



HIGHLAND SOCCER CLUB TRAVEL PROGRAM

OUT-OF-TOWN PLAYER POLICY

Background:

It is the goal of the Highland Soccer Club to promote the game of soccer for the residents of Andover, Green and Newton. But, currently, and possibly in the future, there will be the need to include players who are not residents of the towns mentioned above in order to form a team comprised mostly of Andover, Green and Newton residents. The Club also recognizes that needs change as the players get older.

Policy for U-15 and Older

These age groups experience the highest degree of turnover as it is mostly comprised of high school aged children that experiment with many activities throughout their eligibility period. Therefore, it has proven difficult to consistently form a team comprised solely of Andover, Green and Newton residents. Although that would be the goal of the Club, the coach could without the consent of the board, form a team that includes out-of-town players. However, 50% of the players must be from Andover, Green and Newton. At the first scheduled Club board meeting following tryouts, rosters must be presented to the board indicating all players that tried out and their residency. As long as the composition of the proposed team meets the numerical requirements established, the team will be allowed to participate in the Highland Soccer Club's program without formal board approval.

Policy for U-9 to U-14

Because the goal of the Club is to provide the players in Andover, Green and Newton an opportunity to play travel soccer as they will be playing with each other as they go to high school. It is in the best interest of these children to have the teams made up of 75% of residents from Andover, Green and Newton. Because of the amount of players that are available at this age level from the three towns, there is no apparent reason why teams can not meet this requirement.

Any current team (fall season 2001), at this level that has not met the 75% requirement will have two years to do so. Upon the end of the spring season in 2003, if upon reviewing the roster, the ratio has not been met, the team or teams will be terminated.

Premier Teams:

Since our club is to provide the children who reside in Andover, Green and Newton an opportunity to play at a higher level of soccer there are those situations where coaches and players would like to go to the next level.



In order for a team to participate as a premier team in our Club, that team must have at least 50% of the players from Andover, Green and Newton. The roster will be required to be given to the Board before each season to determine eligibility.

In order to become a Premier team, the Board of Directors will have final approval. This will be based on recommendations from the flight committee. Factors such as winning flight one, years of play, age of players on the team will be some of the criteria in deciding qualifying as a premier team. Like all flights, The League has the final say on which flight the team goes into.

Our Club is for the benefit of those children who reside in Andover, Green and Newton. Before each season, as the rosters are reviewed, at any given season where the 75% ratio has not been met with players on the team, from Andover, Green and Newton the team will be terminated. The exception will be that players were from Andover, Green and Newton when he/she was first put on the team then moved to another town. Also, Premier teams which require a 50% ratio.