

PPA Development League Policy Guide

Applies to both Soccer & Hoops

This guide outlines the policies and expectations for PPA's Development League. It is designed to help families, team managers, and staff understand how the league operates from registration to game day.

Team Managers

Managers are the main point of contact for team operations. They:

- Submit practice preferences during registration and respond to scheduling outreach.
- Share team codes privately with families who should join their roster.
- Communicate league updates from PPA to their team.
- Coordinate game-day issues and any rescheduling requests with PPA.

Managers who reach the recommended roster number by the published deadline receive a \$100 rebate. Teams that are below the minimum roster may be filled by Free Agents at PPA's discretion, but placement is not guaranteed.

Getting Placed

Team Placement

Players may register as part of a team or as a Free Agent. Team placement is determined based on registration details, team availability, and league deadlines. Once a player is assigned to a team, that assignment is **final** for the season.

Free Agent placements begin **after the Team Manager roster deadline**, and are based on factors including:

- Practice preferences submitted during registration
- Team roster needs
- Geographic proximity
- Field/gym availability

We will try to consider school/friend requests, but placement is **not guaranteed** to align with specific players or locations. Groups of **more than two Free Agents** are especially difficult to place together.

Free Agent deadlines:

- *Development Soccer (Futsal)*: PPA will continue to look for placement options up to the start of the season, but families will be notified **no later than December 29**.
- *Development Hoops*: Placement continues until teams within each age group are filled, typically **by December 29**.

Pool Players

Pool Players are those who join a specific team during registration by using a team code. No additional placement action is required for Pool Players. Pool Players:

- Work through their team manager with any questions
- Cannot request to move teams or reschedule games
- Are not eligible to guest play on other teams

If a parent wants to join a specific team but doesn't have the team code:

- PPA staff will contact the Team Manager to confirm roster availability.
- Once approved, PPA will share the registration link or code privately with the parent.
- If no space is available, parents may register as **Free Agents** instead.

Free Agents

How placement works:

Free Agents are placed after the roster deadline based on availability, location/school area, parity, and team needs. By default, Free Agents are assigned to PPA Pro-coached teams to place players efficiently and keep divisions balanced.

Parent-coached team requests:

A Parent-Coach may request a specific Free Agent by submitting an official request to the program (Development Soccer or Development Hoops) via [form link or program email]. Requests are subject to availability and are not guaranteed. If a Free Agent is assigned to a Parent-coached team by an approved request, PPA will reimburse the family for any pricing difference between Pro-coached and Parent-coached team fees to the original payment method.

After assignment:

Once placed, a Free Agent's assignment is final, and the player cannot be removed from the roster. All team communication goes through the assigned Team Manager. Free Agents cannot submit individual practice or game requests.

Placement Deadlines:

- **Soccer/Futsal:** PPA continues placing Free Agents up to the start of the season.
- **Hoops:** Placements continue until all age groups are filled

If a Free Agent cannot be placed, PPA will contact the family to discuss alternative options.

Late Registration & Team Formation

- **Pool Players** may register as long as their team has space. Once the roster is full, late registrations must be approved by PPA and requested by the Team Manager.
- **Form-a-Team registrations** are accepted on a rolling basis **until the team pool closes**. Once closed, **no new teams will be accepted**, as schedules are being finalized and cannot be adjusted.

Roster Guidelines

Each age group has:

- **Minimum roster size** (required to be game-eligible)
- **Recommended size** (qualifies manager for \$100 rebate if met by the deadline)
- **Maximum size** (no additional players allowed unless approved by PPA)

Team managers are responsible for filling rosters and sharing the team code. Team codes should **not be posted publicly**.

Season Structure

Practice Scheduling

Practice preferences are submitted during registration and used to assign practice slots. Final scheduling is based on order of registration, facility availability, and program-wide needs. Assignments are coordinated through the **Team Manager**, are **final once posted**, and **cannot be changed within two weeks** of season start.

- **Soccer:** Practice schedules are based on the preferences and information submitted by Team Managers during registration. *If a Team Manager needs to make updates to their registration details, they can edit their submission directly in the **PPA Portal** or email devsocceradmin@ppateam.com. Edits can be made up until the Team Manager Rebate deadline, before practice scheduling begins.*
 - **Winter Futsal:** Winter Futsal **does not include weekly practices**; teams play game-day scrimmages. **Optional clinics** may be added for additional training (fee-based). For questions about clinics email charlie@ppateam.com.
- **Hoops:** PPA begins calling Team Managers prior to the practice schedule release date to confirm practice slots. Slots are assigned **first-come, first-served**, guided by the preferences submitted at registration.
- **Book-your-own practice (school permits).** With **prior approval**, teams may secure a school permit and request **reimbursement** of **approved** permit fees with a receipt and required documentation.

Game Scheduling

Game schedules are designed for fairness and balance; we consider parity, coach availability, and facility capacity. Once released, schedules are **final**. Only **Team Managers** may submit reschedule requests, and requests must be made **at least two weeks in advance**. *Even with notice, changes are not guaranteed, and parents should not contact coaches about game-day changes.*

- **Futsal (Soccer):** submit via the **Game Day Request Form** or via email at devsoccer@ppateam.com before the start of the season.
- **Hoops:** email hoopsadmin@ppateam.com **≥14 days** in advance

Uniforms / Jerseys

All teams receive a custom jersey store link:

- Returning teams may reuse prior stores
- New teams will receive a new store within 2 weeks of forming

While official jerseys are recommended, teams may wear matching, numbered shirts of the same color on game day.

Sibling Placement, Age, & Eligibility

We will do our best to consider sibling placement, but it is **not guaranteed**. Siblings may only play together in the **older sibling's age group**.

- Players are placed by **grade**.
- Players may **play up** a grade; players may **not play down** a grade, regardless of skill.
 - **Mixed-grade teams** compete in the division of the **oldest player**.
- **Girls may play in boys' leagues**; boys may **not** play in girls' leagues.
- Players must be **listed on the official roster** in the App to participate. **Guest play is not permitted.**

To support competitive balance, Development rosters may include up to **3 Premier players** per team.

**To request a sibling discount please email the program for the current discount code.*

Weather & Cancellations

In the case of inclement weather or facility closures, families will be notified via the PPA App and email. Additional make-ups may be offered based on availability but are not guaranteed.

Team Switches & Player Eligibility

Once the season begins, team switches are not allowed. Players must be listed on the official PPA roster to participate in games. Guest play is not permitted. Players not on the roster may not participate in any game-day activities.

Refunds

Full refunds are issued up until the start of the season.

Once the season begins:

- **Partial refunds may be considered on a case-by-case basis**
- **Full refunds may only be granted in cases of medical or exceptional circumstances**
- Refunds are **not guaranteed** after practices or games have started

Use of the PPA App

The **PPA App** is the best way to manage your season. Use it to:

- View **practice** and **game** schedules.
- **Communicate** with your team.
Share access with a second parent or guardian via **Player Share**. (Only the original account holder can access the team by default.)
- Find key info in **Team** → **Details**, including coach/manager contact, facility information, and the uniform store link once available.

[Download the App Here](#)

Lost & Found

For lost items, please contact the facility or location directly (front desk/site lead). PPA is not responsible for items left behind or lost at practices or game-day facilities. If available, facilities may hold items for a limited time.

Code of Conduct:

All participants must follow PPA's Code of Conduct. Violations may result in removal, suspension, or ban per the published violation scale.

[Read Full Code of Conduct](#)