

**Wichita Regional Soccer Association**  
**Division Placement Policy**  
**U9 – U19 Divisions**

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WRSA strives for the best parity within each age division to provide the competitive spirit and growth for all teams and players. WRSA encourages teams to play up to the team's highest competitive level.

1. After registration deadlines, WRSA staff will host a seeding meeting for each age group.
  - The date/time will be announced with fall/spring seasonal dates.
  - Each team is allowed **only** one representative to be present at the meeting.
  - Head coach will be required to RSVP prior to the meeting.
  - The representative must be head coach or club manager. If not available, head coach must provide written permission for another representative.
  
2. At the placement meeting, WRSA will provide team representatives:
  - A list of teams in their respective age group. Teams will be listed by age division (D1-D2-D3) based on their request from the online team application.
  - The previous season's records and standings for the respective age group.
  
3. The division placement meeting will finalize each age group into competitive divisions by determining seeding.
  - Meeting representatives will determine seeding based on the following rules listed in no order:
    - Record from the previous season
    - head-to-head results
    - vote (this will be automatic for a coach switching divisions)
    - coin flip
  - Secondary players and/or roster changes will not be considered valid arguments regarding seeding.
  - New teams applying to participate in WRSA youth league will be required to provide their prior standings and records.
  
4. Once teams are seeded, we will separate teams into age divisions.
  - The number of divisions within each age will be determined by the number of teams entering the league for that age.
  - A minimum of 5 teams is required to form a new division.
  - WRSA has the final decision in case of dispute for seedings and divisions.
  - Teams that are given the ability to play up or down will have a choice of what division to play.
    - If a division has 10 teams, coach of the 6<sup>th</sup> seeded team will be given the option to play up or down. Their decision is final. Two divisions of 5 teams will be scheduled if playing down or 1 division of 10, if playing up. If a team representative is not present, the representatives at the meeting will vote for that team.
    - If a division has 25 teams, the 6<sup>th</sup> seeded team will have the option to play up or down. If they vote up, we will go to the 7<sup>th</sup> seed and ask the same question. If they vote down, we move down 5 teams to the 12<sup>th</sup> seeded team and repeat the process.
    - If a team representative is not present, the representatives at the meeting will vote for that team.

5. Information for teams wanting to play multiple divisions:
  - Division seeding will remain applicable to your team, regardless of the number of entries in the age group
  - WRSa reserves the right to deny teams the ability to enter an uncompetitive division
  - If a team plays in D1 AND wins D2 (within their true age group), the team will be moved to the next age group appropriate for their competitive level if the roster size remains the same. This move may not be the lowest division within the age group.
6. **Division placement within the true age group cannot be appealed.**
7. Final division placements will be posted within 2 days after the final seeding meeting. Once final, the divisions remain on the Stryker website through the coaches meeting. No further change requests are accepted to allow scheduling to begin timely.