



2021-2022 Advanced Leagues Selection Committee Guidelines and Process

Here are some guidelines and steps as you will receive an email from me with the Arizona teams that have applied for divisions in Advanced Leagues. The process of breaking down the applicants can be simple at times or complicated based on the number of applicants and committee member's experience with the age group.

- Members of the committee need to be impartial in their decisions.
- IF a vote is needed on placement of teams, members of the committee **must refrain** from voting on their own club's teams.
- Age Groups will make recommendations to the League Commissioner or delegate as assigned.
- Final decision is the responsibility of the League Commissioner
- Current rules allow for only 2 teams per club in an APL Division.
- While regional geography should not be a decision maker, it is important to make sure that if whenever possible, we have a good selection across the state of Arizona. However, a team's level and ability should be a primary factor in decisions.
- Teams accepted in National League or National League Desert Conference must be in Advanced Leagues. (Note: [Desert Conference Automatic Qualifiers](#) for Arizona were the prior season's APL Winner so therefore are also Automatic Qualifiers for the current Advanced League season)
- APL Automatic Qualifiers (9 Player Continuity Rule applies to all)
 - 1st Place National League – None for 2021-2022 Consideration
 - 1st Place Desert Conference – None for 2021-2022 Consideration
 - AZ State Cup First Place Finisher. [LINK](#) shows first and 2nd place results
 - APL (Teams maintain their spot) - 1st and 2nd place APL Finisher. Keep in mind club does not keep spot. [BOYS LINK](#) and [GIRLS LINK](#) shows results
 - ASL1 and First Place Finisher.
- ASL1 Automatic Qualifiers
 - AZ State Cup 2nd Place Finisher at minimum has an ASL1 slot.

- AZ President's Cup GOLD Division 1st and 2nd Place Finisher
- ASL Division 1 prior season younger age ASL D1 1st or 2nd place finish if not accepted in APL. Does not apply to U12 because there was no U11 in ASL prior season.
- ASL Division 2 prior season 1st Place Finisher.
- ASL2 Automatic Qualifiers
 - AZ State Cup 3rd Place Finisher
 - AZ President's Cup GOLD Division 3rd place Finisher
 - ASL Division 2 prior season 1st and 2nd Place Finisher Maintains spot if not in ASL1.
 - ASA Open League Division 1 prior season 1st Place Finisher
 - FBSL Premier League D1 1st Place Finisher at minimum in play in game.
 - ~~PCJSL Division 1 prior season 1st Place Finisher (2019-2020 no U15 and older automatic qualifiers) - [LINK](#)~~

For tools to verify what applicants have indicated or as a guideline on how past season's league standings impact your decisions for this year's placement:

- Review past season finish in leagues
 - Advanced Leagues Champions 2020-2021:
https://www.azsoccerassociation.org/assets/77/6/final_standings_advanced_leagues.pdf
 - Advanced Leagues Final Standings 2020-2021:
<https://events.gotsport.com/events/default.aspx?eventid=78305>
 - POSOL Season 1 Final Standings:
<https://events.gotsport.com/events/default.aspx?eventid=79546>
 - POSOL Season 2 Final Standings:
<https://events.gotsport.com/events/default.aspx?eventid=79678>
 - PCJSL:

Age Bracket Committee chairs will receive a list (excel) of applied teams. Committee members may contact teams directly if they have questions about the data received in the application. Committee members should come to majority agreement on final placements of teams.

A template will be created for final placement in leagues. The most important decision on placement of teams is to properly form a division of 6 Arizona teams for example if team 7 and 8 are not the right fit. Keep in mind ASL teams are eligible for State Cup or President's Cup. APL teams are only eligible for State Cup. Below illustrates an example of why in general 6 teams max is the proper banding of competition.

- **6 team Division for Ages U13-U17 for APL, ASL1, ASL2**
- **Ideal scenario for U12 teams is a 6 team Division as well but maximum is 8:**
 - Past season U12Boys had:
 - APL 6 teams – Last 2 places won 1 of 10 games.
 - ASL1 7 teams – Last place won 0 of 10 games with a GD of -35.
 - ASL2 8 teams – Last 3 places won 2 of 10 games.
 - Past season U12Girls had:

- APL 8 teams – Last 2 places won 2 of 10 games.
- ASL1 8 teams – Last place won 0 of 10 games, 2nd to last won 1 of 9 games.
- ASL2 7 teams – Last place won 1 of 10 games.

League operations committee decided on the table below. Feel free to consult me if you have challenges.

Games table:

Number of teams in Division	Total # of games played in season	NOTES
5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 8 games 2. 10 with 2 games vs an opponent for the 3rd time 3. 12 game format playing each opponent 3 times 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Look to move a team up to make it 6 teams. Not ideal to play each team 3 times and then 12 games. 2x/team would = 8 games
6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 10 games 2. 12 game format playing 2 teams 3x. 	Ideal play each team twice
7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 10 game format playing 4 opponents twice 2. 12 game format playing each team twice 	
8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 10 game format playing 3 opponents twice 2. 12 game format playing 5 teams twice 	

9	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 10 game format playing 2 opponents twice2. 12 game format playing 4 teams twice	
10	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 10 game format playing 1 opponent twice2. 12 game format playing 3 teams twice	
11	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 10 game format playing each opponent once2. 12 game format playing 2 teams twice	
12		Make 2 Divisions
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