

## Tournament Representation

Where there are two or more teams in a given division, the region will sponsor one team to be the Region Area Tournament (U10 and up) representative. The region is guaranteed one slot per division in the Area Tournament. If a second division team from the region wants to participate in the area tournament at their own expense, the region will submit those teams to the area tournament committee for consideration. The participation of a second team in the area tournament is contingent upon availability of an open slot in the tournament and is decided by the area tournament committee, not the region. The region sponsored Area Tournament representative will be chosen as follows (where there are two or more teams in a given division):

- 1) Overall season winning percentage. The percentage will be calculated comparing wins to total number of games. For example, a team with a season record of four wins, two losses and two ties would have a .5 winning percentage (4/8). A team with no wins, four ties and four losses would have a .0 winning percentage (0/8). Coaches must retain records of their game scores. Only regular season games posted on the region's schedule web site will count toward winning percentage. "Friendlies" and scrimmages will not count toward winning percentage.
- 2) In the event two teams in a division have matching winning percentages, the Area Tournament representative will be chosen by best record head-to-head between the teams.
- 3) In the event the teams have matching records head-to-head the region's Area Tournament representative will be chosen by goal differential in head-to-head games. For example, Team A defeated Team B 2-0 in their first head-to-head match. Team B defeated Team A 2-1 in their second head-to-head match. In this case Team A would be the region's Area Tournament representative due to goal differential of 3-2 during head-to-head play. Note that there is a maximum of three goals a team can earn in a game. For example, Team A defeats Team B 4-0, the goal differential for that game would be three.
- 4) In the event the teams have matching goal differential in head-to-head play, a deciding game will be played between the two teams to determine the region's Area Tournament representative. Should that game end in a tie, a shoot-out will occur, following the Area Tournament "Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Line" rules.