



MEMORANDUM

To: All Members and Registered Participants
From: David Myers, Executive Director
Date: September 10, 2020
Re: Policy Variance Notice: Tiering Policy & Team Advance / Retreat Policy

For the 2020-21 season, the Tiering Policy and Team Advance / Retreat Policy are waived.

Tiering

Due to restrictions in place this season, the Tiering Policy may be an impediment to forming workable cohorts and providing enough variety of competition for teams when changing cohorts.

As previously communicated, Universal Athlete Assessment is not required for U10-U14. Additionally, associations are not required to follow the team tiering formula for U16 and U19.

Associations must still form teams 'in good faith' to facilitate meaningful competition. Where possible, it is recommended that the tiering formula be followed.

Advance / Retreat

In a normal season, the mechanism to correct outliers from the tiering formula is the advance / retreat process. With restrictions in place this season, it is unlikely that a sufficient number of games against a variety of opponents will be possible in order to effectively determine whether a retreat or advance is appropriate.

There will be no advance / retreat process.

Schedulers must still make reasonable attempts to place teams in cohorts that provide participants meaningful competition.