

Milltown United SC

Team Formation Policy

1. Registration

- 1.1 **Method of Registration.** Milltown shall accept online registration through registration software selected in advance by the Registrar. Milltown will not accept registration by mail.
- 1.2 **Registration Fees.** Player fees shall be established by the Milltown Board of Directors prior to opening registration for each season.
- 1.3 **Registration dates.** Regular registration shall typically take place in January for the spring season and April through June for the following fall season. Prior to opening registration for each season, the Registrar (in consultation with the President) will establish and post the following specific dates: start and end dates of Regular Registration; start and end dates of the Priority Placement window. The Priority Placement window will typically be during the first few weeks of the Regular Registration period. These dates may vary by program and age group.
- 1.4 **Late Registration.** Registration may remain open after the end of the Regular Registration period on a space-available basis. A late registration fee of \$15 will apply to any player who registers late and is placed on a team.
- 1.5 **Scholarships.** Milltown seeks to provide scholarships to help players who would otherwise be unable to afford to play. We require players to apply first for a scholarship through THPRD. Players requiring additional assistance may then apply for a Milltown scholarship through the Registrar. Milltown has a limited amount of scholarships that are granted by review of the Milltown Registrar. Milltown scholarships require the player to pay \$25 of the registration fee and Milltown will waive or cover the remainder of any fees.
- 1.6 **Refunds.** Milltown will grant a full refund minus a \$10 administrative fee if the request is made while Regular Registration is still open. During fall registration, for requests submitted during the 4 weeks following the close of Regular Registration, Milltown will grant a refund of 50% of any registration fees already paid. Requests after this will not be honored without documentation of a new medical condition or family hardship.
- 1.7 **Age Groups.** Milltown forms teams for players in Kindergarten through High School.
 - (a) Milltown typically forms teams by school grade. The Beaverton School District cut-off date (currently September 1) is used as a guideline. We do not use the OYSA cut-off date of August 1.
 - (b) Players must be at least 5 on September 1 of the current year to participate in the fall season. Players must have been at least 5 on September 1 of the prior calendar year to participate in the spring season. There will be no exceptions.

- (c) Players may “play up” one age group without seeking permission from the club; however, this is advised only for those players who have demonstrated an appropriate level of skill and physical development. You must contact the registrar directly to make this request.
- (d) Players may not “play up” two age or more age groups.
- (e) Players may “play down” an age group only in order to play at grade level. This requires the approval of the Registrar.

2. Team Formation

2.1 Goals of Team Formation. Milltown seeks to balance widespread participation with sufficient playing time for all players. Placing players on teams with friends and classmates, or with a preferred coach, is an important but secondary consideration and is never guaranteed.

2.2 Balanced Distribution of Skill Level. As a recreational club, Milltown avoids the use of skill-based selection criteria when assigning players to teams. The expectation is that forming teams around schools and geographic areas will result in a roughly balanced distribution of skill across all teams.

2.3 Authority over Team Formation. The Club is the final arbiter of team formation. Coaches may not form their own teams. The Registrar has full discretion in assigning players to teams, consistent with the club policies. The Registrar may consult the President on certain aspects of team formation.

2.4 Method of assigning players to teams. Milltown uses schools as a starting point for forming teams. However, as a community-based club we expect that most teams will contain players from more than one school, and we do not guarantee placement with classmates, friends, or a particular coach. The specific method and criteria for forming teams is as follows:

- (a) Any player with a parent coaching, and who requests placement to that parent’s team, shall be given priority placement throughout the Regular Registration period.
- (b) Returning players who register during the Priority Placement window, and request placement to the same team they played with in the prior season, will be given priority placement on that team. If there is insufficient room for all returning players on a particular team, players will receive priority based on date of registration.
- (c) For all other players (new players and players who do not wish to return to a prior season’s team) the club will *attempt* to satisfy coach and team requests where possible, in order of date of registration.
- (d) Players without specific team or coach requests shall typically be grouped by school attendance area or location of residence.

- (e) The Registrar will seek to form teams with roster sizes conforming to Milltown's defined Target Roster Size.
- (f) The Registrar will seek to form as many teams as possible with the minimum number of players listed in the Target Roster Size. This will provide room for additional players to be added throughout the season if necessary. Coaches will be required to take additional players up to the maximum number of players listed in the Target Roster Size. No team roster size may exceed the Target Roster Size without the approval of the President.
- (g) Milltown will not guarantee placement on a specific team. Our belief is that teams need to be formed for the benefit of all players, which sometimes precludes individual requests. We believe that no matter what team a child is placed on that he or she will have an opportunity to play soccer in a fun and positive environment.

2.5. Target Roster Size.

Age Group	Age on 9/1	Grade	Game format	Minimum roster size	Target roster size	notes
U6	5	K	3 v 3	5	6	
U7	6	1st	3 v 3	5	6	
U8	7	2 nd	4 v 4	6	8	
U9	8	3 rd	7 v 7	9	10-12	
U10	9	4 th	7 v 7	9	10-12	
U11	10	5 th	9 v 9	11	14-16	
U12	11	6 th	9 v 9	11	14-16	
U13	12	7 th	11 v 11	11	16-18	
U14	13	8 th	11 v 11	11	16-18	
HS Coed	14-18	9th	11 v 11	11	18-20	At least 6 girls