



Corydon Comets Football Club



Our football club's vision:

Corydon football exists to promote the development of community youth through the sport of football by providing a quality football experience in a manner that keeps them engaged in the sport.

Our team splitting policy exists for cases where we field two or more teams at the same age group and supports the vision of our club. The goals of this policy take a number of considerations into account and are not focused on strictly on winning and losing. With these thoughts and principles in mind, the goals of our team splitting policy are:

- Keep our coaching staffs together, acknowledging that doing so allows them to grow their cohesiveness and continue planning in the off-seasons
- Create teams of roughly equivalent capacity for success
- Split teams with equal numbers of participants on each team
- Place players on teams that will take into account particular characteristics that will make their experience more positive, including placement with friends and family commitments on particular weekend days.

This team split policy aims to balance the above goals with the overall vision for the football club. The decision for player placement will be made by the team split committee, comprised of the club President, Vice President, and Registrar. The priority that we will use when assessing and splitting players are:

1. Children of team staff
2. Football ability, as determined by age, weight, football experience, and athletic ability
3. Specific family commitments on specific weekend days. Such commitments need to be communicated in writing at registration and must explicitly spell out the nature of the commitment. Such considerations would include: religious conviction or commitment or a parental work commitment for a particular day. Factors not taken into consideration would be cottage or vacation time, or a day request not accompanied by an explanation.
4. Experience with a particular coaching staff (for such issues to be taken into consideration, they must be submitted in writing to the team split committee prior to the end of May.)
5. Friend requests

Players and their parents should recognize that football in general, and in the MMFA specifically, has certain characteristics and challenges that make fielding

teams of nearly identical ability levels, and competitive outcomes, difficult, including:

- Teams are assigned to either the Saturday or Sunday division, meaning that they do not face common opponents during the regular season
- Coaching has a significant influence on football game day performance and each team has a unique staff
- Football is a practice-intensive sport. The commitment to attend practices affects game-day performance
- Aggression, a major component of the tackle game, is difficult to assess prior to our team splitting.

We will endeavour to hold a skills camp every spring prior to team splitting. The primary goal of the camp is to develop the football skills of our players and enhance the skills and knowledge of our coaches. Gaining insight into players' athletic abilities is a secondary goal of the camp.

Coaches will not have involvement with the teams split decisions, and all requests for team splits, or reconsideration of decisions made, must be made to the team splitting committee via email to registrar@cometsfootball.ca. The decisions of the team splitting committee will be final. Finally, to assist coaches, players, and their families to better organize themselves, it is the goal of the club and the team splitting committee to announce team splits by the 10th of June each year.

Players that register late will be assigned to a team by the team split committee.