparation and team discipline.

The laws of soccer are written to ensure a continuous flow of action, while ensuring the safety of Players. Coaches must be familiar with them and the rules of play. Coaches shall ensure that the Players also understand them and adhere to both their letter and spirit.

Advantage shall never be sought by deliberately violating the laws of soccer nor by engaging in unsportsmanlike behavior.

#### **PARENTS: Role Models for Life**

What can parents do to make the game of soccer more enjoyable for their children, and other people's kids, too?

- 1. Be knowledgeable of the game.
- 2. Encourage fair play at home.
- 3. Be supportive, i.e.: be sure the player attends practices; pick him/her up on time.
- 4. Attend games.
- 5. Be positive or quiet at games.
- 6. Be respectful; expect your own children to be respectful.
- 7. Focus on good nutrition.
- 8. Volunteer to help the coach.
- 9. Attend referee clinics.
- 10. Become a referee.
- 11. Play the game of soccer.
- 12. Be calm and have good manners.
- 13. Support the coaches' and referees' decisions.
- 14. Encourage communication between coach and parent.
- 15. Ask your own children to describe his/her role, what new skills have been learned.
- 16. Watch practices; focus on new strategies.
- 17. Find soccer videos, watch them with children.

- 18. Concentrate on praising other peoples' children during games.
- 19. Read newspaper articles about older soccer players' successes; provide models for your own children.

Parents' daily modeling of fair play, conflict resolution and the "golden rule" encourages players to calmly play with skill on the field.

### JUDGING A GOOD COACH

- ❖ A GOOD COACH is someone who knows winning is wonderful, but it is not the triumph of sports.
- ❖ A KIDS' COACH is someone who goes to work early, misses meals, gives away weekends and plays havoc with family schedules so he or she can help a group of youngsters.
- ❖ A COACH is someone who stays a half hour after practice and more to make sure everyone of the players has a safe ride home.
- ❖ A COACH is someone who rarely hears a mom or dad say, "Hey, Thanks," but receives a lot of advice on game day.
- ❖ A GOOD COACH is someone who makes sure everyone gets to play.
- ❖ A GOOD COACH is someone who knows what to do if a player is hurt.
- ❖ A GOOD COACH is someone who teaches young people that winning is not everything, but still lies in bed at night staring at the ceiling wondering what he or she might have done differently to have turned a loss into a win.
- ❖ A GOOD COACH is someone who can help a child learn to make mistakes in stride.
- ❖ A GOOD COACH is someone who sometimes helps a child develop ability and confidence that sometimes did not exist before.
- ❖ A GOOD COACH is someone a youngster will remember a long time after the last game has ended and the season is over.
- ❖ A GOOD COACH is someone that teaches the players to win and lose respectively.

## INAPPROPRIATE COACHING BEHAVIORS

- ❖ The Coach physically or verbally abuses players and referees.
- ❖ Players themselves are criticized, rather than their behaviors.

- ❖ He or She uses profanity.
- ❖ The Coach won't listen to suggestions or complaints from parents.
- ❖ Winning is emphasized as the only goal.
- ❖ He or she is constantly arguing with game Referees or other officials. Cheating is condoned.
- ❖ The Coach doesn't allow playing time for all members of the team, including the less skillful kids.
- ❖ The kids are made to feel bad when they lose and worthy only when they win.
- ❖ The Coach feels personally let down when the team doesn't measure up to their expectations.

## **Zero Tolerance Policy against Abuse**

## YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE IF ANY RULE IS NOT FOLLOWED.

CCSA and The Ohio South Youth Soccer Association are committed to providing a safe environment for its members and participants, and to preventing abusive conduct in any form. Every member of this organization is responsible for protecting our participants and ensuring their safety and wellbeing while involved in sponsored activities.

To this end, we have established the following guidelines of behavior and procedures for our staff, volunteers and participants. All members of this organization, as well as parents, spectators and other invitees are expected to observe and adhere to these guidelines:

1. Abuse of any kind is not permitted within our organization. This means we do not tolerate physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse or misconduct from our players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents or spectators. This includes on all social media platforms. An occurrence may result in discipline procedure and penalties may result. No foul language will be permitted.

- 2. Physical and sexual abuse, including, but not limited to, striking, hitting, kicking, biting, indecent or wanton gesturing, lewd remarks, indecent exposure, unwanted physical contact, any form of sexual contact or inappropriate touching, are strictly prohibited within our organization.
- 3. Emotional abuse or verbal abuse is also prohibited. These include, but are not limited to such forms of abuse as: yelling, insulting, threatening, mocking, demeaning behavior, or making abusive statements in regard to a person's race, gender, religion, nationality/ethnicity, sex or age.
- 4. We are committed to providing a safe environment for our players, participants and staff. We do so by appointing all coaches, officials and volunteers -and anyone else affiliated with our organization -as protection advocates. Every member of this organization is responsible for reporting any cases of questionable conduct or alleged mistreatment toward our members by any coach, official, volunteer, player, parent, sibling or spectator.
- 5. Buddy System: We recommend that every activity sponsored by our program put a Buddy System in place. Each youth participant should be assigned a buddy during sponsored activities. No child should go anywhere -to the bathrooms, locker rooms, or other location -without his or her buddy.
- 6. To further protect our youth participants, as well as our coaches, officials and volunteers, we strongly advise that no adult person allow him/herself to be alone with a child or with any group of children during sponsored activities. In particular, we recommend that coaches or other adult members of this organization:
  - ❖ Do not drive alone with a child participant in the car.
  - ❖ Do not take a child alone to the locker room, bathrooms or any other private room.
  - ❖ Provide one-on-one training or individual coaching with the assistance of another adult and the child's Buddy.
  - ❖ If you must have a private conversation with a youth participant, do it within view of others, in the gym or on the field, instead of in a private office.
- 7. Coaches and other adult members of this organization should not socialize individually with the youth participants outside of sponsored activities.

- 8. Supervision/Chaperone ratio: We recommend that for any sponsored activity, the ratio of adults to youth participants be 1:8, one (or more) adults for every eight children, with a minimum of two adults for every activity.
- 9. When traveling overnight with youth participants, children should be paired up with other children of the same gender and similar age group, with chaperones in separate but nearby rooms.
- 10. We want to empower our children to trust their feelings and let them know that their concerns, fears and hopes are important by listening to them. Open communication between children and parents, or between children and other adults in the organization may help early warning signs of abuse to surface.
- 11. We encourage parents to become as active as possible in sponsored activities, games, practices and other events. The more the parents are involved, the less likely it is for abusive situations to develop.
- 12. We will respond quickly to any and all allegations of abuse within this organization. This information will be communicated to the authorities for investigation and will be reviewed by the organization's directors. The alleged offender will be notified of such allegations promptly.
- 13. Any person accused of sexual or physical abuse may be asked to resign voluntarily or may be suspended by the board until the matter is resolved. Regardless of criminal or civil guilt in the alleged abuse, the continued presence of the person could be detrimental to the reputation of the organization and could be harmful to the participants. A person, who is accused but later cleared of charges, may apply to be reinstated within the organization. Reinstatement is not a right, and no guarantee is made that he or she will be reinstated to his/her former position.
- 14. We promote good sportsmanship throughout the organization and encourage qualities of mutual respect, courtesy and tolerance in all participants, coaches, officials, board members and volunteers. We advocate building strong self-images among the youth participants. Children with a strong self-image may be less likely targets for abuse; similarly, they may be less likely to abuse or bully others around them.
- 15. No weapons (this includes conceal and carry weapons) of any such will be permitted at any CCSA function. Only uniformed police officers will be permitted to carry weapons during CCSA functions.

- 16. There will be no pets/animals allowed at any CCSA function. \*CCSA and its Districts are on private property, therefore, only service animals clearly identifiable will be permitted.
- 17. There is to be no use of any tobacco products (this includes dip, ecigarettes, etc.) during any CCSA function.

## Coaches' and Spectators' Code of Ethics and Penalties

The following will be adhered to for violating the Coaches' and Spectators Code of Ethics. The unsportsmanlike behavior, carded offenses and game ejections will result in these penalties to be issued by the league Discipline and Protest Committee. These are minimum penalties and may run concurrently or consecutively as deemed appropriate by the discipline committee. Penalties may be issued whether or not a card was actually issued by a referee.

All suspensions must be served by not attending the game.

Suspensions are effective from the season issued and into the following season until suspension is carried out. (i.e. A 5 game suspension issued with 2 games left in the fall season will carry into the first 3 games of the following season, if spring season is played. Otherwise, suspension is carried over to the following fall season.)

\*The discipline committee may choose to revoke a valid coach's card in place of or along with the below penalties

Suspensions are effective for the offending coach/parent/spectator per the team they were associated with when the offense occurred. Please note that the coach/parent/spectator may not attend **ANY** other games until the suspension is completed. (i.e. If a coach is rostered on more than one team, the suspension applies to **ALL** games/teams for the time period allotted in the suspension.) Coaches and/or parents CANNOT attend any of their other children's games whatsoever during the suspension without further penalty. They are suspended from ALL league activity until their obligation has been met per the original team's infraction. \*\*Any parent suspended must have their player serve a maximum of a one game suspension. Players serving a one game suspension may not attend practice, scrimmages, or games, and may not be at any CCSA facility or rejoin their team until the one game suspension is served.

Ejections during the game – A minimum of the REMAINDER OF THE GAME plus any additional penalties.

- 1. Ejections after the game 2 GAME SUSPENSION.
- 2. Entering the field of play without permission of the Referees Red Card (remainder of game + 1 game suspension).
- 3. Threatening actions toward Officials, Players, or Spectators 1st Offense Red Card (remainder of game + 2 game suspension), 2nd Offense 1-year suspension + 2 years' probation.
- 4. Abusive language towards an Official, CCSA Representative, Referee, Player, or Spectator 1st Offense Red Card (remainder of game + 1 game suspension), 2nd Offense Red Card (remainder of game + 2 game suspension).
- Aggressive physical contact with another person, i.e. grabbing an arm, turning an individual around, poking, bumping, pushing, vocal threats, etc. – MINIMUM 1 YEAR SUSPENSION PLUS 2 YEARS PROBATION. IF SUSPENSION OR PROBATION IS VIOLATED, AN ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION SHALL BE ADDED.
- 6. Refusal to leave the playing field within 2 minutes from the time of the ejection Added 3 Game suspension
- 7. Constant and excessive verbal harassment of the Referees or Players 1st Offense Yellow Card, 2nd Offense Red Card (remainder of game + 1 game suspension).
- 8. Instructing Players to play in a dangerous or unsportsmanlike manner 1st Offense Red Card (remainder of game + 1 game suspension), 2nd Offense Red Card (remainder of game + 5 game suspension).
- 9. Instructing Players to play in a dangerous or unsportsmanlike manner with deliberate intent to harm 1st Offense Red Card (remainder of game + 2 game suspension), 2nd Offense Red Card (remainder of game + 1-year suspension + 2 years' probation).
- 10. Coaches allowing game participation of a suspended player 3 Game suspension.
- 11. No tobacco products including e-cigarettes may be used on or near the playing field 1st Offense Verbal Warning, 2nd Offense Yellow Card, 3rd Offense Red Card (remainder of game + 1 game suspension).
- 12. Coaches and substitutes shall remain within the designated Coaches' area. Spectators shall remain on the side opposite the Coaches and

- Players between the penalty areas and behind the Spectator line Ejection if non-compliant. (See also LAW I, Item 13)
- 13. Spectator harassment will be handled in the following way: Game will be stopped and both coaches called to mid-field. Coaches will be instructed to warn the fans. If harassment continues, the game will be suspended.
- 14. Any Coach who removes their team from the playing field during a game and leaves shall be suspended for 2 additional games of that team.
- 15. Coaches allowed on the team side of the field shall be limited to those on the official roster. Persons not on the roster will be asked to view the game from the spectator sideline. (The only exception is for field marshaling during tournament games.)
- 16. Anyone coaching from the spectator's side of the field shall be: 1st time warned, 2nd time warned, 3rd time ejected plus 1 game suspension.
- 17. A coach or spectator ejected from a game shall be suspended immediately from the CCSA until suspension has been served. (Exception: Administrative Duties)
- 18. When a coach does not play each Player at least ½ of each game (except where provided for in this manual), they shall forfeit the game, and the coach shall receive a 2 Game suspension.
- 19. Any picture-taking device may only be used on the spectator side of the field between the penalty boxes and behind the Spectator line, unless under direction of the CCSA Board.
- 20. All Coaches, Administrators, and Volunteers must have on file a completed risk management disclosure statement, concussion certificate, and Safesport in compliance with Ohio Soccer Association guidelines.
- 21. Coaches carded without a Coaches card will receive an automatic 3 game suspension.
- 22. Any coaches that receive any yellow cards will be reviewed each year: fall season into the spring season is considered a year. 2 yellow cards will be 1 game suspension; 3 yellow cards will be 2 game suspension; 4 yellow cards will result in removal from coaching.
- 23. Any coach issued a red card or spectator ejected from a game may be subject to a minimum fine of \$75 to a maximum fine of \$150 fine, payable to your respected district, and must adhere to any suspension the disciplinary committee hands down. Further, any coach receiving a red

card or spectator ejected must sign a written agreement, given by their respective district representative, acknowledging both the suspension and the fine. No coach or spectator may return to soccer activities until all 3 requirements are met.

## Players' Code of Ethics and Penalties

Every Coach in CCSA is hereby instructed to make all players aware and knowledgeable of the following Code of Ethics and their penalties.

These are minimum penalties and may run concurrently or consecutively as deemed appropriate by the discipline committee.

All suspensions may be served in accordance with the discipline committees' recommendation.

- 1. Abusive and/or foul language toward an Official, Player, Coach, or Spectator EJECTION.
- 2. Threatening actions or words towards Officials, Players, or Spectators EJECTION.
- 3. Aggressive physical contact with the Referee (with intent to harm) i.e. grabbing the arm, turning the individual around, poking, bumping, pushing, etc. EJECTION and FOUR-GAME SUSPENSION.
- Aggressive physical contact with Players (with intent to harm) EJECTION / 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFENSE during the season 1 ADDITIONAL GAME SUSPENSION.
- 5. Striking an Official EJECTION AND A MINIMUM (1) YEAR SUSPENSION PLUS TWO (2) YEARS PROBATION. IF SUSPENSION OR PROBATION IS VIOLATED AN ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION SHALL BE ADDED.
- 6. Striking (Closed fists) or kicking a Player EJECTION / 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFENSE during the season SEASON SUSPENSION.
- 7. Refusing to leave the playing field after an ejection ONE ADDITIONAL GAME SUSPENSION.
- 8. Any Player observed using or under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol before or during a game will not be permitted to play that game EJECTION PLUS ONE GAME SUSPENSION TO A MAXIMUM (1) YEAR SUSPENSION PLUS TWO (2) YEARS PROBATION. IF SUSPENSION OR PROBATION IS VIOLATED AN ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION SHALL BE ADDED.

- 9. Postgame After the game, both teams shall line-up in an orderly fashion and shake hands. HAND SHAKING IN AN UNSPORTSMANLIKE MANNER WILL NOT BE TOLERATED! 1st OFFENSE Verbal Warning / 2nd OFFENSE 1 Game Suspension. Note: These are minimum penalties and may be expanded depending upon the severity of the offense.
- 10.TOBACCO PRODUCTS (this includes electronic cigarettes) None to be used on or near any field in CCSA at any time EJECTION/2<sup>nd</sup> OFFENSE during the season/TWO GAME SUSPENSION
- 11. Any Player **ejected** shall be suspended for the remainder of the game plus that team's next game. Penalty for violating suspension shall be three (3) times that of the previous penalty. (Exceptions to this rule are what is stated in Rules #3, #5, and #8.)

IMPORTANT NOTICE: IT SHALL BE AGAINST THE RULES OF CCSA FOR A SPECTATOR, COACH, OR PLAYER TO THREATEN, HARASS, OR INTIMIDATE SOCCER OFFICIALS IN ANY WAY. THIS INCLUDES BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER ALL GAMES SANCTIONED BY CCSA. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE RULES COULD MEAN IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION FROM THE GAME AND FIELD AREA (i.e. IN SIGHT OF OR IN EAR SHOT OF THE OFFICIAL) AND/OR LOSS OF THE GAME BY JUDGMENT OF THE DISCIPLINE AND PROTEST COMMITTEE OF CCSA. ANY PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH A SOCCER OFFICIAL COULD MEAN LEGAL ACTION BY THE SOCCER LEAGUE.

# **CCSA Organizational Rules**

# A. Division age guidelines

- U-6 4-5 yrs. old on or before July 31 of the current year.
- U-7 6 yrs. old on or before December 31 of the current year.
- U-8 7 yrs. old on or before July 31 of the current year.
- U-9 8 yrs. old on or before July 31 of the current year.
- U-10 9 yrs. old on or before July 31 of the current year.
- U-11 10 yrs. old on or before July 31 of the current year.
- U-12 11 yrs. old on or before July 31 of the current year.

- U-13 12 yrs. old on or before July 31 of the current year.
- U-14 13 yrs. old on or before July 31 of the current year.

A player, who is qualified by age to play in one age division but prefers to play two older age divisions up, must submit a written request from a parent or legal guardian along with their sign-up form. The District Rep will present all written requests at the time of the team draw to the Special Request Committee for their approval or denial. All decisions of this Committee are final.

In all age divisions, the lower age must be reached and, in all divisions, the higher age must not exceed the age division guidelines as stated above, without approved exception.

The District Rep is responsible for age verification of each player on the team roster. All players must submit a copy of their birth certificate or other official proof of date of birth to the District Rep, who will keep them on file, who will submit to CCSA. PENALTY: Forfeiture of any game in which an ineligible player participates.

# **B.** Scheduling

- 1. The Director of Scheduling will schedule all regular season's games, not including reschedules.
- Coaches are **NOT** to reschedule **any** games without permission of the District Representative. Emergency or school function- related game rescheduling will be handled on an individual basis by the District Representative.
- 3. Games that are not rescheduled through the District Representative will result in a forfeit for both teams.
- 4. All rescheduling must be done via email to the District Representative.
- 5. The District Representative will confirm via email the new date and time to the opposing teams district rep and the ref coordinator of the home district.

#### C. Official Season

Official season begins the day immediately after the team draw with the official game season starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of that season's game schedule and ends on the last day of the current year tournaments. Practice may begin the day immediately after the team draw.

## **D.** League Standings

The winning team will receive three points for a win and the opposing team will receive zero points for a loss. A forfeit win will receive three points. Each team will receive one point for the tied game. If league standings end in a tie, then cochamps will be declared with no runner-up.

Game scores must be reported in the designated manner on the same day that the game is played. Winning coaches are responsible for ensuring that their score is reported. In the event of a tie game, the HOME team must report the score. Failure to report scores will result in a loss of points for that team.

#### E. Rosters

The District Representative and the Head Coach of each team must have a copy of the final team roster. The Head Coach, District Rep. & the CCSA League Registrar are to verify and sign the roster thereby making it an official roster. PENALTY: Forfeiture of any game played without an official roster.

# F. Responsibility of District Representative to CCSA

- 1. Each district will send a representative to all sanctioned meetings/events of the CCSA. This representative will have voting privileges as defined in the Constitution of CCSA. If the President sees a conflict of interest on a voting issue, he/she will require that/those representative(s) abstain from that vote.
- 2. If a District Rep is absent and there is no other representation for that district at two meetings within a calendar year, then the league secretary will notify that District President and Rep by letter that on the third absence the CCSA Executive Board will recommend replacing their representative to the Association.

- 3. Each District Rep is to relay <u>all pertinent information</u> received at CCSA meetings to all coaches involved, including notification of coaching clinics, mandatory CCSA meetings, referee clinics, etc. CCSA is NOT responsible for any information that is not passed on by a Rep to his/her district.
- 4. Each District Rep shall be responsible for registering all players for that district. Each shall also be responsible for the formation of their District's teams as outlined in Section I & L of these organizational rules.
- 5. All District Reps will meet all deadlines as set forth by CCSA. PENALTY: Forfeiture of all voting rights for the next two meetings or a fine where designated.
- 6. Each District will provide fields for play in proportion to the number of teams fielded by that district and will maintain such fields. (All goal posts must be padded up to 6 feet high for practices and games during the fall and spring seasons.)
- 7. Each District will be responsible to ensure all referees for the District are properly certified by attending classes and/or pass tests sponsored by the Association.
- 8. Each District will be responsible for handling day-to-day situations and affairs in that District, within the guidelines set forth by CCSA, and must have working bylaws.
- 9. Each District must pay team fees as set forth by the Association.
- 10.Each District is responsible to ensure all coaches, referees (as required), and volunteers have successfully satisfied all risk management requirements as outlined by the Association and OSA.

# **G.** Coaches Responsibilities

A team roster will have a minimum of one head coach and one non-related assistant. A team shall have no more than two assistants. All members of the coaching staff must be 18 years of age or older. All coaches <u>must</u> attend a coaches' meeting in order to be eligible as a coach. All coaches must attend one meeting within a year. If they are selected to coach after the last coaches' clinic for that season, then they must attend a coaches' clinic the next season in order to be eligible as a coach. The coaches' clinic may be waived as a requirement by the Special Request Committee. If the coaches' clinic requirement is waived, that

coach has a responsibility to ensure he/she is fully aware of the rules and standards that govern CCSA activities and conduct.

All coaches and other adults responsible for direct care and training of the players will submit every two years to a "KidSafe" background check investigation through https://osa.demosphere-secure.com/ prior to having any official interaction with players.

All coaches must receive concussion training and Safesports prior to coaching a practice or a game. This training is valid for up to three years after the completion date on the training certificate.

Each Coach must have an approved copy of the team roster and Emergency Medical forms at every game his/her team plays. **NOTE**: An Assistant Coach should also have a copy of the team's official roster, in the event that the Head Coach is absent.

Any member of the coaching staff wishing to address a referee during stoppage, between quarters or at the half, or after a game, must have a copy of the team roster and must have attended the coaches meeting and have a current valid coaches card. This card is to be presented to the officials prior to the beginning of the game in order to address any official during the game.

# H. Legal Team

Team sizes may vary per division based on the team sizes in each district. This will be determined each year.

In Divisions U12 & U14, not less than 11 nor more than 21 players and 1 head coach and no more than 2 assistant coaches will constitute a legal team. (1 less than double the team playing size).

In Divisions U10 & U11, not less than 9 nor more than 17 players and 1 head coach and no more than 2 assistant coaches will constitute a legal team. (1 less than double the team playing size).

In Divisions U7, U8 & U9, not less than 7 nor more than 13 players and 1 head coach and no more than 2 assistant coaches will constitute a legal team. (1 less than double the team playing size).

In Divisions U6 not less than 5 nor more than 9 players and 1 head coach and no more than 2 assistant coaches will constitute a legal team.

Ideal sizes and minimum legal team sizes are as follows:

<u>Bracket</u>	<u>Ideal Team Size</u>	Team Minimum
5v5	9	4
7v7	11	6
9v9	14	7
11v11	16	9

# **Districts are outlined as follows:**

Batavia	Batavia Elem/Middle/High		
Bethel	Bethel-Tate Primary/Intermediate/Middle/High		
Clermont Northeastern	CNE Elem/Middle/High		
Williamsburg	Williamsburg Elem/Middle/High		
New Richmond	Locust Corner Elem.; Monroe Elem.; New		
	Richmond Middle/High		
West Clermont	Amelia Elem, Clough Pike Elem, Holly Hill		
	Elem, Merwin Elem, Summerside Elem,		
	Willowville Elem, Withamsville Tobasco		
	Elem, West Clermont Middle/High		
Western Brown	Mt. Orab Elem/Middle, Hamersville		
	Elem/Middle, Western Brown High		

If a District Rep receives a sign-up form from another District, he/she is obligated to pass it on to that District.

<sup>\*</sup>Home Schooled players would first go to the district they live in.