



HYSA D2 Policy

I. PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the HYSA D2 (Division II) program is to create a developmental opportunity for all-star recreational players resulting in a higher level of instruction and a more competitive level of play and to develop organizational coaches who are trained to coach at these higher levels of competition.

II. PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

A. Players who participate in the HYSA D2 program must be primarily-rostered on a Division III (Recreational) team.

B. There are no age variance requirements for a D2 pool or team.

III. PROGRAM STRUCTURE

A. The HYSA D2 program shall be composed of developmental player pools made up of secondarily-rostered recreational players.

B. Each pool shall be organized within age and gender (e.g., U10 boys).

C. Each pool shall consist of up to but no more than 30 players.

D. If there are more than 30 within any age/gender, multiple pools may be formed to accommodate those players.

IV. POOL SELECTION

According to MSA D2 guidelines, D2 teams may be formed in any manner, including tryouts, at any time between August 1 and March 1. In order to form a HYSA D2 pool at any age/gender, the following procedures will be followed:

A. D2 pools will not be formed until after D1 teams are rostered or August 1, whichever comes first.

B. The HYSA D2 Commissioners will contact the D3/Rec Coaches (U10-U12 Girls and Boys) informing them of the club's intent to form a D2 program for their age/gender. The coaches will be asked to give information to players on their team that are interested in playing at a more competitive level.

C. All interested players will be invited to attend an assessment session to determine their interest in D2. Throughout the season as needed additional assessment sessions may be scheduled. The purpose of the assessment session(s) is to encourage as much participation as possible while requiring players to meet standards for this level of competition to promote the development of the players in the program.

D. The D2 Coaches (in each age group) with assistance from the D2 Commissioners, HFC Coaches, HFC Juniors Director of Coaching and the HYSA Recreational Director of Coaching will evaluate the players and determine which ones will remain in their D2 pool/s.

V. COACH SELECTION

- A. Any candidate for a D2 coaching staff position in HYSA must meet the following minimal criteria:
1. S/he must have (or be willing to get) the appropriate MSA license for the age group they desire to coach.
 2. S/he must be knowledgeable of appropriate coaching strategies for the age group s/he will be coaching including technical and tactical skills. Most importantly the coach should always use

positive coaching techniques to promote a fun and psychologically safe environment for the players.

B. The D2 Executive Committee, with input from the HYSA Recreational Director of Coaching and the HFC Juniors Director of Coaching, will work together to select the best possible volunteer (i.e., not paid) coaches for the D2 teams that are formed.

VI. POOL REGISTRATION

A. The Coach or Manager of each D2 team is responsible for registering the team with the MSA Office as early as September but no later than March 1.

B. Registration procedures involve the following:

1. Submitting all necessary paperwork to register each player.
2. Obtaining player passes for each player.
3. Obtaining coaches passes.

VII. TRAINING SESSIONS

A. Training will be scheduled by the coaches of the individual teams.

B. Training packets will be provided for D2 coaches.

C. It is recommended that D2 coaches consider utilizing the HFC Juniors Program for technical player development.

VIII. COMPETITION SCHEDULING

A. The D2 coaches should actively work on identifying and scheduling appropriate competition opportunities for the D2 players/teams.

B. According to MSA Division II guidelines, D2 teams are eligible to compete against D1 (Select) teams as well as other D2 and D3 (Recreational) teams.

C. Because D2 players are secondarily-rostered, recreational games take precedence. D2 should not conflict with Recreational games nor scheduled practices.

IX. TEAM SELECTION

Depending on the ability and interest in the pool, the coaches with the assistance of the D2 Executive Committee will determine the best method for forming the teams within each age group.

X. PRESIDENT'S CUP

A. Permanently-rostered D2 teams are eligible to compete in the President's Cup in May each year.

B. Final rosters for permanent D2 teams must be submitted to the MSA office by the Monday 18 days prior to the D2 freeze date for the President's Cup or the Monday of the second week in April, whichever is earlier (the precise date of the deadline each year will be posted on the MSA calendar online).