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Update of HYSA's Spring 2018 Premiere Level High School Teams

HYSA appreciates the exciting response and interest in its new Premiere Teams for Spring 2018, with 54 players spanning birth years 1999-2003 applying to participate on one of these teams.

Girls Placement Update:

HYSA Competition Committee has received applications from 36 female players spanning birth years 1999-2003. Based on the number of players in each birth year across this span, we have made placement decisions as follows:

1. We have finalized the placement of 18 players on Spring 2018 19U Arsenal Premiere Girls Team.
2. We have finalized the placement of 16 players on Spring 2018 17U Arsenal Premiere Girls Team.

Players will be notified individually. Teams will be announced to the players through Team Snap by way of invitation to join team. Notifications will come in the next few days.

Female players who have not applied for Premier or who have not been placed on a Premier team are encouraged to sign up for [Placement](#) on one of HYSA's traditional competitive high school teams. Details on registration follow Boy's updates.

Boys Premiere Team Placement Update:

HYSA Competition Committee has received applications from 18 male players, spanning birth years 2000-2004. Unfortunately, given the distribution of players in each birth year across this span, we do not have sufficient numbers to form a Boys premiere team at this time. We do, however, have two promising groups of players that could very well form the nucleus of two separate Premiere teams, possibly at the U19 and U17 levels.

We will be [reopening the application for participation on the Boys Premier](#) team through **July 31** and hope to have sufficient numbers to form 1 or even 2 teams from among those who have previously applied and the additional players who

choose to apply on or before the extended deadline. We will make a final decision after the July 31 deadline regarding whether there are sufficient numbers to form Arsenal Boys premiere teams for Spring 2018.

Registration Deadlines for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 Seasons:

Note: Important Conditions Applicable to Registration for All HYSA Programs:

- If you miss a registration deadline, we cannot guarantee your player's participation in a given program. Placement of players missing any registration deadline will be contingent on available space on the roster and only when such placement can be accomplished with a minimum of disruption for a team already formed.
- Players who have been placed on a team (applicable to 19U & 17U Girls Premiere and Fall 2017 Arsenal Teams for birth years 2003-2006) but who miss the program registration deadline will be removed from the team roster to make room for other interested players. Please make sure to follow through and complete all necessary paperwork!

Team Formation Process and Application Deadlines for Placement on HYSA's Spring 2018 Traditional Competitive High School Teams

In addition to our new premiere team/league teams addressed above, HYSA continues to field its traditional competitive high school teams as well [Placement](#) is open. Player levels and team competitiveness directs us to the level of MYSA Select or Classic play. Our high school teams experienced some pretty amazing success during the Spring 2017 season, with both our U19 and U17 girls making it to the championship match in their respective age groups and our U18 boys winning the state championship. With this track record of success, the great quality of our high school age players and the new crop of talented and motivated 2003 birth year players joining the high school ranks, we are looking forward to a great Spring 2018 season!

The Process – Comprehensive and Fair but Time-Consuming

Pursuant to HYSA Board Policy, we transition away from tryouts and toward a placement process at the high school level. The placement process is multifaceted and takes stock of previous tryout scores over multiple years, includes contemporary input from coaches at both high schools and an assessment from the most recent HYSA coach for each player and is finalized through a discussion and consensus reached by club officials and the competition committee.

A Firm Deadline for Program Registration This Year

This team formation process is very comprehensive and fair but is also time consuming. Because we were transitioning to a new process last year, we were very flexible on the deadline for registration. With the new process fully implemented, we are firming up registration deadline which is set for **October 1, 2017**. **October 1st** is the deadline for High School age players' program registration for the Spring 2018 season this year to ensure that we have sufficient time to ensure every player is properly placed. HYSA cannot guarantee that there will be space available for any player who does not register by **October 1**. There will be payment plans available but initial registration must take place by **October 1st**.

At the time of registration and payment of the placement fee, players will be asked to identify the following information, which may be considered in team formation and placement decisions:

1. Availability for pre and early season conditioning and practices, with acknowledged flexibility for multisport athletes gaining comparable conditioning and skill development (e.g. track, basketball, etc.);
2. Anticipated schedule conflicts for weekends throughout the spring season (April through mid-June) with a specified goal of forming teams with rosters of at least 14 "A" team players available to play for 75% of such weekends;
3. Desired primary position by line (e.g. goalie, back, mid, forward); and
4. Willingness to participate in tournaments (e.g. Three Blind Ref's, Hot Shots, Denver and Boise tournaments, U.S. Soccer sanctioned regional qualifying tournaments) in addition to league matches.

Additional detail on team formation and the process at the high school level is available on our website at this [link](#), excerpted from HYSA's policy here for your convenience.

Criteria used in forming teams:

1. The cumulative data available from prior years' coaching assessments, and tryout assessments that were completed for the player during participation in intermediate levels (U11-U14) of competition as well as the performance of the players on the teams upon which they have been previously placed. Greater weight is accorded more recent assessments and player performance while trends (e.g. acceleration or decline in the pace of development or performance over time) in player development and performance are also taken into account. The performance of previous "A" teams upon which the players have been placed will also be used, both as a means of confirming the accuracy of previous

team formations and to apply appropriate weight to each player's role on such team. For example, greater weight for placement would be accorded to a starting player for a highly successful HYSA team than would be accorded to a reserve player for a team not experiencing an appreciable degree of success in the preceding year.

2. The placement, performance, and recognition (e.g. starting roles, all conference, all state, etc.) accorded players on their high school varsity and junior varsity teams and/or any related competitive club experiences (e.g. ODP, Rocky Mountain, etc.) is used as an additional data point, as a means of ensuring that credit for player potential and performance validated in other competitive environments is considered in HYSA team formation decisions. The performance of such teams upon which the players have been placed will be used to apply appropriate weight to each player's role on such teams. For example, greater weight for placement from this element would be accorded to a starting player for a conference or state championship team than would be accorded to starting player for a team with a losing record.
3. Formal tryouts at U15 and above are used sparingly to supplement information where other data points are unavailable (e.g. For players new to the program, players who were injured during the immediate preceding season, players participating in HYSA but not high school soccer, etc.) Tryouts may also be granted to any player seeking to advance from a previous placement on a "B" team to placement on an "A" team. The tryout process may be granted or denied in the sole discretion of the coaching and team formation committee and is available only for teams that have room available on their roster (room calculated by the 18 player suit up limit minus the actual roster size for the team for which the player desires to join) for additional players.
 - a. The tryout process is overseen by the coach of the team for which the player is seeking to play and will be conducted by observing the player during at least 4 practices with the team for which the player is seeking to play.
 - b. Decisions on whether to place a player on a team for which he or she is trying out will be made by the coaching and team formation committee (Competition Committee), taking account of the coach's assessment and resulting recommendation.

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