

## **Tiered Structure**

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- **Premier**—teams that participate in the Oklahoma Premier League. These teams will be subject to relegation to the 1<sup>st</sup> Division at the end of each season.

Teams are formed by try-outs and participation is not limited by geographical boundaries.

- **1<sup>st</sup> Division**—teams that compete in either State-wide or Country leagues. These teams are subject to promotion to the Premier League at the end of each season.

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- **2<sup>nd</sup> Division**—recreational teams that are U-7 through U-19 and compete in a closed or open league.

These teams will be formed according to each club's approved guidelines and may include friendship teams. These teams may not be formed by try-outs. Boundaries will be in effect. Transfers may be granted on an individual basis. These teams are subject to relegation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division based on team performance. Teams in this league may request to participate in 1<sup>st</sup> Division.

Teams in this division will be classified as *recreational plus* for travel outside of Oklahoma.

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Division**—recreational teams that are formed according to the existing team formation guidelines in the *Green Book*. Boundaries will be in effect. Club transfers will be reviewed according to the *Green Book*. Teams are subject to promotion to the 2<sup>nd</sup> division based on team performance.

- **4<sup>th</sup> Division (Academy)**—an instructional and developmental division for U-7 through U-10 players.

This program is being adopted for the player that wants to experience a higher level of soccer at the pre-competitive ages. Training groups will be assigned by the Clubs. Participation in academies is not limited by club boundaries.

Clubs in conjunction with OSA's Academy Guidelines will be responsible for structuring their own Academy Program.

## **GLOSSARY**

**Friendship Teams**—teams that include players who have previously developed a relationship in another aspect of life such as religious groups, sports, neighborhoods, school, etc.