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Rule Changes for Open Tournament Teams

The aim of the Open Tournament Division of the BCSFYAO is to provide its members with opportunities to participate in tournaments at a higher competitive level than the League Roster Division.

1. Change the BCSFYAO Mission Statement to include League Roster and Open Tournament teams.
2. All Open Tournament Division players must read and sign the BCSFYAO Open Tournament player commitment statement as part of the application process each year.
3. Open Tournament Division teams can have more than 10 players on their roster with the approval of the coach, manager and the Tournament Commissioner. Current maximum roster size will be established at 12.
4. Open Tournament Division players must participate in a minimum of 80% of the tournaments that their team elects to enter. A minimum number of tournaments for open teams will be six (the BCSFYAO tournament being one of these). Teams participating in less than the prescribed number of tournaments will be asked to provide the Tournament Commissioners' Committee with explanations for non-participation. All Open Tournament Division Managers should provide documentation of each player's decision regarding each tournament to the Tournament Commissioner.

All Open Tournaments entries will be provided to the team's membership for review and determination of tournaments to be entered. Guidelines for team determination of tournaments to enter should include the following:

- a. Coaches listing of preferred tournaments (including tournaments that the coach may not be able to attend). BCSFYAO teams will not be prevented from entering tournaments that their coach cannot attend. Should a parent/coach/manager have a conflict of interest due to participation in more than one organization, the interests of their child should not come before those of the team.
 - b. Tournaments that are preferred by the BCSFYAO
 - i. i.e., reciprocation of tournament participation, or tournaments with Silver or Bronze level divisions
 - c. Parents **and** players preferences
5. Players that participate on League Roster Division teams are not required to be participants on the Open Tournament Division Teams. However, League Roster Division players will be required to commit to BCSFYAO Open Tournament Division teams as their primary open level team. Participation on another organization's team (at any age level) must be approved by the coach of their BCSFYAO team and the Tournament Commissioner. Players will be

permitted to participate on another organization's teams to fill open slots on their roster provided it has no effect on the BCSFYAO teams participation in the tournament. (Should a player decide not to participate with their BCSFYAO team for a tournament, they will not be permitted to play with the other organization's team for that tournament, regardless of whether their BCSFYAO team was accepted to the tournament or not. BCSFYAO players will not be permitted to participate for another organization at a higher level in which a BCSFYAO has a team entered). Unapproved play on another organizations team will result in permanent removal from the BCSFYAO team.

6. Obligations for Open Tournament Division players will be as follows (these obligations can be fulfilled by the parents, player or a designated person):
 - a. Provide assistance at the BCSFYAO Annual Tournament;
 - b. Provide BCSFYAO required minimum assistance at the BCSF Ginza Bazaar in July.
 - c. Membership fees (as determined by the BCSFYAO Board). Minimum fee to be established at \$100.00.