

Club Alignment for Team Formation

At the August 10, 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors, The Regina Soccer Association (RSA) passed the following motion:

For the purpose of team assembly, ACFC & REU, and UCT & QC will align. The aligned clubs will form teams in all divisions at their discretion. Player movement between aligned clubs shall be allowed without Placement Committee involvement in cases where the clubs have shortages/excesses.

How Will This Work?

- Players for each of ACFC and RE United will register with their respective clubs and attend the player evaluations for their home club.
- The two clubs will share registration information to allow determination of where combining players is desirable or necessary.
- Joint evaluations may be held instead of or in addition to each club's evaluations.
- While the clubs will endeavor to form teams independently, teams may be formed by combining players from ACFC and RE United where:
 - There are not sufficient players in one or both clubs to field a team in a particular age group, or;
 - Combined team will provide better opportunities for player development.

Who Will Decide?

- The decision to form teams on a combined basis will be made jointly by the ACFC and RE United Technical Directors, with input from their Technical Committees and/or Executive Committee as considered necessary.

How Will Coaches be Determined for the Combined Teams?

- Coaches for combined teams will be jointly selected by the ACFC and RE United Technical Directors. Coaches for a particular team may be from either or both clubs.

Will There be a Need for Player Placements through the RSA Process?

- There will still be player placements in situations where player movement is required outside of the ACFC/REU and QC/UCT alignments. Late registrations are still required to go through the placement process.

What About Uniforms and Club Gear?

- Each club will continue to use its own uniforms and club gear.
- Where combined teams are formed the uniforms of one or both clubs may be used. Each club uses black shorts (owned by players) without logos, socks (owned by players) and jerseys (owned by each club). The only potential incremental cost to players may be the cost of game shorts and/or socks.

*** (Please see [March REU Executive decision item concerning the purchase of new jerseys at the bottom of Page 2.](#))

What About Fees and Fundraising?

- Players will pay the fees and participate in fundraising of their respective clubs.
- Combined teams may choose to undertake individual team fundraising, as is the case now.
- The executives of the clubs will work together on administrative matters including: financial matters; allocation of practice facilities and times; allocation of evaluation facilities and times; registration of teams with the RSA; and registration of teams for provincials.

How Will Club Alignment Affect the Number of Premier Teams?

- For the indoor premier and outdoor PSL seasons, there may be a similar number of teams as the two clubs fielded in the past indoor and outdoor seasons.
- However, the eventual number of teams and their makeup will be determined each year based on registrations and assessment of the available players.
- The club alignment provides AC/REU with the opportunity to explore new options for team formation that can benefit the players on more of a long-term basis than we have been able to accomplish as individual clubs in the past.

What are the Benefits?

- More certainty that teams can be formed in each age bracket and division for each gender.
- More opportunity to develop players by managing the flow of players through age and division brackets.
- Ability to field more competitive Div II and Premier provincial teams.
- A larger and more competitive Division II pool of teams locally which should make for better leagues and competition.
- This new direction for our two clubs, as it develops over the next few months, provides an opportunity to bring together the players, parents, coaches and administrators of RE United and ACFC to form a larger family of soccer enthusiasts with a common purpose - to provide a well managed and progressive soccer program designed to permit each player to develop his or her technical, tactical and physical skills to the best of their abilities.

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***** Decision Item Concerning the Purchase of New Jerseys:**

The executive of both REU and ACFC have agreed to evenly divide the cost of outfitting all UNIDAD teams in a UNIDAD jersey. This includes specific shorts and socks. While the clubs will supply the jerseys, parents/players will be responsible for the purchase of the shorts and socks, from the clubs, as is currently the case for both clubs.

This decision was made with the realization that:

1) Those teams that would be playing PSL would need to declare specific jersey colors. Currently, some of our UNIDAD teams wear Red as their primary, with White as their secondary, while others wear Black as their primary, with White as their secondary. As all UNIDAD teams are from ACFC/REU, they would have to declare the same jersey colors. Neither club currently has enough jerseys to outfit the UNIDAD teams entirely.

2) We have seen an increase in the number of UNIDAD teams, compounding the above statement.