

CCSL - METRO SECTION

Metro Section Seeding Process

The following process will be used by each Age Group Coordinator (AGC) to seed Metro Section teams.

This process includes Initial and Final Seeding. The process has been developed and modified over the years in an attempt to accurately place teams within divisions that will not require mid-season adjustment.

The seeding process will include pre-season, inter- and intra-divisional seeding matches. The seeding matches will be held on the last weekend in July. All Metro Section teams (U-9 through U-16), with the exception of U-19 teams, will participate in the seeding matches unless specifically exempted by the Metro Section Administrator or the Metro Section Assistant Administrator.

AGCs will use the following three steps to seed each age group.

Initial Seeding

Step 1. Initial seeding is started by assigning each team a value for each of the nine (9) criteria listed below on the form provided. The information for these Seeding Criteria is found on each team's Metro Section Application. Values for each of the first eight criterion will be based on a scale of zero (0) to ten (10). The ninth criterion has a value of 15 points. The 9 Seeding Criteria are:

1. Prior Metro Section season division: - played in Bronze A, Copper B

10 points for A Division; 8 points for B Division; 6 points for C Division; 4 points for D Division; 2 points for E Division and below (if a team split time between two divisions last year due to mid-season adjustment, assign the higher of the two point values); zero (0) points for new teams.

2. Prior Metro Section season record: -wins, losses, etc.

10 points for winning record; 5 points for even record; 0 points for losing record.

3. Coaching certification level and years of coaching experience:

E license-0 points; E/D license-2 points; D license-4 points; C license-5 points; B or A license-7 points

2 years-0 points; 3 to 5 years-2 points; 6 to 8 years-3 points; 9 to 11 years-6 points; 12+ years-8 points

4. Number of core group players:

1 point per core member to a maximum of 10 points

5. Years core group has been together:

1 point per year to a maximum of 10 points

6. Ages of players:-age pure (older), age pure (younger), or mixed

Under-9 through Under-14 teams: 1 point per older player to a maximum of 10 points

Under-16 teams: 2 point per older player to a maximum of 5 points (round up)

Under-19 teams: 0 points for older players

7. Players who competed in Silver Elite or Gold Division last year:

1 point for each player who participated in the Silver Elite or Gold divisions last year for a total of 10 points (players)

8. Team's Metro Section divisional request-high, middle, lower division

10 points if requested higher divisions; 5 points if requested middle divisions; 0 points if requested lower divisions

9. AGCs specific knowledge of team history

This point is very arbitrary (maximum 15 points). It is suggested that the AGC research the teams past history, talk to the coach and other, knowledgeable AGCs. Consideration should be given to teams that competed at the recreational level last year as well as returning, Metro Section teams, team tournament records from last year.

Step 2. Establish team divisions based on total Initial Seeding points. The AGC can manipulate the point ranges based on the total number of teams to be seeded.

Example of a six team division seeding:

Initial Seeding Criteria Point Ranges	Playing Divisions
1st group of 6 with highest point totals	A
2nd group of 6 with descending point totals	B
3rd group of 6 with descending point totals	C
4th group of 6 with descending point totals	D
5th group of 6 with descending point totals	E
6th group of 6 with descending point totals	F

Step 3. The AGC will contact each coach in their age group and inform them of their Initial Seeding division. Once initial division have been established, the Metro Section will hold Section-wide, intra-and/or inter-divisional seeding matches on the last weekend in July based on the attached format. The abbreviated match time format will allow each participating team to play one another. AGCs will then be able to evaluate their Initial Seeding based on match play.

The Seeding Matches will also be an opportunity for each coach to correct, explain or modify the information presented on their Metro Section Team Information Form.

If appropriate, AGCs may adjust their Initial Seeding results after the Seeding Matches.

Final Seeding

AGCs must present their Final Divisional Assignments at the August Metro Section Board meeting. On occasion, some additional information regarding teams may be shared with the AGCs during that meeting which may affect Final Divisional Assignments. Any changes to the AGCs recommended Final Divisional Assignments will be made and finalized at the August Metro Section Board meeting.

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Metro Section Seeding Worksheet

Team Name:

Age Group:

Initial Seeding Division:

Final Divisional Assignment:

Seeding Criteria	Value*
1. Prior season's division	
2. Prior season's record	
3. Coaching License and Years of Experience	
4. Number of core group players	
5. Years core group has played together	
6. Ages of players	
7. Players who competed in Silver Elite or Gold Divisions last year	
8. Team divisional request	
9. AGCs specific knowledge of team history	

TOTAL	
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***Values must be assigned to each criterion**

Example

The following is an example of Initial Seeding based on information presented on the Metro Section Application. Team John Doe is a first year Under-16 boys' team who played in the Section last year. The following information about John Doe was provided on their application.

- Criteria 1.** John Doe played in the Metro Section, U-14 boys Bronze A Division last year = 6 points
- Criteria 2.** Their Metro Section record last year was 5-4-1 = 10 points
- Criteria 3.** The coach has an E/D license with 14 years of experience = 10 points
- Criteria 4.** There are 11 core group players on John Doe = 10 points
- Criteria 5.** The core group has played together for 4 seasons = 4 points
- Criteria 6.** They have 18, fourteen year old players = 0 points
- Criteria 7.** John Doe has no players that participated in the Silver Elite or Gold divisions last year = 0 points
- Criteria 8.** The John Doe coach requested to play in the middle divisions this year = 5 points
- Criteria 9.** After talking to the coach and the AGCs knowledge of the level of competition in this age group, The AGC considers that the coach's request for the middle divisions is reasonable = 5 points.

Seeding Criteria	Value*
1. Prior season's division	6
2. Prior season's record	10
3. Coaching License and Years of Experience	10
4. Number of core group players	10
5. Years core group has played together	4
6. Ages of players	0
7. Players who competed in Division I last year	0
8. Team divisional request	5
9. AGCs specific knowledge of team history	5

TOTAL	50
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