

# Entitlements and Team Transfers

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**Premier:** The highest level you can achieve in the Presidio league. The strongest teams play here.

**AAA:** Second highest level. Teams here are trying to win AAA and make the jump to the top.

**AA-A:** Third highest level.

**AA-B:** Fourth highest level. Winning AA-C guarantees you will move up to AA-B

**AA-C:** Fifth highest level. Teams generally begin their climb up the table at this level.

A. Teams gaming within the Presidio Soccer League are typically considered to be obligated to the club/league registering their players/administrators to CYSA-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 club/league. Therefore, the Presidio League has established rules and by-laws governing the entitlements of teams that transfer/move from the club/league where those entitlements were earned.

This amendment should not be considered as a change in the established rules regarding the unauthorized movement of entitled teams. It is still 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 club/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 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 Presidio Executive Board.

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 club/league retaining an "Entitlement" after an entitled team leaves that club/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 club/league where their teams entitlement was earned, may submit written documentation to the "Entitlement Committee" requesting that they retain their earned entitlement. A team must retain 12 players, if U11 or older, or return 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 club/league opposes the requested entitlement retention by the team, the club/league is encouraged to submit their argument to the committee.

Appeals must be received within twenty-four (48) 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.

C. All circuits are formed in strict order of ranking.

D. 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.

E. If a club 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 rules. Any team subsequently formed by the club in question at the specific age shall be considered a new team and placed as such.

F. Any club that registered with the CYSA-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.

X. Seeding Committee(s) AAA and Lower

A. Committee(s) appointed by the President with general membership ratification prior to application due date. There will be two Seeding Committees: Younger Boys and girls, Older Girls and Boys. Committees may be combined to meet scheduling requirements. Each Committee shall have no less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) voting members plus a non-voting Chairperson, who shall vote only to break a tie. All member leagues, in good standing, shall be allowed to submit nominations for the positions on the committees with 8 or more teams. The Chairperson does not count in this allocation. Each member league, in good standing, having submitted a nomination, will have one (1) nominee represented on one of the committees. The remaining open positions shall be filled in direct proportion to the number of teams each Club/League had competing in Presidio the prior season.

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

- C. Chairmen are appointed by the President.
- 1.) Ensures criteria/procedures are followed
  - 2.) Directs the committee.
  - 3.) Only votes to break ties.

D. Simple majority of those present required to set draft circuits.

## XII. Draft Circuits / Appeal Of Placement / Finalizing Of Circuits

A. Draft circuits shall be issued at a meeting of the general membership as specified by the Executive Board.

B. Clubs have 7 DAYS to review and file written appeals with the Presidio President.

C. The Executive Board will be the Appeal Board and shall consider all appeals.

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

2. Hearings will be informal and need 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.

3. Simple majority of board members present decides appeal.

4. If the Board's decision on an appeal forces another team to change circuits, then that affected team may appeal within 48 hours of its Presidio Representative, Club President, or official team contact receiving notification of the decision from the Appeal Board.

D. Decisions arising from appeals caused in item #C are FINAL for All teams. NO SUBSEQUENT APPEALS ARE ALLOWED.

E. Circuits are final on the announced date or when appeals (as allowed above) are completed, whichever is later.

## XIII. RESCHEDULING / MOVING TEAMS DUE TO DROPS OR ADDS

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

B. Rescheduling 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 President or the appropriate Director in his / her extended absence.

C. Drops resulting in an odd number of teams in a circuit. (1) Leave with byes, or (2) Proffer slot too next highest /lowest level, or (3) Assign any team desiring that level.

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

E. Penalty for DROPS or ADDS after the circuits are finalized shall be fixed by Presidio and is in addition to forfeiture of team bond.

F. Drops after the first game date of the circuit may or may not result in rescheduling. Dropped team games are 1-0 forfeit wins, if not rescheduled. Fines in "E" also apply, at the discretion of the Executive Board.