

OHYA

Regular SAY Program

- Our Regular SAY program is typically for ages 6 thru 13.
- Teams for this program are **not** co-ed as there are boys teams and girls teams.
- Levels for this program include:
 - **Passer** - typically ages 6 and 7 years.
 - **Wing** - typically ages 8 and 9 years.
 - **Striker** - typically ages 10 and 11 years.
 - **Kicker** - typically ages 12 and 13 years.
- Depending on your child's birth date, they may be able to play up to the next level or program. See the Program and Age document for details.
- Unlike the **Little Kicker** program, players **may not** request to play on a specific team for any reason whatsoever. The only players placed directly on a team are the children of the head coach and 1st assistant coach in order to be with their parent, or a player who has a sibling of the same gender who is already on a team at that level.
- Returning players who play at the same level as last year may have what's called team integrity, which will allow them to play on the same team as last year. However, the coach may not be returning or may be playing up at the next level depending on their child's situation.
- The league may require a single or a few players to be moved from one team to another team, regardless of team integrity, in order to balance the number of players for each team at a specific level to abide by SAY rules. The selection of the player(s) to be moved is performed by a random selection. The league may also require a complete redraw of a specific level due to changes in the number of teams at that level. Both of these situation are avoided whenever possible, but are sometimes necessary per SAY rules.
- Returning players may request to play on another team as well. This may or may not be possible depending on the number of teams at their level. If requested, the player is returned to the draw process, which does not guarantee they are not redrawn to the same team.
- Players who are new to OHYA or have moved up to the next level due to their age or because they prefer to play up, must go through a blind draw process to be assigned to a team. This is by SAY national rules and is the same for all schools or programs in our league.
- See the **Timeline by Program** document for a list of the major events and when they will occur.